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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1984

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Hon. Tagak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Richard, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Tuesday, November 6th.

Item 2, Members' replies. There do not appear to be any Members' replies today. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to make a few comments with respect to the performance of the department. I am again pleased to make a short report of the programs and plans that we have for the coming year. In particular in the January and May sessions of this Assembly, I made it a point to share with you some of the ideas that I had in my early days as Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I also committed myself to reporting progress regularly to this Assembly and from time to time seek views and criticisms from MLAs in ways in which the department is pursuing a number of territorial economic programs. Since January a few programs have been put into place and a few ideas examined and discarded and a great many more are under active consideration at the present time.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to feel that it is very important for this government to consult and encourage serious dialogue with the people of the North about the present state of the NWT economy. I do not feel that this has been properly recognized in policy formulations of this government and as a result, with the support of my Executive Council colleagues, the NWT Business Council has been created. This council, which is co-chaired by Mr. Jim Robertson of Inuvik and myself and which has a total of 12 private sector representatives from all parts of the NWT, has met twice since its inception. The council has given serious deliberation to a number of aspects of government policy impacting on the business sector, principally the business incentive policy or northern preference policy. The recommendations of the Business Council will be considered by our government in the next few weeks and I am confident that many of the conclusions that have been reached by the council will be reflected ultimately in our government's policy in this important matter.

The chambers of commerce across the Territories have been very active during this same period and have made several representations to me on a variety of topics, ranging from commercial credit to bonding. The points of view of these important business-oriented organizations I believe are

taking on an importance within our government, much greater than it has been in the past. Similarly, Mr. Speaker, the tourism sector has been very active through its zone associations and the Travel Industry Association. I am pleased to report that I will be attending the annual general meeting of the Travel Industry Association in Fort Smith later this month and I am told that the new federal Minister responsible for Tourism, the Hon. Tom McMillan, has been invited and plans to attend as well.

In recognition of the growing importance of the native economic development corporations in our economy, our officials and I have been able to meet with each of the major corporations in the last few months to share information and to discuss areas of mutual interest and aspirations. An ongoing, and I believe useful, dialogue has been opened up between these corporations and our government. Mr. Speaker, I am committed to a dialogue with northerners related to economic questions and I very much invite debate, criticism and support from Legislative Assembly Members during this and other sessions of the Assembly. Even some Members across may want to take their gloves off; that's okay too.

Mr. Speaker, in May I spoke to you about an initiative I planned with the banking sector. In response to a number of concerns expressed to me by business people in the NWT about the unavailability of commercial credit, I, with the support of my Executive colleagues, arranged for senior executives of each of the chartered banks operating in the NWT to come to Yellowknife this summer to meet with local business people and regional representatives of the business community. With the active support of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and the NWT Business Council, I believe we have been able to convey the impression to these bankers that our economy, at least in the major centres of the NWT, is very much alive and well.

Our objective to show the bankers that the NWT is a good and safe place to invest, I believe was very successful. Since the bankers' tour, I have been gratified to learn that a number of business people have been able to arrange deals through the banks that perhaps might not have been made otherwise. We have also opened up communications of an ongoing nature with the major chartered banks and are now able to effectively express our points of view to them at all levels in the banking hierarchy.

As well as the more positive attitude on the part of the banks that we see evidence of, we are petitioning the bankers to consider establishing a branch of one of the major chartered banks in Kitikmeot Region. The information package supporting such a plan has been forwarded to the executives who travelled to visit us this summer. We are also working with the bankers on the concept of suitcase banking where professional lenders travel to the client rather than the reverse that is presently the rule. On our part, our economic development officers will increasingly attempt to take their clients' loan applications to commercial banks in an effort to reduce the growing demand for loans from this government, in favour of the banks providing the capital for business expansion as they should properly do.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I will be bringing forward in this session of the Assembly, a revised Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance. The creation of this ordinance has been a top priority for me and my officials for the past few months. The ordinance should bring in a number of improvements to our Business Loan Fund. During the second reading of this Bill 1-84(3), I shall elaborate further on the details of this important piece of legislation.

I expressed some concern to you in January and May, Mr. Speaker, about the functioning of the economic development agreement. I am pleased to note that a number of improvements have occurred in the administration of the program over the last few months and I trust the program will run more smoothly through its remaining one and one-half years of life. An advisory committee has been struck to advise the managers of the agreement on all aspects of the EDA and I am pleased that the native organizations, chambers of commerce and the Travel Industry Association have all joined together in this effort to make the economic development agreement as effective as possible. Shortly we shall have to be turning our attention to the future of this agreement to the extent that it expires at the end of March 1986. This advisory committee will be invaluable in helping us to consider whether there should be an agreement to follow EDA and if so, what form it should take.

Mr. Speaker, I am constantly aware of the overpowering need for the NWT to diversify its economy. While a certain amount of prosperity has been found as a result of our mining, oil and gas, and government control industries, recent events are showing us that none of these industries can be taken for granted. Accordingly, I am redoubling my department's commitment to work to develop the

many renewable resource assets that we possess in the NWT. My staff, in close co-operation with those in Renewable Resources, will be working up plans to develop industries in each of the renewable sectors of the NWT economy. Strategies will come from this to develop the fishing industry, the fur industry, the lumber and agricultural sectors.

I am pleased to advise you that to enable my department to live up to its responsibilities concerning renewable industries that we will be establishing one new position in each of the five regions during the present fiscal year. These new positions will enable us to hire a specialist in renewable matters in each region. It seems very likely that in the three Eastern Arctic regions, fishing specialists will be hired, whereas in the Inuvik Region and Fort Smith Region, we will be able to consider hiring lumber, agriculture or fishing specialists. I hope that during the coming fiscal year you will see tangible evidence of the commitment of my department to the renewable industries and that new businesses and job creation opportunities will be coming forth in greater abundance.

Mr. Speaker, all of you are aware that our arts and crafts sector which has been the fourth largest industry in the North has suffered tremendously in these years of economic recession. I am highly aware of the importance of the arts to our native communities and have therefore taken some measures to see if the arts business cannot be restored to its former strength. I have put a process in place concerning the Inuit arts recently, where a group of experts in the production, acquisition and marketing of Inuit art have been assembled to advise me on steps that should be taken to enhance the business. A first symposium, and a very successful one I might add, has been held in Frobisher Bay in mid-October. This symposium identified a series of problems facing the industry and a second symposium to be held early in the new calendar year will develop solutions and recommendations for this government, the federal government and other organizations who are involved in the Inuit arts business.

I am very mindful that the arts and crafts industry in the western part of the Territories is similarly having difficulties and I understand that my officials will be meeting with the Native Women's Association and others to see if a process cannot be set in motion to deal with the difficulties faced by Dene and Metis art forms.

Mr. Speaker, these are a few of the highlights of some of the work I have been engaged in during my early months as Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I very much welcome your comments, criticism and ideas concerning this important portfolio. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements, Mr. Nerysoo.

Minister's Statement On National Crime Prevention Week

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that this week is National Crime Prevention Week throughout Canada. It started on November 4th, 1984 and finishes on Saturday, November 10th, 1984. National Crime Prevention Week is initiated and sponsored by the Solicitor General of Canada and its goals are to promote public awareness and an understanding of crime prevention and to encourage everyone's participation in community crime prevention programs. As Minister of the Department of Justice and Public Services, I support these goals.

The keys to crime prevention are to ensure that everyone is aware that they can take steps to prevent crime and to know what the steps are. The best source of this information is the local RCMP detachment in each community. This week provides an excellent opportunity for people in the Territories to visit with the RCMP to discuss ways in which crime can be prevented and any other concerns they have with crime in their community. The RCMP will welcome such inquiries and look upon this week as an opportunity to establish good relations with the people they serve.

Many RCMP detachments have developed programs especially for this week. Some of these are: crime prevention poster contests; information seminars; having open houses at their detachments; and visits to schools to talk about crime prevention. These programs will be tailored to any special concerns that have been expressed in the community.

The RCMP, however, cannot be expected to prevent crime by themselves. There are many effective community programs run by volunteers that can lead to a reduction in crime. Some of these, such as Block Parents and telephone Help Lines are in existence in the Territories. There are many others,

such as Watch programs in which residents work with each other and the police in taking steps to deter crime and the Pride program which is aimed at reducing vandalism by promoting in school children a source of pride in their community, that have been tried with success in other parts of Canada. Anyone interested in information on these community programs, should contact officials in my department.

National Crime Prevention Week should make us all aware that we can take steps to reduce crime in our communities. Crime prevention though, is not a one week affair. Hopefully, this week will make us conscious of crime prevention concerns 52 weeks of the year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The Chair would like at this time to recognize a grade six class from the J.H. Sissons School, with Mr. Gerald May. Welcome to the House.

