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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

--Prayer

SPEAKER (Mr. Richard Nerysoo): Prior to proceeding with the orders of the day, I wish to inform the House that I have received the following communication from the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories: "Please be advised that I wish to recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of Bill 28, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992, during the eighth session of the Legislative Assembly. Yours truly, D.L. Norris, Commissioner".

Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 19, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 41-91(1): Enhancement Of The Community Aerodrome Radio Station Program

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, today I would like to make an announcement to this Assembly concerning long-awaited improvements to the CARS, community aerodrome radio station, program which I know will come as a great relief to the northern air carriers and Members of this House. The lack of reliable and timely CARS services at community airports has been the most serious impediment to dependable air services in the communities for the past several years.

In the introduction of the Department of Transportation's budget for 1991-92 in this Assembly on Monday, February 25, I outlined a proposal this government had put before the federal Minister of Transport in January to secure the needed improvements to the CARS program. The proposal involved joint contributions of \$400,000 each from the federal and territorial governments as a measure of our genuine concern with the inadequacies in the program. At that time, I could only tell the Members of this Assembly that we were awaiting the federal Minister's reply.

Today, Mr. Speaker, the government is pleased to report that the federal Minister, The Hon. Doug Lewis, has accepted our proposal. Each level of government has agreed to add \$400,000 to the CARS program. The combined \$800,000 increase brings the program's budget for 1991-92 to \$3.2 million from \$2.4 million, a 33 per cent increase. In an atmosphere of tight fiscal restraint and across-the-board reductions in program services, this increase stands out as the exception and as confirmation of the singular importance of the CARS program to the availability of reliable air services to the communities.

The enhanced CARS program will maintain two trained operators and extend the hours of service at virtually every community in the Northwest Territories. Subject to the air carriers' confirmation of need, the present Unicom service at Fort Franklin may be upgraded to a full CARS service.

Structurally, the new CARS program will concentrate its administration from Ottawa. The central, as opposed to the former regional, administration will improve co-ordination between the federal and territorial governments in the program's delivery.

No program, Mr. Speaker, ever gets to the point where it cannot do with further improvements. Still, with this new agreement, we have successfully accomplished almost all of the improvements in the CARS program that we set out to achieve. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Ministers' Statement 42-91(1): Arctic B And C Airports Transfer

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to announce to the Legislative Assembly that this morning, along with the federal Minister of Transport, the Hon. Doug Lewis, I signed an agreement which formally completes the transfer of 38 Arctic B and C airports to the ownership and control of the territorial Department of Transportation.

The Members of this Assembly know how vitally important safe, reliable and dependable air services are in the Northwest Territories. Airports and air services are the life lines to the communities. Half of our population lives in small communities where air transportation is the only link with the outside world.

One of the main reasons our negotiations have taken so long has been the difficulty in agreeing on the budget that would come with the transfer. The transfer includes an annual budget of \$12.5 million; \$7.2 million for the operation and maintenance of the airports and \$5.3 million for annual capital improvements. As you can well imagine, Mr. Lewis, with his colleagues in the federal government and his officials at Transport Canada, have been tough negotiators, particularly in these days of financial restraint, and we will have to watch very carefully how each and every dollar is spent.

But it is precisely for this reason that the agreement is so important. The setting of northern transportation priorities belongs in the North with the people of the North. With exactly the same money as Transport Canada has spent each year on these 38 airports, I think, as Northerners, we can do a much better job of making that money go further by spending it in the right places, on the right things at the right time.

With this agreement, the small community airports come under the authority of a government and a department for whom their problems are absolutely central and not at all peripheral. Transport Canada is a huge organization with huge

responsibilities. The number of its employees is equal to almost one third of the population of the Northwest Territories. To an organization of that size, the problems at the airports in Sachs Harbour, Chesterfield Inlet and Cape Dorset seem trifling in comparison to the problems that they have to deal with at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto. But for the people who live in these small communities and who count on these one or two flights a week arriving and leaving safely, these are not small matters.

In parallel with the transfer agreement, we have negotiated a contribution agreement for the construction of five new airports and significant improvements to two more. The contribution agreement is a fifty-fifty cost sharing agreement between the federal and territorial governments of \$16 million over six years. Under the agreement, new airports will be built at Paulatuk, Rae Lakes, Snowdrift, Lac la Martre and Fort Good Hope. It also covers important improvements at Pelly Bay and Fort Franklin.

In this Assembly's debate over the Transportation budget, some Members made fair comment on the department's lopsided concentration on highway transport in the Western Arctic. The transfer of the Arctic B and C airports rounds out the department's portfolio to make it more fairly representative of all the transportation requirements of the people all across the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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

Ministers' Statement 43-91(1): Preference For Northern Contractors

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, it is a priority of the Government of the Northwest Territories to maximize the involvement of northern and local businesses on all government contracts. To achieve this, over the last several years the Government of the Northwest Territories has implemented a wide variety of policies, procedures, directives and special approaches.

During the sixth session of this Legislative Assembly, a motion was passed asking that a policy be developed which would permit only companies resident in the Northwest Territories to tender on government contracts. Public Works was assigned responsibility to co-ordinate a study to address the motion, with participation from all departments and agencies of the government.

Mr. Speaker, the study which has been conducted outlines a number of potential revisions and enhancements to the government's existing contracting preference policies, as well as the introduction of new measures to increase the levels of northern, and particularly local, involvement.

The results of the study have been presented to both cabinet and the standing committee on finance, and cabinet has directed that this information be circulated as a discussion paper to Members of the Assembly, northern businesses, communities and industry groups.

Mr. Speaker, today I will be tabling this discussion paper. Over the past week it has also been mailed to over 1200 northern businesses, communities and other interested parties. We have asked that they review the paper and provide us with their comments by April 5, 1991. The time frame provided for responses will allow the government to evaluate input and implement changes quickly. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements.

The honourable Member for Aiviliik.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Air Service To The Keewatin

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Calm Air, which serves the Keewatin Region, has recently announced a new schedule of service to the Keewatin Region effective April 7. The schedule has been called a disaster by medical personnel in the region. The new schedule now makes it impossible to make connections with Canadian Airlines flights from Churchill to Winnipeg on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or with NWT Air flights from Rankin Inlet to Winnipeg on Tuesday and Thursday, to make connections to southern centres. As a result, this schedule increases the cost of southbound medical travel and means additional travel time, inconvenience and discomfort for patients travelling south from the Keewatin for medical care.

Mr. Speaker, this schedule is a step backwards for the people of the region. It is time now for the Minister of Transportation to step in, to ensure that the people of the Keewatin receive acceptable service. The air transportation service provided to this region has never been good and it has now become sufficiently worse, Mr. Speaker. We need a service that meets the needs of the people in the Keewatin at a lower cost than they will now be expected to pay.

These are not unreasonable requests, Mr. Speaker. We are only asking for the same service as other regions of the Northwest Territories expect to receive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Calm Air's New Schedule

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the last several days I have received numerous phone calls and complaints with regard to the new Calm Air schedule. As MLA for Kivallivik, I have to express my displeasure once again at a schedule that has been set up with little or no regard for the transportation needs of my constituents.

I intend to actively pursue this new schedule change with Calm Air. I have already spoken to the general manager of Calm Air this morning. I have expressed to him my displeasure and the displeasure of my constituents over this new schedule, and I wanted to put my comments on record, Mr. Speaker, that as MLA for Kivallivik I will be actively working to see if a new schedule can be developed. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Thanks For Hospitality At TFN Board Of Directors Meeting, Cambridge Bay

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Sunday, March 17, 1991, I had the opportunity to attend the TFN board of directors meeting in Cambridge Bay. I am not going to go into detail of what was said at the meeting. We arrived in Cambridge Bay around noon and were then invited to lunch by Helen Adamache, regional director for the Kitikmeot Region. We had a good meal of caribou stew at Helen Adamache's residence. At 2:00 o'clock that afternoon we met with the TFN board of directors. The next morning, Monday, March 18, 1991, we attended the TFN workshop, which lasted from 9:00 o'clock in the morning until 5:00 o'clock that

afternoon. During the social event we feasted on a hearty meal, and immediately after, electrifying entertainment was performed by my own cousin, Charlie Panigoniak from Rankin Inlet.

It was Helen Adamache, regional director for the Kitikmeot Region, who made the trip enjoyable for us while we were in Cambridge Bay, and I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to say thank you very much, Helen. Thank you.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Marketing Of Northern Foods

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the approximately 55,000 people of the Northwest Territories, the North American trading block will remain the major market for northern products and services for some time to come. The Minister of Economic Development and Tourism knows that this market has been barely scratched for either northern arts and crafts or northern food products.

Since this is our natural economic field, the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism should make every effort to ensure that in his search to extend markets to areas of stiff competition, he does not miss the economic opportunities right under his own nose.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister knows we have not been very successful in developing a northern or Canadian market for northern food products. It is often very difficult, even for Northerners, to buy northern fish and meat. This should be a first priority if we are really serious about marketing northern food.

If you recall, Mr. Speaker, the Expo restaurant in Vancouver was supposed to showcase northern food. A northern restaurant was supposed to stay open after Expo closed so that west coast people could continue to eat caribou, char, buffalo and musk-ox. I do not believe that this particular project was very successful, Mr. Speaker.

In my view, Mr. Speaker, you do not expend time and effort and money looking for new markets until you have properly assessed your own. We have barely begun to develop the North American market and it can very easily absorb the production of the very small population, such as ours, many times over.

It is for this reason, Mr. Speaker, that I have questioned the participation of our government in Expo '92. It is a big undertaking to operate a business in that country. Many people are concerned that much time, energy and money will be spent on this project. It will dominate the work of the department, and many other aspects of economic development to which Northerners give priority may be ignored, at least not given the kind of attention they should get. I have many questions to ask about this participation, Mr. Speaker, but have decided not to pursue it any further. However, when the Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act gets to third reading I shall ask for a recorded vote. Thank you.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O305-91(1): Arctic Winter Games Regional Trials Held In Yellowknife

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Kilabuk with regard to host communities in the Arctic Winter Games. Further to the Member's question the other day about the opportunities for smaller communities to host Arctic Winter Games trials, I will table today in the Legislative Assembly a list of communities that hosted either regional or territorial competitions to select our final teams for the 1990 Arctic Winter Games.

Although the number of communities hosting trials could be increased, I think we are doing a good job of spreading these competitions around 19 communities in the regional and territorial trials and 10 communities in territorial trials. As always, we must keep in mind our costs, which go up each time we add communities, particularly if they are not on the main airline routes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O150-91(1): Plans For Use Of Old School, Broughton Island

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of returns to oral questions, both in response to questions asked by Mr. Kilabuk. One is with regard to plans for the use of the old school in Broughton Island, asked on February 26, 1991. The officials in the Department of Education advise me that the Departments of Education, Health, Public Works and Municipal and Community Affairs, and the hamlet of Broughton Island have been involved in the selection of the old school site as a location for the new health centre being constructed next year. To accommodate the health centre, the old school will be demolished and a major part of the old Education land reserve will be turned over to the Department of Health. The remainder of the reserve will be kept for the present adult education centre.

Further Return To Question O182-91(1): Possible Safety Problems With Old School, Pangnirtung

Mr. Speaker, in response to another question asked by Mr. Kilabuk regarding the status of the Pangnirtung school. On February 28, Mr. Kilabuk asked me about the safety of the Attagoyak school in Pangnirtung.

The school has had several additions to its life safety systems, including a new fire alarm system installed in 1987. On October 17, 1989, a detailed occupational health and safety inspection was conducted on this school. At that time no life threatening deficiencies were identified. An electrical inspection also did not identify any life threatening deficiencies.

