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## YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1991

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## ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

**SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo):** Orders of the day for Tuesday, April 9, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

#### **ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

Ministers' Statement 52-91(1): Proposed Development Of The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, recent events in the Persian Gulf have renewed the debate over the security of the energy supply for the United States, including debate on the possible development of the oil and gas reserves associated with the Arctic national wildlife refuge. Members of this Assembly will remember that the calving ground of the Porcupine caribou herd has been located in the heart of the Arctic national wildlife refuge for thousands of years. Subsistence hunters in Alaska and Canada have relied on the caribou from the Porcupine herd for centuries. These people, in particular the Canadian people, are very worried about any threats to their subsistence economy.

The debate over the future of the United States energy policy in general will continue this spring in Washington. During the next weeks and months, the United States Congress will consider various bills on the development of the Arctic national wildlife refuge.

The Canadian federal government has formally indicated that it does not support the development of the refuge. Mr. Speaker, the most effective way to reinforce that view is for representatives of the Gwich'in people to travel to Ottawa and Washington to state their case. This week the Porcupine Management Board is meeting in Old Crow to develop a proposal to send Gwich'in representatives to Ottawa and Washington. The detailed funding proposal will be submitted to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Mr. Speaker, we fully support this proposal. We are also pleased with the Canadian federal government's support of our people.

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

## Ministers' Statement 53-91(1): Dental Health Video, "A Bite Out Of Life"

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, baby bottle tooth decay continues to be a major dental problem in the Northwest Territories today. The Department of Health, in cooperation with the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, has produced a 20-minute video entitled, "A Bite Out Of Life". Baby bottle tooth decay is explained in detail in an entertaining and informative manner.

The practice of giving bottles of sugary liquid to babies while they are lying down leads to serious dental decay by the time the child is two or three years of age. Although the teeth can be extracted to save the baby from pain, there are other farreaching effects. With no baby teeth the child's nutrition suffers and the permanent teeth grow and develop in the wrong position. These children frequently require extractions of some of their permanent teeth shortly after they erupt, and many require dentures by the time they are 20 years old.

Baby bottle tooth decay occurs in all regions of the Northwest Territories; however, the problem is most severe in the Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot Regions. The Inuit Broadcasting Corporation was chosen to produce the video so that it would have particular meaning for the regions in which the disease is most prevalent.

The video will be available in all health centres for wide public viewing and will also be used as a tool by dental therapists, community health representatives and nurses to educate the public about the dangers of bottle propping. It is available in English and Inuktitut. The Inuktitut version is being televised today, April 9, in communities which receive Inuktitut language programming. The program will air at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

If Members would like to preview the video, I have arranged that two copies, one in Inuktitut and the other in English, will be available for a week in the Members' lounge.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the Members of this Assembly are aware of this situation and are concerned for the total health of future generations. Thank you.

#### ---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

#### ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Tribute To Board And Staff Of Northern Arts And Cultural Centre

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the board and staff of the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre. Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday they presented a play called "Our Town". This is one of several performances over the last five or six years which have demonstrated the culture and history of northern people. This particular performance, Mr. Speaker, showed what life was like in Yellowknife 50 years ago. The characters in it included Mildred Hall, the first school teacher, whom the elementary school is named after; her husband, Jack McMeekan, editor of the local newspaper, called The Blade. It also included Dr. Stanton, whom the hospital is named after, together with his family.

By continuing to reflect the history and the culture of the northern region, Mr. Speaker, this theatre is living up to its mandate as a northern centre for the performing arts. I would like to commend the Government of the Northwest Territories, the City of Yellowknife and the public for their continuing support for this theatre and its attempt to reflect the cultures, tastes and interests of this multicultural, northern region of Canada. I would also like to pay tribute to Mr. Christopher Foreman, who is from an old, distinguished family, who was responsible for producing and directing this performance. Thank you.

#### ---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:** Members' statements. Before proceeding with the next item, I wish to draw the attention of honourable Members to a visitor from our sister territory, the Yukon, Joyce Hayden, who is the Minister of Health with the Government of the Yukon.

## ---Applause

Item 4, returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

#### **ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

Further Return To Question O353-91(1): Payment To DIGAA Enterprises

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on March 14, with respect to payment to DIGAA Enterprises. The Department of Renewable Resources has a \$29,000 service contract with DIGAA Enterprises. This amount was based on an estimate of the number of days required for guides to accompany the bison hunts and was developed jointly by our department and DIGAA Enterprises. However, \$36,000 will now be required and payment of this amount has never been in doubt. I would like to advise Mr. Gargan that DIGAA Enterprises will be paid for the extra service they provided during bison hunts in the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary. As well, I would like to commend DIGGA Enterprises for the excellent service they provide. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O384-91(1): Completion Of Electricians' Training

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is in response to a question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on March 20. There are currently 11 fourth year apprentices in the construction electrician trade registered in the apprenticeship program who will have completed their training by June 1991. Three are located in the Baffin Region, five in the Yellowknife region and three in the Fort Smith Region. Twelve electrical apprentices are scheduled to complete their training by June, 1992 as well. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O385-91(1): Request For Wager Bay To Become A National Park

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Ernerk on March 20, with regard to the Wager Bay national park proposal. In response to the question asked by the honourable Member for Aivilik concerning the opportunity for the establishment of a national park at Wager Bay, I am pleased to inform you that in cooperation with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the Canadian Parks Service has recently reactivated the long dormant national park proposal focussed on Wager Bay.

The Wager Bay area is one of five active national park proposals in the Northwest Territories. It is my intent to identify and detail these proposals in a statement which I plan to table in the near future.

Further to the honourable Member's comments regarding local support for the Wager Bay proposal, I have just received a positive response from the president of the Keewatin Inuit Association to my earlier inquiries. In addition, the Repulse Bay Hunters and Trappers Association has also passed a resolution recommending the resumption of national park consultations. The Canadian Parks Service will begin archaeological and historical background research for the Wager Bay area this year, and natural resource inventories will follow. As my staff are working closely with the Canadian Parks Service on these national park proposals, it will be my pleasure to keep the honourable Member for Aivilik up-to-date on the progress of this initiative. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O381-91(1): Tendering Of Bids For Goods And Services Provided At Expo '92

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Whitford with regard to tendering of bids for goods and services provided at Expo '92. Mr. Speaker, to our knowledge, no official of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has to date been out seeking bids and quotes for goods and services to be provided at Expo '92. The issue referred to by the Member was in fact an inquiry made by the Canadian government Department of External Affairs and was unrelated to the activities of this department.