---Applause

Item 3, Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 45-84(3): Water Delivery, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I wrote a letter representing Cape Dorset residents concerning water delivery because there is a lack of funding from the housing association and the hamlet council advised that they are going to stop this delivery. I would like some update on this about Cape Dorset residents not having water delivery. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 45-84(3): Water Delivery, Cape Dorset

HON. GORDON WRAY: I have a reply to that question under returns. It was written Question 3-84(3), but I can advise the Member that as of October 31st, the hamlet had resumed full water delivery and sewage pump-out services to public housing and all outstanding bills have been paid. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. That should please you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question 46-84(3): Government Electrical Inspectors' Expenses

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I am going to ask this of the Minister of Justice. I received a call from my constituency this morning, from a person who built his own house and he finished it. However, the electricity has to be inspected. There are some inspectors in Frobisher Bay, but they cannot go to my constituency. Is the person that built this house going to have to pay for the air fare and hotel? Do the government inspectors have to be paid by the person who is trying to build a house? Thank you. If you want more clarification I know the person and I have his phone number.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I am unaware of the situation. I will certainly take the concern as notice and provide a response as quickly as I can to the honourable Member. I just want to indicate also that the electrical inspector is not paid by the individual who owns a home, he is paid by the Department of Justice and Public Services.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question 46-84(3): Government Electrical Inspectors' Expenses

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) I would like to add as a supplementary, the person said that he is going to pay for his air fare. I just wanted to inform you of that.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Again, Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice and I will provide a detailed response to the honourable Member as soon as I can. I am unaware of the situation that he is talking about but I will find out the details. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 47-84(3): Detah Co-op

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Economic Development. It concerns a co-op in Detah. I know the Minister has been very supportive of the concept, we have had discussions previously but now the people in Detah who are organizing the concept are running into some major bureaucratic hassles. They have been working on this for months and it seems that they are always frustrated -- the bureaucrats on the Department of Economic Development side do not complete the necessary documents. They are always missing a cut-off date for meeting the committee that decides. I wonder if the Minister would look into the problem and see if he could expedite a quick solution to the problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 47-84(3): Detah Co-op

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly will look into the situation that the Member indicated to the House but I do want to say this that I did promise to see if I could get some information. I have not been able to finalize that but I will bring it to him as soon as I can. One other point that I would like to make is that I certainly am in support of free enterprise but not necessarily just the one concept of co-op, but that the other private sector can handle such thing. I think that should also be studied as well but I will take your question as notice and get back to you. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Question 48-84(3): Housing In 1984, Pelly Bay

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of the Housing Corporation. The people in Pelly Bay wanted to know right away if they could get housing in 1980 and I was wondering if this is possible?

MR. SPEAKER: The date that I got was 1980. That surely must be wrong. Would you like to correct your question? 1984. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 48-84(3): Housing In 1984, Pelly Bay

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am unable to indicate to the Member at the present moment whether or not Pelly Bay is getting housing. Those allocations are still being determined but I will be talking to the Member before any final decision is made. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Erkloo.

Question 49-84(3): Employment Opportunities, Igloodik

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I received a letter from a resident of Igloodik that there are not enough business or employment opportunities and the school students do not have any employment opportunities. Can you look into this more or perhaps are you going to visit Igloodik soon? This is my question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 49-84(3): Employment Opportunities, Igloodik

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member's question concerning the -- I think you were talking about the lack of buildings when the BRC had a meeting, I think you were referring to that. I will look into this further but I would like to inform you that it is a

concern all over the North. It was mentioned yesterday by Gordon Wray and many people want employment opportunities, especially in housing construction. This was mentioned in the BRC meeting so that we can assist. We are certainly encouraging the people in Baffin Region if they are going to set up new companies, for example, as are developing here. If you are going to come up with more corporations then there will be more employment opportunities for the people in Baffin Region. We want to see more corporations set up. We are not just the only people who are dealing with this; DPW are still working on it, so I will be talking to them about this. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 50-84(3): Funding For Outpost Camps

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked the Minister of Renewable Resources about this last winter and I wanted to get more clarification. I think she informed me about it before but I only got an English copy of the letter and I could not understand it. So, I am going to ask a question. The outpost camps in the Northwest Territories were given some funding to use for gas or food but later on this was stopped and then they do not have any more money to buy food or gas. The sealskins are very low in cost, so I was wondering what was going on about these funds for outpost camps.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 50-84(3): Funding For Outpost Camps

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, there are a number of questions that are being asked of me by Mr. Paniloo. If he wants detailed answers, I will provide an answer tomorrow detailing the background in each of his questions. I apologize if a letter went to him with only the English translation and certainly I will ensure that tomorrow we will have that answer again and have it translated. The Department of Renewable Resources is reviewing all of its funds that are given to hunters and trappers, in support of those hunters and trappers, and they are under considerable review. As well, in the next couple of months, for the communities that the department has not been to, we will try to complete that tour by the time that the next session begins so that each community has their input. I hope that by that time, as well, we would have consolidated the information and the funds that have been allocated in a sort of ad hoc manner to hunters and trappers associations. If Mr. Paniloo will bear with me, I will answer all the questions in detail tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister is taking the question as notice and will reply at a later date. Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 51-84(3): Wildlife Officer, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have another letter that I received from the hamlet of Lake Harbour. They asked me to ask the Renewable Resources Minister, when will they be getting a wildlife officer or whether they are not going to get one? I would like to find out about this. I gave her a letter on this but I would like to find out during this session whether they are going to get a wildlife officer or whether they will not be getting one. They have an office in Lake Harbour and they have staff housing there and they have a boat for the wildlife officer. They have all this equipment for the wildlife officer but they need a wildlife officer to use this equipment. I would like to find out whether I could get an answer now, whether they are going to get a wildlife officer in 1985 or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I must request of the honourable Members to ask direct questions and not really enter into debate and take positions but rather ask direct questions. Will the Minister reply, please?

Return To Question 51-84(3): Wildlife Officer, Lake Harbour

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, on the number of requests that have come to provide wildlife officers to the various communities, it is the intention of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Department of Renewable Resources to try to reach that objective. As I stated before to the honourable Member, for the budget allocations with the many requests for funds, we take a seat among the people who debate how that money is going to be spent. To this date it has

not been determined that there will be a wildlife officer in Lake Harbour. However, on the process of getting one there, it could be possible that we are able to do it in 1985 but at this time I am not able to definitely say "yes". Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 52-84(3): Interdepartmental Committee On Youth

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask this question of the Minister responsible for Health, Mr. McLaughlin. In the Commissioner's Address, reference was made that a new interdepartmental committee responsible for Youth was being formed and the Minister would be responsible for that committee. As my first question, what will be the mandate of this committee, how often will it meet and will it be developing comprehensive policies to deal with the problems of youth?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 52-84(3): Interdepartmental Committee On Youth

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee will be in operation shortly. Since the first session when the chairman of the standing committee on finance mentioned in his speech to the House that the committee felt that the problems of youth in the Northwest Territories were a high priority, the three or four departments which do have some relationship to youth got together to work out a few things, but there was no lead person co-ordinating. Recently the deputy minister of Social Services has become the lead person in getting this committee's ideas moved into a bit of action which I plan to take before the Executive shortly. The intention is to have a plan of action for co-ordinating youth-orientated programs. This will be related to drug and alcohol problems as well as youth employment. There will be no attempts though, to form a special secretariat or anything like that to deal with this issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 52-84(3): Interdepartmental Committee On Youth

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a supplementary question -- I would like to thank the Minister for responding to the concerns expressed by the committee -- next year is designated as the Year of Youth and what does your department or this government have planned in order to recognize this fact?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Further Return To Question 52-84(3): Interdepartmental Committee On Youth

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department realizes that, and I was in contact verbally with the former Minister responsible for Youth from the federal government when she was here during the Arctic Winter Games. Since then, there have been two changes in that portfolio and I have been unable to meet with the new Minister of State for Youth in Ottawa. She was not there the few times I have been there. I am hoping that the federal government will recognize the Year of Youth in 1985 and hope there will be some funding which we can look at. I have talked to Dr. Black, the assistant deputy minister of Health and Welfare Canada, to see what type of funding there will be available to our government in that area; that is, if there will be a new federal initiative.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 53-84(3): Expected Date Of Operation Of Ferry

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Public Works. I understand that the Merv Hardie is still not back in the water at Providence and I am sure the Minister recognizes that with this very cold weather there is the possibility that each day it is not in the water that it may not get back into the water at all. So could I ask the Minister what is the target date that his department has for getting that ferry back into the water and could he give us the assurance that it will be given sufficient priority to make sure that that target date is met?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 53-84(3): Expected Date Of Operation Of Ferry

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess to start at the end of Mr. MacQuarrie's question, in terms of setting a priority date, I suggest he maybe will want to go to church and talk to somebody higher than me, because He is the only one with the answer. The situation at the ferry is that the ice from Beaver Lake and Great Slave has broken loose and has jammed up downstream from the crossing at Mill Lake and is now back up past the crossing. There is still some movement of heavy ice so the ferry is unable to cross. The ferry is in the water, it is just unable to make the crossing. I should indicate that there is a possibility that the ferry might be out of operation for the year. However, we are optimistic that if the temperature remains cold and the ice stabilizes that we will be able to cut a path through to the other side, but right now there is just too much movement of ice for the ferry to make it across the river. That is the reason and the only reason that the ferry is not operating. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 53-84(3): Expected Date Of Operation Of Ferry

MR. MacQUARRIE: I thought yesterday the Minister said that the ferry was out of the water because an engine had to be changed. Has that been done already or not? Or did I misunderstand that? Also, could I clarify, did I hear the Minister say that there is a danger that it may be out of operation for the season?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 53-84(3): Expected Date Of Operation Of Ferry

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. First of all, yesterday I said that the ferry was out of operation because of the ice conditions and that we were taking the opportunity to replace the engine. That has not changed. The engine is due in this afternoon and as long as we cannot move we might as well take the time to put the new engine in. It is only a matter of about eight hours to change the engine on the ferry.

Yes, there is a possibility that the ferry operation may be finished for the season. We do not know. Right now we are playing a waiting game and it really depends on conditions that are totally out of our control. We have even investigated the possibility of blasting downstream from the crossing to try and loosen up some of the ice but the ice is so loose that blasting would not make any difference. So, we just have to play a waiting game right now and see if our ice conditions improve. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Richard.