On January 29 of this year the assistant deputy fire marshal inspected the school in Pangnirtung. He found no deficiencies that were life threatening to the students and staff. Minor deficiencies found were of a maintenance nature, such as a burned out light bulb in an exit sign, or of a housekeeping nature, such as debris and obstructions near an exit. Minor deficiencies of this type are corrected at the local level, usually immediately. Thank you.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS**Question O370-91(1): Availability And Tabling Of Report Re Aboriginal Languages Agreement**

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be for the Minister of Culture and Communications. Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention and other Members of this Assembly's attention many times by Mr. Patterson, the Government Leader, that the reason for having members of the civil service in the gallery, as well as the many assistants the Ministers have behind them, is so that questions that Members ask can be answered promptly.

Mr. Speaker, on February 25, 1991, I asked the Minister of Culture and Communications to make available a report on the aboriginal languages agreement that was put out by the federal government, and the Minister did respond to me at that time that he did not have all the facts with him at that moment. Mr. Speaker, I ask if he does have those facts available now and if he will table that report. Thank you.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may, I would like to take the question as notice and answer the Member's question tomorrow. Thank you.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is directed to the Government Leader, regarding the regional boards; for example, in the Keewatin Region. Are you going to be increasing their budgets this year? Thank you.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, that is a hard question for me to answer. There is a health board, there is a wildlife board, there is a divisional board of education. What boards is the Member referring to?

MR. SPEAKER: The translation came as regional councils. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O371-91(1): Increase In Keewatin Regional Council Funding

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will make the question simple. Will there be any increase for the Keewatin Regional Council funding in the new year?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O371-91(1): Increase In Keewatin Regional Council Funding

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the budget for the Department of Executive has been presented to the Assembly. I think I made it clear to Members in presenting that budget that regional council funding across the Territories would not increase, but it would not decrease.

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

Question O372-91(1): Government Leader's Attendance At Keewatin Regional Council Meeting In May

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The

Keewatin Regional Council will be meeting from May 6 to 10, 1991. Will the Government Leader be able to attend that meeting?

MR. SPEAKER: New question. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O372-91(1): Government Leader's Attendance At Keewatin Regional Council Meeting In May

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not in the habit of making scheduling appointments on the floor of the Assembly. Can I tell the Member that I will, if invited, endeavour to attend the joint regional council meeting in May? But I will have to review my schedule before I can make a firm commitment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O373-91(1): Possible Supply Of Alaskan Petroleum Products To Arctic Communities

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Government Services. As you, Mr. Speaker, are probably aware as are several Members of the House, it is possible to deliver refined petroleum products into the Mackenzie Delta area all the way from Alaska at cheaper prices than it is to bring those same products from refineries in Alberta. I would like to ask the Minister responsible, given the fact that Alaskan oil products are a lot cheaper in that area and given that the US prices never went up with as high a percentage increase as Canadian prices and went back down a lot faster, whether he would consider contacting the three or four refineries that exist in Alaska and see if they might be a better source of refined petroleum products to be delivered into the Arctic communities of Canada in the NWT, rather than using Canadian oil companies? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Return To Question O373-91(1): Possible Supply Of Alaskan Petroleum Products To Arctic Communities

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, yes, I will consider that suggestion and discuss it with my colleague, the honourable Minister for Energy, Mines and Resources. I would point out, though, in responding to the Member's question, that the field at Norman Wells has kept a small refining capacity in place just to ensure that we would continue to be guaranteed products north of Norman Wells and north along the Arctic coast to Spence Bay. I think it would be important for Ms. Cournoyea and me to discuss the question and see how we might respond to the matter.

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

Supplementary To Question O373-91(1): Possible Supply Of Alaskan Petroleum Products To Arctic Communities

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I do not think I was clear enough. I was asking the Minister to look into the prospect of delivering petroleum products to all of the High Arctic communities, not just the ones in the Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort area but also throughout the North. If the price differential is as much as it appears to be, that might be possible. What I would like to ask him is a supplementary to that. If such a program of purchases from those refineries does make sense, would he also look into the possibility, if we are going to be purchasing enough, or getting the price lower by an even larger bulk situation, would he consider looking into some sort of

arrangements where the POL, petroleum, oil and lubricants program, could be the go-between for service stations on the highway system in this area? With the highway link we now have from the Alaska Highway through to Fort Liard, could we possibly also deliver Alaskan refined products to the highway system in this area?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just to remind honourable Members that you should shorten your remarks with your supplementary questions. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: As with the first question, I will take it as notice and respond.

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

Question O374-91(1): Boundary Proposal For Division Of NWT

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct this question to the Government Leader. Last week, Mr. John Parker, who was going to be proposing where the boundary should be, was making a recommendation where the boundary is supposed to be for the division of the NWT. We still have no proposal in this regard. I would like to ask the Government Leader, Mr. Speaker, what month is the new target date to come up with the boundary proposal for the NWT? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Question O374-91(1): Boundary Proposal For Division Of NWT, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. SPEAKER: I am going to have to rule the question out of order, because the matter of Mr. Parker's appointment and his ability to report is a matter associated to the federal government, not to the cabinet and to the Government Leader of the NWT. Honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Question O375-91(1): Channelling Of Hamlet Council/Regional Director Requests

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be asking a question for clarification from the Government Leader, since he is the Leader. Whenever our constituents request equipment, we often have discussions about them, and this is a public forum for constituency concerns. How do you handle the hamlet councils' or regional directors' requests, when they request specific things in the region or in the communities? Where do you channel them to?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O375-91(1): Channelling Of Hamlet Council/Regional Director Requests

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs consults hamlets about the capital plan of that department on a regular basis. So the hamlet requests ordinarily would come to the attention of the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs through his staff in the region who report to his deputy minister.

As well, Mr. Speaker, the regional directors' responsibility is to keep track of issues in the region, especially those which may not be resolved, and the regional directors report to me. So regional directors are another way in which problems and issues at the regional level, especially if they are not being resolved, can be brought to the attention of the government through myself. I hope that assists the Member in his question.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions.

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

ITEM:7 RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W6-91(1), asked by Mr. Lewis to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism concerning dollars spent to date on participation at Expo '92.

Return To Question W6-91(1): Dollars Spent To Date On Possible Participation At Expo '92

Hon. Gordon Wray's return to Question W6-91(1), asked by Mr. Lewis on March 6, 1991: To date, it has cost the Department of Economic Development and Tourism less than \$30,000 for its review and consideration of participating at the 1992 World's Fair in Seville, Spain. These costs are: travel, \$17,683.04; consultants, \$7366.08; advertising, \$3000 - estimated; other, \$568.53; for a total of \$28,617.65.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

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

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 63-91(1), a letter from the Minister of Renewable Resources, concerning a question regarding diseases of whales. The whales were examined. I was informed by a letter that it is not in Hansard and that is why I am bringing it up right now. Thank you.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) I would like to table Tabled Document 64-91(1), a document from the Keewatin Regional Health Board. It is from Frank P. Russell, executive director, regarding Calm Air services. It is a letter regarding Calm Air flights to the northern communities and back to the South.

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

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I would like to table Tabled Document 65-91(1), the proposed bill, An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, in English and Inuktitut.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 66-91(1), a document on the host communities 1990 Arctic Winter Games, in English and Inuktitut.

I would like to table Tabled Document 67-91(1), a proposed bill, An Act to Amend the Travel and Tourism Act, in English and Inuktitut. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 68-91(1), a document on the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories presentation to the Senate and House of Commons, special joint committee on the process for amending the Constitution of Canada.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 69-91(1), a document called "Preference for Northern Contractors Discussion Paper", Government of the Northwest Territories, February 1991.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motions. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice Of Motion 8-91(1): Tabled Document 22-91(1) To Committee Of The Whole

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 21, 1991, I shall move the following motion: I move that Tabled Document 22-91(1), A Position Paper on Political and Constitutional Development Presented by the Executive Council, Government of the Northwest Territories, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion as the first item of business on Wednesday, April 10, 1991.

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

Notice Of Motion 9-91(1): Extended Adjournment Of The House

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 21, 1991, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that when the House adjourns on March 21, 1991, it shall stand adjourned until April 9, 1991; and further, that at any time prior to April 9, 1991, the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motions.

Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Motion 7-91(1). The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 7-91(1): Additional Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that the Speaker be authorized to set such additional sitting hours as he deems fit for Thursday, March 21, 1991, to assist with the business of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre. The honourable Member for High Arctic, to the motion. 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

Motions. Motions.

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters.

Prior to proceeding with the next item, Item 17, I just wanted to draw the attention of honourable Members to Anthyme Kadjuk, speaker of the Keewatin Regional Council, who is sitting in our gallery.

---Applause

Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1; Bill 7; CR 2-91(1); Bills 8, 9, 10, and 17, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will come to order. Yesterday when we concluded we were on Municipal and Community Affairs. What is the committee's wish? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, after consultation with the chairman of ajuqtit, the government, with the concurrence of the committee, would like to proceed with a revised statute, Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act; then Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act; and then MACA.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that we proceed with Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act; followed by Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act; and then on to Municipal and Community Affairs? Do we agree on that process?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne, proceed with Bill 1.

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

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before announcing the objective of the present project of law, I would like to announce the adoption of the French version of the laws and statutes, to emphasize to the Members the necessity of adopting this law in the present session in order to meet the requirements as seen by the law on the official languages. This latter requires that all laws and statutes must be printed and published in English and in French. (Translation ends)

This bill sets out the procedure for adopting the French version of the statutes and statutory instruments. Two documents called rolls are to be prepared: First, a statute roll, consisting of all statutes presently in force and all statutes not in force enacted before the statute roll is brought into force;

and secondly, the statutory instruments roll, consisting of all statutory instruments in force on December 31, 1990.

Both rolls must be signed by the Commissioner and Minister and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. The statute roll must be laid before the Legislative Assembly. This bill also contains provisions dealing with the coming into force of the rolls and the correction of any errors or omissions in the rolls.

The French version of the acts are now being printed in a dual column format with the revised English version of the statutes. The whole will be published in four volumes as, *The Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988*. A two volume supplement to the Revised Statutes will also be published. The supplement will adapt the acts enacted in 1989, 1990 and at this session to the Revised Statutes.

Members will have noticed that many of our bills contain substantial English text in the right-hand column where the French version of a bill is set out. This is the last session of the Assembly at which that practice can be followed. The Official Languages Act requires that the acts of the Northwest Territories be in English and in French by March 31, 1992. The present practice requires that supplements to the Revised Statutes be prepared and published converting the English text contained in the French portion of the bill into French. It would not be possible to prepare a supplement for a session after this and have it printed and published by March 31, 1991. The result would be that amendments made in that fashion at sessions subsequent to this one would cease to be valid on March 31, 1992. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. The standing committee on legislation has had a lengthy acquaintance with this bill. It was first submitted to us in September 1989, prior to the fifth session of this Assembly. Full debate of the bill was deferred until March of the following year, when it was again provided in draft form for the standing committee to review in Norman Wells.

Concerns over larger issues dealing with our territorial official languages again led to the further postponement of the bill, and it was not introduced during the Norman Wells session. The same draft bill was placed on the agenda for committee consideration in January of 1990 but was then withdrawn when official languages concerns were not fully resolved.

It was again considered during the pre-session meetings of the standing committee on legislation last September, just prior to our seventh session. Again, Members were concerned over the bill's implications for the official languages development and the government chose not to introduce it into the House. During our pre-session meeting in January of 1991, the standing committee received the draft bill for the fifth time.

(Translation) In some ways, Mr. Chairman, this is a rather uncomplicated piece of proposed legislation. In simplest terms, it would establish legal authority to enrol the French translations of our laws. Although we can, and for the past couple of sessions we have been passing our laws in English and French, it is necessary to have this act in place to establish the statutory roll.

This act would also enable the Government of the Northwest Territories to also enrol all "statutory instruments". What we mean here are the rules, orders, regulations or proclamations

that are issued under the authority of territorial acts or under the authority of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. All of these will now be enrolled in French as well as in English.

This is required by the Official Languages Acts, both of the Northwest Territories and of Canada. These laws require that our territorial statutes should be available in English and French. The time frame for completion of these translations was laid out in the federal Northwest Territories Act and was extended last December 28th in order to give the government more time to complete its French translation project.