I might add that, given the short lead time between now and the opening of the fair, we will soon be seeking bids and quotes on a major scale throughout the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O148-91(1): Removing People From Home Communities After Trials

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on February 26, 1991. Mr. Arlooktoo raised a concern about people being removed from their community after trial. We have asked the RCMP about the situation in his area, and we are informed that they are aware of one case when an offender received a period of one year probation as part of his sentence. The offender told the court that he had relatives in Lake Harbour and that to assist his rehabilitation he would like to be sent there. The court therefore made it part of the probation order that the offender go to Lake Harbour. In that case, it appears that the court made the order because it thought the offender had relatives in Lake Harbour who would assist him. We are informed by the RCMP that it turned out that the offender did not have relatives in the community.

If there are other cases that the Member is concerned about, perhaps he could give me more specifics so that we can look at the situation more closely. 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 O400-91(1): Proper Clean-Up Of Pine Point Mine Site

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Mr. Minister, Pine Point Mines are presently winding down and they have shipped out most of their ore. I understand that the responsibility for the clean-up of that mine may be turned over to the territorial government to ensure that clean-up is done by the mining company. Mr. Minister, will you assure the residents of Fort Resolution that the mine does meet all the concerns of Fort Resolution residents and clean up that area properly? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O400-91(1): Proper Clean-Up Of Pine Point Mine Site

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are reviewing the clean-up of the Pine Point site. As developments occur I will keep the Member informed as to what we are doing and will also keep the communication line open between my department and Fort Resolution. Thank you.

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

Question O401-91(1): Difference Between Industrial And Medical Oxygen

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Health, since there was a case a year ago in which a company was found to have supplied industrial rather than medical oxygen to the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, and although this issue is in front of the courts now, I would like to ask her a technical question. Could she tell me what is the difference between industrial and medical oxygen?

Question O401-91(1): Difference Between Industrial And Medical Oxygen, Ruled Out Of Order

**MR. SPEAKER:** I must rule the question out of order. It requires a technical response and therefore should appropriately be asked under written questions. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O402-91(1): Update On Work Done At Leo Ussak School, Rankin Inlet

**MR. ERNERK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. I am very happy to be back, and to be working together again. As you are well aware, about a week ago the children in the Keewatin returned to school. I have been asked a lot of questions, even by the children, as to whether the school has been fixed. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to ask the Minister for an update on what has been done to the school during spring break. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Return To Question O402-91(1): Update On Work Done At Leo Ussak School, Rankin Inlet

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, it appears that the work that has been completed on the school has rectified the problem. I will be prepared to give a detailed report tomorrow to the honourable Member. Thank you. **MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for High Arctic.

Question O403-91(1): European Ban On Importing Fur Products

**MR. PUDLUK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. We have heard that in Europe, perhaps in Great Britain, there was going to be a resolution put to a vote to exclude all importation of fur products. Is your department keeping abreast of the situation? Are they doing anything in Europe about this resolution?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The honourable Member for Amittug.

Return To Question O403-91(1): European Ban On Importing Fur Products

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My department is well aware of what is happening in Great Britain and what the European community is trying to do in this area. I will inform the Member during this session what the British government is trying to do and what our government is going to be doing to make our feelings known. Thank you.

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

Question O404-91(1): Update On Status Of RCMP Contract Negotiations

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Justice, although we did have a report on the status of RCMP contract negotiations before we broke on March 21, could the Minister of Justice give an update on where these negotiations stand at present?

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

Return To Question O404-91(1): Update On Status Of RCMP Contract Negotiations

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since we last met I have met with a number of my colleagues who are Ministers responsible for policing across the country. We, as a group, are still agreed that the proposal put forward by the federal government is not acceptable. As you know, we have passed the March 31 deadline. We have agreed that we will continue to pay the RCMP according to the old contract. The RCMP obviously are continuing to provide services here in the Territories and across the country. I expect to be meeting with my colleagues on this matter at the end of next week -- I think there is a tentative meeting set for the end of next week.

We have offered to get back to the table with Mr. Cadieux to talk about other issues. There is the cost ratio issue where we have, as you know, a major difference of opinion; there are issues of accountability of the police force, both physical accountability and policy accountability; there are other base cost issues which include the cost of civilian support staff, the cost of providing housing and office space to the RCM Police. We feel that we could probably make some progress in those areas. At this point in time there is still an impasse.

I will say, though, that the 10 jurisdictions are quite firm in their resolve. I, for one, as a Minister here in the Territories, acknowledge the fine service that the RCM Police have provided to us. I think this is an issue which is an issue of money. Other jurisdictions are looking at it in a different light, as a constitutional issue, as a provincial-federal issue, what have you. I hope that when we meet together at the end of next week we will agree upon our newest negotiating strategy, and I hope to have some resolution of this dispute in the next few months. Thank you.

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

Question O405-91(1): Change To Two-Year Stay In Communities For RCMP Officers

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Justice. Mr. Minister, while you are in the process of negotiating a new agreement with the RCMP, can you also try to get a change to the policy where they require members to move from community to community every two years? This keeps members from being involved in the community. They do not get to settle into the community. If members are allowed to stay in the communities longer than a two-year period, it would be far better for the members as well as the communities. Could you try to get a change to that policy, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question 0405-91(1): Change To Two-Year Stay In Communities For RCMP Officers

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are trying to tackle that particular problem on two levels. One is through the accountability component that I just referred to, of the contract itself, whereby the government would have a little more say in those sorts of decisions by the RCM Police. Also, in discussions that we have had with the RCM Police, they have, in the past year, relaxed that policy somewhat and there are more cases where, if an officer volunteers to stay in the community, they can stay for three years rather than two years.

I am very aware of that concern. That concern actually impacts on us -- in two ways, the way that the Member talked about, a policeman getting to understand a community and getting to know the people in the community. Also the actual physical costs of moving people around the North or moving people from the North to the South is becoming a more important factor. So we definitely are aware of the Member's concern and are doing everything possible to address it. Thank you.

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

Question O406-91(1): Recovery Of Costs Of Searching For Lost People

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has come to our attention that the RCMP are now proposing to charge an individual the cost that is incurred when that individual becomes lost. Is the Minister aware that this is a current proposal for the recovery of people who have gone lost, that they will try to recover the costs from those lost people?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O406-91(1): Recovery Of Costs Of Searching For Lost People

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: No, I am not aware of that, and I will definitely look into that particular situation and bring whatever information I find back to this House. **MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O407-91(1): Public Review Of Aircraft Chartering Services

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has come to our attention that several people in the air charter business are concerned about the amount of business that goes to northern suppliers. Is the Minister of Finance considering holding a public review of aircraft chartering services in the NWT, in light of the complaint that northern air charter services are being underutilized?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a question that should probably be better directed to the Minister of Transportation. So I will take the question as notice on his behalf.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Minister of Government Services would probably have been the Minister responsible. The honourable Member has taken the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Question O408-91 (1): Chipewyan Interpreter, Fort Resolution

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Culture and Communications. Mr. Minister, I requested you to try to create a position in Fort Resolution for a Chipewyan interpreter. You wrote to me on the last day of the last session saying you are going to check the costs. Have you checked the costs, and when will you fill that position? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O408-91(1): Chipewyan Interpreter, Fort Resolution