Question 54-84(3): Total Of Day Care Subsidies

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Social Services and my question has to do with day care subsidies. Can the Minister advise me either today or by a written return, of the total number of dollars being spent by this government in the current year in support of day care programs, either to parents or through the day care centres? Secondly, the Minister was present in Ottawa yesterday when the Governor General announced that there would be a parliamentary task force established. Does the Minister plan on inviting the task force to the NWT? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 54-84(3): Total Of Day Care Subsidies

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the second part of the question, yes, I will be interested in having the task force visit the NWT and I will be pursuing that possibility. In the first case, I believe last year we spent approximately \$90,000 subsidizing day care and babysitting in the NWT. Some families are regular ongoing recipients of the full subsidy. I believe it was about 30 last year. There are other families which receive income help because they are on social

assistance anyway which goes toward that. But for the direct subsidy, there were about 30 families last year. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will give the Member, or soon after, a letter with the exact expenditures last year and year to date for this year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 55-84(3): Electricity In Kakisa Lake

MR. GARGAN: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. (Translation) I don't know which Minister I am going to address this to but last summer at Kakisa there was talk about lights into Kakisa.

Question 56-84(3): TV For Kakisa Lake

I wonder if they are going to put up a TV dish in Kakisa so that people can receive TV signals. Who in the NWT looks after the TV?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Return To Question 55-84(3): Electricity In Kakisa Lake

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: The Member will know that the government did decide to provide electricity to the community of Kakisa Lake and as far as I know the electricity is provided to Kakisa Lake. The last that I was aware of, Alberta Power was providing electricity to all of the houses in the community. They were hoping that all of the wiring of the houses would be finished by November 15th and the community would be right in line with the rest of the world, as it were. As far as the matter of having TV, I guess we should have known that once they got electricity they would want other things.

---Laughter

That is a question for my colleague.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 56-84(3): TV For Kakisa Lake

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, certainly there was always a desire for good communications into that community. I know at the time that it was first requested there was a problem with electricity. Now that the honourable Member has assured us that the electricity is there, we will deal with that matter as expeditiously as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further oral questions? Mr. Gargan.

Question 57-84(3): Allocation Of Special Constables

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Leader of the House with regard to allocating special constables to certain communities. I was just wondering how the Leader of the House determines which communities get these special constables, whether they get them at the request of the communities or what?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 57-84(3): Allocation of Special Constables

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to indicate to the honourable Member that we intend to respond to some of the needs with regard to special constables, during the upcoming budget session. Also the RCMP are involved in developing the criteria with regard to the needs of communities and what they perceive as their requirements and their obligations to provide a particular service. There has also been a number of requests that have come to my attention. It is a matter of reviewing with my department and the RCMP, those special requirements that might be needed to be addressed and also the additional services that are needed for particular areas. At the moment, with the number of requests that have been brought to my attention, I will not be able to respond to all. So I am going to have to sit down with my department and the RCMP and determine where it is most crucial to establish those positions.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Gargan, you should have quit when you were ahead, but you have the floor.

Question 58-84(3): Funding For Wood For Aged And Handicapped

MR. GARGAN: My question is directed to the Minister of Social Services. I did submit a Canada Works proposal and I believe they will not be dealing with that until around March. It was with regard to providing wood for the aged and the handicapped. Now, the situation is that these senior citizens or the aged and the handicapped are not going to be getting any wood this winter. My proposal, I guess, is pretty well necessarily to Canada Works. I was wondering whether the Minister of Social Services has any moneys to provide for wood for the senior citizens and the handicapped people?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 58-84(3): Funding For Wood For Aged And Handicapped

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not aware of the application that had gone forward. I believe that would have been to CEIC and I could certainly look into what happened to that and see if my department can give some support to the applications, if that will help. As to the other part of the question. Does my department have some money available for that? I do not believe we do, but I will give the Member an answer as soon as I can.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question 59-84(3): Water Reservoir, Grise Fiord

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Arlooktoo and I raised our hands about the same time earlier and I guess you allowed another person. Perhaps you are mistaking us for one another. I think you let Joe speak first before I was allowed to speak.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed, I think, to the Minister of Local Government. In Grise Fiord they have a problem with the water reservoir. Their problem is that they are complaining about the water reservoir being too small. I wonder if they would be able to provide them a new water reservoir in 1984-85. It could either be a water reservoir or a water tank. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Return To Question 59-84(3): Water Reservoir, Grise Fiord

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, yes, I am aware about the water reservoir situation in Grise Fiord. It is a situation where the community has a water reservoir in the community and they have the reservoir filled usually in the summertime when one of the little creeks nearby begins to run. As I understand in talking to one of the persons living in the community, a number of weeks ago, this summer there was not very much water and so there was a problem of the reservoir not being filled. So, there is that situation and perhaps the reservoir being small or old, there is need for another one.

I will just have to see if the department has any extra money that can be provided for next year so that we can repair or improve or provide another reservoir for the community. As for this coming winter, I am advised that there is a possibility that when the water in the reservoir runs out that the community may have to revert to the old system of getting ice from icebergs and other ice in front of the community and melt that and use that for water. So, I really do hope that there is enough water but if there is not enough then this getting ice will not be too much of a problem. But definitely for next year, I will check with my department to see if there is any money anywhere that could be used to help out the community.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. For Mr. Pudluk's information, the Chair always tries to be fair on who it acknowledges but sometimes those that speak too much must wait a little longer.

---Laughter

Oral questions. Mr. Appaqaq.

Question 60-84(3): Replacement Of Burned House, Sanikiluaq

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I had an oral question earlier and I think all the Members of the Legislative Assembly heard my question. Toward the end of January a house burned down in Sanikiluaq and I had a very quick response from the Minister. We were told that there was money provided for this house that burned but I am going to ask him a question now. We have not seen this house. This house was never built and I was not made aware of why it was not built. I was not given any more information so we have been waiting for this new house in Sanikiluaq to replace the house that burnt. The winter months are coming now and when we heard earlier that we were going to get a new house, we were very happy for the family. But we never saw this house.

MR. SPEAKER: I presume the question is "When are we going to get the house?"

---Laughter

Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 60-84(3): Replacement Of Burned House, Sanikiluaq

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member is quite correct, an announcement did take place in the House. However, when we went to tender, the lowest bid for the replacement house was \$300,000 and we were just unable to proceed with construction. The hamlet council mayor was advised at the October Baffin Regional Council, that this problem occurred and that we would not be able to go ahead with it. However, I once again would like to advise the Member that we will replace that unit next summer now with the new allocation of money provided by the generous Executive Council here.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. GORDON WRAY: That replacement unit will be replaced but it was not replaced because of the tender prices being far too high. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. That appears to conclude this item on your agenda.

Item 5, written questions. Item 6, returns. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 44-84(3): Recreation Hall At Grise Fiord

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: (Translation) Yesterday Mr. Pudluk asked me a question about Grise Fiord and the recreation hall burning down. Today I want to reply.

The Baffin regional office has advised me that the recreation hall at Grise Fiord was destroyed last Sunday night by an accidental fire. All of the capital funding for the Baffin Region for the 1984-85 fiscal year has already been assigned. At present a new hall is not scheduled in the capital plan for Grise Fiord for several years, but I will consult with my colleagues through the FMB to see whether and how the construction of that facility can be moved up. For the Christmas season, my officials will be working with officials of the regional office of the Department of Education to obtain approval from the Grise Fiord education committee so that the school may be used for community events over the holidays.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does that complete returns for today? Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 43-84(3): Development Of Affirmative Action Policy

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, this is a return to oral Question 43-84(3) asked by Mr. MacQuarrie on November 5, 1984 with regard to the affirmative action policy and there were three particular questions. 1) Who is presently developing the affirmative action policy? I can

indicate to the honourable Member that the Department of Personnel is preparing the policy for the Executive. 2) Will the Public Service Association have some opportunity for input into shaping that policy? The Public Service Association was consulted along with other groups as the Department of Personnel sought various opinions over the first six months of this year. The concerns of the association will be considered in the shaping of the policy. 3) Will Members of the Legislative Assembly have opportunity for comment before the policy becomes official? The Executive feels that any further time for comment will create further delay in getting the policy in place. We feel from past debates in this House that clear direction has been given to the Executive by Members. We feel the issue has been made clear. Further, we feel extensive debate and consultation has already taken place and it is now time for action and implementation, not further discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 6, returns. Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 3-84(3): Water Delivery And Sewage Pick-Up, Cape Dorset

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to written Question 3-84(3). That was the question I answered earlier. Municipal water delivery and sewage pump-out services to territorial public housing in Cape Dorset were curtailed by the hamlet on October 17 because the local housing association had depleted its municipal utilities budget and was unable to make further payments after June 30, 1984. Since then I have authorized the housing association to cover any outstanding bills and ongoing charges. As a result, the hamlet resumed full water delivery and sewage pump-out services to public housing on October 31, 1984.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further returns?

Item 7, petitions.

Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Appaqaq.

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. APPAQAQ: I would like to table the following: Tabled Document 16-84(3), a letter from the municipality of Sanikiluaq. I have the copy here. It is regarding the air service. They are wanting to go down to Ottawa from Sanikiluaq. Sanikiluaq has requested a flight from Sanikiluaq to Ottawa and this was brought up in Frobisher Bay meeting. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Tabling of documents. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I would like to table Tabled Document 17-84(3), a letter to the Hon. David Crombie from the Mayor of Yellowknife. This letter concerns the assistance of the Minister in expediting the passage of legislation enabling the Government of the Northwest Territories to enact its own legislation which would permit the construction and sale of condominiums. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Is there further tabling of documents? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 18-84(3), a letter from the Yellowknife Dog Trotters Association that gives the history of the Canadian Championship Dog Derby and a funding request. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further tabling of documents?

Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I have two notices of motion which I am going to elaborate now.

Notice Of Motion 4-84(3): Appointment To Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts

I would like to give notice of a motion which I will move on Thursday, November 8th. Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Mr. Ted Richard, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, be appointed to the standing committee on finance and public accounts.

Notice Of Motion 5-84(3): Appointments To The Striking Committee

The other one: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Mr. Ted Richard, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, and Ms Nellie Cournoyea, the honourable Member for Nunakput, be appointed to the striking committee of this House. Mr. Speaker, I will ask for unanimous consent later on to move this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Pedersen.