The decision to ensure that all our laws and statutory instruments are translated into French dates back to the 10th Assembly. Some people have suggested that in order to secure federal funds to support the retention and development of the aboriginal languages in the North Territories, we also had to accept to meet federal priorities for French-English bilingualism. Often, when *The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act* has been discussed, there has been reference to the fact that this represents our part of the "bargain" or "deal".

Entrenchment Of French Language In NWT Questioned

Mr. Chairperson, the standing committee on legislation has had difficulty feeling comfortable with this bill on each occasion that it has appeared before us. Although we have made great strides in recognizing our aboriginal languages as official languages in the Northwest Territories, it is possible to feel some resentment when considering all the resources that have been expended to translate territorial statutes into French. Although our Official Languages Act provides us with language benefits we have never had before, there is still no statutory roll for Inuktitut, or Slavey, or Chipewyan versions.

Mr. Chairperson, last summer's critical events at Oka, the difficult constitutional positions taken by the Province of Quebec, and the increasing uncertainty which surrounds land claims issues have all led people of the Northwest Territories, aboriginal and non-native alike, to raise some questions about how worthwhile it is to support entrenchment of the French language as an integral part of our legislative framework.

Even if such sentiments had not been fuelled by the events of the past year, the question remains as to whether the Francophone population of the Northwest Territories is sufficiently large to require the availability of French versions of all statutes and statutory instruments. One has to wonder just how many times these statutes and statutory instruments will be sought out and read by someone who is unilingual in French.

The standing committee on legislation was of the opinion that the majority of the residents of the Northwest Territories would not care strongly about this bill. If anything, the concept of French versions of statutes would likely lack support in most of our communities. However, the standing committee was also aware that failing to pass this bill would put our government in a rather difficult position. Without this act, it is not possible to enrol French versions of our statutes and statutory instruments. Without the French versions, it is possible that the validity of our territorial laws could be challenged in the highest courts. If the courts declared our laws invalid, our existing system of government would fall into disarray. This is a rather simple way of looking at it, but I think it accurately describes the situation.

Even without this "worst-case scenario", the fact is that by further delays in the passage of this bill, the work of the Department of Justice would be severely hampered. One example is that the compilation of the revised statutes has

been falling behind because legal mechanics for dealing with French versions are still lacking. The longer the delay of this bill continues, the more problems there are. (Translation ends)

Mr. Chairperson, the standing committee on legislation considered Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act bill at its pre-sessional meeting on January 14, 1991.

As I have mentioned, Members of the standing committee felt uncomfortable with the implications that this bill might be seen to carry. We were in no way willing to see the French language elevated to a status of priority over the aboriginal languages we have relied on and valued for thousands of years. We struggled with the sense that this bill would not be wanted by many people in each of our constituencies. We were aware that the enrolment of French versions of statutes and statutory instruments is likely to create additional work within our legislative process and perhaps divert resources from language development more strongly favoured by the people of the North.

On the other hand, we did not want to be confronted with the consequences of not passing the bill. Questions as to the legitimacy of our territorial laws and the logistical difficulties that would be caused in the publication of our revisited statutes are important ones as well. For this reason, Mr. Chairperson, the standing committee on legislation agreed to refer this bill to the House.

Members do not uniformly support the passage of the legislation. On the other hand, if the government believes it is absolutely necessary to proceed with this bill, the standing committee on legislation will not oppose it, either.

When the bill is given third reading in the House, Mr. Chairperson, I intend to request a recorded vote so that the abstention of those Members who wish to take this position can be recognized. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. General comments on the bill. Can we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act. Clause 1, definition of "statutory instrument". Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, preparation of rolls. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, laying before Legislative Assembly. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, effect on acts not yet in force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, effect of inclusion or omission in the rolls. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, citation of act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act, is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 17: Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act, with Mr. Wray. Mr. Wray, you have already made your opening statement on this.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. If I could have committee's permission, I would like to bring in my witnesses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The Minister is requesting he brings in his witnesses. Are we agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, you can bring in your witnesses. For the record, Mr. Wray, would you introduce your witnesses?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Mr. Dwight Noseworthy, deputy minister of Economic Development and Tourism, and Mr. Jim Kennedy, director of finance and administration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We are on general comments. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, when we were last talking

about the subject late last week, I was in the course of asking a question and enquiring of Mr. Wray just what his position was. Because I got from my earlier comments, saying all the good things I did, that Mr. Wray was in agreement that indeed our government was in fact going to do something to recognize aboriginal peoples', the Indian peoples', struggle in the Americas for the past 500 years. So I was left with the impression that indeed he was going to do something about that. But when I heard him speak in the latter part of the debate, he said it was going to be an exhibition, an undertaking where Canada was going to be emphasized and exploring the Arctic was going to be emphasized. So I was a little confused and uncertain as to just what Mr. Wray was going to be doing. I just wanted some clarification, perhaps a restatement of Mr. Wray's intention in this regard.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes indeed, when we broke off I think Mr. Sibbeston was concerned about a statement I had made about the Columbus thing being a "red herring". I did not mean it, certainly, with respect to the whole problem of European contact with the Americas. That is not a red herring; that is a very real problem we are still dealing with. I meant it in the context of the Canadian and the Northwest Territories exhibits.

I had time over the weekend, Mr. Chairman, to have my officials contact Canadian officials who will be running the Canadian pavilion, because I wanted to make sure that what they were doing was something that we could live with.

I have today from Mr. Marchand, the commissioner of the Canadian pavilion, three points that he asked me to make: 1) There are no exhibits in the pavilion whatsoever concentrating on Columbus or any other explorer; there are no historic elements; 2) Spain was chosen as the site for the 1992 exposition based on the fact that 1992 is the year Spain will be accepted into the European Common Market as a full member; 3) the Canadian pavilion representatives repeatedly encouraged the NWT to join in the Canadian pavilion because the NWT did a good job representing Canada's aboriginal people at Expo in Vancouver. So those were the comments.

With regard to the Ontario exhibit within the Canadian pavilion, the theme of the exhibit is, "Ontario is a Great Place with Four Great Resources: Culture, Technology, Scientific and Social"; the British Columbia theme is, "Supernatural British Columbia: The Influence of Nature on Discovery and Enterprise"; and the Quebec theme is, "Quebec -- Come and Meet Its People".

The Northwest Territories intends to highlight its culture, its people, through our crafts, through our food, and through our art. We also intend to do some tourism promotion at the same time. But it is certainly to represent our jurisdiction and the cultures within our jurisdiction, which are primarily native cultures. I have said before, and Mr. Sibbeston knows me as an individual, that I am not afraid of these people or any ramifications, and I intend to flaunt what we have, quite frankly.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I am expecting too much but I was really hoping that we, as a jurisdiction taking part in the Canada pavilion, could do something in tune with the Indian people throughout the Americas. Over the weekend I have had a chance to read more of the literature on the subject and without question it seems the aboriginal, the Indian people throughout the Americas are indeed organizing and are quite intent -- while

the European countries are celebrating 1992, it is 500 years since Columbus landed in part of the Americas. I forget precisely where they landed, but this is 1992 and it is going to be the 500th year since Columbus landed in America. So that is the big celebration.

Among the Indian people throughout the Americas, they are using that time to focus on themselves, not to celebrate that occurrence; because to them it has not been a very positive experience. The caption or the slogan that they are using, the aboriginal people are using, is "500 Years of Resistance", that is the slogan that they are using.

Through the course of 1992 there are going to be meetings throughout the Americas by Indian people, where they will be gathering and basically celebrating their survival despite all the terrible things that have happened to them since Spain -- what they call the conquest of America.

I was just thinking, as a jurisdiction of aboriginal people who are taking part in Canada's activities down there, the least that we could do to help the aboriginal people throughout the Americas is to show some sign, or some support, some connection with them. I was wondering if Mr. Wray, in line with this thinking in support of the aboriginal and Indian people in America, would consider in the NWT portion of the exhibition putting a sign up that says "500 Years of Resistance"? I recognize that it is a bit political, but you would be in tune with the aboriginal people throughout the Americas and certainly in tune with the aboriginal people in the North, who are in tune and who are supportive of the celebrations of native people in the Americas. We can discuss the precise size of the sign, but would Minister Wray put up a sign saying, "500 Years of Resistance"?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I will not commit to putting that exact sign up because one of the problems is that most of the people going through there would say, "resistance to what?" I think what I would like to do, and I have asked my officials -- if you remember our pavilion in Vancouver, I think probably the most striking element of our entire pavilion, for me, was all those quotations that you saw on the walls. When I watched people going through our pavilion, people stopped, they went back, and sometimes they came back a second and third time to read those quotations. I think there were some very good quotations on those walls. What I have asked my people to do is to take a look at those to see, in keeping with our presence there, if some of those could be put up, not in the same format, but the same quotations in a different format; quotations that would primarily support our reliance on the land, our reliance on fur, our reliance on wildlife. I think some of those quotations will be a lot better, quite frankly, because they were a lot more poignant and there were some of them, I think, that went right to the core. So I want to take a look at that but you can be sure that we will be taking a look at something in that vein. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act, I have a question. I would like to be in support of my fellow Inuit. I have asked numerous times in the House to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, and I have considered it very seriously with regard to the people that I represent, a lot of people. The people that I represent have tried to make money by selling their products, such as arts and crafts, and for some people that is the only way of making any money. I would like to ask the Minister, how much of a display of arts and crafts will there be in that pavilion, from the Keewatin and

other NWT communities, at Expo '92? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my answer would be that I do not intend to display them. What I intend to do is try and sell them, quite frankly. We are looking at about \$800,000 going to our arts and crafts producers here in the North for the purchase of arts and crafts to sell in Spain. That is quite a sizeable inventory. The gift shop on the ground floor and the boutique on the second floor will be primarily selling arts and crafts.

I cannot tell you what the regional split would be, simply because we have not yet gone out to see what is out there. What I can tell you is that there will be -- I had a display on Friday -- things like carvings, some of the lesser priced prints, some of the other products that are being produced by Holman Island, even things like T-shirts being produced in Pangnirtung and Cape Dorset, calendars, stuff like that. In the West, things like moose hair tuftings, birch baskets, some bead work, jewellery. There is going to be a whole range of products from all across the Arctic. As I say, all I can do is tell you that our present plans are to purchase about \$800,000 worth of those items directly from the people in the communities, from the producers, and, hopefully, we will be able to sell them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Before I get back to Mr. Ernerk, we will take a 10 minute break.

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The committee will come back to order. We are dealing with Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act. We are still on general comments. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is related to the questions that I was asking. The responses I received from the Minister before the break were very good. The people who are really great artists, the best artists in the NWT, some are well known and some are not -- would you be giving these artists the opportunity to go to Seville themselves to demonstrate their work?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, no. The money contained in this bill is specifically only for the running of the restaurant, the boutique and the gift sales. There is no money in the budget for things like artists to go, or cultural performers, or musicians. We have to run this as a tight commercial venture and as such we did not allow for funding in this particular bill to do things like that.

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

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other item I wanted to mention was that when you were making your opening remarks you said that the fur products are going to be for sale. Obviously I am very happy about that. I know that the animal rights groups are all over the world and have really hurt the native people of the NWT, especially in the area of sealing and seal pelts, as well as in other areas like the trapping of fur-bearing animals, and have caused the prices to drop very low. Considering the hunters and the residents of the Northwest Territories, and since I represent a lot of people, -- but I am also looking at the Territories as a whole -- and thinking of my constituents who rely on arts and crafts, or prints or lithographs, I think that Expo '92 will be a beneficial thing for the residents of the

Northwest Territories. I would just like to indicate to the Minister that I will be supporting you in this venture. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. It is our full intention to sell products that are made with sealskin fur, caribou, moose hair, sealskin leather, moose leather and moose skin. Those are the products we produce and those are the ones we intend to sell. Thank you.

