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## YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1991

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

**SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo):** Orders of the day for Tuesday, June 25, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

## ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

**Ministers' Statement 73-91(1): Leave For Treaty Day Celebrations**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This government recognizes the unique relationship between the federal government and the Dene of the Northwest Territories. The signing of treaties between the government and Dene sets these aboriginal people apart from the other residents of the North. Each year, in recognition of this special relationship, representatives of the federal government travel to Dene communities to fulfil their obligations under the treaties. Treaty payments represent a symbol which has a significant meaning to both the government and the Dene.

At this time of the year the Dene communities are hosting the treaty party in a way which has not changed significantly since the treaties were first signed at the beginning of this century. The arrival of the treaty party has strong meaning for Dene people; a meaning which cannot always be appreciated by non-native residents.

Mr. Speaker, this government shares the values represented by the Treaty Day ceremonies and celebrations, and is prepared to provide concrete assistance to Dene employees who wish to be involved in the activities that are an integral part of this historic tradition. I am pleased to announce that, for the first time, the government will be granting civic leave to Dene employees who have treaty status, for one half day to allow them to participate in these meaningful events. Civic leave is normally provided to employees to encourage the involvement of public servants in local government and with native organizations. In the past, this benefit has been interpreted very narrowly without recognition of the value of cultural events such as Treaty Day.

This action by the Government of the Northwest Territories is another step in recognizing the importance of cultural ceremonies to aboriginal people. Thank you.

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

**Ministers' Statement 74-91(1): Signing Of Memorandum Of Understanding With Yukon Territorial Government**

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, as promised during the winter session of the Legislative Assembly, I will be tabling a memorandum of agreement between the Yukon territorial government and our government on principles for oil and gas arrangements in the Beaufort Sea.

Mr. Speaker, the philosophy contained in this document is a

simple one -- that the territories wish to be treated on the same basis that would be taken by the federal government in dealing with provinces. The consensus we have reached is an important signal to Ottawa about the seriousness with which the North approaches the assumption of provincial-type responsibilities.

To achieve this goal, we have integrated the recently passed Canadian Laws Offshore Application Act which sets out how provincial and territorial laws are to be applied in offshore marine areas, and the two east coast accords involving the Government of Canada and the Governments of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Naturally, some modifications were necessary to accommodate arctic conditions, the closing down of the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration and the increased role for the National Energy Board. However, each of these serves to strengthen the proposals we are putting forward.

Our goal in negotiating this agreement was to develop a regulatory and administrative proposal which would meet the long-term requirements of northern people and governments while being fair and stable to allow industry to get on with exploration in the Beaufort Sea.

Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied that we have met that goal and am confident that the federal government will see this as a positive contribution to the negotiation and implementation of the Northern Accord. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

**Ministers' Statement 75-91(1): Repatriation Of Skeletal Remains From Denmark**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Mr. Speaker, last year it was brought to the attention of this House that skeletal remains, which Danish scientists had removed from archaeological sites in the Eastern Arctic during the 1920s, were stored in institutions in Denmark. Mr. Ernerk asked me to negotiate with the Danish authorities to ensure that the bones were returned to the Northwest Territories for reburial.

I am pleased to inform the House that these negotiations have been successfully concluded. Last week in Copenhagen, Peter Ernerk, Ludy Pudluk, John Ningark and I met with officials of the Danish National Museum and the Panum Institute, at which time the skeletal remains were formally turned over to us. The remains are en route to Canada and arrangements for reburial will be made in the near future.

I would like to add that Danish officials have been very cooperative in these negotiations. The officials that we talked to are pleased that the skeletal material has been returned to the NWT. I would also like to thank those Members of this Assembly who accompanied me to Copenhagen and supported the return of the remains to the Northwest Territories.

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

**Ministers' Statement 76-91(1): NWT Mining Week**

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, the week of June 17 to 23 saw the first annual NWT Mining Week, an event sponsored and co-ordinated by the NWT Chamber of Mines. The week of events was intended to promote knowledge of the mining industry to the general public and was highly successful and entertaining.

Mr. Speaker, mining has played, and continues to play, a major role in the economy of the NWT. In 1989 the gross value of NWT mineral production was over one billion dollars, 36 per cent of the gross domestic product. In the same year, direct contributions to the northern economy, through payroll, taxes, and local purchases by the mining and exploration companies, exceeded \$150 million. Mining is the second largest employer in the NWT, second only to government, and for every mine worker there are at least four more jobs in the service sector. The industry has also sparked the construction of much of the North's infrastructure, including the first railway and the first highway.

Despite the numbers, much of the general public does not realize the many opportunities that are offered by the mining industry. The image of mining as a poor place to work is still widely held. The purpose of NWT Mining Week is to promote knowledge of mining in the NWT and of the many varied opportunities that the industry offers to Northerners. There is more to the mining industry than working underground. I realized that when I helped pack supplies into the field for my father who was a prospector for many years.

Joshua Kango knew the opportunities. He worked for seven years as a heavy equipment operator at Nanisivik Mine. Using his savings, Joshua now owns a general store, hotel, and taxi business in Arctic Bay. He is, however, still associated with the mine that gave him his start, providing the transportation for workers between Nanisivik and Arctic Bay.

Paul Elgok has made the most of his opportunities as well. He is an electrician at Lupin Mine, works a two-week period and then returns to Coppermine for two weeks to relax with his family and get back to the land as a hunter. He feels he has the best of both worlds.

George Hakongak of Cambridge Bay took advantage of the opportunities in the exploration industry. He spent two summers working with a GNWT geology field crew in the Hope Bay area. He has used his earnings to take courses at Arctic College in education.

Mining Week had a full range of events that demonstrated to the general public the wide and varied world of the mining industry. The events included the mine rescue competition which was won by the Nanisivik team; the "King Miner" contest, won by Trevor Martin of Nerco Con Mine; the prospecting contest, won by Elwood Stone and Bob Carrol, local diamond drillers; a treasure hunt; underground mine tours; and drilling and machinery demonstrations.

Spectacular mineral samples from the internationally renowned Pinch Collection were on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

On behalf of the Departments of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Economic Development and Tourism, and Safety and Public Services, I would like to congratulate the NWT Chamber of Mines on the success of the NWT Mining Week and I look forward to the second annual NWT Mining Week next year. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS****Member's Statement On Resignation From Committees**

**MR. ZOE:** Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on this particular issue. This is the first opportunity I have had to formally address my colleagues with regard to the matter of my conviction of assault in April. Over the past week I have discussed this matter with my family and constituents and given a great deal of careful thought as to whether or not I should resign from the committees on which I sit.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues placed great trust and confidence in me when they appointed me to various committees. I feel that it would be honourable and appropriate, in light of the conviction, to resign from all committees that I sit on. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

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

**Member's Statement On Return Of Inuit Remains From Copenhagen**

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, honourable colleagues, ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Speaker, it gives me such a great pleasure to stand up here today to announce the outcome of our meeting with the officials of the Royal Danish Museum, especially the Panum Institute, on June 19, 1991, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, on February 28, 1990, I rose in this House and requested the government of this great nation of ours to return the skeletal remains from Copenhagen to my home town of Repulse Bay, Naujaat. Since then, much work has been undertaken by many, many individuals and government agencies, both nationally and internationally, to help the people of Aivilik to obtain the return of the skeletal remains. There are 63 skeletal remains in total, of which 21 belong to Naujaat and the balance to the Keewatin and Baffin communities.