Notice Of Motion 6-84(3): Appointment To Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 8th, I will move the following motion. Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, Mr. Ludy Pudluk, that Mr. Sam Gargan, the honourable Member for Deh Cho, be appointed to the standing committee on legislation. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to proceed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Ms Cournoyea.

Notice Of Motion 7-84(3): Royal Commission On Seals And Sealing Industry In Canada

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice of motion that on Thursday, November 8th, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, the Hon. Tagak Curley, that this Assembly invite the royal commission on seals and the sealing industry in Canada to hold hearings in two Arctic coastal communities of the Northwest Territories, one in the East and one in the West.

MR. SPEAKER: If you are going to seek unanimous consent on that today, inasmuch as Mr. Curley is not in the House at the present time, you may wish to change the seconder.

AN HON. MEMBER: No problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters. Thank you. Notices of motion. That appears to conclude notices of motion for today.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would ask unanimous consent for my motions to be read.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested on two motions regarding House business. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Pudluk.

Motion 5-84(3): Appointments To The Striking Committee, Carried

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there are two vacancies on the striking committee;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill these vacancies at the earliest opportunity;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Mr. Ted Richard, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, and Ms Nellie Cournoyea, the honourable Member for Nunakput, be appointed to the striking committee of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, do I have to get unanimous consent for the second motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motion 4-84(3): Appointment To Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts, Carried

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the standing committee on finance and public accounts;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Mr. Ted Richard, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, be appointed to the standing committee on finance and public accounts.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Pedersen.

Motion 6-84(3): Appointment To Standing Committee On Legislation, Carried

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the standing committee on legislation;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, Mr. Pudluk, that Mr. Sam Gargan, the honourable Member for Deh Cho, be appointed to the standing committee on legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, whereas the Government of Canada has established, pursuant to...

MR. SPEAKER: One moment, please, we will need unanimous consent. Request for unanimous consent.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: There are no nays. Proceed, Ms Cournoyea.

Motion 7-84(3): Royal Commission On Seals And Sealing Industry In Canada

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Sorry, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has established, pursuant to the Federal Inquiries Act, a commission of inquiry into seals and the sealing industry in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the terms of reference of this commission include an examination of the social and cultural impacts, and economic benefits and costs including regulatory costs of sealing in Canada;

AND WHEREAS seals and the harvesting of seals are important to the Inuvialuit and Inuit of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Aivilik, the Hon. Tagak Curley, that this Assembly invite the royal commission on seals and the sealing industry in Canada to hold hearings in two Arctic coastal communities; one in the Eastern Arctic and one in the western part of the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Proceed.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the royal commission on seals and sealing industry in Canada has been struck by the Government of Canada with the chairman, Justice Albert Malouf plus six commissioners of whom four are from the international community and two Canadians. Our commissioners are Dr. Ian MacAllister, director of the centre for development projects in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Dr. Wilfred Templeman, Newfoundland, former director of fisheries research.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that many of us have felt that the issue of sealing and the markets that are not available to the harvesters of seals has certainly, in the last few years, diminished to almost a non-existent market for seal products and seals. This commission, Mr. Speaker, is intended to obtain the information necessary to fulfil its mandate by searching for existing material, carrying on research work, inviting the public to submit briefs, and finally, by holding public hearings in order to examine briefs or hear oral testimony. The initial hearings are scheduled to take place in Montreal commencing at 9:30 on Tuesday, January 22. It is my intention, as the Department of Renewable Resources Minister, to further the cause of the Northwest Territories by presenting a brief. However, it is included in the terms of reference that it is possible to hold hearings in other parts of Canada as well as abroad.

Part of the terms of reference for the hearings and inquiry is to look at the social and cultural impact and economic benefit cost including all of the regulatory costs of sealing in Canada; and secondly and very important, ethical considerations relevant to the harvesting of seals.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, all know the past actions of some groups has seriously affected what we normally do as an honest occupation in the Northwest Territories. However, it is felt and recognized by the Government of Canada that the true story of the sealing industry is not making its way to the people who generally support the market, as the consumer buying the end product. The serious consequence that faces us now is that the ability for sealing, the economy and communities are reflecting this to the point that the industry itself, the harvesting and the cottage industries that are subsequent for the preparation of seals have diminished. The communities in the Arctic are facing some serious consequences in not being able to utilize that important source of economy.

Harvesters Should Be Heard

Mr. Speaker, I feel that the people of the Northwest Territories, the harvesters themselves should be heard from. I understand that oftentimes in the international market, the people who take part in this time of harvest are facing some very sophisticated machinery that is put in place by some

groups which are very unfeeling as to what is actually happening in the North and how much the effect of what they do reflects on the ability of people to maintain some kind of economy in a community, particularly in the Northwest Territories. So, I would think that if the hearings were able to be brought forward, they would be best heard in those Arctic communities where it may not be as comfortable as large communities where all the comforts of home can be realized.

I believe the people who are sitting on the commission are also very sophisticated people who may not have had the opportunity to know what actually happens in the smaller communities and to understand how important this seal industry is to those people. Mr. Speaker, I hope that everyone will agree that the relationship of people, who are not used to living in the North, to their ability to see for themselves is very important. It is very important as well for the people, and the native people particularly, to be able to be heard in order to accommodate this to places in the Northwest Territories where we can move people around and where we can co-ordinate these efforts, would accommodate perhaps economically the commission's work. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. As seconder, Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) I would like to make a comment. There is going to be a commission on the harvesting on seals, what is hindering this harvest. They are going to start in January 1985. Perhaps I can refer to the Baffin Region and the people of the Keewatin, who are being touched by this sealing industry. Perhaps this is not the case today, selling the sealskins, however I feel we have to administer this and look at the market possibilities. I think this can go forth if we put our minds to it. Instead of the southerners being involved in the commission, perhaps we MLAs can look into the fur trades more, how we can develop the sealing industry. I think we should consider this and look into it more if we are going to get the commission on the sealing industry. I think they will understand better what they are dealing with. Before November 20th they have to make known their concerns or reports to the commission.

One thing I do not agree with Mr. Speaker, is that the northerners and hunters cannot write. They don't know what Montreal is like or we do not have the money or perhaps for Clyde River, Grise Fiord or Pond Inlet, if there will be delegates from up there, they don't know how to go about going to Montreal. So I support this motion that they will have delegates from Baffin and Keewatin. (Translation ends)

I would like to indicate to the House that it is very important that this Assembly respond in protecting the interests of the people of the NWT. Although these commissions are very useful and they do have expert staff on their commission, I think it is only fair that this Assembly try to bring this commission to the people of the North so they can hear and see directly what it means to the seal hunters, what that economic base once upon a time meant to them. I do not like to undermine the commission, but in order to give the people of the NWT an opportunity to respond the commission should not only restrict itself to Montreal, and so on, because this particular notice states to us that if an individual wants to make an appearance, that he has to inform them by November 20, 1984. But many of the people of the North cannot communicate and do not have a legal adviser to advise them as to how to proceed with all those requirements in here.

Developing The Resource

I would think that the Members will be able to recognize that it is important that the commission travel and that it invites itself into the community and seeks the views from that particular community. I would urge you to support it because one of the terms of reference which I thought was very important is number one which refers to social and cultural impact and economic benefits and costs. I think that these are particularly important for the North. So although presently the economic base on that renewable resource is limited in the Territories, I think the Assembly Members should realize the fact that if we were able to develop a plan and compete with the fur markets in the world, I believe that we could still probably be able to develop that resource. I am beginning to think that we have limited ourselves because the only thing we have sold so far are the raw materials. I think through this commission we are going to be able to learn from the other witnesses that will appear before them and through them we should try to bring them to the people. So I am urging you to support the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 7-84(3), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. As mover you have the right to close the debate, Ms Cournoyea. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. That concludes motions for today.

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Report of the special committee on housing, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

ITEM 15: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will come to order. We will take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER INTERIM REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

The committee will now come back to order. We are dealing with the Interim Report of the Special Committee on Housing. The summary of interim recommendations. Mr. McCallum or Mr. Pudluk, would you like to make opening remarks?

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Richard wanted to talk so maybe I will give him a chance to talk and we will be able to go through our recommendations after that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I want to add my thanks to the co-chairmen and the Members of this special committee. It is especially gratifying and encouraging for me, as a new MLA, to see first-hand and hear first-hand of the hard work done by MLAs of this House. If the task of getting input from the peoples in the communities by that hard-working committee was made easier by, I believe as was alluded to yesterday, it was made easier by the financial support of the Executive Council, then I thank them as well. For me, Mr. Chairman, taking an initial look at the report, there are two key points made by this committee in the first few pages of the document.

Key Points Of Document

Firstly, the committee's statement that for them the most important aspect of their work was the time which they spent in the communities talking to the people and their statement that real solutions to these problems are owed to the same people. Secondly, the committee in their very first recommendation, their unequivocal recommendation that housing be designated as the most urgent priority of the territorial government. I, Mr. Chairman, very recently went through an election campaign during which there were many, many issues raised but, clearly, housing was the number one concern of those who spoke up. That housing is a concern of people in the capital city I think was evidenced clearly by the public meeting which the special committee on housing held in Yellowknife. The attendance at that meeting, the participation, the very emotional participation, Mr. Chairman, was very, very genuine and it was the largest turnout we have had at a meeting of that sort for some time. In fact, the attendance was much higher than at meetings held during the election campaign I can tell you. I am pleased that as a result of that meeting, Mr. Pedersen mentioned yesterday that he was certainly convinced of the problems in Yellowknife.