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

New Markets For Northern Products At Expo '92

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those of us who are Inuit, but all the aboriginal people in the communities, have stated that in terms of economic development we have to look for new markets to sell our products. This is not just a concern of the Northwest Territories or southern Canada, but I think that Expo '92 can be used as a vehicle to open new markets in Europe and other countries. I think that this will be a great opportunity to show the world what we can do as aboriginal people. Even though not all countries will be seeing it, the people who come to Expo '92 will realize that people of the Northwest Territories have great talent and they have arts and crafts. I think this is a very appropriate thing to do. The products that are exported out of the country help the country as well as the artists themselves. Even though we may not sell them right away, I think that we open new markets where we can sell the products.

I think that we will be able to show at Expo '92 that the aboriginal people of Canada are still producing these products and they have a different lifestyle that relies on natural products. I completely agree with what the Member for Aivilik is saying because my colleague and I have always lived in smaller communities. When there are no jobs available, for example in Repulse Bay -- we both grew up there -- the Inuit earn their living by selling their seal pelts, carvings and what they have trapped. The aboriginal people are going to stop doing arts and crafts or carvings or other art and I really agree that this is the new way to open up new markets.

To the Minister of Economic Development and his staff who are assisting him, they thought it would be a good idea to take part in Expo '92 for the Inuit and Dene and Metis. I thank him very much for that. I do not think we have anything to lose by taking part in Expo '92. I think this can benefit everyone here and we can get new markets to sell our arts and crafts. Are you going to get carvers or people who do lithographs or arts and crafts to go to Seville, Spain? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I thank the Member for his comments. I could not agree more. With regards to the question of whether we are going to have any of those artists in Spain, at the present time, no, I am not planning to, simply because of the way in which this bill is structured and the fact that there is a revolving fund where I have to put money back in. It is a commercial enterprise, so I have not allowed a budget for that.

There may be some of them who are there working at the pavilion. I do not know who is going to apply for these jobs. But in terms of putting on exhibitions, no. Unless the Government of Canada were to ask us and pay for it, I do not have any intention, at this time, of doing it. I think their

products will be there and that alone will speak a lot for them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if Mr. Minister will have a videotape presentation promoting tourism within the Canadian North. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we most definitely will have several videos.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I will support the bill. I do not have that many questions, but I would like to voice my support. If it was a useless thing I would not be supporting it. But I think this is a great promotion for the aboriginal people.

If this was going to happen in the North or in Canada, I would not be supporting it. But I think that this has a lot of potential because we have never taken part in anything like this in Europe. This will be a great way to promote our parks and other areas of tourism.

I think there will be people who will be wanting to buy northern products. I am aware, being from Pangnirtung, with a great intake of tourists, that they always seem to go and buy those crocheted hats with a name written on them. Are you going to be buying a lot of the popular products that have been popular with the tourists coming into the communities? This will also promote tourism. If you want to take those hats made in Pangnirtung, they are produced there and there are a lot of them that are available. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. It is most certainly our intention to purchase items such as the Member discussed, the hats and T-shirts, things like that. Every product that we sell will have the name of the community on it and where it was produced and hopefully the artist's name as well. But it most definitely will have the community's name and where it was produced, on all the articles that we sell.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Arlooktoo.

Selection Of Products From Many Communities

MR. ARLOOKTOOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are very happy that the NWT products will be on display. Are you going to be going to the same communities to buy arts and crafts or carvings as in Vancouver in 1986? Or are you going to widen your horizons because different communities or centres sell different products? Are you going to be selecting different products from different communities to show at Expo '92? Is that what you are going to be doing? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are going to be trying to buy from as many communities as possible. Expo '86 was sort of a first. It was a little bit difficult to organize, and we did not buy from as many communities as we would have liked to. I think this time, with a little bit of experience behind us, we will try to buy as much in as many of the communities as possible because that will give us a much wider selection of goods as well. Some communities are strong in some things, but other communities are strong in other things, so we are going to try to have as broad a

selection of goods as possible, from as many communities as possible.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some communities do not produce any arts and crafts nor have weaving shops. I do not think you will be buying anything from those communities since they do not produce anything en masse. Those communities that do not have craft centres, I think that you should be trying to buy a few carvings anyway, and in that way more artists can participate and have their work shown. If you try to include all the communities, even if you do not buy a lot, if you are going to be displaying their work, not necessarily selling it, I think this would be better for the artists in the communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I agree with the Member wholeheartedly. Obviously the communities with a background in arts and crafts and the large centres will sell a lot more, but I think there are some communities where you may only have one or two people that carve or maybe produce something different. I think we have to reach out to the small communities where they may have only one, two or three people who produce, and at least buy something from them. I agree with the Member, we have to try to reach everybody, even if it is a community where you might not have a lot of people -- maybe two or three people -- but \$10,000 or \$15,000 of purchases goes a long way in a small community. I think we should definitely include them.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have forgotten part of the question I was going to ask, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps what you should be doing, too, is that some communities get more tourists or have outfitters. Some communities have better parks and tourism facilities. I wonder if you will be able to include park officials that are already employed by the government, or people who work as outfitters or guides, or who operate fishing lodges. Perhaps you should be trying to attract some of these people so that they could talk about the North much better than other people. Will you be considering that? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I will definitely take that under consideration. We intend to promote all areas of the Territories, particularly our best known areas. Auyuituq, for example, is becoming very well known in Europe, particularly among the rock climbing groups and the mountain climbing groups. Obviously we will be appealing to those kinds of people when we are over there.

With regard to outfitters and lodge owners, et cetera, I think some of them will be there on their own, not sponsored by us; but we are now working on our participation in other venues in Europe. There are two major tourism venues, one in London and one in West Germany. We are looking now at how we can enhance our participation at those tourism shows and, as well, bring in more of the outfitters and lodge owners to those shows. We were able to help fund Cheryl Kinnear, for example, from Baffin, who represents the Baffin outfitters, to go to Germany and the United Kingdom this year, and part of the reason we were there was to take a look at our participation. I think we are now working on a plan to increase the number of our people that go to shows like that. I find that potential customers like to talk to the people themselves who run these companies, who are the outfitters. We are going to be working with that sort, but that is separate

from this. That is another division within my department that will be looking at that. Certainly in Seville there will be some fairly serious tourism promotion and I think it will meet with some success.

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

Authorized Limit Of Four Million Dollars

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, first on the bill, under definitions of the bill, it states: "Authorized limit' means the maximum amount by which assets may exceed liabilities." Later in the bill, under clause 3(1), it says, "The authorized limit of the fund is four million dollars." In the standing committee on finance I questioned that, and I wonder if the Minister has an explanation to clarify that for me, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a written explanation from Mr. Kennedy, who got it from the Department of Finance. Any further questions I will redirect, because I have read it twice and I think I know what it means, but I am not quite sure. "Authorized limit means the amount by which assets may exceed liabilities' is a legal definition which applies to all GNWT revolving funds. Its purpose is to ensure that assets generated by sales cannot exceed a specified amount, in this instance four million dollars. Assets in excess of the authorized limit must be returned to the consolidated revenue fund. Although this definition applies in this case of the Expo revolving fund, it was really intended for major revolving funds such as the liquor system or POL, which have their own main-frame independent accounting systems. The information in these systems is periodically interfaced into the GNWT financial information system via special computer application. These revolving funds may indeed have liabilities, such as accounts payable, recorded on an accrual basis."

There is some more detail here, but the bottom line is: "The upshot of this is that, with the exception of possible year-end expenditure accruals, the Expo revolving fund will never have any recorded liabilities. Expenses are recorded as they are paid, purchases are recorded as they are made; and sales will be recorded as they are made. The fund is not authorized to borrow money, so liabilities cannot occur in that manner. The fund cannot expend more than four million dollars without generating revenue or obtaining an authorized limit increase. Likewise, if sales are such that the balance of the fund exceeds four million dollars, the excess must be transferred to the consolidated revenue fund." Thank you.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was quite clear. The last line and the first three summed it up. On the bill generally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to go on record as being in support of this bill. I think it is necessary for us to take advantage of any opportunity we may get to promote the products of the NWT. This is quite a unique opportunity to promote our products to, I believe, some 30 million visitors as estimated, I think for any one of us who lives in the smaller communities and has seen the social problems and the unhappiness that has been caused by the breakdown in traditional economies, there is no way you cannot support any project, including this bill here, that makes a very real attempt to promote markets which in turn will revive some traditional skills and economies in the communities. We need to do that; we need to do that in the biggest possible way we can. Although I do not think that this bill itself is going to solve the economic problems or establish a market, it is one step toward doing that, and whenever we get an opportunity to

take such a step, we must take such a step.

I think it is a good bill. I have no problems with it. Whether or not as a result of this venture we make money, break even, or lose money to me is not really that important. It may not be nice to lose money, but it will be far more tragic not to try, not to try to make something out of it. This is clearly in line with the economic strategy; it is clearly in line with my own concepts of what we must do. We must produce things that the market wants. The only way we can find out what the market wants is to go to the market. Mr. Chairman, I am strongly in support of this bill and clearly other Members are, too. Thank you.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not think I could let it pass without saying that I have already expressed my apprehension over the bill. When I listened to the presentations on what this bill represents, I felt it was, in my opinion and my opinion only, not a good business venture. I am not a businessman, Mr. Chairman, so I have to say that although I will express my apprehension and I may not support the bill, I will not oppose it.

Long-Term Benefits Of Expo'92 Questioned

I am very surprised at the turnaround from a year and a half ago when this was not a good business venture, and now all of a sudden it is. In the long run I do not think that the North will benefit much from it. In the short term, yes, it may be good for communities, smaller communities, and where the crafts people are going to be employed in the short term. But my fear is deeper than that; this is going to take a lot of energy away from the department; they are going to concentrate an awful lot of effort, manpower and time in working toward this exposition and neglect other economic development projects and ventures and initiatives. I think we could better spend the money here in the North developing infrastructure that will be for the long term, not the short term.

I am somewhat sceptical about the results of Expo '86 in Vancouver. The shortness of the benefits -- they were short lived, from every indication that I could get from this. I would have liked to have seen some of this energy spent here in the North, being bold, not being bold overseas. I am afraid of the backlash in Europe that may affect the cottage industries here in the North that will produce items for sale there. They may not get sold, but I guess once they are bought they are bought, and the people in the communities will benefit from that in that respect. Tourism -- I think only time will tell the results of our efforts there.

Again, I may have missed what the Minister said as far as, if we go in the hole, that there are going to be corporate sponsors that are going to step forward and bail us out. I have yet to hear who these people are. Economic times are tough all over the country. Look at the major airlines now, cutting back all over the place, because traffic is down. I think that perhaps the department is more optimistic than some people, myself included, are.

However, I will not take away by voting against the Minister and his department's initiative. It is his department that is going to be out on the limb. He has to stand behind his judgment. I guess that is what we have hired him for; that is what we hired his staff for. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to go on record with my apprehension of the whole project.

I want to make it clear that we want to support initiatives in communities, my colleague and I. We do not want to say that because it is not going to be good for this part of the country,

therefore it is no good. That is not the point. I think that any dollars that can be spent in the communities and to develop products -- I think doing so is a good move. But they must be developed in such a way that they are going to be long lasting. I wonder how we are going to develop, in the next year, things that have already taken some time to just pilot.

I refer to the question asked about the char the other day. We are giving half of it away, and we have only given half of it away. We are not selling as much. So I am thinking that some of the effort that we have put into developing country foods, developing country products, may be better spent in other ways than to try to meet a market that I think is not going to be there in the end.

However, I will leave it at that, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to sound negative on it. I just want to express an apprehension of this whole thing. As I said, I would rather see the money spent back home here on long-term infrastructure and long-term initiatives in the NWT in the communities, that will benefit the communities long after 1992 or into 1993. With that, I will wish the Minister and his department well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I appreciate the Member's apprehension. Do not think for a moment that we are not apprehensive. It is a bold move. There are risks, but quite frankly, if we are going to get serious about economic development and marketing and producing goods, we are going to have to take some risks. There is no question that we are going to have to take some risks. The hope is that seven times out of 10 you will succeed and you will only fail two or three times out of 10. You know you are going to fail. There is no question that at some point in time we are going to do something that is wrong; we are going to have our Bricklin; we are going to have our cucumber plant; there is no question that is going to happen. As a politician and as a Minister, I am willing to take the risk. As long as those failures are few and far between and far outweighed by the benefits, then I think that is acceptable.