Mr. Speaker, I think it appropriate at this time for me, on behalf of my constituency of Aivilik, to thank the following: the Minister of Culture and Communications, the Hon. Titus Allooooloo, and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre staff -- thank you for your conviction and thank you for your courage; the honourable Red Pedersen, the honourable Member for Kitikmeot; my friend and confidant, Mr. Marius Tungilik of Rankin Inlet; the Government of Canada; the Government of Kallaalit Nunaani; the Government of Denmark; the United Nations; the officials of the Royal Danish Museum; all of my constituents for providing me with unlimited support both in this House and outside of this House; the members of both the territorial and national press who helped promote our cause; and lastly but not least, I thank you, my honourable colleagues, for your patience for my impatience on this issue. No doubt you must have felt at times, "Here we go again."

This was not an ordinary undertaking; it was not an ordinary exercise. I am certain those of you...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please. Order please. The honourable Member, your time for your Member's statement has expired. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to continue, please.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to continue with his Member's statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed.

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and honourable colleagues. As I indicated, this was not an ordinary undertaking. It was not an ordinary exercise. I am certain those of you who were involved in its research and findings gained a whole new knowledge of my fellow Inuit's ancestral background and history. For me, Mr. Speaker, it was both an emotional and challenging experience, at times maddening and frustrating. I, too, gained a lot of experience. I learned that the return of my ancestors to their resting place was most important, to be in peace and rest in their own homeland; that to our whole community, there was a need to see our people rest in peace in their own burial grounds, not in the basement vaults of a university far away in another country.

Mr. Speaker, skeletal remains will be returned to Naujaat, Repulse Bay, and other Keewatin and Baffin communities soon. Thank you very much.

---Applause

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

#### **Member's Statement On Closing Of Akaitcho Hall Kitchen**

**MR. LEWIS:** Mr. Speaker, I was surprised and, I may say, dismayed when I learned at the end of May that an institution which has served many generations of students throughout the Northwest Territories will no longer exist. I am talking about the kitchen at Akaitcho Hall, which, according to a tender proposal which I read from the Yellowknifer for Wednesday, June 19, will no longer exist after proposals are received on July 9.

Mr. Speaker, the kitchen at Akaitcho Hall has existed for the last 33 years. They built up a huge expertise about serving northern students over that period of time. The six people who have been laid off are in my constituency and I am absolutely flabbergasted that suddenly, in the last few months of this regime, all kinds of things which have been talked about for dozens of years are suddenly going to happen.

We know that Akaitcho Hall will eventually close down, when students no longer are required to come to Yellowknife, when they are going to be put into high schools in their own regions. And yet, at this time it is decided that suddenly there is going to be a great new business venture. There is some business there for a business to develop.

My hope is that we would continue to make use of those people who have done good work. I hope the Minister is going to be able to tell me what bad work has been done there that has convinced him that what was going on in Akaitcho Hall was completely unsatisfactory and, therefore, there was a need for change. I see no economic advantage to the territorial government to privatize something where food is involved, where kids are involved, and as far as I am concerned where there is no increase in wealth. You are not creating new dollars, new jobs, new opportunities. All you are doing is doing the same damn thing the way you were doing before except that you are going to do it in private enterprise...

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please, order. I will review the records appropriately. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

#### **Member's Statement On Mackenzie Highway Reconstruction**

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Gordon Wray, for highway reconstruction being conducted from Enterprise to Fort Providence and between Fort Providence and Fort Rae. Although Mr. Wray has not officially visited my constituency during the 11th Assembly, I appreciate the fact that Mr. Wray has made transportation one of his priorities. The activities created numerous job opportunities in my constituency and have provided further benefits for the local economy and business, including summer job opportunities for students.

Despite all the construction activities in my constituency, Mr. Speaker, my constituency has expressed concern over the lack of training opportunities in the field of highway construction, including surveyors, operators, et cetera. I would encourage the government to provide training, not only in the engineering field, but also in the operating field. Further, Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the Minister of Transportation that it appears that contractors are not living up to their contractual obligations in regard to local involvement.

Mr. Speaker, I travel the Mackenzie Highway extensively and I have observed that very little local involvement has been created by this highway construction phase. I want to express my disappointment to the Minister and strongly urge him to get personally involved and ensure the opportunities for local involvement are available, as promised.

I would close, Mr. Speaker, by once again expressing my appreciation to the Minister of Transportation for the intensive reconstruction of highways in my constituency. The widening of the road has helped me to manoeuvre around those two-ton hump-backed animals with horns. And yes, Mr. Speaker, I do wear my seat belt.

---Laughter

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

#### **Member's Statement On Akaitcho Hall And Sir John Franklin School**

**MR. WHITFORD:** Mr. Speaker, I am not going to be so fiery as my colleague here. Mr. Speaker, in October, 1958, I moved into Akaitcho Hall as a student at Sir John Franklin School. Mr. Speaker, we, the students were pioneers of a concept of a residential school for students from many regions of the NWT -- I dare to say all regions of the NWT -- Akaitcho Hall was to be a home away from home for young men and women interested in continuing an education that was interrupted by the lack of facilities in their own home towns.

Akaitcho Hall and Sir John Franklin School have stood for the past 33 years as a window of opportunity for northern students from Fort Smith in the south, from Grise Fiord in the north, Tungsten in the west and Pangnirtung in the east, to live among others of different languages, to live among others of different cultures and different points of view and different interests. This concept was fashioned after the British private school system, with self-discipline and hard work; the mission school system, with its education and spiritual value and mission; and our own northern blend of sharing and exchanging the best of all cultures. This concept has stood the test of time, Mr. Speaker. Thirty-three years of students have scattered to the four winds of the North.

I would like to see Akaitcho Hall continue for more years yet.

I believe that the concept of Akaitcho Hall and Sir John Franklin served the people of the North well. It served to unite the people of the North, people of all ethnic groups, of all religions and all languages. It has served as a mould for many of the leaders of today.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Akaitcho Hall and Sir John Franklin staff and students for all the years that have passed and hope that this will continue for many more years. Thank you.

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

#### Member's Statement On Increase In Beluga Whale Quotas

**MR. ANLOOKTOO:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a short statement. During last year in 1990 in the month of July we had a very great disappointment regarding the beluga in Baffin South, particularly Pangnirtung and Lake Harbour residents. I stand today and I have good news regarding the three communities I am referring to. At that time they were able to get only 15 quotas for whales, but they have increased the quotas. As of today, these three particular communities, Pangnirtung, Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset, can now get a quota of 19. I am very happy about these increased quotas and I wish to express appreciation to the Iqaluit society who pushed for this increased quota. I appreciate their help for what they did. They had travelled to three communities. I also want to thank the hunters and trappers association for pushing for this increase in quotas for hunting beluga whales, and I want to help in the future in any way that I can to help our constituencies regarding beluga whales. Thank you.