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Member recalls, I responded to his request, moving two positions out of headquarters to Fort Resolution. I directed my department to look into the cost implications, as there are numerous departments that will be affected. We have not gone into a conclusive resolution of finding what the cost implications will be. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O408-91(1): Chipewyan Interpreter, Fort Resolution

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary, Mr. Minister. Can you give me some sort of time frame? Can you come up with an answer within the next two weeks, a month? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O408-91(1): Chipewyan Interpreter, Fort Resolution

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will get back to the Member privately, hopefully today, to tell him roughly the time frame after communicating with my department. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Item 6, written

questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

## ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W9-91(1): Difference Between Industrial And Medical Oxygen

**MR. LEWIS:** Could the Minister of Health indicate what the difference is between industrial and medical oxygen? If patients are given industrial instead of medical oxygen, is there any danger to health in any particular cases where the wrong kind of oxygen is used?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

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

## ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 82-91 (1), Volume II, Summary Report of the Task Force on the Criminal Justice System and its Impact on the Indian and Metis People of Alberta, dated March 1991.

I would also like to table Tabled Document 83-91(1), Executive Summary of the Commissioner's Report of a Public Inquiry into Policing in Relation to the Blood Tribe, as prepared by the Assistant Chief Judge, C. H. Rolf, of Alberta and dated February 1991.

These reports summarize the findings of a major inquiry into policing and administration of justice as it pertains to aboriginal people in the Province of Alberta. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents.

Item 12, notices of motions.

Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 14, 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: Bill 7; Committee Report 2-91(1); Bills 8, 9 and 10, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

Bill 7: Appropriation Act, 1991-92

**Department Of Renewable Resources** 

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** When we concluded on March 21, we were doing the Department of Renewable Resources. Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witnesses?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

bring in your witnesses. They are not here yet. We are still on general comments. Do Members have any further general comments? Department of Renewable Resources. Does the committee agree then that we go through the details?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister questions regarding what the Member for High Arctic mentioned earlier. I have understood and I have heard over the CBC news that MPs in England are trying to pass a bill to ban fur sales and handicrafts from being imported to Great Britain. Another thing too, we will be going to Seville for Expo '92 to promote northern arts and crafts in the NWT and what they sew and what kind of garments they make. So I am very happy about this exhibition that will be happening in Europe but I would like to ask the Minister what kind of activities they will be doing in Seville. I understood too that the Labour Party in England have been trying to pass a bill to ban imported -- sealskins will be the first item to be banned, I believe, and after that they will be proposing to ban foxes and after that perhaps all furs will be banned.

I would like to ask Mr. Allooloo what kind of position they will be in and what his department will be doing about this proposed bill? I think we will have to encourage our people to keep trying to make clothing with skins and I think we should try and counter-attack those people who are trying to ban the fur imported into Europe. I am trying to ask the Minister what his position is. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you probably know, the misinformed people, who are so-called animal rights activists, and around the world they have been attacking the harvesting of wildlife, even though that has been going on for centuries, especially that done by aboriginal people of the NWT and other provinces.

We just got information back from Europe that the intent of legislators is to restrict the import of fur products that are coming into their countries, especially seal products.

As you know, the Canadian government has established a seal quota off the coast of Newfoundland to allow the native Newfoundlanders to harvest seals, because there are numerous seals and they feel the population could withstand the quota.

As we review the information we are receiving, we are at the planning stage as to how to counter-attack the animal rights movement that is happening. I will have a better idea what we will be doing in terms of counter-attacking the animal rights movement that is happening in Europe. Right now I cannot answer the Member's questions as we are reviewing their intent. Thank you.

## CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ernerk.

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The problem at this point is not the animal rights movement. The problem is with the elected Members of Parliament in Britain. And I understand it is the Labour Party that is doing this. So the issue that concerns me very much is that more and more every year we see that there is a move on the part of animal rights activists, animal lovers and all those other people who really do not have any idea what life is all about in the NWT

and in Canada, trying to promote their ideas, their outdated ideas, to people in Canada as well as in Europe, to destroy a way of life that has existed for many, many thousands of years.

So I have a lot of concern about this. As I said in my earlier remarks, I am very pleased that the government is taking the initiative to participate at Expo '92 in Seville, to promote handicrafts and to promote furs in Europe. I think when you do that it helps to some extent, that certain members of the society begin to understand how people live in other parts of the world. My concern right now is to see what sort of counter-attack the Government of the NWT and the Government of Canada is carrying out in terms of trying to reach the Members of Parliament in Britain. So that is my concern at this point in time, Mr. Chairperson.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you. General comments. Renewable Resources. General comments on Renewable Resources. Mr. Minister, would you introduce your witness please?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is my deputy minister, Mr. Jim Bourque.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Bourque. Does the committee agree that we go into details. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Page 12.10, directorate, total O and M, \$2,066,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Wildlife management, total O and M, \$3,885,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Conservation education and resource development, total O and M, \$5,809,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Policy and planning, total O and M, \$888,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Pollution Control, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Pollution control, total O and M,

\$788,000. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This area includes the disposal of hazardous materials. I wonder if we still have a good agreement with Alberta, given the concerns about the disposal of dangerous goods and hazardous wastes, on the Swan Hills incineration plant. Do we still have a good agreement with them that helps us here in the Territories? Because we have small amounts of these hazardous wastes to dispose of. Do we still have a good working relationship with the Province of Alberta in this area?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Within the last year we have been working with the western provinces to come up with a waste management agreement that would take care of the western provinces concerns in terms of disposal of hazardous waste. That agreement has not been completed yet, but we are hoping to have an agreement that would enable the Territories to get rid of its hazardous waste.

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

**MR. WHITFORD:** Qujannamiik. What do we do with the accumulations in the meantime if we are not, in fact, destroying them or having them destroyed through the interprovincial agreements?

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

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a few sites where we are storing hazardous waste in the Northwest Territories; one of them is Pine Point and we have a storage facility in Yellowknife. We also ship hazardous waste that can be destroyed to Ontario. Thank you.