Myth Perpetuated By News North

However, Mr. Chairman, I really would like, for the record, to clear this up once again because this is a myth that has been perpetuated mainly by News North. This proposal was not on the table a year and a half ago. There is no turnaround. This proposal is seven months old at the most. What we were talking about a year and a half ago was an entirely different concept and an entirely different proposal. It was rejected by me, and that proposal stays rejected to this date. This is a new proposal that did not even exist when the last debate took place in this House. I really want to put that in the record because I think that News North got itself caught in a bind because it ran an editorial before it had all of the facts, and now it cannot find a way to backtrack because it is realizing that what it was saying was not backed up by facts. So they are trying to perpetuate the myth to justify their own negligence in the reporting of the story.

In terms of staff resources, I can assure the Member that Mr. Noseworthy and my senior staff tell me that this can be accomplished. Certainly it is going to place additional strain on them, but they can accomplish it and not jeopardize any of the other major initiatives that are under way. I have to take their word for it because, ultimately, they are the people who have to do this work and if they tell me they can do it, then I have to believe them. They have not failed me yet.

In terms of bold moves, I think forgetting this, which has a tendency to be very sexy, particularly in the press, the fact is

that if you look at what is in front of this House right now, the Business Credit Corporation; the Development Corporation, which was just formed; our capital plan and the increases; those are all bold moves. We are not standing still. There are a number of fronts in which we are moving ahead. I think that we are doing the other things that the Member suggested; we are spending capital money on infrastructure; but what we have to try and do is there are a number of fronts that we have to move on, and we have to try and move on all of them. Some you put more resources into than others.

In terms of corporate sponsorship, we are quite sure that we are going to be able to get a minimum of \$200,000 in corporate sponsorships. The sponsorship usually comes from oil companies, airlines, breweries and banks. In fact, in Vancouver we raised \$750,000 through corporate sponsorship. I do not think we are going to have trouble raising money through corporate sponsorship.

I appreciate the Member's comments. I appreciate that he is apprehensive but no more apprehensive than we are. I think that we are doing a number of things on other fronts that cover some of the areas that he is worried about. Thank you.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The special committee on the northern economy heard a number of good ideas. There is the issue that many of the Members have brought up here, about the fur industry in the North and the tanneries. There is still not one bit of effort being spent in that area and here we are spending an awful lot of time going somewhere else and doing other things when the Members clearly made this request two years in a row that I can recall since I have been here.

The musk-ox situation in the islands -- the development of the meat for market, Canadian or Japanese market, that would benefit quite a lot not just the people who are in that area but the northern economy in general through taxation and income and through assisting other departments in maintenance of these large herds of musk-ox. Maybe they will be there when we finish this project in 1992, but I think we are losing some time. I hope and pray that Mr. Noseworthy and his group find enough strength to continue, and have their department continue, working toward the initiatives that the Members have asked for, pleaded for, over the past year and a half, in the Baffin, the Keewatin, Kitikmeot, not to mention the Mackenzie areas. They have all asked for economic development incentives in those areas. The development of local industry of some sort. I just hope there is enough strength left in all of these gentlemen and this group to continue that effort and not let these things sit on the back burner until Expo '92 is completed.

I would like to ask Mr. Wray, through you, Mr. Chairman, what steps have been taken to solicit this corporate sponsorship? We are a year away and it takes some time, I imagine, for these companies that are going to come forward with funding to assist us. There have already been steps taken to solicit their sponsorship. Does he have any indication as to whether this will be successful or not? I would like to ask that question.

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

Simultaneous Development Of Infrastructure And Markets

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I think the Member does us a little bit of a disservice when he says that he hopes that we listen to what people are asking for. In the last 12 months alone we have committed

major money: a million and a half dollars to expand the plant in Fort McPherson, the canvas shop; a million and a half dollars in Pangnirtung to build a new craft shop. There is a tannery in Broughton Island, there are some operations problems but it is there. In the EDA, economic development agreement which hopefully we will arrive at soon, a negotiated settlement with the federal government, there are major moneys in there toward things like a tannery in the Western Arctic. There are major expansion and money for the meat plant in the central Arctic. There is a number of fronts that we are moving at all across the Arctic on those very facilities.

We must also still remember that at the same time that we are going to be spending literally millions of dollars on infrastructure, we must begin to develop the markets for the goods that that infrastructure is going to produce; that is what we are trying to do here. For example, if this project is approved, immediately we are going to require the harvesting of at least 300 to 400 musk-ox for this, and maybe more. So this could be used to jump-start some of those projects as well.

Fish is going to be a major requirement. We have put major dollars just recently, approved in this House, to Cumberland Sound fisheries. In Pangnirtung we hope to sell a lot of their products.

All those initiatives are under way, Mr. Chairman, so I would not want it to be said that this is all we are doing. This is only, quite frankly, a very small part of the number of things that we are trying to do.

With regard to corporate sponsorship, I have made no attempts to solicit any indication from corporations whatsoever, simply because I do not have permission to go yet, Mr. Chairman, and I do not want to raise people's hopes or expectations, or get them working on things or spending money, if the decision of this House ultimately is that we do not go. Once the decision is made, and if the decision is that we will be going, you can be assured that we will be contacting corporations in a very short period of time. I did not want to anticipate the decision of the House; so nothing has been done.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one concern that I would like to express. I realize that during the discussions in the House, it is difficult for this government to commit for the next government on some capital projects. Peter Ernerk did get that response from the Minister himself with regard to a highway between certain communities and the government would not commit to that because it is not up to us to decide what the mandates of the next government should be.

I would like to ask the Minister how much can actually be done without actually hurting the next government, or whether or not it is still possible to repeal this particular act if the next government decides it is a risky business, or maybe we could just repeal the act. I just wanted to get the response. In light of what you said, Mr. Minister, perhaps you could enlighten me on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess ultimately the Legislature has the authority to do what it wants and the new Legislature next year could ultimately revoke this legislation and pull out. I would say that to do so would be to blacken your reputation, quite frankly, with the federal government. It would be after you have expended

considerable sums of money, and so I would say that this is one of the rare times where by and large a decision of this Legislature would be committing the next Legislature to a course of action. But that is why the Legislature is making the decision, not me, Mr. Chairman. I would say that, yes, you are committing the next Legislature and government to this project, but technically and legally the next Legislature could pull out.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: If we did not pass this bill, would we blacken the Members of this Assembly too?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I would not answer that one, Mr. Chairman. Each Member has to live up to his own constituents.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Bill 17. Mr. Pollard.

Wholehearted Support To Marketing Arts And Crafts Globally

MR. POLLARD: I know Members are anxious to get on with the bill, so I will be brief. I am going to support the bill, Mr. Chairman, wholeheartedly. I think that sooner or later we are going to have to do something to start marketing the arts and crafts and the things that are made in the NWT in a global fashion. It might as well be tried out through this method as through any other, sir.

I am not as concerned as some Members have been about the business plan, because I think that as the thing is drawn together and as more is found out about the venue and the people that are going to be going there, that the business plan would change, and I would expect that. I would expect the department to tailor its business plan to the market it is going to try and capture.

I think there is enough lead time, but I think by every day we delay this bill it gives less lead time, and I think there is a lot to be done between now and when the exposition takes place.

I think there are other things that are going to have to go along with it. I think the Minister is going to have to put together a catalogue. I would say that if nobody visits the Northwest Territories portion, except one person who comes along and has a wholesale company and wants to start doing business in a large fashion with the people of the Northwest Territories, then it would be a success. And I have sat at enough sports shows and expositions to know that you never know who is coming down the aisle and who is going to talk to you next. And if you do not have your merchandise out there, nobody knows about it.

So I think there is a good possibility that they are going to make some contacts over there that are going to do us benefit for years and years to come. To that end I would say that the Minister is going to have to put together a catalogue, something that can be given away that people might purchase from at a later date. I know that when the exposition gets done with, maybe the revolving fund will perhaps die along with it, but I think the Minister is going to have to be prepared to handle business that is going to come for years after this exposition.

I see no reason why we should not be doing this in this manner, which is going to help the people who make arts and crafts in the NWT. We do assist other groups in the NWT. The fishing industry is subsidized and that means an awful lot to the people who are in my constituency. So if we are going

to spend money to help other people in other parts of this territory, then I fully support the bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Pollard has raised something that has not been touched upon in the debate but nevertheless is important. The projections that we were given by External Affairs indicate that of the approximately 50 million visits that they are expecting, over two million of those will be by business executives. In other words, businessmen, wholesalers, retailers, from around the world, looking at the different products. Mr. Pollard is quite correct; if we can even capture three or four of those executives to purchase products, then it will be worthwhile. So that is also another important feature, that there is going to be the potential for business contacts and business dealings.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Does the committee agree we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 2, fund established. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 3, authorized limit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 4, contribution to fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 5, designation and revocation of accounting officers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 6, transfer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Clause 7, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Does the committee agree Bill 17 is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you, Mr. Minister and your witnesses. That will take us to Bill 7, Appropriation Act, 1991-92.

Bill 7: Appropriation Act, 1991-92

Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

We are in the capital estimates, page 13.35, Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. Mr. Minister, are you prepared to bring in your witnesses?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: If the committee agrees, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Al Menard, the deputy minister, into the House to attend with us as he did yesterday; and also our finance officer, Jim France.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in the witnesses? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Proceed, Mr. Minister. As I said before, we are on page 13.35 of the capital estimates. Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, we were responding yesterday to questions raised by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre relative to the plans for communities in the Northwest Territories, and we do have a copy of the situation in each of the NWT communities which we could provide to that particular Member and possibly all other Members should they so wish.

Community Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Community planning, total activity, \$6,503,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Surveys And Mapping

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 13.36, surveys and mapping, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$745,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Total buildings and

works, \$745,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Surveys And Mapping, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total activity, \$745,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Sport And Recreation

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Sport and recreation, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region, \$36,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Inuvik, total region, \$570,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Page 13.40, Baffin, total region, \$1,855,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. Keewatin, total region, \$743,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. Page 13.41, Kitikmeot, total region, \$1,028,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$4,232,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total equipment acquisition, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, page 13.42, sport and recreation, contributions, headquarters, total region, \$165,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Fort Smith, total region, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Inuvik, total region, \$95,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 13.43, Baffin, total region, \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Keewatin, total region, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Kitikmeot, total region, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total contributions, \$565,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Sport And Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Total activity, \$4,897,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Lands**Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. We are on to page 13.45, lands, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$175,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total buildings and works, \$175,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Lands, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total activity, \$175,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. Mr. Gargan.