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

#### Member's Statement On High School Grade Extensions Throughout The North

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to say something very briefly about the government decision to not fund the extension of high school grades throughout the North. It seems that in early December the Minister of Education did bring the matter to his cabinet colleagues to seek approximately one million dollars to fund the grade extensions throughout the North, but for some reason the government and cabinet or FMB turned it down.

I think the government has seen the reaction of school boards throughout the North. Many of them are very upset and do not understand why the government turned down the money for the grade extensions. I can only speak for the Deh Cho Divisional School Board. They were very upset at the government's decision, in part because in February the Minister wrote to the school board encouraging the board to proceed with the grade extension, and as early as two weeks before the decision, department officials were in Fort Simpson encouraging and helping the board to prepare for this fall's grade 11 extension.

I want to state very clearly to the government that the Deh Cho School Board is very upset with the government's decision and they in the meantime have decided to go ahead with plans to extend grade 11, and I will in the course of the next few days do what I can to get the government to either change their plans or to be sure that next year there is money in the budget for grade extensions throughout the North. Mahsi cho.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:** Members' statements. Prior to proceeding

to the next item of business, I wish to draw the attention of honourable Members to the presence of Hon. Mary Collins, who is a Member of Parliament, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Associate Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Capillano.

--Applause

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

#### ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

##### Question 0500-91(1): Funding For High School Grade Extensions

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government Leader a question regarding the rejection of funding for the high school extensions throughout the North. Since the Government Leader is responsible for the conduct and general decisions of cabinet, I would like to ask the Government Leader, what is the government's rationale for refusing to fund grade extensions throughout the North when it seems that the Minister of Education went to cabinet seeking funds, and throughout the year his department, and he himself, encouraged school boards throughout the North to, in fact, extend their grades?

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Hear, hear!

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Santu.

##### Return To Question 0500-91(1): Funding For High School Grade Extensions

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, the government, in preparing a budget and getting into the op-plan last year, decided that the question of grade extensions was not included as an initiative to be inserted in the preparation of the new budget. So we thought we would do it through an FMB submission this spring after doing more preparatory work with the different regions, getting numbers and housing statistics and some more planning time to get a true picture of what could be done where numbers warranted. I would indicate, I guess, and I have said publicly already, that in bringing the submission to the Financial Management Board I found myself in a situation that had been, I think, hypothetically created by Members of this House just a few weeks earlier, which is that as one Minister I was basically suggesting just two weeks after I had asked and taken part in an exercise to get this Legislature to approve a budget for the whole year -- two weeks later I was coming back and asking them to change it to the tune of \$1.4 million. I think that is what some of the Members had said we need a June session for, and the Ministers reminded me of it. I accepted that and publicly indicated that, so those people that were most upset could have one sliver of rationale as to why it did not go forward.

In the meantime, we looked at the situation in the different regions, and the government decision earlier in the year to allow educational boards to retain interest moneys to use as they wish came into play here. In fact, the Deh Cho Divisional Board and the Baffin Divisional Board have both since indicated that they will use that flexibility in their budget planning to go ahead with their planning for grade extension in any case. In the Kitikmeot, regarding the grade extensions for Cambridge Bay, we found that the number of students did not warrant a grade extension in any case, so they will be included in the planning for next year. The Sahtu communities of Fort Good Hope and Fort Franklin that had requested grade extensions have also accepted the decision



and have been told that we will definitely include it in the plan this year and to plan for it accordingly next year. That is the background to the decision and the plan of action as we have it up until 1:00 o'clock this afternoon.

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

**Question O501-91(1): Funding To Boards For High School Grade Extensions**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that the Minister of Education himself has to answer the question that I posed to the Government Leader. I do not think I, nor any other Member, takes any issue with the Minister of Education. I believe he supported and sought the funds for the grade extensions. It was the Government Leader and every other Minister there that turned it down, and that is why I am asking the Government Leader, why do you not stand up, Mr. Patterson, and state to our Assembly and the people of the North why you and your colleagues turned down funds to fund the grade extensions? I think people in the North want to know.

While I appreciate what the Minister has said, it seems as if boards throughout the North are going ahead. That being the case, is the Government Leader prepared to fund or refund these boards that are going ahead and spending their own moneys for the grade extensions this fall?

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

**Return To Question O501-91(1): Funding To Boards For High School Grade Extensions**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The honourable Member for Nahendeh has certainly got my attention, Mr. Speaker. Let me remind him that when we sat in February, March and April, we passed the budget, the main estimates for the fiscal year. We passed the Education budget. This issue was not raised when we passed the Education budget.

Mr. Speaker, the government has largely held the line on taxes. The budget, based on the good advice of the standing committee on finance of this House, is not going to saddle the next government with an unwieldy deficit to inhibit its work.

Mr. Speaker, so when the budget was passed, it was not an issue; and I would like to be able to stand up every day for the next couple of weeks and say, "Yes", to every new initiative. I would love to be able to do that. But, Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member knows there are constraints and it is simply not possible these days to continue at the rate of growth that we have been able to experience in previous years.

So, Mr. Speaker, tough decisions have to be made, and I think the principles of those decisions are supported by Members of this House who do not want to see the next government saddled with deficits that will plague them and plague generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, so it is simple. There is no new money if we are going to stick to the budget that we have already passed, and Mr. Kakfwi has indicated that he will do whatever is possible, working with the boards, with the existing resources, which by our policy on contributions are much larger than they might have been had not that issue been raised by Members of this House, to try to meet the needs of all communities in the NWT. We are not going to be able to meet every need, Mr. Speaker, but the Minister is committed, as is this government,

to working as much as possible to meet those needs with the finite resources available to us.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Nahendeh.

**Question O502-91(1): Funding For High School Grade Extensions In 1992-93 Budget**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, now back to the Minister of Education. I note that in the Minister's response to the chairperson of the Deh Cho Divisional Board of Education on May 27th, in response to the board's outrage and anger at the Minister or the cabinet for having made that decision, he says, "The extension to grade 11 in Fort Simpson is a priority and we shall make every effort to ensure it is included in our 1992-93 budget estimate." I would like to ask the Minister, the budget process has started now, and he and cabinet would have started the process of putting the budget together for next year, has the Minister done anything to definitely ensure that there is money for school board extensions for next year's budget?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Just prior to proceeding I would like to remind the honourable Members that supplementary questions should not include preambles, or if there are preambles, they should be very short. The other point I want to make is that the honourable Member is asking a new question, not a supplementary to the original question that he asked. I would ask honourable Members to consider the rules when they are pursuing the matter of oral questions. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

**Return To Question O502-91(1): Funding For High School Grade Extensions In 1992-93 Budget**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, knowing it is election year...

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I was just making that reference to the statement I was going to make. I know it is important for all of us to make sure we listen to each other and hear what it is that we are saying exactly. In my view we have got a considerable number of letters from divisional boards, from communities, and the message is clear from the MLAs as well, that grade extensions is something that has to be in the next budget for Education, for the next government. As a Minister I will be conveying that to my colleagues as we prepare for our op-plan exercises this spring and summer.