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

Concerns Of Spills In Transporting Of Hazardous Waste

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In his response to Mr. Whitford, the Minister did indicate that the hazardous waste is transported to Ontario for disposal. My concern is that in the event of a spill of any kind the department has the appropriate bodies in place to address any kind of spill.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We work with the Department of Transportation to deal with the scenario that the Member is talking about. We have also developed a second level spill course to instruct our officers on how to deal with the legal authorities and investigative techniques. Under the amended Environmental Protection Act the course will concentrate on authorities and techniques as pertaining to spill responses and will complement the department's successful level 1 spill training course, which is centred upon spill clean-up techniques, which is ongoing. We have that course available. The course is also timely due to amendments being proposed to the Environmental Protection Act, which would require our officers to be officers under the act. We have strategies developed to deal with spills that may occur, in co-operation with the Department of Transportation. Thank you.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, one of the concerns I have with regard to the Minister's response is that most of the transportation of dangerous goods would be in my constituency, Mr. Sibbeston's constituency and Mr. Nerysoo's constituency. Those are substances that are very harmful to the environment and also to human beings. Has the department, in co-operation with the Department of Justice, come up with a strategy to deal with my concern? Basically, Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be caught in a situation where, in the event that a spill does occur en route to southern Canada, I address this issue to the Minister and he says, "I am sorry, but this should go to the Department of Transportation." In a critical situation this is ridiculous. I do not know whether it should be the Minister of Renewable Resources that should be addressing all aspects of the transportation of hazardous waste, or whether he should consider pollution control being under the Department of Transportation. This is not an issue to be taken lightly. It is an issue where it could very well mean a life or death type of a situation.

I know that last fall there was a spill in Fort Providence that was addressed, but I am just saying that we could run into a serious situation where we might be playing one department against the other in order to address an emergency situation. I would like to ask the Minister what he intends to do about that. I am caught between two departments and I would like that to be resolved. I just do not want the good things that the departments do -- but actually if a situation arose that needs to be addressed right now, I would like to ask the Minister whether he has the answers to address them.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We feel that this area is very important also. It is important enough to get the attention of two departments to work on the issue. The Department of Transportation has the weigh scales. Hazardous wastes are brought in by trucks into the Northwest Territories. They did not originate in the Northwest Territories and they have legislation to deal with the transportation under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and in the event that a spill occurs, we have the responsibility jointly with the Department of Transportation. We have the capability and strategy to deal with such accidents and we do not take this problem lightly. We take this very seriously.

I am happy to say that we have not had a major accident in the Northwest Territories, probably due to the check stops that our government does on trucks that are coming into the Northwest Territories. We plan to do that and in the event of hazardous materials located near communities, we normally contact the community and we try to give them complete inventory of hazardous materials that are close to the community and also provide public information sessions to the communities where there is significant amount of hazardous waste. I am satisfied at this point that what we have been doing has been a good practice and we normally get community support when we talk to the community. Thank you.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Minister's response in regard to him taking seriously the whole issue of dangerous substances. I would like to ask the Minister exactly what you have in terms of equipment, manpower, et cetera, to address in the event of a spill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. To the pollution control, Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I could provide the Member with that information at a later date if he agrees. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. The Member for Deh

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**MR. GARGAN:** Yes, I agree. I would also like to ask the Minister to make it public too.

Another question, Mr. Chairman, in the event of a spill, whether it is on the Mackenzie Highway, the Dempster or in the community, whose responsibility is it to address the issue? Is it the Department of Transportation, or yourself? Who exactly do we turn to in the event that a spill does occur and there is an emergency situation where you have to address that issue right away?

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

**HON.TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Mr. Chairman, if an individual sees a spill he or she should report it right away to the renewable resources officer and it will be dealt with from there by appropriate authorities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. We are on page 12.14. Mr. Whitford.

#### Problems With Collection And Disposal Of Used Oil

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the area of pollution control, there is an area that may have been neglected. I have not been able to find any indication that there is a comprehensive program for the collection and disposal of used oil. Across the North we have a tremendous amount of oil coming in, refined oil that is, for engines and machinery of sorts and these require oil changes from time to time. This oil, in a lot of cases used to be just dumped in landfills or dumps or Lord knows where. I noticed that just out on the Yellowknife Bay here between Dettah and the crossing, someone changed the oil of their car right on the ice. At the dump frequently I see vehicles out there with people underneath them draining the oil out of their car. They just change it right out there. It is dumped right on\_the ground. Would your department be responsible for a program that would look at the collection disposal of waste oil through either storage for the time being and/or transportation south for re-refining?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, we had pilot projects started in the Northwest Territories to address the old used motor oil. Such a project was alive and well and going in Hay River. Apparently the community ran into some financial problems and it had to be cancelled. Yes, Mr. Chairman, our department would be responsible in terms of coming up with a solution to the problem. I will welcome the comments made by the Member to address the problem. I agree that this area has to be thought out. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** (Translation) Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would be prepared at a later date perhaps to discuss with the officials, at least my opinion on what can be done with that area because I do see that as a growing problem. It is not something that is going to go away, because we do have many power plants in the Territories that use oil in those massive diesel engines. I am not sure exactly where this oil goes any more.

In my days with the Power Commission, they had some terrific filters and a system of recycling this oil within the plant. They used to heat it and filter it and oil would last almost forever in those engines because of that system. But still it does require filtration and after a while the filtering material has to be

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## changed and it was generally disposed of through burning.

I was aware that at some point in time, at least during the 1980s, that there was an effort made through Energy, Mines and Resources to recycle used engine oil and contaminated oils and it was stored at Hay River for quite a while and nothing ever became of that. I guess I just want to express that there is a sense of urgency in establishing some form of a policy that can be adopted by this government and people that work with this government and the general public, to have an agency act as a collection point and move these fluids to the South to be refined, because there is nothing wrong with this stuff. It contains carbon, it contains metals, actual filings and stuff from engines, but also it does change the quality of the oil. It creates, in some cases, a different product than what originally went into those engines.

It does have to be treated carefully because we can have a situation like Mr. Gargan was alluding to, where a spill could have some effect on the environment in that vicinity and a longer term effect on the environment in the long term. But what we need there is something that would not only physically take care of the problem, but also be an educational tool as well to inform the public that they do not go changing their oil on the ice crossings, they do not change it on the lakes and they do not change it at the dump and places like that; some incentive that they can participate in. And again it goes back to the recycling policy that I so wish this government would champion.

Mr. Chairman, that is one area that I think the Minister's department needs to work toward as quickly as possible with the given resources they have, to address this. The people that I deal with, and I, would be pleased to participate in this. I think that is a good way of doing things -- to find out what the public thinks of it and what they are prepared to do and take in all these suggestions that might come about from public discussion on it and public input on it and come up with practical and good long-term solutions.

I wanted to raise that issue because it does deal with this particular category and the Minister has already responded. I just wanted to comment.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** Thank you. We are on page 12.14 of the main estimates, pollution control. Total O and M, \$788,000. Mr. Pollard.

## Processing Of Used Oil

**MR. POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to pollution control, I think the Minister is aware that there are several pieces of equipment available that can process used oil. I am fairly sure that his department has done quite a bit of work in that regard. There are people in Hay River who are interested in putting that machine in Hay River to process used oil and I believe the product is number two fuel oil that is derived from the process.

The difficulty is, Mr. Chairman, that there is no legislation or rules and regulations that would require people to return oil to a used oil depot. So I would ask the Minister, seeing that his department has done so much work on the machine, seeing as there are people in Hay River who are willing to put the machine in place, is the Minister prepared to look at putting some legislation in place or some regulation in place that would require people to return used oil to a central depot? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will look at the possibility to try to come up with

#### legislation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.14, pollution control, total O and M, \$788,000. Agreed? Mr. Ernerk.