Capital Recoveries

MR. GARGAN: With regard to capital recoveries, I would like to ask the Minister, for all these big arenas and curling rinks, et cetera, the communities are expected to pay a percentage of the costs of those capital projects; Mr. Minister, where are they going to be recovering those costs? For example, in Fort Norman there are a number a big projects that are happening, and I would like to know what the community's share is with regard to the recovery of those projects.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, if the number being questioned is the \$410,000, the communities that are considered under that item would be Sachs Harbour, \$40,000; Broughton Island community gym, \$300,000; Gjoa Haven large arena second sheet curling ice, \$70,000.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, there are still a lot of other capital projects that are in this budget. I would like to know whether all these capital projects allocated during last year or

in future years have also been identified for the community's portion for capital recoveries.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the budget for the last year contained a similar section. Communities were identified and the contribution made therefrom. If the Member would wish the list of those communities, we could provide it to him. Next year there will be a similar item in the budget book, and communities will also be identified as having contributed funds to these programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another question, similar to the question that I asked yesterday. It is in regard to the ice cleaner for the arena. The Minister stated that he would consider this. I would like to ask if there would be any money in this capital budget to assist with the purchase of the ice cleaner in Pangnirtung. The community would pay some of it. Would MACA be able to contribute? I know the Minister was not quite sure about this, whether we would be getting any money. After we get our share together, would the Minister's department be able to put in some money also for the purchase of the ice cleaner?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, yesterday when the question was asked, I believe my answer was that at the present time there is no cost-shared program with our government and communities for the equipment used in arenas. I said that I would discuss and consider with the deputy minister the possibility that the department would establish such a program, but at the present time no such program exists, and there is no money in this budget to represent such a cost-shared program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you. In the next year would you consider having some money to contribute to the purchase of the ice cleaner for the community?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, I will look at that with my officials, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Program summary, page 13.11, \$38,108,000, total capital. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are there still plans to consider doing core piped services, water and sewer services? Are there still plans to work on that idea?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there are still plans to work on the idea. In the last year the FMB, Financial Management Board, considered the item and put it into an overall review of our water and sewer program. So it is under active consideration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Gargan.

Water Intake System, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, one other problem that the community of Fort Providence is experiencing right now is with regard to their water intake system. I understand that several years down the line there are future plans to redo the building

itself for over \$700,000. But the Minister must be aware now too that in order to do the necessary repairs to the existing system right now, it is going to be over \$300,000. I am wondering if the plan is still to go ahead with the patch-up work now that is going to cost quite a bit, or whether the department might look at having that future expenditure of \$700,000 to do the necessary work, perhaps even this year, in order that you do not run into over a million dollars just to address the situation in Fort Providence.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, as the Member appreciates, in the 1992-93 budget year there is an item for \$700,000 and this is a forecast of what might be required to put that particular facility in good shape. However until the planning work is done, we still will not be too sure of that cost figure. In this year's budget there is an item of some \$50,000. We could be required to spend a little more than that to maintain the facility so it will be able to function and operate adequately through the remainder of the fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister might be aware, I believe that the amount of damage that was done to the intake system in Providence, I thought, was estimated by the Department of Public Works, with regard to how much it will probably cost you to try and fix the existing system, the replacement parts, and that. So if 50,000 is going to be spent this year, it still does not address the present situation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the department and the government recognize that the facility has to be replaced or a better system put in place. Whatever that cost, it will have to be paid. The figures you see here are projections, and we will just have to determine, after the actual experience occurs, what the cost will be to put the facility back in operating condition. We will address it so it will function adequately and effectively.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Program summary, total capital. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if there is a need to spend a substantial amount of money to repair the existing system in Fort Providence, would he then consider spending the extra moneys to just replace the whole system?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I guess that is a value judgment at this time, and until the information is in, it is pretty difficult to answer. We are expecting that we will not have to do that, but if that is the case I guess I will have to address it and take it to my colleagues on the Financial Management Board for additional funding.

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Program summary, total capital expenditures, \$38,108,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before we conclude with the department, I have a couple of questions. Mr.

Minister, the NWT Association of Municipalities passed a number of resolutions at their annual meeting last year. I believe two out of the nine resolutions that were passed have been resolved. Could you advise us as to the status of the other seven, the response from the department?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the Member gave me notice of this question and I did consult with the department. I am advised that responses to all of the recommendations, with the exception of two, have been made. Those two recommendations were sent to the department in January so there is a bit of a delay in receiving them. I am advised that those are the only two responses outstanding.

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

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, in NWT Association of Municipalities resolution 90-21, the response, I believe, that was given to the association indicated, in a letter from the department, that they were going to go for an FMB submission in August. I do not know if they have or not with regard to the core piped water and sewer implementation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The department took the matter to the Financial Management Board in August. That is what I said in response to a question a few moments ago. The matter was referred to an overall review of the total water and sewer program. It is part of the 1991-92 review process. It is, as I answered Mr. Gargan, under active consideration. I thought I had informed the NWT Association of Municipalities of that action.

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

MR. ZOE: Just one more general question, Mr. Chairman. The Minister will recall that the department worked in conjunction with not only the association but the communities in training the SAO, Senior administrative officer, in computers. They ran into a problem where the company that they had a contract with, I believe, folded; and they were scrambling as to what they should do or get. I wonder if the department can comment on this. I recall that the group, through the association, were requesting additional funding or to redo the program that they have. Could I get a response from the Minister?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The municipal computerization assistance program alluded to by the Member has been developed and the financial support for this program will come from the department's existing budget. There is progress being made to ensure that all the staff in the communities will be assisted who require such training. I have a copy of a document dated today's date which details the program and would probably be very beneficial to the Member in revealing what we have done to date. I can provide the Member with a copy of this document if he so wishes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does that conclude the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Does the committee agree to the department as a whole?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Mr. Minister and witnesses. Where do we go from here, Mr. Government House Leader?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Social Services is prepared to complete her budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Does the committee agree that we return to the Department of Social Services?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Social Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Madam Minister, would you like to bring in your witnesses?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I will try to conclude my department by myself.

Revert To Motion To Increase Budget For Suicide Prevention

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. We are on 15.16 in O and M, the Department of Social Services. When we concluded last Thursday, March 14, 1991, there was a motion on the floor. I will read it for your information: "I move that the Minister of Social Services consider increasing the budget for suicide prevention under the Department of Social Services." To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: The reason why I made this motion was to suggest that, if it is accepted by the government, the government consider promoting more public awareness of people that are perhaps having problems dealing with their lives and are considering committing suicide. Basically, we want to send a clear message to the people to say that there are people out there that care, and perhaps be able to have an opportunity to talk to people that have concerns and eliminate the possibility of a person committing suicide. It is more a media message that would prevent a person from taking his life. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. To the motion. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion that is presently on the floor can reach a lot of people. More and more people are getting together in the communities in the area of suicide prevention. It has become a big public concern and is an issue going as far as having conferences in different areas of the country. I think this is going to come out more and more, and I think that I will be supporting this motion. I think it is time that the Minister gives careful consideration to promoting suicide prevention. I have seen the need for this type of program, and I will be supporting this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try and make this brief, about this very issue. There has to be more funding made available for this item by Social Services.

I am well aware that money alone cannot prevent suicides. I also know that Inuit, or the communities anywhere in the NWT,

are working toward suicide prevention. Those of us living in the other communities should be helping each other more. I think that we can help the people to understand that suicide is not normal. In our communities when a suicide is committed, it is very sad. I want to assist any way that I can by using the power that has been given to me, to prevent suicides. We need to get people to understand.

The motion that was proposed, to identify more funds for the Minister of Social Services to publicize the prevention of suicides, I just wanted to indicate that I will be supporting this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion. Is the committee ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Increase Budget For Suicide Prevention, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Question is being called. The Chair does not recognize a quorum. Mr. Clerk, would you ring the bell? I have a motion on the floor. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We are on details of grants and contributions. We are in the contributions section. Total contributions, \$14,604,000. Agreed? Mr. Gargan.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to ask the Minister if she is aware of the new federal initiative with regard to family law violence, which I believe \$136 million was allocated toward that. If this \$100 million has already been dispersed to all of the different departments, there is still a sum of \$36 million which is actually going to be used for contributions across Canada. I would like to ask the Minister if her department has tapped into this program yet.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When this announcement was made it was also recorded -- I believe the news media had indicated that no part of this \$136 million was designated for the Territories. Since then our officials have been dealing with the federal government and there is funding that is available for the Territories. Department officials have been in contact with the federal government to see how we can access some of these funds. Thank you.

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

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Madam Minister, a social worker in a small community, in her or his capacity as a social worker within the department is sometimes called to do family counselling. In that respect, Madam Minister, I wonder if the social workers within the small communities have some formal training to do such counselling. Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have been giving different types of training to social workers to try to address some problems. Some have been in respect to suicide prevention; some of them have been in respect to statutory type training. Specific training with respect to counselling is also given at times, but the problem that we find, at times, is to be able to try to deliver training with the limited resources of the social workers that we have. We have to be careful for the length of time that we take

social workers out of the community, in order to be able to replace them.

We certainly do have different training initiatives that we give to social workers. How they obtain the training is planned through the department; but it is, at times, difficult, because of the difficulty in recruiting replacements.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total contributions, \$14,604,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total grants and contributions. The Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the contributions, I would like to ask the Minister -- I will use the initiative of alcohol and drug programs. I am in full support of the young people because they are always asking questions about drugs and alcohol, smoking and other things. Perhaps we should try our best to assist those young people in our communities.

Mr. Chairman, if I ask a wrong question, please let me know. This fall and winter I went to Chesterfield Inlet. At that time the hamlet was asking for about \$74,000, with regard to alcohol and drugs, that could be used in the community to assist the younger people. What is the Minister's response going to be regarding that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, for clarification, is he asking if funding was given to the Chesterfield Inlet group for alcohol and drugs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Ernerk, could you please repeat your question?

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I was asking firstly if the Minister has received the request from the hamlet council of Chesterfield Inlet in which they requested \$74,011.72 for the purpose of youth counselling on alcohol and drugs awareness and prevention programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, according to our contributions that we have distributed, there is no indication that funding was given to the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, unless it came under another name rather than the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you. For the record, this is NWT alcohol and drug contribution program, application for funding sheet, 1991-92, name of sponsoring organization: hamlet council of Chesterfield Inlet. I can appreciate the fact that the Minister does not have an answer for this request, but I wonder if she would be able to provide me with an answer some time within the near future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total grants and contributions, \$14,744,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page 15.19, detail of work performed on behalf of third parties, total department, \$45,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Information items, page 15.20 and 15.21 and 15.22. Any questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M

Page 15.9, program summary, Department of Social Services, total O and M, \$88,680,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not know how much discussion has been involved with regard to adoptions, but I would like to bring forward some of my concerns with regard to adoptions, in general. One of the concerns is that approximately two-thirds of native children have been adopted to non-native homes, which on the average, the number of adoptions are approximately 95 aboriginal people born in the NWT, and two-thirds of them go into non-aboriginal families.

One of the reasons I have concerns is that in the hospitals a young girl or a woman can sign a consent form in which it indicates that of their own free will and accord they hereby consent to order for adoption being made under part four of the Child Welfare Ordinance. This is not even changed to "act" yet. So this is a really outdated consent form which a mother signs and once a mother signs that paper the proceedings for adoption do take place, whether it is through the Department of Social Services, through private adoption, or through custom adoption, or what is known as step-parents adoption.

We also have a situation where the department does have problems too, when a woman has to go south to have a child. In this case the department has absolutely no jurisdiction as to whether they can intervene on behalf of the parents or the child. So you have that situation.

Also the other thing is with regard to the other options available to you for adoption. My feeling is that a woman that consents to her child being adopted goes through a very hard time, is tormented on whether she should consent to giving away a human being that is her own flesh and blood. It does not matter if the adopting parents are white or aboriginal. So you could run into a situation where the mother could change her mind. But she has to be able to change her mind within four days.

I would like to ask the Minister whether or not the consent form that is now being used, not being translated into any syllabic or any other aboriginal language or French -- whether or not, if the mother consented to signing it without actually understanding what she was signing, there could very well be a situation where the document is not valid, not legal. I see real difficulty right now with the number of children that are being adopted to non-aboriginal parents. I think the custom adoption terminology is so loosely interpreted that custom adoption could be just about anything. So I have a concern. I would like to ask the Minister about this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I think the Member is somewhat confusing the

native custom adoption numbers with private adoption numbers. Native custom adoption numbers are anywhere from 85 to 120 per year. Private adoptions are nine to 15, on the average, per year; and custom adoptions are certainly adoptions by native families. Private adoptions are basically two-thirds to non-native families.

The second issue is, the Member asked if these consent forms can be valid. The Member asked about the four-day limit in respect to consent for adoption. There is a four-day limit, but the limit is in section 85 of the Child Welfare Act. It says that there can be no consent given to an adoption until the fifth day after the child is born. If the parent consents before the fifth day, that consent is not valid.