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

**Question O503-91(1): Local Involvement In Highway Reconstruction, Deh Cho Area**

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transportation. Mr. Speaker, there are four contracts in my constituency which involve highway reconstruction. But one of the things I find is that a very small number of people from my constituency is actually being hired.

I have talked with some people from PCL, Poole Construction Ltd., with regard to my concern, and I have expressed a concern to the Minister's office. I understand the Minister has since met with the contractors and I would like to ask the Minister if the issue of local involvement is being addressed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**Return To Question Q503-91(1): Local Involvement in Highway Reconstruction, Deh Cho Area**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first of all like to thank the Member for bringing this issue to my attention. He did call me a couple of weeks ago and query me on it. Because of his call I raised it with my officials and indicated that there appeared to be some problems developing on the one contract that had been started. There were a couple that had not started. The company that does have the contract does have a good reputation, so we know that this is a company that has in the past done excellent work in terms of ensuring local labour, local employment.

So I directed my officials to meet with PCL to discuss the problem. I know that there have been at least two meetings, the last one being just last week. I have not had a report back from my officials yet as to what transpired, but I do know that the issue was brought to PCL's attention and I am quite sure that PCL, given their track record, will make every effort to address the situation. But I would like a chance to be briefed on the outcome of the meeting and perhaps report back to the Member later. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

**Question Q504-91(1): Actual Costs Of Grade Extensions**

**MR. PEDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In this House we usually agree on what we are trying to achieve but not always on the method. I am not sure that additional funding should be required for grade extensions. The students we are talking about are already in the budget. I was under the impression that when we approved the budget for the Department of Education, we approved the budget for these known students who have been with us for nine years or more.

The Minister gave us figures during the last session that it costs \$23,000 to educate a child in Yellowknife from an outlying community. The Kitikmeot Board of Education requested \$204,000 for grade extension for nine students in Cambridge Bay at that time. They requested \$204,000. It will cost \$207,000 to educate the nine students by the Minister's own figures in Yellowknife. Why did you not, Mr. Minister, just transfer that funding to them and let them get on with the job that we all agree they should be doing?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Sahtu.

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

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

**Question Q505-91(1): Takeover Of Sir John Franklin High School By Yellowknife School Board**

**MR. NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Education seems to be the main topic today. I would like to direct my question to the honourable Minister for Education. There seems to be speculation and an indication that the local school board might be taking over the Sir John Franklin School. On behalf of the small communities within my riding, my constituency, I would like the honourable Minister to assure the House that this will not happen until the small communities are facilitated with high schools.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Sahtu.

**Return To Question Q505-91(1): Takeover Of Sir John Franklin High School By Yellowknife School Board**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, there is no indication or agreement that the Yellowknife School Board No. 1 or 2 would take over the administration management of Sir John Franklin High School or the management of Akaitcho Hall. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

**Question Q506-91(1): Moneys For Grade Extensions Not Included In Op-Plan**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. In light of his announcements that we would be extending grades in communities, I would like to ask him why money was not included in the op-plan. And could he verify this by tabling that op-plan in this House?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Sahtu.

**Return To Question Q506-91(1): Moneys For Grade Extensions Not Included In Op-Plan**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

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

**Question Q507-91(1): Existence Of Grade Extensions Plan Prior To 1991-92 Budget Preparation**

**MR. LEWIS:** Since I have great trust in the Minister that this information is correct and that there was no plan in the op-plan to extend grades in the communities, why is it then at this date he has tried the same thing that he did two years ago when in fact he tried to change student-teacher ratios, kept the money he had in his budget to have a new plan and then get the new money through supplementary estimates? Is he now telling us, Mr. Speaker, that this plan is a new plan to extend grades in the settlements and did not exist when he was in the preparation of the 1991-92 estimates?

**MR. SPEAKER:** That matter is a new question that is being posed to the honourable Member for Sahtu. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

**Return To Question Q507-91(1): Existence Of Grade Extensions Plan Prior To 1991-92 Budget Preparation**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, I never said any of those things, so I cannot confirm that I have said those things that the Member is alleging. Thank you.

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

**Question Q508-91(1): Government Leader's Visit To Japan**

**MR. KILABUK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I will direct my question to the Government Leader. I heard on the radio that he had gone to Japan. I do not know what it was for, whether the carvings or crafts would be sold over there. Were you in Japan to talk to the Japanese about selling carvings? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

**Return To Question O508-91(1): Government Leader's Visit To Japan**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My wife and I were honoured, Mr. Speaker, by being invited to be present at the official opening of the new Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, along with the Prime Minister of Canada and present and former Prime Ministers of Japan and other dignitaries.

Mr. Speaker, the opening of the new Embassy quite prominently featured aspects of the Northwest Territories. The Embassy itself has a beautiful gallery which featured a fabulous collection of Inuit art, mostly from the Northwest Territories, under the auspices of the Amway Environmental Foundation. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to be present to help emphasize the North as part of Canada, to help enhance the visibility of the North to the Japanese and particularly the potential for trade, for tourism and for the selling of arts and crafts and country food from the Northwest Territories. Mr. Speaker, the Embassy opening got great attention in Japan, and later on in this session I expect that the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism will be able to provide more details on how that event has been used to capitalize on some opportunities to promote, particularly, economic opportunities for our people. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O508-91(1): Government Leader's Visit To Japan**

**MR. KILABUK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To digress a little bit, only you and your wife were there, or did you have anybody going from the co-operatives, or were individual carvers involved too? I wonder if we had any members representing the co-operative system because they have been involved in the marketing of ivory for a long time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Further Return To Question O508-91(1): Government Leader's Visit To Japan**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there were a number of people from the North at the event. For example, there were two Inuit artists who attended the event, sponsored by our government, two Inuit sculptors. There were also, Mr. Speaker, people from our government and other people from communities who are experts in the field of art, who were either sponsored by our government or by the Amway Environmental Foundation. Those people were there to make contacts, to answer questions about art, and Mr. Wray will provide more details, as I said, Mr. Speaker, but I know that officials of his department have worked with Arctic co-ops to actually sponsor a sale of Northwest Territories art at a Tokyo gallery in conjunction with the Arctic co-ops which, in fact, was an opportunity for people in Japan to buy our art, having seen the exhibition, which attracted great attention.

Mr. Speaker, there were quite a number of people representing the Northwest Territories, sponsored by either our government or by the Amway Environmental Foundation. Thank you.

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

**Question O509-91(1): Study Re Cancer Rate In Fort Resolution And Snowdrift**

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has come to my attention from my constituents that there is an alarming rise of cancer in Fort Resolution and Snowdrift, and I had asked the Minister of Health during the winter session about doing a study to see what is the cause of the cancer. There was a study done back in 1985 by the University of British Columbia into the cause of cancer in my region; so once again, Madam Minister, will you look at undertaking a study to look at the cancer rate in Fort Resolution and Snowdrift? Thank you.