I will not repeat my colleague, Mr. MacQuarrie's remarks regarding senior citizen housing requirements or the shortage of rental units in this city, other than to support his comments, his initial comments. I do, Mr. Chairman, support especially the recommendations of this report which encourage new initiatives for home-ownership, whether that is by way of second mortgage financing

at subsidized rates, expansion of the existing HAP program or incentives for developers or municipalities. It is my belief that although more public housing is needed at present, and perhaps we will always need some public housing, the goal of home-ownership, I believe, must be the long-term objective.

Housing, Mr. Chairman, is one issue which all regions of the Northwest Territories have in common, even though, as was said yesterday, different solutions may be required by the different regions. Mr. Chairman, I am only too, too aware of the social problems which are created in communities throughout the Territories including Yellowknife as a result of inadequate housing or overcrowded conditions. Again, Mr. Chairman, I commend the committee for its work to date. I look forward to the final report. Mr. Wray indicated yesterday that he is anxious to get going on solutions to these problems and I am sure that the Executive Council will therefore want to respond quickly and positively to these interim recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Richard. General comments from Members. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been hearing people of my constituency commending the special committee on housing. I would like to support the special committee on housing and the recommendations here as I read them. I am sure there are going to be more recommendations and we will expect more work to be done on the housing because there are a lot of concerns on housing shortage. We all know that there is a housing shortage and the younger people need houses. We have heard that there is not enough funding for housing construction and I think this is a problem in all the Northwest Territories. The housing associations in the communities do not even have any office space, they just get old houses for office space and we have to look into this too. We see that the federal government and other governments have really nice offices and I think that they start feeling unhappy about not having any facilities, so we would have to look into getting office space for the housing associations.

I don't think there is a proper rent scale for northerners. For example, if one Member gets an honorarium, I think we pretty well know that a Member will get over \$1000 per year for being a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Let's say the wife was making \$500 and take away \$75, they would put \$325 toward the housing. Let's say there was two more, the children were working, the money would be put toward -- they would be looking at all the income. Some are broken down into different zones. I will be talking about this in English because I think it is a pretty heavy topic for the interpreters.

When you total this up, 25 per cent of the whole income of the family -- but it is not like this in other provinces. They only use one person in the family's salary. So I think we have to look into this too. I know this is a big concern, in looking at this report. We hear that some of the employees would quit working so that their rent would go down. For example in Cape Dorset, one employee quit his job when he had a really good job, since he had to pay 25 per cent into the rent, so he quit his job because of this. So they would just go out hunting. I think if they did not like to go out hunting, they would be having a hard time paying their rent.

It says here in the report that they would have to take training in house construction, maybe Dennis Patterson will be watching this. I think he will look into education on construction on different areas. After they have taken training on housing construction or other things concerning housing, we have to start looking into businesses. (Translation ends)

You know I hate to go through my transcript tomorrow because what is recorded will be very interesting to compare with what I actually said today. Therefore I would like to make some remarks in English. I would like to also congratulate the committee because housing is a social issue and has very much impact on the community and the family. Whatever the economic status of an individual is in the NWT it affects the individual tremendously. We concur with the housing committee's conclusion that there is a tremendous housing shortage throughout the Territories and I think they should be congratulated for giving the ordinary citizen in the streets, in the communities, an opportunity to express their frustrations and concerns. I am fully in support of extending the committee's mandate because there is yet a lot to be heard from the public and the views that they have to offer.

Rental Scales

I would like to, as I stated in my Inuktitut remarks, address two points which I think are very much problem areas in the NWT, particularly with the high costs of living. Zones. There are such things as zones that are used by the Housing Corporation when assessing the final income and that zone formula, in terms of the cost of living, is used to reduce the gross income of the family. I am making that an example, because the committee recommended that the rental scale is too complex for the people of the North and is too reflective of the southern society. I don't think it is the fact that it is a southern type of scale. I think if it were a southern scale we would not have much problem with it because normally down south they take into consideration mainly the head of the household's income when assessing the rent, or something of that nature when assessing the formula, the rental scale. In the NWT the present scale that we use is quite complex. When considering the gross income, it considers the householder's income, it includes all that. It deducts only by \$75 the spouse's income and that is added to the householder's income, and any other individuals who are making money. The allowance for the gross income is \$75. So if you have a family of 10 and there are three or four individuals working besides the householder, the total gross income is quite significant and as a result of that, 25 per cent is deducted.

So in that case, I can understand that some of the individuals normally resign from their positions because the final income and the rent is too expensive for them to try and meet each month. So I think that point should be considered further. As well, the reduction scale, the method that is used is based on the cost of living zones, which Social Services and the Housing Corporation use. There is quite a variance with that particular scheme. So I would urge the committee to study that more, to see whether or not they can come out with a fairer system of assessing rental scales for the people of the NWT. That is a fundamental concern. Before we recommend such a scheme, we have to first understand in detail, exactly what the present method and present formula of the rental scale is. It is quite a complex little affair in the NWT.

Training For Construction

The other point that I addressed in my Inuktitut remarks is the committee's recommendation that there should be more training and more assistance given to train workers and construction workers throughout the Territories. I certainly support that recommendation. When we were in Baffin Island not long ago, the people in that part and in my own constituency were calling for greater involvement of the local people in terms of construction. I would urge every Member to try to persuade the contractors and establish a working relationship with them, rather than just spelling the letter of the law which we tend to accept, I think. I think the contractors are quite willing to work with the workers providing they do have some understanding of the way the communities are. We have not done enough to try and make sure the contractors who have been awarded contracts to build houses and renovate houses, do understand the nature of the communities. I think that should be our responsibility as a government and as a Legislature and as politicians to make sure that we do know them and that takes an effort on all our part.

But training, I think, again I say, has to go beyond that. We should encourage communities in each place, however small, to establish small business companies that specialize in construction work because after all communities are going to grow, they are going to build houses. Communities are going to have to repair and specialize in repair and in maintaining these units that we have constructed. I think it is important that, when we are dealing with the maintenance and operations, we should take the view whether or not it would be better in many respects to privatize that part of an operation, so that the small business operator and the small construction company have a role and an opportunity to grow with the costs of maintenance and operations. You know it does grow and I think they do have a future role in that.

So, Mr. Chairman, these are my remarks and I look forward to the final report which I think will be quite substantial and I look forward to seeing the Members travel to my constituency again. I will promise that you will have better weather next time. I did not mind you staying a bit longer because you had had an opportunity to meet more people and learn about the way of life in that part of the world. Thank you.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. General comments from the Members. Mr. Butters.

Abstention On Voting By Executive Members

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, before we move to recommendation by recommendation study of the Interim Report of the Special Committee on Housing, I would wish to inform this House how government Members intend to participate in the debate and to respond to the 11 motions that will be made by the committee co-chairmen over the next two days. I believe yesterday Mr. Pudluk informed the committee of the whole that when discussion on each motion has reached the point where a vote will be taken then a recorded vote will be requested. While Executive Members will participate fully in the debate and discussion of each recommendation, they will abstain when the recorded vote is called. The reason for this action is understandable when one realizes that the Executive Council will be required to deal with each of the recommendations with the exception of number 11 in the days and weeks ahead. Response and implementation of the recommendations in whole or in part will require considerable discussion and detailed examination. In view of the fact that the report has only been in Executive Members' hands for one day, it is impossible for the Executive, collectively or individually, to adopt considered positions and responses on such short notice. Therefore, Executive Members present in the House will be abstaining when the vote is called and such abstentions should not be construed to imply either support or rejection of any of the recommendations of the committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Pudluk, do you still wish to proceed with recorded vote then?

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought the Executive Committee were going to come along with us that is why I requested a recorded vote. Perhaps, even if they were not counted it would be just fine. Without the recorded vote, maybe disregard the recorded vote, maybe that way they will be able to vote on the recommendations. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Do I understand then that we will just disregard the recorded vote procedure then? Thank you. All right, does the committee agree that we will go to the discussion on the interim recommendations, recommendation by recommendation? Number one is on the priority. Mr. McCallum.

Motion That Housing Be Designated As The Most Urgent Priority Of The GNWT

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to now proceed with the recommendations. Mr. Pudluk and I will make these recommendations by means of a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move, seconded by Mr. Pudluk, that housing be designated as the most urgent priority of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum, you do not require a seconder to this motion in committee of the whole, but your motion is in order. To the motion.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, to be very brief about it, in our travels throughout the Territories and meeting people and certainly from the discussions that have taken place in this Assembly and in other sessions of past Assemblies, housing has long been recognized as an important issue, and governments of the past and even present governments have had to wrestle with what should be prioritized. Perhaps what we are saying now is that, in our estimation, because of what we have heard, the priority list should be switched so that housing occupies the first rank in this priority list. We know that there have been tremendous strides made by the government, both federal and territorial, to provide basic shelter. We believe now that people expect and have a right to expect, in our opinion, that their houses will be more than simply basic shelters, that one should have the right to a home. We think there is a distinction to be made in those two terms.

We have found, as has been noted, that there is a serious shortage of housing throughout the Territories. Young people, parents and other people, even the elected Members of this Assembly have testified that overcrowding has a very detrimental effect on the lives of a great number of people in the communities. We believe that there are attendant repercussions, if you like, because of this serious shortage of housing in the way of social problems, educational problems and the frustration that people have in trying to get the proper type of a home. We have had many people indicate to us, as examples, and throughout the report, Members will note we have quoted people who attest to this shortage. There is a great number, as I said, of repercussions that come about because of the overcrowded conditions. We have heard much testimony from people

who attest to this. We believe housing, the housing conditions, have a great effect on family life and considering that these inadequacies do exist, we urge that the Assembly, in committee now, adopt the provision of adequate housing for all people of the Territories as a primary goal and a first goal of this government. I think that is as much as I would like to say on this particular recommendation, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

Other Areas Of Priority

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly agree that housing should be assigned a very high priority in the Northwest Territories. I spoke of the urgent overcrowding situation in my own constituency when the committee was there. I am not going to, in any way, oppose the motion but I would just like to say here now that it is not, unfortunately, the only problem, or the only area requiring significant attention in the Northwest Territories now. For example, at the last budget session, I think we all agreed that economic development needed more attention. And, of course, improving housing I recognize is a way of improving economic development if we get business development associated with the construction industry, if we get training, enhance training of northern residents and hotels, freighting companies, etc.