I want to advise the Member that the adoption is not finalized for six months, at minimum. It is set out in section 88 of the Child Welfare Act. As a result, the parents have at least six months to go to the court to ask that the consent be invalidated. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: What is the situation with regard to private adoptions?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I should have indicated that this relates to private adoptions only and not to native custom adoptions, and it is under the Child Welfare Act.

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

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask, how many young girls or women are sent south to have their child and return without their child?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I am sorry I do not have that type of information with me. I would have to ask the assistance of the Department of Health, because they are the ones that send the mothers down south to have children.

When adoptions occur, they are to be brought to the Department of Social Services and this is the way we can keep track of the number of custom adoptions and the number of private adoptions. But with respect to the number of young ladies going down south to have children, I am sorry I do not have that information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister is surely aware with regard to young women being shipped down south to have their children and even to have their children adopted outside their own jurisdiction, there is not too much that this government can do about it. Has this government made an attempt to address this problem?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Madam Minister.

Family Law Review Addressing Matter Of Adoptions

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we are addressing the whole custom adoption, private adoption, issue in conjunction with the family law review.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: The Minister has not answered my question. I am not referring to any custom, private, step-family type of

adoption, but I am actually addressing a situation in which, when a woman goes outside the NWT to have her child, this government has absolutely no jurisdiction with regard to the kinds of adoptions that could take place down south. Are there arrangements made with other jurisdictions as to whether or not it is true co-operation or there are transboundary agreements, so that women shipped down south to have their child actually could be protected? Maybe that is one concern the Minister may want to touch on.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, there are some provinces that do prevent or require consent from the territorial government prior to allowing the private adoption process to be completed. Exactly what provinces -- I do not have that information, but I will be willing to advise the Member.

In respect to our Child Welfare Act, and in respect to legislation, we are trying to address the issue of adoption and private adoption in conjunction with the family law review. So there are some steps in respect to other provinces which do not allow the process to be completed.

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

MR. GARGAN: Has the department adopted any kind of a policy with regard to aboriginal children being adopted by non-aboriginal parents? Do we have anything in place right now with regard to that? I know that one of the biggest concerns of a lot of aboriginal people is aboriginal people being adopted by non-aboriginal families. It has been an issue right across Canada; aboriginal people have made that an issue. Aboriginal people have been shipped into other countries. So I would think that this government should adopt a policy to ensure that if aboriginal children are going to be adopted, that they should be adopted by aboriginal families. Does the government have a policy on that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we do not have a policy that restrains an aboriginal person from having a desire to adopt to a non-native family. Our legislation does not prevent us from stopping an aboriginal person if they want to adopt out to a non-native family. However, if an individual has indicated that they do want their child to be adopted and if they are native people and do bring it to the Department of Social Services, first of all it is the department's responsibility, and we make every effort to ensure that that child is placed with a native family so that the child can identify with their culture and traditions.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, in the event that the parent signs a consent for the adoption of their child, giving the consent does not give them permission to say who the adopting parents should be. That means that once you sign your consent, it is really not up to you to decide who the parents should be. Is that right?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Once the parent indicates they want a child to be adopted, if it is a native parent, and if it is brought to the attention of the Department of Social Services, I can assure the Member we make every effort to try to bring the process and the adoption to a native family. However, I can tell the Member that if the individual decides that they want to go through the process of a private adoption -- private adoptions are where the department, according to

our legislation, cannot dictate as to what family this private adoption should be completed with, if it is consented to by the parents.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, can I ask the Minister whether or not, when a woman has to have her child down south, in the event she puts her child up for adoption, she should consider this at home rather than having her give up her child in the South? Is that kind of advice given, with regard to the consent of the woman signing a consent form for adoption, that she is advised that once she signs she is limited as to whether or not she could have her child back? Mr. Chairman, I am surprised to see the number of adoptions that are taking place, and specifically if they are going to non-aboriginal people, then I have that much more to be concerned about. Are those young mothers advised, if they have considered adoption, what the implications are and what they should know, so that if there is a change of heart they have an avenue they might be able to take in order to get their child back?

Probably the woman is more confused when she first becomes a mother, and I would think that with that comes the confusion about whether their mother instincts will take over after the first few weeks. I guess that is the most crucial time for a young girl; so I would like to know that, if a girl is going to be shipped down south to have her baby, she is given the best possible advice.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Before I request the Minister to respond, I would like to draw the committee's attention to the presence in the public gallery of the Members of the Senate and House of Commons Special Joint Committee on the Process for Amending the Constitution of Canada, and in particular the co-chairmen, Senator Gerald Beaudoin and Mr. Jim Edwards. I would like to welcome you, ladies and gentlemen, to the House. Welcome.

---Applause

Mahsi cho. Madam Minister.

Time To Reconsider Giving Up Child

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to state that is probably why, in section 88 of the Child Welfare Act, with respect to private adoptions, the parents have at least six months to go to court to ask that the consent be invalidated. I think this gives the opportunity to the parents -- in the event that they decide to reconsider and request invalidation of an adoption, this is allowed. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I seem to be getting two messages here. I understand from the lawyers I have talked to with regard to adoption, the parent is limited to four days with regard to signing the consent form in order to make it invalid. After the fifth day, it is valid and that is what the consent is based on. In other jurisdictions they have longer periods of time in order to do that so, Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to get a legal opinion from our own Law Clerk.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Gargan, with regard to your legal opinion, could I get you to repeat your question?

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister has given me one version of what it is that the parents are signing. I wanted to ask the Law Clerk, once the young woman or young girl signs

the consent for adoption to take place, and it does take place with her own free will, understanding that she is divesting herself of custody and all legal rights with respect to her child, how long is it before this becomes valid? I want to know how long before it becomes a valid document -- what the limitation is with regard to the time in which the mother could change her mind?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Law Clerk, can you respond to that?

LAW CLERK (Ms. MacPherson): Mr. Chairman, if the woman signs a consent to the adoption, within the four-day period after the child is born the consent is automatically invalid under the legislation. However, if she signs a consent on the fifth day and signs it of her own free will, she still may be in a position to apply to the court to have the consent set aside. There is no expressed period in the legislation during which she has to apply to the court. As a matter of common sense and practicality, if she applies to the court within one month of signing the consent, generally the adoptive parents will not have established any status quo and the court would be more inclined to strike her consent and return the child. If she applied to the court within a year after signing the consent, because the adoptive parents would have had the child for so long, then the court may be more reluctant to strike her consent and return the child to the natural mother. Any consent signed within four days after the child's birth is invalid. The mother still has the option, with consent signed after four days, of moving very quickly to have that consent set aside in court.

Some of the grounds that the mother can use to have that consent set aside is that she did not understand what she was signing; it was not explained properly to her; she did not have any legal advice explaining what the consent was; and that she simply changed her mind and that she believes that the child would be better off with her. If she does not act very quickly, though, the child would have been with the adoptive parents for a long time and the court then may be very reluctant to return the child to the natural mother after a great deal of time has passed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Gargan.

Position Needed On Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are still waiting for the family law review committee to come up with a position on custom adoption. We know what custom adoption is all about, and that has been practised. The only question is, if one of the adopting parents is non-native, there are some questions about that.

The other one is with regard to step-parents adoption. This is another area where there are some grey areas. We know for a fact that most custom adoptions are with regard to the immediate family. It is either with mom and dad, sister and brother, or uncles and aunts. Those are the areas which are clearly defined; that is where custom adoption is accepted in the communities.

There is a grey area which the law reform committee is working on, but I think that for the time being, in order to protect, as much as possible, the aboriginal person, I wonder if the Minister might consider adopting a policy with regard to custom adoption as an adoption between the immediate families? At least have that in that sense, and anything beyond that should either be a departmental adoption process or a private adoption. I think that the definition, custom adoption, is too loosely defined and people are using it to get around the system.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, one thing that maybe the Law Clerk did not mention was that this information in respect to the time for individuals going to the court, relates to private adoptions under the Child Welfare Act, and not to native custom adoptions. I think that is critical.

With respect to the Member's question on whether we would consider some kind of policy, I can let the Member know that I am currently deliberating whether or not we should put an amendment in the legislation to try to ensure that the matter of adoptions is more precisely addressed because there are many grey areas under the Child Welfare Act in respect to adoptions, particularly private adoptions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total O and M, Department of Social Services, \$88,680,000. Agreed? The Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I earlier understood the Minister to indicate that the government is reviewing the whole issue of adoption. I think that is what I understood the Minister to say. This is in conjunction with the family law review. Does that mean adjusting custom? If that is true, in what way? Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: The only way that I can think of that would help custom adoptions is probably to lessen the amount of forms that have to be signed and try to speed up the process, but in no way to try to alter the custom adoption process. I think the intent of custom adoption and the tradition of custom adoption has to be respected. That is the only particular way, if anything is changed.

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Total O and M, \$88,680,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate

Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): That concludes the O and M portion of the budget. We will move to our capital books on page 15.8. Department of Social Services, directorate. Page 15.9, details of capital, directorate, equipment acquisition, Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$18,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total activity, \$18,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Children Services

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Family and children services, buildings and works, headquarters, total headquarters, \$130,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Baffin, total Baffin, \$145,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total buildings and works, \$275,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Equipment acquisition, Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total equipment acquisition, \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Contributions, headquarters. Total headquarters contributions, \$320,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Childrens Support Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total activity, \$618,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Corrections Services

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Corrections services on

page 15.13. Buildings and works, headquarters. Total headquarters, \$572,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Minister, I realize this is for all the correctional centres, but how much are we actually spending in Yellowknife as a result of the riot?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Unfortunately, there is no designated amount in our budget as a result of the riot in Yellowknife. I would probably have to come in with a supplementary estimate to address that issue, but I do want to indicate to the Member that out of the \$572,000, we are addressing \$130,000 for the Yellowknife Correctional Centre for a work release centre which would replace the used trailers. We are also expending, I believe, funding to replace the locks at YCC, Yellowknife Correctional Centre, and minor renovations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Total headquarters. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. Because of the Minister's response to my question, I would like to ask her if I am correct in saying that we are presently spending money at YCC which does not appear to have been previously approved by this House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I would like to remind Members to keep your comments in relation to what is under consideration. Although there is a project for YCC, Mr. Gargan is questioning it now. There is relation between this project and the issue that you are raising. I will give the Minister an opportunity to respond if she so wishes. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No, Mr. Chairman. I think your decision is correct. There is no relationship between this proposed budget and the YCC issue.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if that is the case, is there a section in this budget where I might be able to address the issue I wanted to address regarding that expenditure?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister, in your capital budget, the Member would like to know if there is another section where he can deal with this issue he is raising.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Not that I am aware of, Mr. Chairman. You would probably know where it would be appropriate for the Member to raise his concern.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The Chair can make a suggestion to the Member. You can raise that issue under the program summary as a general comment to capital items. Total headquarters, \$572,000. Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: As a recommendation for next year, Mr. Chairman, maybe we could put a section in here for riots.