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

**Return To Question O509-91(1): Study Re Cancer Rate In Fort Resolution And Snowdrift**

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, in terms of the rate of cancer, the statistics that we do have in the general area that the honourable Member speaks about indicate that the rate is not higher than in an average area in southern Canada. However, given the concern, because certainly through the communities developing their involvement in community health issues, people know more about what is going on within their community -- and certainly I respect the fact that because of the involvement and because of the knowledge people have, people are becoming concerned that it is more than the average in other areas -- I will undertake to see where we are and what we can do to do an update on the previous study and report in a couple of days to this Legislative Assembly to state specifically what we are prepared to do. Thank you.

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

**Question O510-91(1): GNWT Personnel Staying At Kivalliq Hall, Rankin Inlet**

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Education, please. Mr. Speaker, is it the government's policy for government personnel to stay at the Kivalliq Hall student residence when they are travelling to Rankin Inlet on government business? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Return To Question O510-91(1): GNWT Personnel Staying At Kivalliq Hall, Rankin Inlet**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, it was suggested to me at one time that I should spend at least one night in Grollier Hall when I was visiting there, when I was newly appointed as Minister of Education. I turned down the request saying that I stayed there a few months when I was nine. The place did not look anywhere like it did then anyway. The point was that as people involved in education, we should all put ourselves in the shoes of students and see if from time to time we should not spend a night under the same roof, eat the same food, use the same facilities. Apparently, the Keewatin Divisional Board of Education is going through a review of the education operations in the Keewatin. A group of people from the Department of Education some weeks ago took upon themselves to stay right in the residence in Rankin Inlet to experience it first hand. This is something that I was not aware of, but this is something that they had done. Just to assure the Member, I guess, this is an exception, that it is government policy to stay in commercial places of business,

hotels, where they are available. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O510-91(1): GNWT Personnel Staying At Kivalliq Hall, Rankin Inlet**

**MR. ERNERK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Understanding the Minister's comments, I do not fully support it, but on one hand I do support it. I wonder why the Education staff stayed in Kivalliq Hall when they already had three hotels in Rankin Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Further Return To Question O510-91(1): GNWT Personnel Staying At Kivalliq Hall, Rankin Inlet**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, the fact is I have not talked to the individuals who made this decision. I understand they decided on their own to approach their work this way. As I have said, it is not a habit that I am going to encourage, but again there is some merit to the way they are approaching some work. I know that all of us have an obligation to make sure that the government supports, as much as possible, commercial businesses like airline companies, taxis, taxi companies, hotels, restaurants, and this is what I am trying to indicate to the Member. There is no departure from that. As I say, people are doing a review, so for whatever merit was in it, it was decided to live in the residence. They were doing a review of it. I can make a point to contact those members who made this decision and ask them, having made that decision, if they would communicate to me, and I will share this with you, what benefits they thought they got out of making the decision to stay in the residence and not the hotel. Thank you.

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

**Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have had a chance to go through the tender documents request for proposals for food service management at Akaitcho Hall. I would like to ask the Minister of Education, since this operation has provided good service for a long, long time, people that are very, very experienced in dealing with students from all over the Territories, and in light of the fact that not long ago when I suggested that perhaps a private enterprise could find some innovative initiative by going to Seville to run Mr. Wray's restaurant, in light of the fact that this is a different kind of operation where in fact you have people already working and providing a good service for a long time, what is wrong? Is it broken so that we have to fix it? Tell me what is wrong with the service, that you now require somebody else to do it?

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

**Return To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, just a couple of points. One is that the Member should be aware that the government over the years has been moving in this direction. We have privatized just about the entire operation, for instance, in Grolier Hall in Inuvik. We have privatized to a great extent in places like Rankin Inlet and in Iqaluit, and Arctic College operations. This is not something being done

in isolation. It is part of an overall government strategy toward reducing, trying to keep a handle on the growth of the civil service, I guess, and the cost of running government. One of the ways we are trying to do this is by privatizing certain operations and services. This is just continuing the work that started long before I came along. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I looked through the document, not at every single word, but it is probably four pages long, and it looks as if this particular request for proposals is directed at huge operations that deal in commercial supply of food services. I would like to ask the Minister, in his thinking then, that this would be done better through private enterprise, is it his intention then that the same money that existed in the budget that we approved in April would be made available to provide this service, and that there be no supp estimates in order to increase the amount of money that is now dedicated to providing that service at Akaitcho Hall?

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

**Further Return To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, I think if it should look like the services, the bids, are all indicating that they want more money to do the same job, we would seriously have to review it and possibly leave things the way they are. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I met with the staff, with my colleague, Mr. Whitford, just yesterday and they were told this was a decision made by this government, by senior people in the territorial government, and that this decision was irrevocable. It cannot be changed. The decision has been made. Is the Minister now saying that those officials have misled these valued employees who have been with us for as much as 15 or 16 years? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Sahtu.

**Further Return To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** We should always be careful, Mr. Speaker, not to misunderstand what different people are saying. I do not know whose words got twisted there. The background is that we were asked last year if we would consider privatizing the catering services, kitchen services, in Akaitcho since we had done it in other residences across the Territories. As the Minister, I said I would be prepared to look at it. This is a result of it. I know that there have been discussions held with the deputy minister and with the staff by people that are managing Akaitcho Hall. There have been discussions between my department and the management body that oversees Akaitcho Hall. So as to who said what, we would have to go back, I guess, and document all that.

The point is, we as a Department of Education, the officials,

have met with the people who are managing Akaitcho Hall. They have discussed it and there was an agreement to take this approach. The people who are in charge of Akaitcho on a day-to-day basis have been advised of it. They have been advised of this move. The staff, the union, for whatever reason, I guess again it is because it is election year perhaps, decided to take it upon themselves to announce that there were going to be layoffs made. I think, myself, that we have to remember that there are people involved and we are trying to follow some due process. In taking this approach, we have indicated to the staff that we would see what we could do to address whatever concerns they have with regard to this possible move.

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

**Supplementary To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**MR. LEWIS:** Okay. We were told, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Whitford and I yesterday, by the six people that we met with, that as of September 3 they will no longer be employees of the territorial government and that they expected that in writing sometime today. So would the Minister, in fact, tell us, if he is able to, that letters to the six employees have been prepared and they can expect to see these shortly?

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

**Further Return To Question O511-91(1): Privatizing Food Services Management, Akaitcho Hall**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, before we will let the people who cook food for residences, before we will let them go, we have to be sure we have someone else to come in and take their place. We have tendered, we are accepting bids, and we are going to look at offers from a number of places. If none of them are acceptable, then we would have to revisit our whole decision to move in this direction for the year. That is the thing which is going to govern whether layoff notices are signed or not. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

**Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker. A question for Mr. Wray as the Minister responsible for Transportation. In this year's capital budget there was \$2.5 million for the construction of a ferry in my constituency, and I know during the discussions on the budget it was said to him that the ferry ought to be built in the Northwest Territories. Can the Minister indicate what has happened in this regard? Is the ferry indeed going to be built in the Northwest Territories?