**MR. ERNERK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every winter and especially in the early spring, the Inuit go out on the land to either fish or camp. I am concerned about the garbage lying around in the campsites. There are materials that will never be destroyed by the natural processes. There are oil drums, plastic bags and diapers and aluminum containers. These are not destroyed by the environment. They are hard to destroy. They make a mess in the campgrounds. The seagulls get into this garbage and it is all over the place.

I believe my fellow Inuit are able to control the environment and keep the environment clean. Mr. Minister, it is part of your responsibility, there is an anti-littering provision. What more can we do to inform ourselves and other people to understand this issue better? We have to keep our environment clean, either by radio or by other means. Perhaps the councils in our communities can be of assistance, perhaps the hunters and trappers associations, so that whenever we are moving from the land I think there has to be a requirement to clean up the campsites, especially now with so much garbage taken out. Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Minister could consider some other means of requiring the people to keep the litter from piling up in the camping areas. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** (Translation) Mr. Minister, are you going to be responding?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you know, and you probably see this yourself on television, we put in spots saying that we have to take the litter back to where it came from. We use puppets and other means to give the message to keep the environment clean. Mr. Chairman, I completely agree with the Member that those of us who go out on the land, these people themselves, are responsible for keeping the environment clean. If it was only a government responsibility for the cleaning up of camping areas, and if the hunters or users themselves did not do this clean-up, this would be an impossible task. We will continue to promote these ads on radio or television to better inform the people who go out camping in the spring or summer, that it is against the law to leave litter; and wherever possible the litter that they generate while out on the land will have to be taken back to the communities where the garbage can be taken care of.

Also, the legislation that we are currently drafting, or amendments to the Environmental Protection Act, when that is in force the kind of concerns that were mentioned by the Member will be able to be dealt with through this act. We can inform our people of the legislation regarding that matter. Also, the hunters and trappers associations try to help the people, and they help us a lot in informing the people about keeping the environment clean. I agree with the Member that we have to keep the public informed and we need to do more about the protection of the environment.

#### Pollution Control, Total O And M, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** (Translation) Thank you. We are on pollution control, page 12.14, total O and M, \$788,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Field Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.15, field operations, total O and M, \$8,345,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Land Use Planning, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.16, regional land use planning, total O and M, \$386,000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, with regard to regional land use planning, this is not the land use planning that was terminated by the federal government, is it? Does it have any relationship with that?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, this is normally our contribution to the land use planning program throughout the NWT. It does not show the cuts that were made by the federal government. It is tied in with the land use planning program that is run by the federal government, it is part of that; it is our contribution to the land use planning.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** The contribution for this department then is \$386,000. What was the federal government's contribution, and now that the federal government has cancelled their contribution, what kind of impact has that had with regard to this whole area of land use planning?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Over the past few years the federal government has spent over \$27 million on land use planning throughout the Northwest Territories. It is their program, through agreements with the Dene/Metis, TFN, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, and our government, to run the land use planning. Our government has been spending this amount every year to support the land use planning that is run by the federal government. Our information tells us that the federal government contribution will continue to complete the land use planning in the Keewatin and the Delta, and the rest of the land use planning ceased as of the end of last month. The rest of the land use planning will continue until September.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, I realize that this has been a concern of all aboriginal organizations, to see whether this program could be continued. Unfortunately, the federal government has not taken that view. I would like to ask the Minister if his department has been addressing those concerns expressed by aboriginal organizations, and whether there is a course of action or options that are available to the native organizations; or has this pretty well been addressed as far as possible and it is pretty well a dead issue now because the federal government just does not wish to address the concerns?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not believe it is a dead issue. It is a program that, as a government, we very much support. We see this as one of the few programs that has community support and has the support of the elders in the communities. My officials have been talking to the officials of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to see if anything can be done in terms of continuing the program. I have also spoken to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to see if he could change his mind and to continue the program. He has told me that he will review the program with me before the end of September to see if anything can be salvaged under this program. He has that commitment now with me that he will review the program again. At this moment he was reluctant to commit himself that the program will continue. It is not a dead issue, but we are working on it to see if anything can be salvaged. Thank you.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion but I have to write it down first. I wonder if we might be able to take a few minutes break so I could draft up my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): The time being close to 3:00 o'clock, maybe we will break for 15 minutes.

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The committee will come to order. Before the break Mr. Gargan had a motion on the floor. Mr. Gargan, would you like to speak to the motion?

Motion To Reinstate Joint Federal-Territorial Regional Land Use Planning Program, Carried

**MR. GARGAN:** I would like to make a motion with regard to land use planning. I move that this committee supports and encourages the Minister of Renewable Resources in his efforts and negotiations with the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to have the funding for the joint federalterritorial regional land use planning program reinstated and increased.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, as the Minister indicated before the break, he will be meeting with the federal Minister regarding the whole issue of land use planning; and hopefully, with our support behind him, he might be successful in obtaining a positive response from the federal Minister. Basically that is the whole intent of the motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** To the motion. Question has been called. The Chair does not recognize a quorum. Mr. Clerk, will you ring the bell, please? Thank you. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

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Regional Land Use Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

We are on the 1991-92 main estimates, regional land use planning, total O and M, \$386,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Forest Fire Management, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.17, forest fire management, total O and M, \$20,473,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the forest fire management program, I would like to ask the Minister, what

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is the present arrangement with regard to fire tower personnel? Are we still hiring southern students to operate these fire towers or is the department taking a whole new direction with regard to creating employment for northern people and considering going into a contribution agreement or contract with the communities that have those towers within their area?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whenever possible we hire Northerners to man these fire towers. In terms of new contracts going out to the community or organizations within the NWT, as you know we are developing a policy with respect to privatization. In terms of coming up with a policy, we are still communicating with the communities in terms of developing a policy that will guide the contracting out to the organizations for firefighting. Until that is in place, our department has been told not to give out new contracts. Thank you.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you. I would like to ask the Minister if he could consider, for the operation of fire towers -- would he, in the event that the policy is approved by the Executive, for the next fire season would the department consider training potential candidates that could operate those towers? I would like to ask the Minister if he would consider that.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, yes, we could do that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** One other area I would like to touch on is with regard to helicopter contracts. I guess normally the contracts that go out or tenders that go out are for a five-year contract. With regard to getting potential aircraft companies to submit bids for the five-year contract, I would like to ask the Minister whether he has considered designating that particular program to be transferred to communities where the communities now that are doing the suppression programs, and I was wondering whether the department could consider expanding the mandates of those companies, where they operate the forest firefighting, to include getting or negotiating contracts with aircraft companies for the aircraft and helicopters.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again, that is one of the things we might be able to do under the new policy. Until we have a new policy, I cannot assure the Member that we could decentralize or devolve this responsibility to the contractors. As the Member knows, all the contracts that are given out by the government are normally through Government Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are there any time frames with regard to developing this policy? Can we be assured that before the 12th Assembly we will have a policy in place? Will there be a policy developed only after the election? What is the Minister's position on that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** We are hoping to have a policy in place by the next fire season.