So, I realize that in many ways these things making housing a priority will affect economic development. I also participated in another special committee, the special committee on education of the Ninth Assembly, which similarly conducted extensive public hearings and did, I think, a fairly in depth analysis of the education needs of the Northwest Territories. We concluded that there was a crisis in education as well. All I want to say here is that in supporting this motion, I think the Members will acknowledge that we do also have other areas that must be given similar attention. Although I do fully acknowledge that there is a crisis in housing, I think some steps that have already been taken have shown that we, the government, are willing to do our best to respond to bring this situation under better control.

So, really all I am saying is, yes, housing is a most urgent priority but I am sure Members of this House in supporting this motion will also acknowledge that we have a college system to develop. We have a recommendation that has been made to this government that grade 10 be established in communities so that students do not have to leave school as early in age as they do in many communities. Much work remains to be done in that area. So, all I wanted to say is it is an urgent priority but there are others that this government must grapple with as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I indicated earlier that I wanted to speak, it was because I wanted to make remarks similar to those that Mr. Patterson has made. I certainly intend to support the motion because there is ample evidence that this is a very serious problem in the Northwest Territories. No question about it. It deserves a great deal of attention and it deserves a great deal of attention soon. But I did not want to just vote for the motion without speaking because I recognize that there are other very serious concerns that have been raised in this House before and that we have identified as certain priorities. So, I would not want to vote and have the Executive Council feel, if it should turn out that way, that just everybody voted for it and said without question, this is what you put ahead of everything else. I think there are other things that have to be considered seriously as well. I guess that is all I have to say. I certainly will support the motion along the lines on which I have spoken just now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, a question to the co-authors of the report. It would seem that these particular pages, pages 14 and 15, contain two recommendations. There is the one which reads "That housing be designated as the most urgent priority of the Government of the Northwest Territories", and there is also another one at the very bottom of the page which is not a recommendation but I think it might be an easier one to work with than the first one. And that is, "...the provision of adequate housing to all NWT residents as a primary goal and first priority of this government". Why did the authors reject that as the recommendation in favour of the one that they provided us? Because in my reading of the recommendation as provided, "most urgent" means not only first but to crowd everything else back and off the table, most urgent.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. McCallum, would you like to respond to that?

Inadequate Housing Frustrates Other Programs And Goals

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the recommendation that we put forward is the recommendation that we agree should be put forward. In reference to Mr. Butters' question about using what we say at the end of this particular priority, if you like, as our recommendation, we felt that it was to be the "most urgent". I recognize what has been said by the two previous speakers, Mr. MacQuarrie and Mr. Patterson, and I appreciate what they are saying because there are other priorities. But I think that what we have heard throughout the communities is that without the proper housing of people in the Territories, education and economic development, for example, will suffer.

We have heard direct testimony from people in nearly every community that we visited saying that we have to have the proper housing for our children. Being not properly housed leads to difficulties in education. It leads to difficulties within the family. Those difficulties cause even greater concerns amongst the family unit whether they are the parents, the aunts and uncles who live in the houses or whether it is the children attending school. I recognize, and we recognize, that there are other priorities of the government. No question. We believe that it has to be this way if we are going to have people provide and contribute to the total welfare of the Territories.

Recommendation Worded To Convey Public Opinion

We discussed obviously, as Mr. Butters would recognize and appreciate, how we would word our recommendations. And in order to put forward what we have heard and we felt, we couched it in those particular terms. Not that we rejected other things but we felt after what we have heard throughout the Territories, that that is what people were saying to us.

They talked about the economic development aspect of things. They talked about what it would be because schools are going to have to be developed. And we heard in Rankin Inlet -- one of the last places we met and talked with people -- about the concerns of local government and people in government because they were looking for a new school but where were they going to house people who were going to come in to teach? And some of the facts and figures that were given to us by people in those areas were pretty extensive figures in order to develop land to put new housing on to accommodate people coming into the community. We believe that what we have heard is what people really felt and so we couched it, as I say, in those terms -- that it is the most urgent and it should be the most urgent priority of the territorial government. And it may very well be, in the wisdom of the government, that they will have to take a look and see what will have to be taken away from other areas to put into this. The training and the education, the social problems of communities are going to be looked after. We believe this can be done by providing the proper housing. Not just a shelter.

I need not remind Members who have been in the Territories for many years about the kinds of shelter that have been provided from the beginning. Now people are saying that they want a home. If we are trying to get people together and contribute something to the Territories and to the welfare of the country as a whole, it starts with the family, the family housed in a proper facility. I am not talking about mansions or anything else. I am talking about people getting the basic necessities by which they can be housed. Everybody knows that that isn't the way it is now. That is not to say that there have not been great strides made and we on the committee have made reference to those strides. We know that there has been a lot of work done, but we believe that in order to satisfy the requirements and concerns that have been expressed to us by the people -- and they recognize that to get a proper home is what they require, and that is why we made the recommendation as being the most urgent priority.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Supplementary. In the co-chairman's response he indicated, and I believe I quote him correctly, "We realize there are other priorities of the government." The priorities of the government are the priorities that have been given the government by this House, so that if the House in its wisdom determines to give the government another priority and a most urgent priority, then obviously the government is going to accede to that direction. But I am just saying that the priorities that we are currently operating under are priorities that have been determined for us and recommended to us by Members of this Assembly.

I have a question again of the co-chairman. In the recommendation provided on page 14, the word "housing" is used; in the other recommendation that I looked at, the words "the provision of adequate housing". Now I understand "the provision of adequate housing", but what does the word "housing" mean in the recommendation? Does it mean the provision of adequate housing or does it mean something else? It is rather general, isn't it?

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

Housing Should Have Most Urgent Priority

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just so we get it straight. We are dealing with one recommendation. The paragraph at the bottom of page 14 in the English version of this report is not a recommendation. The recommendation is regarding housing -- and we are talking about the whole aspect of housing. We are not talking about just public housing or social housing. We are talking about housing in the general sense. If it is wide open then that is exactly what it means. We are talking of various programs of housing, not just with the aspect of the government providing social housing. We go into it in further detail with further recommendations.

We are talking about not just social housing or the provision of public housing which should be the goal of the government agency, the Housing Corporation. We are talking of home-ownership. We are talking about assistance to people to provide their own homes. So when we are talking of housing we are talking generally. One recommendation we make, and again I say, the bottom paragraph is not the recommendation we are making. I appreciate what the Minister has said, that the government takes direction from this House, but priorities have to change because we live in a changing kind of society and what was a priority in the past can be supplanted by a further priority, and this Legislature has set certain priorities over the years with a greater emphasis on one or two other priorities. This has been one. We are saying that this is what should occur in the coming year, that there has to be a greater expression of priority as regards housing. That is not to suggest to Mr. Butters or to other Members of this committee that housing has not been looked at and given some credence and some credibility by this government and by past Assemblies. It has. But we believe there is a great deal more to do and we want to impress upon Members of the Assembly who are not Members of the committee, that housing should be the most urgent priority.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. To the motion. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think it is a very valid point that has been brought forward about how this government decides its priorities. I think it is a small evolving government and there are many, many important issues and areas that as a government we have to address. I think that is recognized by the committee. The committee really thought long and hard about making this an urgent priority. I think we recognize that in making it an urgent priority that other areas may suffer because of lack of overall funding. If you look at the other areas that are very important -- education, the provision of new schools and programs, language programs, local government, the provision of recreational facilities and community halls, better municipal and regional governments, the area of health and alcohol and drug abuse and the area of social services -- I guess the feeling is that in all those areas, we can make improvements for the betterment of everybody, but most families spend a goodly portion of their life in their home. We can spend a lot of time improving everything else but it does not help somebody that much when their home life is so miserable because of housing conditions. The choice of the word "urgent" was there for a reason, and in the interim report we made some recommendations that we hope can be implemented immediately.

I mean, what we got from the communities, from person after person -- and probably we listened to close to 1000 people -- is that housing is their most important priority. No matter what we do in other areas, they would like to see this one dealt with first, and as the chairman has said, it impacts on every other facet of life, with alcohol and drug abuse, violence, on kids leaving school early. For us as a committee, it should be the number one priority, but also it has got such tremendous urgency to it that we think that we should do something about it and start doing something about it right now.

I think the points are very well taken and I think that the committee is very well aware of what it means for us to say that, and we are standing by our statement, that housing is the number one priority and an urgent priority. Thank you.

Motion That Housing Be Designated As The Most Urgent Priority Of GNWT, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question is being called. All those in favour of the motion? Mr. Wah-Shee, point of order?

MR. WAH-SHEE: If I am not mistaken, I think one of the co-chairmen did ask for a recorded vote. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wah-Shee, that was dealt with at the beginning of this discussion. All those opposed to the motion? Abstentions? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Recommendation 2, capital funding for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we have two recommendations dealing with capital funding for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. I will read them separately if I may.