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

**Return To Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I have to say "No, it is not." It is one of those situations where you find yourself caught between a rock and a hard place. The lowest tender for the ferry was \$2.7 million, which was already over budget, from an Edmonton company. The only northern bid was \$4.5 million, or \$1.8 million higher.

Now, given that you have heard already this afternoon that no

new money is available to cabinet, the decision I had to make was, in order to award it to a northern company, with this \$1.8 million premium, I was forced to look at either cancelling an airport's contract or a highway contract. One of the airport extensions would have to have gone, or one of the highways would have to have gone. And I made the decision not to do that and to proceed with the award to the company from Edmonton. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, recognizing that, while I appreciate the Minister's situation in some respect, did the Minister make any special attempt to try, in a very real way, to be sure that the ferry was being built in the North? Did he do anything special, and when the tenders came in, recognizing the government does not necessarily have to go to the lowest bidder, did he not do anything to see that the ferry indeed could have been built in the North?

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

**Further Return To Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I quite frankly, do not recall all the elements of the tender. I do not think there were any special provisions put in with regard to building it in the North. I think that it was tendered in the normal manner. I was cognizant of the House's, or at least the Members', suggestions during the debate, and we did eagerly look forward to seeing the bids. The Member knows that if, in fact, these bids had been closer and we were talking only a matter of a couple of hundred thousand, as opposed to \$1.8 million, then I would have been inclined to move and award to a northern company. The problem is \$1.8 million premium on a \$2.7 million contract was just too much for me to swallow. I did not see any other way out of it, given that I knew there was no new money available. It was just one of those decisions that I had to make. It is not one that I like making, because your heart wants to go one way, but this is one of these times when your head has to rule and make a decision based on the money you have available to you. Thank you.

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

**Supplementary To Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, I could take the view that it is never too late to still try to get some benefits from a project such as this. I take it that the ferry is not going to be built in the North; it is going to be built in Alberta. There are people in the North that are being trained through our Arctic College system and people looking for work. Is it not possible for the Minister to approach the firm that has the contract to see if some Northerners can be employed and also some northern businesses in Hay River or Simpson can benefit from the project, either once parts of the ship are being shipped north or in some capacity? Something yet, to salvage out of the unfortunate situation.

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

**Further Return To Question O512-91(1): Construction Of Fort Simpson Ferry In NWT**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you. We are looking at something like that. As I understand it, the ferry will be built in sections and then brought up here and assembled. I am hoping that we will be able to recognize some benefits in that situation. We are talking to the company about utilizing some Northerners in their factories. So we are trying to do something with it. It is obviously not going to be the most desirable situation that we could have had, but it is, I guess, the best I could do in this particular one. Thank you.

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

**Question O513-91(1): Awarding Of Contract, Baffin Day-Care Centre**

**MR. ARLOOKTOO:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Public Works and Highways. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education gave me a phone call yesterday. There is a day-care centre that will be built for that region, and they were interested in finding out who the contractors will be to build this centre. My question is, who has been awarded the contract to build the centre to be located in Iqaluit? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Nunakput.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, I will take that question under notice.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member is taking the question under notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivillik.

**Question O514-91(1): Awarding Of Rankin Inlet Reservoir Contract To Southern Firm**

**MR. ERNERK:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. My question is this: In Rankin Inlet there is a water foundation reservoir about to be built, Mr. Speaker, by the company called Gely Construction. I understand they have been awarded this contract. They are a company from Quebec, and I disagree with the awarding of this contract. In the community of Rankin there was a contractor located there who put in a bid and was not awarded the contract. My question to the Minister is, why was the company from Quebec awarded this contract and why were they allowed to put in a bid? Because they already have a contract worth \$45 million for upgrading the airstrip in Rankin Inlet.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Inuvik.

**HON. TOM BUTTERS:** Mr. Speaker, to provide detailed information I will have to take part of the question as notice. I am not aware that the contract has been awarded yet, but I will determine that for a fact. I understand that the difference between the bids in question here was some \$130,000 in a \$200,000 contract. So it was a matter of the prices at which the tenders were received. However, I will check into the fact and just determine if the contract has been let and advise the Member when I know the facts for certain.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Just for advice to the honourable Member, it is not normal to take part of a question as notice. It is either all notice or answering the question. So the honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

**Question O515-91(1): Proposals For Building Fort Simpson Ferry**

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Transportation. Just to follow up on the Member for Nahendeh's question to you. My understanding is that there is only one shipbuilding company available in the NWT and also that they had an agreement with the Fort Simpson Metis Development Corporation for a proposal to present to you, where they would build this ferry and rent it back to the government. Why was this avenue not followed up in order to ensure that we had northern people involved in building this ferry?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**Return To Question O515-91(1): Proposals For Building Fort Simpson Ferry**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** There are two questions in there. The first question, I have answered, but to reiterate, I know there is only one northern ship builder. I know that it would have meant northern jobs. I know all of those facts. But the fact is that I did not have an extra \$1.8 million in my budget, and I was not prepared to cancel an airport or a major highway project to get the money.

The second point, about the joint venture. To my knowledge I was never made aware of that proposal. I am not saying I was not informed, because a lot of paper comes over my desk, but I do not ever remember seeing that kind of proposal put forward to me. It may have been; I am not saying it was not; I just do not remember.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Oral questions. Honourable Member for Tu Nede, supplementary.

**Supplementary To Question O515-91(1): Proposals For Building Fort Simpson Ferry**

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I have had a bit of experience in seeing how government does work, and sometimes a Minister has a road to travel but the department may travel a different route. It came to my attention that this was an invitational bid and because an MLA made the department aware, this was the only reason this northern contractor was even given the opportunity to bid. The northern company....

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please. I just reminded Members about the preambles on supplementaries. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

**MR. MORIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just getting to the question. So basically the Minister may not be aware of all the facts in this issue. Will the Minister make a commitment to revisit this issue?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**Further Return To Question O515-91(1): Proposals For Building Fort Simpson Ferry**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you. There are a couple of things I would like to clear up. First of all, an MLA may have brought it to the department's attention, but I can assure the Member that last fall during the standing committee on finance's review, Mr. Pollard made it clear to me that he wanted to be sure that Northern Arc Shipbuilders was given a chance to bid on this. And at my direction -- I informed the department that they had to get a tender to Northern Arc. That representation was made to me in the fall by Mr. Pollard. So I expressly told the department to make sure that Northern

Arc was invited to bid.

Secondly, I will look into the facts surrounding this proposal that was supposedly made, that I may or may not have seen. But one thing I will not revisit is the decision. The contract has been awarded and the work is in progress. That I cannot revisit. But I will undertake to take a look at these other elements and see where they kicked in. I may be able to report back to the House, depending on how long we will be sitting, but I will look to see if a proposal was received and I will specifically look to see if that proposal was given serious consideration.