Forest Fire Management, Total O And M, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** Mahsi cho. We are under the Department of Renewable Resources, page 12.17, forest fire management, total O and M, \$20,473,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Forest Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.18, forest management, total O and M, \$322,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.19, details of grants and contributions. Grants, total grants, \$615,000. Mr. Ernerk.

**MR. ERNERK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to the humane trap development, under grants and contributions, we do not have those traps any more. Will there be a training program going on in our communities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The training program for trapping -- there is no trap that can be used for fox trapping right now. We will be using those old traps for the time being. There will be some workshops in the communities. In the Western Arctic, there is already a trap for marten and mink. There have been some workshops in the communities in the Western Arctic. As soon as we get some new traps for the foxes, there will be workshops held in some communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Details of grants and contributions. Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Enhance Trappers' Incentive Subsidy

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee requests that the Minister of Renewable Resources enhance the trappers' incentive subsidy under grants by designating additional species to be eligible for the subsidy.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** The motion is written and translated; The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, presently, in Fort Providence for example, we have the largest number of hunters and trappers living and residing in that area. We do have large numbers of furs that are being harvested, but the hunters and trappers really have no return for their efforts. Mr. Chairman, several years ago, as far back as maybe 10 years ago, lynx used to be around \$800 to \$1200 per pelt. This has gone down to \$45 or less. If you get a biggy, that is how much it will cost. That is the highest it will go, and then, depending upon the smaller size, it will go down virtually very little. That is one area. I do not know if in the Eastern Arctic there are species that should be subsidized. Fox, for example, might be another species that could be subsidized. I do not know how many species are being subsidized right now. The intent of the motion is to give the department an opportunity to consider adding additional species for the incentive subsidy. So that is the intent behind the motion. I would like to ask

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the Members to support it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

**MR. ARLOOKTOO:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am in favour of the motion that is on the floor and I will be able to support it, but before we vote on it I would like to make a comment. Looking at the NWT and its residents, I will be supporting the motion. It is supposed to be directed to the Eastern Arctic as well as the Western Arctic, so if it states Eastern Arctic also, I will be supporting it. Thank you.

Motion To Enhance Trappers' Incentive Subsidy, Carried

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** Thank you. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

(Translation) Mr. Arlooktoo, did you want to make a comment on this? No.

We are on page 12.19 of the 1991-92 main estimates, Department of Renewable Resources, grants, total grants, \$615,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Page 12.20, contributions, total contributions. Mr. Ernerk.

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I have a question for the Minister. I am wondering why there is no proposed budget for 1991-92 under wildlife management, especially to the United Nations environmental program, to assist the establishment of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** As you know, this convention does not normally happen every year. We have been participating in these meetings and taking the money out of regular O and M to attend these meetings.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.20 and 12.21 of the main estimates, total contributions, \$2,200,000. Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Support Hunters And Trappers Associations And Band Councils Who Support Conservation And Resource Development And To Increase Funding To Wildlife Committees

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion with regard to the hunters and trappers. I move that this committee confirms its support for the hunters and trappers associations and band councils who actively support conservation and resource development; and further, that the Minister of Renewable Resources considers increasing the funding under contributions to local wildlife committees by \$250,000 in the 1991-92 fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): The motion is in order. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, there are 52 communities in the NWT. A lot of communities in both the Eastern and Western Arctic have local hunters and trappers associations. Most of them have a budget which limits their activities. I do

not know whether it is based on the population formula or regional formula or some other formula. Most of the moneys that are now designated to hunters and trappers have been spent, mainly because of the increased support and assistance to hunters and trappers who do not have the necessary moneys to go out on the land. They have been assisted quite a bit. Also, because there are no incentive programs, the hunters and trappers associations in the communities have been forced to assist the hunters and trappers.

For example, in my community and on the Hay River Reserve, the communities cannot go for caribou hunts this year, mainly because they have run out of money before Christmas. So you are running into that kind of a situation, and I would think that in order to assist, the Minister of Renewable Resources considers increasing the support to hunters and trappers associations in the regions. If all the communities were to be assisted, that \$821,000 should be increased substantially.

I realize that the Department of Renewable Resources is a very important department to a lot of communities, but a lot of times I think the Department of Renewable Resources has been short-changed and is not getting the amount of moneys necessary for the communities to be self-sufficient and to be self-reliant, and this is one program and one department that should be given a lot more money for initiating aboriginal programs. Hunting and trapping has always been a big activity in all the aboriginal communities, but they have also limited the amount of activity the communities could initiate, mainly because they do not have the dollars to encourage a lot of hunting and trapping, or to go on 'group hunts, et cetera.

Basically the intent of the motion is to see that there is an increase to the hunters and trappers associations' budgets so that they could effectively operate for one full year without running out of money maybe half or three-quarters of the way through. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. To the motion, Mr. Kilabuk.

**MR. KILABUK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the motion being put forward, I am not sure if this motion will pass, but I will be supporting Mr. Gargan's motion. I believe the words contained in his motion, because this has been a concern in my riding also. I feel that we have to support our local hunters and trappers associations, and I am sure they would put out a lot of activities but the funding has always been the problem.

I am sure the hunters and trappers associations will look into environmental protection when they get enough funding. I am sure they would have to go through channels to try to get funding from the department and I feel this is a very good plan for the future when we have to assist our communities. I will try to keep my constituents informed about this incentive because I am sure there are a lot of hunters and trappers associations that are not being informed due to a lack of staff in the communities. Even though they want to become independent as an organization, there is always a lack of staff due to a lack of funding. I am sure the hunters and trappers associations have to go by the department's policy when it comes to funding, but I would want the department to consider increasing the funding, so I am very happy to support this motion, Mr. Chairman.

Motion To Support Hunters And Trappers Associations And Band Councils Who Support Conservation And Resource Development And To Increase Funding To Wildlife Committees, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): (Translation) Thank you. To the

motion. All those in favour? We do not have a quorum right now. Can you ring the bell, please? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We are on page 12.21, contributions, total contributions, \$2,200.000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, with regard to your community-organized hunts, would you be able to say which communities have received that \$70,000 and which communities have made a request? In fact, I would like to know how many requests have been made to the department, how many of them have actually been supported, and how many have been turned down because of the limited amount.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we could provide that information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Qujannamiik. Total contributions, \$2,200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Total grants and contributions, \$2,815,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, the Minister did indicate in his opening statement or during this session about firearms training. There has been a concern expressed by a lot of Members with regard to this particular program. I would like to ask the Minister, what kind of programs are you looking at under the firearms training? Are we looking at establishing this program in the schools, or is this basically for hunters and trappers or people that turn 19? What is the position of the department on that? Have you designated moneys now for instructors or that sort of thing? It has been talked about, but do we actually have a program right now for that?