Motion That Capital Funding For At Least 200 Public Housing Units Be Included In Budget, Carried

I would move that the 1985-86 NWT Housing Corporation budget include capital funding for the construction of at least 200 public housing units instead of the 62 currently proposed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed, agreed!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question is being called. To the motion. Mr. McCallum, we are dealing with the one recommendation and then the second one. There will be another motion then. Thank you, your motion is in order. Question is being called. All those in favour? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. With respect to the matter of increasing the number of units I absolutely support that but the question of location will arise and, I think it was in the May session, I had asked the Minister responsible for Housing as to whether there were criteria that the corporation works on to distinguish between want and need and urgency and so on and at that time the Minister did say, I believe, that they would be looking more into that and trying to develop clearer criteria. So would it be in order to ask whether that kind of criteria does exist now to try and discriminate a little more clearly between the levels of need?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I indicated in the May session that basically we came up with allocations based on what was called the needs survey. The needs survey has its pros and cons and what we did this year was to look a little beyond just what the need was. We looked at population estimates, we looked at overcrowding, we looked at availability of land, we looked at a whole host of criteria for the allocation of units to come up with the recommended allocations that we have. So, yes, the allocations are determined on a whole host of criteria as opposed to just how many people are on the waiting list at the housing association office. Thank you.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. Could I just ask the Minister if he would make available to Members sometime very soon the host of criteria that are used in determining this? I would appreciate it.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Mr. Wah-Shee, to the motion.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for the Minister of Housing. In regard to the budget for the home-ownership program, has the Housing Corporation in the past entered into a cost-sharing agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the home-ownership program? In other words, where is the money coming from for this home-ownership program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Point of order, Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that we were dealing with the first portion of the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee's question relates to the second portion and I feel that perhaps it would be more expedient if we would deal with the motions as they are put forward and then maybe the question can come up when we deal with that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will deal with the first motion then. Are there any other questions to the motion? Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Abstentions? This motion is carried.

---Carried

We will go now to the second portion of the recommendation on page 16. Mr. McCallum.

Motion That Capital Funding For Home-Ownership Assistance Program Be Doubled

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I move that capital funding in the 1985-86 Northwest Territories Housing Corporation budget for the home-ownership assistance program be doubled to five million dollars and furthermore that 90 per cent of the additional loans thus created be allocated to western Northwest Territories communities. Mr. Chairman, in speaking to this motion, I recognize full well that the government has allocated just this past week additional funding for the construction of 200 public housing units and we, as a committee, applaud that particular move. We think that it answers the kinds of concerns that we had as a beginning for this coming year. The one thing that Members of the committee of the whole should remember is that the allocation of these units, at least the list that we have received will indicate that approximately 90 per cent of them will go to the Baffin, Keewatin, Kitikmeot and some of the communities, toward the Beaufort.

As a result, it appears that public housing is to go to those areas and no public housing units are allocated, as far as we know, by the information that Mr. Wray provided us, anywhere further south than Fort Norman, that is from Fort Norman to Fort Smith and all areas in between. There is no public housing allocated there. So, it seems to be that in these areas home-ownership is the means by which housing will be provided, or help given to provide that housing to people in these areas. Now I say that is according to the information that was provided us. It may very well be that the government will re-address the allocation of public housing units but I think it has been pretty well said and attested to in this House that home-ownership has a greater allure, if you like, for people in this part of the Territories. That is not to say that there are not home-ownership programs already begun in the Baffin, in the Keewatin, Kitikmeot and other areas. We recognize that there are, but because the majority of this money for public housing is going to these areas, we, that is our committee on housing, believe there should be a corresponding allotment of housing assistance to this part of the Territories. For that reason, the committee has put forward this particular recommendation that the home-ownership program be addressed and rather than have the \$2.5 million, that the government reassess the situation and provide five million dollars for home-ownership programs. That is under the present program of the corporation that is known as the home-ownership assistance program.

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

Funding For HAP Program

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have several questions of the co-chairman but first of all to address Mr. Wah-Shee's previous question. Approaches have been made to CMHC to jointly fund the HAP program. To date CMHC has refused to do so as they tend to look upon our program as too much of a giveaway. However, last week at a meeting of deputy ministers of Housing in Montreal, there was some interest expressed by the promises of Quebec, Manitoba and a couple of other areas in the HAP program. I will be attending a Ministers of Housing conference in the first week of December, with the new federal minister and at that time I hope to raise the subject again and perhaps meet with a little bit more success than we have in the past.

With regard to the recommendation, I would like, first of all, clarification from the co-chairman. I was originally going to ask him to clarify for me what they consider to be western NWT communities as opposed to eastern and he has partially answered that by indicating that for this exercise the Beaufort is classified in the East. I am glad to hear that and I hope that Mr. MacQuarrie is listening.

However, I must ask for clarification in terms of this recommendation that says 90 per cent of the additional loans thus created be allocated to western NWT communities in the home-ownership program. Later on in the recommendations, we have "that home-ownership programs be made available to all NWT communities" and there appears to be a dichotomy there. On one hand, you are saying that you want to make home-ownership available, or 90 per cent of home-ownership available, in western communities. But on the other hand the recommendation further down says that you should make it available in all communities. I am just wondering which direction you want us to take? If we make it available in all communities, then obviously 90 per cent might not go to the West. Maybe 75-25. I wonder if you could give me clarification on those two statements? After that I have some additional comments, Mr. Chairman.

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

Programs And Funding Available To Western Communities

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we do not mean to divide the Territories in a particular manner, east or west. When we are talking about the western territories in this respect, we are talking about the area that definitely is in the West, that according to the information we received from Mr. Wray, is not getting public housing. I do not want to get into an argument with what it is and who is listening to the division. Now, that information could very well have changed.

As regards having home-ownership in all NWT communities. There are different kinds of home-ownership, as Mr. Wray well knows. There is the assistance under the home assistance program, there is the rural and remote program. However, those programs are not available in all NWT communities, as Mr. Wray knows full well, for example, rural and remote programs in Yellowknife which is a community of the Territories. Under the rural and remote program, there are only certain particular communities. Now there has been a relaxation on behalf of CMHC under the R and R program to allow the communities, such as Fort Smith, Hay River, Frobisher Bay and Inuvik, which are over the population limit. But Yellowknife has been excluded from these. And when we say in a later recommendation "for all communities" that was the intention to say "all communities" and include Yellowknife. Because we feel, as a committee, that these programs are required in Yellowknife as well.

As regards the 90 per cent -- and here, we are saying, at least in my opening remarks, that I understand that there are home-ownership programs going on at the present time, throughout the Territories, not just in the so-called "western" part of it. There are home-ownership programs going on as far north as Tuktoyaktuk. There are programs in Frobisher Bay. And I think the Minister had already indicated that there are home-ownership programs for this year that will be throughout the various six districts. But, there are approximately 50-odd program homes being allocated under the home assistance program in the proposed budget as far as we know from the information that we had. If they are to be divided amongst the communities in the six districts, in any way, shape or form, there are very few of these that will be coming to these communities. And that is why we say 90 per cent of them. That does not mean all of them, because all of the home assistance money is not going to these western communities now. There are R and R homes, the home assistance funding that will go to other communities.

So, I hope that I have responded to the concept of whether there is an anomaly between the two recommendations. When we say "all" we mean every community in the Territories. When we are talking of 90 per cent in the West, we are talking about those communities that have been excluded, again as far as we know from the information that we received from Mr. Wray, from the public housing allocation.

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

Housing Allocated On A Need And Eligibility Basis

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all it has to be made clear that when the Housing Corporation allocates units, these units are allocated on eligibility and the greatest need basis. They are not allocated by region or by constituency or by east or west. They are allocated on the greatest need. And while I recognize that R and R is not available in Yellowknife, that is not our doing. We have requested time and time again to include Yellowknife in the R and R program and CMHC has steadfastly refused to do so.

But if you exclude Yellowknife, Pine Point, Hay River, Fort Smith from the public housing program -- which by and large is done, and there are some in Inuvik but not too many -- basically it is because there are other sectors which take care of, or should take care of public housing. You are looking at population breakdown, using Mr. McCallum's statistics, of 18,000 people to service in the East and 9000 to service in the West. A two to one ratio. The greatest need, gentlemen, is what we determine the basis of our criteria on. And I think it is one that we will have to continue to use. I do not think that the Housing Corporation can afford to allocate houses on any other criteria. It has to be on a need and eligibility basis. That is what has been done in the past, as the Member knows well and I would hope that is what will continue in the future.

There has to be an understanding though that the home-ownership assistance program, which is the most popular, is by and large the most feasible for the western NWT without deep utility subsidies, and is that program which is most attractive to the western communities. And I should also indicate to the Member that by and large, the western communities have told us time and time again, they do not want public housing. That has come over loud and clear, time and time again. They do not want public housing. So, those are all the comments I would make on this item but I would emphasize that for the present, we will determine allocations based on need and eligibility and I think that is really the only fair way that we can do it, unless, of course, we receive other direction. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Mr. McCallum, to the motion.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just so that we do not confuse the apples and the oranges, though they are all fruit, this recommendation talks about the allocation of funds. The recommendation that the Member was referring to about all the communities, talks about the eligibility criteria, so that these programs can be available to all communities. I think if you read the recommendation number five, we are talking about the eligibility criteria; we are not talking about the allocation of funds. I think we are talking about two different things.

Also, I recognize and agree that people in the West want home-ownership and to use the argument as the Member puts forward we heartily endorse that, if that is what the people want. However, if that is so, then you must help provide that assistance to them and that is all the motion is asking for, to allocate more funding for public housing in what the Member refers to as the western communities, which is fine. That is all we are asking -- the allocation of funds. We are not talking about the eligibility, we will get into the eligibility criteria when we deal with recommendation five. We endorse what the government has done about the allocation of public housing units, that is the allocation of funding for it, now we are talking about the allocation of funds for home-ownership assistance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. MacQuarrie. To the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: With respect to the Minister's comments in which he indicates that there is no question at all that they allocate on the greatest need basis, then the criteria which I referred to earlier become vitally important, and when he listed some of the things earlier, they were generally community-related, such as availability of land and population estimates and so on. So, if this is in fact the basis on which units are allocated then I will be very interested to see whether in those criteria they have criteria related not to communities but to families, family-specific criteria, that is. If there is a need, what is it based on -- the fact that someone is now living in circumstances where there are this many people in the home, where there are no amenities and so on? That is the kind of need I would like to see. I hope that it is part of the criteria. I will certainly be looking for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, as I said in my reply to the Commissioner's Address yesterday, I believe there is just as deep-seated a desire for home-ownership and self-sufficiency and all the independence that that implies in the Eastern Arctic. I do not agree at all with the co-chairman's remark that there is a "lesser allure", I believe was the phrase he used, for home-ownership...