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

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to get unanimous consent to extend question period.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre is seeking unanimous consent to extend question period. Are there any nays?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Nay.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I hear a nay. Unanimous consent is not given to extend question period. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

**Question O516-91(1): Proposal Of Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. For Establishment Of Credit Unions**

**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Economic Development and Tourism. I note that Andrew Goussaert from the Arctic Co-operatives is here today. I did meet with him briefly today, and it is about the issue of banking services in the NWT that we in fact met. I would like to ask the Minister, since the very first recommendation of the special committee on the northern economy was that we do something about providing banking services in communities, has he had an opportunity to examine the proposal from the Arctic Co-operatives about the establishment of credit unions?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**Return To Question O516-91(1): Proposal Of Arctic Co-operatives For Establishment Of Credit Unions**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The proposal is within the hands of government. No decision has been made yet, and no position has been taken. It is still within the bowels of Economic Development and the Department of Finance, being looked at, and the implications of legislative changes, costs, et cetera. So no decision has been taken but it is being looked at.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Nahendeh.

**Question O517-91(1): Plans To Downgrade Fort Simpson Hospital**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Health. I was at a Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce meeting a week or more ago, and members there expressed a concern that there was some attempt to downgrade the hospital -- if you can believe it -- in Fort Simpson. So I would like to ask the department whether there is any truth to that rumour or whether they can give me and Members a full report with respect to the Fort Simpson hospital.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Honourable Member for Nunakput.

**Return To Question O517-91(1): Plans To Downgrade Fort Simpson Hospital**

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, in the last while, and since the takeover of medical services in the NWT, the first look at rationalizing hospital and medical care was in Inuvik and the evaluation was given. As a result that particular hospital was evaluated to accommodate exactly what was taking place. I would like to also say that we are looking at what is happening in Hay River, Fort Simpson and Fort Smith. No decision has been made. However, with regard to utilization, the utilization and service provided have to match up and we are looking at that, but no decision has been made at this time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The time period for oral question period has elapsed.

Item 6, written questions. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions. Petitions.

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

**ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS**

**HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 106-91(1), a proposed bill, Mine Safety Act. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 57(10), the following petitions have been responded to and are tabled as Tabled Document 107-91(1): Petitions 2-91(1), 3-91(1), 4-91(1), 6-91(1), 10-91(1), 12-91(1), 13-91(1), 14-91(1), 15-91(1), 16-91(1), 17-91(1), 18-91(1) and 19-91(1).

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

**ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Notice Of Motion 19-91(1): Funding For High School Grade Extensions**

**MR. SIBBESTON:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on June 27 I will make the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Minister of Education that he make moneys available for high school grade extensions in the 1992-93 budget estimates for all divisional boards of education who have planned for high school grade extensions. Mahsi.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. Notices of motions. Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 41: Travel And Tourism Act**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give

notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I shall move that Bill 41, An Act to Amend the Travel and Tourism Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 42: Agricultural Products Marketing Act**

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I shall move that Bill 42, Agricultural Products Marketing Act, be read for the first time.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 34: Labour Standards Act, No. 1**

**HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I shall move that Bill 34, An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, No. 1, be read for the first time.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 40: Public Service Act**

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:** Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I will move that Bill 40, An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, be read for the first time.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 39: Certified General Accountants' Association Act**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I shall move that Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Certified General Accountants' Association Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

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

**Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 44: Access To Information Act**

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, June 27, 1991, I shall move that Bill 44, Access to Information Act, be read for the first time. Mahsi cho.

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

Item 14, motions. Motions. Motion 17-91(1). Item 15, first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

**ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS**

**First Reading Of Bill 35: Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 35, Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act, be read for the first time.

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

motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 35 has had first reading. First reading of bills. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

**HON. GORDON WRAY:** This is probably a waste of time, but I would like to seek unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 41, Travel and Tourism Act, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The honourable Member for Kivallivik is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 41. Are there any nays? Are there any nays?

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Nay.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Unanimous consent is denied. First reading of bills. First reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

**ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek consent to have second reading of Bill 35, Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The honourable Member for Amittuq is seeking consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 35. Are there any nays? Consent has been given. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

**Second Reading Of Bill 35: Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act**

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 35, Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to establish the natural resources conservation trust fund and the board of trustees to administer the fund. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Bill 35 has had second reading and is referred to committee of the whole for today. Second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 35, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

**Bill 35: Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Bill 35, Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act. It is on tab 35. Would the Minister like to make his opening statement? The Minister is not ready to make his opening statement. Okay, we will take a five minute break.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister, are you prepared now to make your opening statement? Go ahead.

#### Minister's Opening Remarks

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you for your indulgence. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to present the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act. This legislation will create a statutory trust for the purpose of funding programs for research and education related to issues arising from the conservation, development, protection and enhancement of renewable resources. In particular, it is intended that trust funds shall be used for initiatives directed at combatting the antitrapping movement, including international efforts to educate and inform decision-makers about the importance of the renewable resources based lifestyle in the Northwest Territories.

Trust funds would also be used for initiatives aimed at Canadian issues related to northern conservation and environmental protection. The act proposes to establish a board appointed by the Minister of Renewable Resources which would act as trustee for any funds, to properties acquired by the trust, or any income accorded to it.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Renewable Resources is responsible for conservation and management of wildlife and for environment protection on behalf of the Government of the NWT. The department has been widely involved in representing northern interests and combatting the antitrapping movements. There are significant resources of funds available from non-government organizations, including private donors, foundations and public organizations involved in renewable resource management, which cannot now be accepted by the Department of Renewable Resources since they would go into general revenues.

The creation of special purpose trust funds, by statute, which would be managed by a publicly appointed and accountable board, would overcome this administrative difficulty and enable the Government of the NWT to secure a much higher profile for its efforts to generate public support for its renewable resources management positions.

During the recent meeting of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, we spent long hours discussing the importance of renewable resources to the people throughout the circumpolar north. We also spoke of the threats to our way of life. The fund that the Natural Resource Conservation Trust Act will establish is one more way that we can work together to counter those threats.

After having listened to the discussions in Copenhagen, which other Members of the committee also heard, I am even more convinced of the necessity of the fund that this legislative law establishes. I look forward to your comments and your questions. Thank you.

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

#### Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

**MR. ERNERK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. The standing committee reviewed this bill on April 11, 1991, and made a number of recommendations for revision. A revised bill was resubmitted to the standing committee and was subsequently reviewed again on June 24. The standing committee notes that all recommended changes have been made to this bill and commends the Minister, the Hon. Titus Allooloo, and his officials for the special efforts they have made in responding to committee considerations.

Mr. Chairperson, this bill would establish a new trust fund. By

setting up the trust fund, the government would be able to receive money that groups or individuals wish to donate or bequest to support conservation initiatives or environmental education. The standing committee notes that the fund will be most helpful in combatting the positions taken by animal rights activists and encourages the Minister to use the fund to its fullest potential in this area.