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

**Firearms Training Program** 

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The program is established. The renewable resource officers go into schools to talk about firearm safety. The manual has been prepared and is now being printed. It will be used as a basis for a program of firearm awareness aimed at school children up to the age of 14. We are hoping this program will be linked directly to the school health curriculum. It also has been reviewed by the Department of Education.

We also do advertisements in the newspapers throughout the NWT as well as radio, the Native Communications Society, and CJCD, promoting the safe use of firearms. The data base has been established for training records and accidents to allow for better analysis of the statistics. A volunteer instructor system is being developed and will be implemented, pending financial considerations. An information working group comprised of various GNWT and federal agencies has been formed and meets from time to time to discuss firearm-related issues. Through co-operative efforts with the Department of Justice we have begun to receive confiscated firearms for use as training aids. As for adults, we have not had a regular program to teach adults about firearm safety, although we do some workshops in particular regions. If anyone is interested, then they can contact our department at the regional office if they want to do firearm safety training. Qujannamiik.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** I would like to thank the Minister for that information. I guess basically the kind of information that the Minister has provided is what they call theoretical information; in other words, those are all sort of a classroom environment kind of a program. Are you actually going to have any practical programs where students are being brought out into the field to handle rifles and pistols and whatever kinds of guns there are, and actually provide training for them, not only in the safe handling of firearms but actually being able to handle and shoot them? That is the whole purpose of the program in the first place. If you cannot do that, then all the theories in the classroom do not serve anybody any purpose.

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

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** We do classroom training for younger kids. As well, our officers take the kids out on the field trips to show them how the firearm operates. Also, we do some target practise, target shooting, teaching the kids how to use firearms safely, teaching them how to fire a firearm and also the safe storage and the safe transportation of firearms. Qujannamilk.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Qujannamiik, Mr. Minister. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know whether or not I am missing something here, but I would like to ask the Minister, how many times has this training taken place, for example in Fort Providence? Basically, I want to know when this training took place. I am not kept informed maybe on activities that are going on in my own community, but perhaps the Minister might enlighten me on the number of times that this training actually took place in Fort Providence. It could be that I was not there when it happened. Please tell me.

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

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** I could provide the detailed information where these types of education have been taking place in the last little while.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Yes, not only for my community, Mr. Minister, but perhaps for the benefit of all Members, I would like to know where all this training has taken place. I am sure other Members are interested in finding out. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Okay, Mr. Minister? Yes. Thank you. Total grants and contributions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Training In Firearms Safety For Hunters

**MR. ARLOOKTOO:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to firearm safety, I would like to make a comment. This training that wildlife officers give in regard to firearm safety, or in a classroom environment, I have not really come across this firearm safety being taught in a school, in a classroom, and I would like very much for the hunters themselves to be given training in the safe handling of firearms because they do not usually store them in a safe place. Has there been any training given to hunters themselves in regard to firearm safety and how to handle the firearms properly and safe storage of firearms and for them to always take good care of their hunting equipment? I do not think this training should be only directed to the school children. I think the hunters themselves have to be taught the safety of firearms because while there are a lot of people that know how to handle firearms, some are not very responsible in the handling of firearms. Although we are responsible, at times we forget, and therefore that the safe storage and handling of firearms should be taught to the adults too.

In the smaller communities, while the wildlife officers do not normally have that much of a busy time at certain months, they could be teaching the adults and hunters how to handle firearms in a safe way. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk):** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In some communities the hunters and trappers associations have a concern in regard to the question that you just had because the hunters usually leave their hunting equipment such as firearms in the komatik or in the boat. I have seen in my community the HTAs, in conjunction with the wildlife officers, would go into the boats and komatik to find out whether a hunter has left his firearm carelessly in his hunting equipment. They return them to the hunters and trappers or wildlife officer's office and later talk to the individual hunter about the safe handling of firearms. Our wildlife officers in the communities will also be instructed to further do this sort of training for the hunters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Minister. (Translation ends) Total grants and contributions, \$2,815,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Information item, fur marketing service revolving fund. Any questions? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties, northern oil and gas action program, \$170,000. Mr. Gargan.

Radio-Collared Lynx

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, under this item there is the bear deterrent study and the polar bear management plan. Several years ago, Mr. Chairman, there was a lynx study done in the bison sanctuary and the people who trapped lynx found these collars on them. They do quite a bit of damage to the lynx around its neck. They are really awkward and big and it is quite heavy, and it does a lot of damage to the neck of the lynx. Are those studies still being carried out or this no longer happening and the lynx will no longer be collared?

I do not think the lynx like it at all, and I do not think anyone would like to have these awkward things hanging around their neck and at the same time try to survive. Mr. Minister, what is your intent with regard to the lynx study?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mahsi cho. Mr. Minister. (Translation) Mr. Minister, the question that is being asked by the Member is not directly in this budget, but perhaps you could respond to the Member.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You are right, Mr. Chairman, the question has no relationship to this particular activity; this is the northern oil and gas action program. With respect to the Member's concern, yes, we still do some lynx studies where the radio-collared lynx are trapped by one of our biologists to determine where they go and their behaviour, mostly to find out where they go and their range. That information is critical to find out how many lynx might be in the area, and before we do radio collaring we generally get some support from the local HTA to do this. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk):** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Minister. Just before Mr. Gargan has another comment, I would like to recognize in the gallery Louie Bruce, who is the deputy mayor of Coral Harbour.

---Applause

Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you. I will address my lynx issue when we get to the summary, but with regard to "conduct an advanced spill containment and clean-up training program", do you have any moneys there? This year there is nothing there. I know the Minister has taken this whole area of dangerous substances in the environment very seriously, but how serious is he if there is no money there to address that?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, this is all federal money that we use on particular projects. For containment and oil spill clean-up, we do that under other activities if we need to do that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Qujannamiik. Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties, northern oil and gas action program, \$170,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Western Arctic land claim implementation, total Western Arctic land claim implementation, \$4,152,000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Chairman, under this program for this year I would think that if it is referring to the Western Arctic land claim implementation, then we are looking at the Dene Nation land claim implementation. I would think that would be the case. Now that the whole issue of land claims is dead in the Western Arctic, is it still the intent of the department, on behalf of the federal government, I believe, to continue with the implementation?

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

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are not implementing a land claim for the Dene Nation. We are doing this for the Inuvialuit settlement region, under the Inuvialuit final agreement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Qujannamiik. Western Arctic land claim implementation, \$4,152,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Total department, \$4,322,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

----Agreed

Total O And M

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk):** Thank you. We go back to the program summary on page 12.9, total O and M, \$42,962,000. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we were dealing with that oil and gas issue and the whole business of spills of hazardous wastes training, the Minister indicated that he does not do that under that task, but actually it is identified under the different programs. I would like to ask the Minister, which programs is he referring to with regard to that training for dealing with hazardous spills or that "conduct an advance spill containment and clean-up training program"? Under which programs is he doing that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under pollution control.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. How much of the \$788,000 is it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Under land protection it is part of the \$338,000.