Mr. Chairman, in all seriousness, I want to ask the Minister about the matter concerning locks. They are spending \$130,000 on locks for corrections. Is there something wrong with the locks at these correctional institutions that we have to spend that kind of money? The other question I want to

address is dealing with the same issue on locks. I have asked this before in the House, about whether or not we are dealing with local locksmiths, territorially-based locksmiths, or are we contracting southern locksmiths to install special systems in here that nobody understands? Then we have to bring special technicians to repair these locks if they malfunction. I guess there are too many questions, Mr. Chairman. First, is there a problem with the locking system? Is this something new and innovative? Is there something wrong with them and where are we getting these people to do this work?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister, I think you gave an explanation about the \$130,000, but could you repeat your answer for Mr. Whitford?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The replacement for the Adtec locks is not \$130,000. In checking it, it is \$150,000 to replace the Adtec locks which are constantly malfunctioning and cause security problems in the correctional centre. Unfortunately, there are no companies that we are aware of in the North that replace these types of locks or provide the types of locks for correctional institutions. These correctional institute locks are, as we are aware of, from the US -- any types of locks that are used in any correctional institute. Thank you.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you. That was what I was afraid the answer was going to be. I believe the headquarters are in Texas. If anything happens, how do you get these things repaired? What is wrong with the old keys? They worked for years in the Old Bailey and some of those old places. Are these things so sophisticated that we have to bring in an American company to put in lock systems?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Like all correctional centres in Canada, I believe the system must be sophisticated. However, I believe that many of the lock companies do have offices in Canada. Unfortunately, we do not have the available skills up north to address these locks when they are malfunctioning.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you. Would the Minister consider looking at the various lock companies in Hay River, Fort Smith, Yellowknife, Lac la Martre and Rae-Edzo and see if there are skilled people that can be trained? Maybe Economic Development can get involved in this whole thing and set up a branch operation here in the North so we do not have to import people from elsewhere. It would be well worth looking into, Mr. Chairman, the possibility of giving the training to local northern business people to do these things. I am sure the Texas firm would not mind establishing a sub-office in Rae or Hay River, for example, to look after these new things. Because I think it is a terrible waste of money to be bringing in people from Stateside to do something like that. I can appreciate that we have to keep up with the times, and I guess the days of the old skeleton key are gone, but I think there is room for improvement here in that area. I will just offer that as a suggestion and wonder if the Minister has considered that possibility maybe through a proposal or something like that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: We can certainly look at it to see if anybody can be trained for these locks, but I would

like to make a comment, that better yet, I have been thinking of possibly looking at establishing, for a long-term plan, a correctional centre away up north somewhere such as on Ellesmere Island, where we would not even need locks if they want to run away.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Corrections services, buildings and works, total headquarters, \$572,000. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under community corrections, as they relate to young offenders -- this is an important one, in our opinion, within the Aivilik riding as well as within the Keewatin Region. A number of years ago we felt that young offenders should remain in the Keewatin Region where a number of organizations whose responsibility was to look into the problems of alcohol and drugs and young offenders, and things like that, felt that we should make available a place like Padlie, which is 160 miles this side west of Arviat, as a facility for young offenders.

This type of facility would keep our young people, to maintain their traditional life skills and learn something about their own surroundings. I am wondering, Mr. Chairperson, if the department has any plans to establish community corrections or regional corrections in the Keewatin Region. I wonder how much work has been done to establish such a facility for our young offenders.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, unfortunately we do not have a plan to establish any type of Keewatin community corrections facility or regional facilities. Our budget does allow us funding for wilderness camps for young offenders, which we have found to be effective in some of the areas that have requested wilderness camps.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the Minister would have to agree that there are O and M and capital moneys in this budget for the Yellowknife Correctional Centre, and I think the Minister would also have to agree that this budget was put together prior to the riot that happened out there. So my question, through you sir, would be: Is the recent riot out there, that occurred after this budget was put together, going to have an impact on any of the money that is being spent in this budget?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: It is difficult to determine, Mr. Chairman, and answer the Member directly, mainly because of one particular thing that I want Members to be aware of. As a result of the riot, there was an estimated amount of damage. Insurance will cover some of it, however, to bring it up to the standard that it was. However the standard that it was built under was back in 1968 when the correctional centre was first built. Therefore additional standards are required, and it will no doubt cost a lot more money.

We have not yet decided what option to follow in respect to how to replace that damaged area, and we do not know what the cost will be. That is mainly why it is difficult to determine what impact it will have in respect to this particular area of the budget.

I certainly hope that it does not have any impact on the budget, but depending on the amount that is required to replace the area in which the riot occurred, it is difficult to assess.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, so there is a possibility that there may be moneys spent in this area that may not have to be spent, simply because they are going to be covered by insurance, because they were wrecked anyway. I am wondering how the Minister is going to address that. If she gets it covered by insurance, what is she going to do with any moneys that she has in here that were destined for that particular activity anyway? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: I can assure the Member that there will be no excess money as a result of the insurance, because the insurance will only cover the minimum amount to meet the standards that the facility was built under back in 1968.

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Buildings and works, headquarters, total capital, \$572,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Under this \$572,000, I would like to ask the Minister if there are going to be any plans for renovations to the Yellowknife Correctional Centre this year?

Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I think the Minister answered that question when she answered Mr. Pollard. Baffin, buildings and works, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total buildings and works, \$622,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Equipment acquisition, total headquarters, \$71,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$93,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Baffin, total Baffin, \$47,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Minister how many skidoos they are going to be getting in Iqaluit for \$21,000.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: The amount of \$21,000 is to replace three skidoos.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total baffin, \$47,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total equipment acquisition, \$211,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Contributions, total headquarters, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total contributions, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Corrections Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total activity, \$863,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health**Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Alcohol, drugs and community mental health, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region, \$1,276,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total buildings and works, \$1,276,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total contributions, \$200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total activity, \$1,476,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Community And Family Support Services**Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Community and family support services, buildings and works, headquarters. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under this activity, community and family support services, I would like to ask the Minister a question with regard to planning for a handicapped adult group home in Rankin Inlet, which will commence in 1991-92. I take it that construction will begin sometime during the summer of 1991. Is that right, or is that just for planning? Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, all we have in our budget is planning funding for a handicapped adult group home.

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

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does it mean that in Rankin Inlet we will see the construction of an adult group home sometime within the next two years? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I do want to make the Members aware that there has been some concern with respect to the proposed site. I recently toured the Keewatin and I have asked the department to review it to ensure that the total region is in support of the proposed site.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total headquarters, \$135,000. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: I just wanted to indicate my thanks to the Minister of Social Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Buildings and works, total headquarters, buildings and works, \$135,000. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am still on the Keewatin.

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): You are ahead of us, Mr. Pudluk. I am still on headquarters. Total headquarters, buildings and works, \$135,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Keewatin. Member for High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I do not see these kinds of activities very often, the handicapped adults group home in Rankin Inlet. Is that group home only for the Keewatin area, or is it for the whole NWT? It is going to cost a lot of money to build this activity. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: That group home for the Keewatin is currently for the purpose of looking after some of the adults who are in the handicapped children's group home that would be going, in the future, to the handicapped adult's group home. Also, taking into consideration some of the adults from the Chesterfield Inlet facility that we have there. As I have said, Mr. Chairman, in my recent tour of the Keewatin I toured the Chesterfield Inlet home, which is on contract for handicapped adults and children, and there are adults in there who can go into this proposed group home and those adults are also from the Kitikmeot area and the Baffin area. I would not indicate to the Members that this is specifically for the Keewatin Region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Keewatin. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The facility in Chesterfield Inlet, I think, is run by the RC mission, through contract. If they have a facility in Rankin Inlet and the people from Chesterfield Inlet move there, would the facility in Chesterfield Inlet close down? I would like to get more information on that.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, currently we do not have any plans to close the Chesterfield Inlet handicapped home. This handicapped adult group home that we are looking at is possibly a six to eight-bed handicapped adult group home. There has been an identification of possibly even up to 12 clients that are in the region and in southern institutions who require group home programs. The Chesterfield Inlet handicapped home, that is under contract services, has both children and adults. This group home in Rankin is specifically for adults.

Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Keewatin, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total buildings and works, \$210,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total headquarters, equipment acquisition, \$46,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Fort Smith, contributions, \$55,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Inuvik, \$70,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total Baffin, \$236,000. Member for Baffin South.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think this money will not be allocated to any community in the Baffin. Would the Minister give me information on which communities will be receiving money? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, currently there are, I believe, assessments done on specific communities although I do not know which ones they are. I would have to check on that and advise the Member. I know that Pond Inlet has formed a steering committee to carry out a needs assessment but I believe there are other communities that are in the process of carrying out a needs assessment to determine exactly where this facility should be built.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total Baffin, \$236,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total Keewatin, \$20,000. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad that Arviat will have an elders home. We will have to try hard to help our elders all over. I am happy about this. I would like to ask the Minister if there is a study being done in Repulse Bay or other communities for an elders or old folks home? Is there going to be a study in the near future? Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, needs assessments are done in different communities to determine whether or not there is a need for a senior citizens facility. But as I had indicated in the House a couple of days ago, one of the critical components to a needs study is the desire for a community to want to have a senior citizens home. There are many communities that have not expressed interest in having the elders in a senior citizens home and encourage other ways of independent living.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Natilikmiot.

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have heard that there was going to be an old folks home built in Gjoa Haven. Can the Minister tell me about this?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Gjoa Haven is not currently proposed for a senior citizens home, but I believe we are currently doing an assessment in that particular community and determining whether there is a need to be addressed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total Keewatin, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total contributions, \$381,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I am sure there is a misprint because I do not see total Kitikmeot in there at all. Did the Minister miss out on that one?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, no.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total contributions. Member for Kitikmeot West.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I could request from the Minister that when she does an assessment of Gjoa Haven that some of the other communities in the same region may be assessed. We have old people too.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: We certainly will do an assessment, providing the community wants an assessment done.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total contributions, \$381,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Community And Family Support Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total activity, \$637,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Information item on the following pages, 15.20, 15.21 and 15.22. Any questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Program summary for Department of Social Services, total capital expenditure. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I expressed the concern with regard to the department and the issue of adoptions. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not the family law review committee comes up with a position on custom adoption or not, I think this department should fast track and establish a position so that we do not run into a situation of what custom adoption is and clearly define what it is with regard to the present practices. And that is that adoptions occur within the immediate family. If it is anything other than that then it should be considered either private adoption or the other categories of adoption that the department has used.

So I would like to request that the Minister consider working with the Department of Justice and come up with a position. Because we cannot just leave this situation hanging in the air while the family law review committee is struggling with what custom adoption is all about. So I would request that the Minister seriously consider that situation.

Also that the department start keeping stats on those different categories of adoption that are happening and even those that are happening outside of our jurisdiction. Then at least the department knows how many women are sent down south and how many of them are actually returning without their child. Right now, even with regard to all of the other jurisdictions having the access to information, you cannot have access to information with regard to adoptions. I hope that the Minister would, from now on, look at keeping track of women who are going down south to have their child adopted. That is the only way that we will be able to keep track of it. Any other way you cannot keep track of those stats because the access to information does not allow that. Thank you.

Department Of Social Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total capital expenditure for the Department of Social Services, \$3,612,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I did mean to bring to the attention of the House that during the discussions of our department's main estimates in committee of the whole on Thursday, I had indicated that myself and my deputy minister had a copy of the report with respect to the investigations of the recent incident at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre. After the sitting the deputy minister had advised me, at the end of the day, that he had shared the report with the assistant deputy minister and the director of corrections in order that follow-up action with respect to the recommendations be initiated. I just wanted to clarify that to the House because it was not my intention to mislead the House. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. That concludes the Department of Social Services. What is the committee's wish? Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: I would like to move that we report progress, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I have a motion 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.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bills 1, 17 and 7, and wishes to report progress with one motion being adopted. Bills 1 and 17 are now ready for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. 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 Yellowknife North.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, you require consent to proceed with third reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with third reading of Bill 1.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North is seeking consent to proceed with third reading. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Nay, nay!

MR. SPEAKER: There are two nays. Consent is not given. Third reading of bills. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Maybe I will be luckier, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek consent to proceed with third reading of Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Kivallivik is seeking consent to proceed with third reading of Bill 17. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed.

Third Reading Of Bill 17: Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 17, Expo '92 Revolving Fund Act, be read for the third time.

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

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek a recorded vote on this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. A recorded vote has been requested. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour, please rise.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Crow, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Morin, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Wray, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Alloooc, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Kakiwi, Mr. Butters, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ningark.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. All those opposed to the bill, please rise. All those abstaining, please rise.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Zoe, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Gargan.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Order, please. We have recorded the recorded vote: 18 in the affirmative, no opposition and five abstentions. The motion is carried.

--Carried

--Applause

Bill 17 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

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

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 20th.

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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., Wednesday, March 20th, 1991.

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