The standing committee is also confident that with the improvements contained in the revised bill before the House today, the administrative and policy framework for this legislation will be workable and effective. So therefore, Mr. Chairperson, I am pleased to report that the standing committee on legislation recommends the proposed Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act to the House. Qujannamiik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Qujannamiik, Mr. Ernerk. What is the committee's wish? Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

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

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 2, special purpose fund established. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 3, existing board. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 4, function of the board. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Subclause (3) of clause 3, about the appointments of members. Can a member sort of go on indefinitely being a member, or is there any consideration to be given to limiting the number of times that an appointment can be made to board members?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Allooloo, do you wish to bring in some witnesses? Does the committee agree?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

--Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister, bring in your witnesses.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I may, I would like to bring in my assistant deputy minister, Mr. Bob McLeod, and also legislative counsel, Carol Whitehouse.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you. We will also consider that as an introduction. Mr. Minister, do you have a response to Mr. Whitford's question? Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. The appointment would be for two years. The person who was

appointed can be appointed again for any length of term.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:** Yes, I know that there are boards that exist that have had members on it forever, it seems. And I am not sure whether or not that is altogether a good idea. Times change and circumstances may change, although individuals may not, and this concerns me, I guess, whenever there is no provision made for limiting the number of times a person can get on the board and be on the board. With all due respect to board members, some of them work extremely hard, very conscientiously and diligently in their work, but I would not want to see a board made up of people that, once they are in there, heaven and earth could not budge if they were unanimous.

So I would like to query as to setting a limit such as maybe two terms, serving two terms of two years. That is four years. That is sufficient time to put new blood into a board as important as this.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The board members will be appointed by the Minister, as the Member knows, and it will be up to the Minister to appoint those members who are serving, or whose terms are up. I would tend to say that if the Member is doing a very good job it would be more than likely that that Member would be reappointed by the Minister. I would like to keep that option open to the Minister for his discretion. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

**MR. WHITFORD:** I think the Minister has made his point clear.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** I would like to question subclause 3(1). Could the Minister indicate why this particular subclause is in the act? The way I read it, he can delegate authority to administer this fund, to an existing board, other than creating one themselves. There is also provision in here under subclauses 3(2), (3) and (4) where we made provisions where we can appoint for a term and so forth, so why would we need subclause 3(1) in there?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Subclauses 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) and 3(4) were all requested by SCOL, and it was because of their input that it is drafted this way. And also the purpose of subclause 3(1), "The Minister may appoint an existing board to act as the board under this act", is to allow the government or the Minister to appoint existing boards such as the Denendeh Conservation Board; it might be the board that the Minister might want to appoint as a board for the purpose of this bill. Also, maybe the Science Institute is another example.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Chairman, is it the intent of the government to appoint an existing board before they actually create their own board to administer this fund? Is that the intent? Is that why we have the subclause 3(1) in here?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way it is worded in the act, it will be up to the Minister

whether he wants to appoint an existing board to deal with this bill. If it is not working, then the Minister has an option to appoint individuals or other organizations to deal with this bill. We have no intention at this point, as a government -- we do not see ourselves using existing boards at this moment, but it will be up to the Minister to decide.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Chairman, I realize there is a provision in here so that the Minister can have discretion either to create a board himself or else to delegate that authority to another existing board to administer the fund. But if I am hearing the Minister right, the government's intention is to create the new board to administer this specific fund. Now I do not see why we should have a provision of this sort in the legislation if it is not going to be required.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We saw this Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act needed in the NWT to deal with groups like FIC, financial information system and other groups that are trying to represent the people of the NWT in terms of protecting their rights to harvest renewable resources and also derive income from them.

At the beginning it might be seen as proper to appoint existing boards. Since the board may not have a whole lot to do at the beginning to deal with, maybe it would be better for the government to appoint existing boards to deal with this act. When it becomes more active, then we will review our decision and appoint more of an independent group who will be dealing with the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act -- when it becomes more active in terms of giving out their funds which they have received from the government, private industry and other organizations. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** Mr. Chairman, I, as an individual, do not feel that subclause 3(1) should be in there because it would give us an opportunity, by having our own board to administer this fund, where Members could recommend to the Minister as to who should sit on the board to represent his area. That way it would be more fair rather than delegating to an existing board this authority under this act. I do not think that is going to be fair because various groups are going to be applying to this fund to carry out various projects. I do not think that any existing boards that are out there now are going to well represent each region.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Initially, in our earlier drafts pertaining to this, the clause said that the Minister would appoint the board. It did not make any reference to the existing boards. This clause was developed because of the standing committee on legislation's recommendation. Their concern was basically that the GNWT is establishing too many boards that are sometimes duplicating issues. The standing committee on legislation thought that it should be up to the Minister to decide whether the board should be an existing board or an independent board so that maybe at the beginning, when the committee does not have a whole lot to do or deal with, it could be the existing board that does not have to be established for the first time. I guess the committee in their wisdom had a valid concern that this is a new board that has never existed in the Northwest Territories. If he could utilize the existing boards that are already out there, then it should be up to the Minister whether he wants to appoint them. This, Mr. Chairman, came

directly from the standing committee on legislation.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I led off with a leading question. I questioned the Minister if that was the intention of the government, to go with an existing board. If he had answered yes at the beginning of this debate I am having with him, then I would have accepted this subclause 3(1) to be included, but then he said no, but now he is saying yes, that is what the government's intention is. My understanding is that the government's intention is, that because it is a new act, a new fund that is going to be established, because there probably will not be a lot of work or a lot of applications coming in for funding, the Minister may delegate this authority to an existing board; but once the fund is big and you get a lot of applications and so forth, then the Minister can appoint their own board to sit on. In the time being, there are provisions in here for the Minister to delegate it to an existing board such as Denendeh Conservation Board or another group of that sort. That is my understanding. If that is the case, then I do not mind having this subclause 3(1) in here, but if that is not the intention of the government, then we should delete that 3(1) and go with creating our own board. Which one is it?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government has no intentions at this moment whether to go to an independent board or to appoint existing boards. It would have to explore the options after the act is approved. The Member is quite correct that it could go either way depending upon the workload that is needed for this group to deal with.

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

**MR. NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since this is a public government and the tradition of this public government when it comes to appointing a person to a vacancy within a board -- tradition was and seems to be that it goes through the process of MLAs, and MLAs make a recommendation to appoint someone from a certain region. I wonder if the Minister would keep the tradition and be more receptive to other MLAs when they are making a recommendation as to who should be appointed from a certain region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That part is good; it will continue, I believe.

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

**MR. NINGARK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, is that yes or no? Thank you.

---Laughter

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Mr. Minister.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 3. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 4, function of the board. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 5, payments from the interest portion. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 6, by-laws. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 7, by-laws to Minister. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 8, assistance. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 9, application of Public Service Act. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 10, liability. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 11, application of Conflict of Interest Act. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 12, fiscal year. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Clause 13, report. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Bill as a whole. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** Does the committee agree that Bill 35, Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act, is now

ready for third reading? Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

—Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan):** We have no more business in committee. I will pass and report progress. Thank you.

#### ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MR. SPEAKER:** Item 18, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 35 and wishes to report that Bill 35 is ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The seconder to the motion, the honourable Member for Aivilik. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

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

--Carried

Item 19, third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, order of the day.

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):** Mr. Speaker, a meeting of caucus immediately after adjournment today; ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m.; standing committee on finance at 10:00 a.m.

#### ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, June 26th.

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18. Report of Committee of the Whole

19. Third Reading of Bills

20. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 26th, 1991.

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