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Part of that \$338,000 is used for spill containment training. The Minister has not told me the amount that is identified for training specifically. If there are \$338,000 for training on spill containment, what is the other money used for?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Mr. Chairman, we could provide the Member with a detailed response to his question. But last year, under the training courses, two spill containment and clean-up courses were held. A course in Yellowknife trained eight regional staff and community personnel, and also a course was presented to 11 students of a renewable resource training program at Thebacha Campus. The course is now part of the program curriculum. A total of 30 courses have trained 254 people since 1984.

So far, the work that we have been performing in 1990 -- 204 spills were reported in the NWT. We were the lead agency monitoring the clean-up, of 81 of those spills; that is about 40 per cent. Since 1981, 1277 spills have been reported in the NWT. So the courses are producing trained personnel to respond to these spills.

With respect to the exact amount of money spent on training and the rest of the money on other types of initiatives, I could provide that type of information later on, with your permission, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** Yes, the Chair will permit. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. | appreciate that wildlife officers and renewable resource officers are being trained in that area through Thebacha Campus. How much training is actually being done at the community level? I am interested in finding out that in the event of a major spill, that we actually have communities that require emergency action or evacuation or whatever. We are in 1990 now and whatever technology that happened in 1981, maybe it does not apply at this time. Probably more advanced technology with more hazardous waste is being used and so the danger maybe would have tripled or doubled. So how much of that money, of the \$338,000, is actually spent in communities like Enterprise, Hay River, Fort Providence, Yellowknife, or Inuvik or whatever -- does the department spend money in those communities to address the whole issue of containing hazardous waste?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):** Mr. Minister, before you respond to the comment, I would like to recognize in the gallery, Solomon Voisey, councillor from Whale Cove.

---Applause

Mr. Minister.

People Taking Spill Containment And Clean-Up Courses

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Since 1984 we have trained 254 people through spill containment and clean-up courses. Also, I mentioned that we have trained 11 students of the renewable resource training program at Thebacha Campus. As well, the courses are now part of the training to become renewable resource officers. So the people who are taking the renewable resource training at Thebacha Campus will automatically take the spill containment and clean-up as part of their training.

Since we have been training our officers, we plan to continue that, to increase the number of people trained in the NWT. Right across the NWT, so far we have 254 trained.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the average, of the 254 since 1984, you are looking at about 24 trainees every year, if that is what the number is. Where are these 24 people being trained?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: There are a number of places where these people are trained. If the Member wishes to get the place where they are getting training, I could provide that, as well as the people who are actually trained in these courses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 12.9, total O and M, \$42,962,000. Mr. Pollard.

**MR. POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just following up on Mr. Gargan's questioning. I wonder if the Minister could tell us, say along the highway from the NWT border to Yellowknife, how many people along that highway would be trained in any kind of fuel spill, oil spill, chemical spill? How many experts are there along that particular stretch of highway? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, we could also provide that information, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Pollard.

**MR. POLLARD:** And perhaps we could find out what the order of calls are. When there is a spill on the highway, who responds and who is called first? And where is that particular policy document kept? Is it available to everybody or do you phone the spill line? Is it the RCMP? Is it the renewable resources officer or is it the fire department that is closest? Maybe we could find out what the procedure is, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, we can provide that information.

Total O And M, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Department of Renewable Resources, program summary, total O and M, \$42,962,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Capital, detail of capital, page 12.11. Wildlife management, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$167,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total equipment acquisition, \$167,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total activity, \$167,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

**Pollution Control** 

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page 12.14, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$10,000. Agreed? Mr. Pollard.

**MR. POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think yourself, myself, and other Members of this House have asked over the years when, in fact, the department is going to supply hazardous materials vehicles at strategic locations in the NWT, where hazardous materials may be spilled. I once again do not see \$10,000 buying any of these vehicles. Is it the intention of this department to eventually provide these vehicles to agencies that are responding to spills on the highway, particularly in Inuvik, Hay River, Providence, Yellowknife and perhaps in Iqaluit where there are materials moved around? When will we be seeing items in this budget to allow for that kind of equipment? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we have equipment now, they may not be special trucks, to deal with hazardous waste in the NWT, but they do the job at this moment. Currently we have no plans in our five-year capital plan to acquire special equipment, such as special vehicles, to deal with the hazardous wastes on the highway system or in specific locations that the Members have raised. It would require an awful lot of money to acquire this special equipment and the money that we have been allowed to get, in terms of getting capital, is not sufficient in this year's capital projects. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pollard.

**MR. POLLARD:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could tell us how many trucks there are, what kinds of trucks they are, and where they are located. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, we could provide the information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pollard.

**MR. POLLARD:** Is the information not available at the present time?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Not at this moment. I will provide it as soon as I can, hopefully this week.

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Pollution control, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total equipment acquisition, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Pollution Control, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total activity, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Field Operations

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Detail of capital, field operations, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region, \$460,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total buildings and works, \$460,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$12,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$24,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Inuvik, total region, \$24,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Baffin, total Baffin, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Keewatin, total region, \$12,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Kitikmeot, total region, \$12,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total equipment acquisition, \$104,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Field Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total activity, \$564,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Forest Fire Management

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Forest management program, detail of capital, buildings and works, Fort Smith, total region, \$732,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Inuvik, total region, \$342,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total buildings and works, \$1,074,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Forest fire management, equipment acquisition, headquarters, total region, \$330,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total equipment acquisition, \$330,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Forest Fire Management, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total activity, \$1,404,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page 12.9, program summary, total capital expenditures, \$2,145,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you. Does the committee agree that the Department of Renewable Resources is now concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Minister, and Mr. Bourque. Mr. Ningark.

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

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** There is a motion on the floor that we report progress. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will rise now and report progress.

## ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 7 and wishes to report progress, with three motions being adopted.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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MR. SPEAKER: Item 19, 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; at 10:00 a.m., the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions.

## ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, April 10th.

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Ministers' Statements
- 3. Members' Statements
- 4. Returns to Oral Questions
- 5. Oral Questions
- 6. Written Questions
- 7. Returns to Written Questions
- 8. Replies to Opening Address
- 9. Petitions
- 10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 11. Tabling of Documents
- 12. Notices of Motions
- 13. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
- 14. Motions
- 15. First Reading of Bills
- 16. Second Reading of Bills
- Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Tabled Document 22-91(1); Bill 7; Committee Report 2-91(1); Bills 8, 9 and 10
- 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, April 10th, 1991.

---ADJOURNMENT

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