MR. McCALLUM: Greater allure, not a lesser one.

Confidence In Fair Allocation Of Funds By Executive Council

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Okay, that implies there is less of a desire in the Eastern Arctic. I think part of the problem has been that home-ownership has not been promoted and assistance has not been given to people to follow their wishes to be independent of government. My constituents do not want to live in public housing. They never had a need for public housing before there were governments and I would like to strongly suggest that there is no less desire in the Eastern Arctic for private home-ownership. I would also like to say, Mr. Chairman, that I really am very concerned that this committee would try to anticipate demand and need in advance and without knowing the applications and the need for home-ownership, make now an arbitrary judgment about how the funds should be equitably distributed. I guess what really concerns me is that underneath all this, I would suggest, is an implication that the funds will not be allocated fairly by this Executive Council.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: There is a suggestion that the committee needs to ensure that there is some kind of guaranteed fairness or equality between public housing in the East and private home-ownership assistance in the West and I feel, I guess as a Member of this government, that we would use no other criteria than fairness and need and equitability.

The Executive Council was deliberately constituted by this Assembly to have balanced membership from the East and West, not simply because there is a need to have equal votes but so that all parts of the NWT will be represented and I really do feel that underneath this recommendation is the suggestion that this government cannot be trusted to handle funds and distribute them equitably. That really disturbs me. I think that this motion amounts to a lack of confidence in the Minister and in the Executive Council in a very backdoor way and I would like to just say that I have no doubt that most of the home-ownership moneys will be allocated in western communities. That has been the tradition in the past, that is where the SSHAG program moneys went. No one complained about that. That is where we spend money on highways, no one complains about that. To each according to his need. It really distresses me that the decision should be, in effect, taken out of our hands by this recommendation.

I have no difficulties whatsoever with enhancing the home-ownership assistance program. I was really delighted to see two Inuk constituents in Frobisher Bay building their own houses and setting an example to the rest of the community that it is not just the non-native people who can own houses in Frobisher Bay and it was the home-ownership assistance program that made it possible. I do not know exactly how much money will produce a HAP program house, but I calculate that 10 per cent of five million dollars is 10 houses. Now, we have 34 communities above the tree line and that means that some worthy applicant in some community -- and there may be only one, there were only two in all of Frobisher Bay -- there may be only one in one community, by this criteria is arbitrarily going to be denied the opportunity to set an example for the rest of his community by building his own house, one privately constructed. One privately owned house means one less public house and means one less house draining utilities and all the other operating and maintenance costs that we know are crippling the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. So, I strongly object to this arbitrary aspect and I would suggest that the motion would be quite acceptable to all fair-minded Members of this House if we left out this 90 per cent requirement and just moved that the home-ownership assistance program be doubled and show a little faith in the Executive, which are elected by this House and could be removed at any time by this House, to be fair. I think you are questioning our ability to be fair with this money and that concerns me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. We will take a 15 minute coffee break.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Please come back to order. I believe, Mr. Ballantyne, you want to make a comment to the motion.

Recommendation Seeks To Balance New Housing Throughout Territories

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Patterson raised some questions -- if I could explain. I think there is some misunderstanding of how we arrived at this 90 per cent. I will just try to explain to you how it came about.

In Rankin Inlet, Mr. Wray spoke to the committee and at that point in time did not have the funding for 144 units that was announced three days ago. Also he said he did not have any extra funding for home-ownership program. So, we as a committee at that time were provided with an allocation list of where the 148 units were going to go. And in that list, over 90 per cent of them were going to the East. And what we were trying to accomplish so we would have an immediate infusion of houses all through the Territories, was some fair balance. And so for the extra \$2.5 million, it is because over 90 per cent of the 148 units were going to the East, that we thought of the extra 55 units, that 90 per cent should go to the West, so that everybody in the Territories immediately would at least feel the impact of some extra housing.

Now, there have been perhaps some changes in that allocation. That 90 per cent was not a firm figure but it was an attempt of the committee to balance new housing going into the whole Territories. Mr. Wray said in Baker Lake that in the Mackenzie Valley the home-ownership assistance program usually draws about 150 applications a year. We are able to approve only about 35 applications annually, our HAP and rural and remote programs providing 82 new units in 1984. This could easily be doubled if funding were available.

So, the attempt here was for an immediate part of the solution, to make sure that every part of the Territories received some new housing units. Now, in the long term, I think, the committee totally agrees with Mr. Patterson that home-ownership is a very viable alternative in the East. And later on in the recommendations in some of the comments that are made we will be looking at how one makes home-ownership viable in the East. The reality now in every community is that the reason it is not a viable alternative is because of the high maintenance cost including heat and electricity.

In the 1972 housing report, and it is something that we will be looking at, there is some talk of a utility subsidy in order to make home-ownership a viable alternative. So, this particular clause is only dealing with an immediate solution to a problem and trying to find the proper mechanism. There may be a better mechanism and maybe this 90 per cent is a little bit too couched in our terms but the goal we are trying to achieve is that, in the next given fiscal year, every area of the NWT will get an infusion of new housing. I think if people could understand the intent of this -- the intent was not to divide East and West or try to sneak in some extra housing for the West. It was not. It was trying to give every area of the NWT the opportunity for new homes. I do not know if that explains it a little bit better, Mr. Patterson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. Patterson, to the motion.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that explanation and I also appreciated the explanation that I got at the break, that rather than talking about the full five million dollars, if I had read carefully I would have seen the recommendation refers to additional moneys that may be allocated rather than the full amount. I am pleased to hear the Member of the committee say that perhaps the 90 per cent figure is a bit hard. Really, the point of my concern was that we accept that the bulk of home-ownership programs should go to the western communities where they are wanted and needed, but I would rather see those kinds of words used, "the bulk" or "the first priority" should be the western NWT communities or something less rigid than that.

So, I am pleased that one Member of the committee agrees with that and perhaps the motion might be amended accordingly and I would find it much more acceptable and much more in keeping with the responsibility that has been entrusted by this Assembly to the Executive. We make those kinds of detailed assessments based on all the facts that are present before us. And I would rather get direction that is not quite so rigid. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I want to emphasize, speaking as an individual Member of the committee, trying to explain the philosophy of what we are trying to achieve, that I think at this point in time, the allocation that we have seen, still would seem to be that 90 per cent of public housing would be in the East and until the committee can see some change, I think that 90 per cent is still in there. But I just wanted to explain how the 90 per cent allocation got there. So, at this point in time, I am not suggesting changing that 90 per cent. The objective of the 90 per cent was to achieve a balance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. Curley.

Percentage Allocation Unfair And Unconstitutional

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman. I welcome the rationale given by the committee co-chairmen and Members of the committee, but I do not think they went far enough in comparing and reviewing the historical development of the housing development in the Northwest Territories because I think the co-chairman will know that previously at one point, the government and the Housing Corporation decided that in one region there was to be just the retrofit and renovation of the existing and old houses that had been developed before. That was the case in my constituency. So, if the Members have now realized that Keewatin or Eastern Arctic are at the moment being allocated an increased number of new units to be constructed, that is because it reflects the previous government policy where at one point during the summer for a two year period there was to be no major new housing development. And at that time construction was going on, providing housing and development of houses whether it be home-ownership assistance programs in the western part of the Territories.

I think you cannot isolate that from your rationale because otherwise we are creating something that we really do not want to grapple with. In view of the present state of the Assembly here, I think to put a percentage figure on a government program -- I do not think it is fair. I think it creates quite an injustice to some parts and I think it is also much more complex than we think. Because they are all Canadian Members here, I really think a clause like this could be unconstitutional as far as I am concerned, because you are giving a particular percentage of the government program to a region and I do not think you can do that unless you declare it as a special economics zone of that sort. So, if I had any involvement here, in view of the fact, that the -- as an ordinary MLA I had spoken quite a bit and if we were to review the budget we would see that there was a tremendous interest in a home-ownership program for the people in the Keewatin and other parts of the Territories.

So, I would think if the committee is prepared they would do justice to do away with the second part of that resolution, the addition to the recommendation that states "90 per cent of the additional loans". In view of that, and I think you would have more possibility in dealing with what you want by leaving it to the program officers on the need and equitable basis. A recommendation of that sort I think can go through a whole lot of stumbling blocks if it addresses a specific percentage when we are really dealing with the territorial interests. I do not think we operate in that fashion at all. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Richard.

Specific Direction Recommended But Not Legally Binding

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am in favour of this motion, as I indicated during general comments. I believe that this committee has worked hard, they have tried hard to come up with reasonable recommendations. I do not believe the Members of the Executive Council should be offended by the detail or the specific direction that they include in their recommendations. Although I am new to this House, I have already heard time and again from Mr. Butters and other Members of the Executive Council that the Executive Council only takes its direction from priorities as this Assembly sees them.

This committee is comprised of Members from all over the Territories, as is the Executive Council. I do not think it is fair to say that they have not looked at the needs; they have just travelled for a few months to 40 communities, talked to the people. I believe they have, to my satisfaction, explained the rationale for these two motions and if there is a specific direction in the motion that is already passed regarding public housing and a specific direction regarding the priority for the HAP program, I believe, I am satisfied it is a result of what this committee has found in carrying out the tasks that this Assembly gave to it.

Although I am learning more and more about the role of this Assembly as each day goes on, this is simply a recommendation from the committee to the Assembly. If the motion carries, as I understand it, it is then only a recommendation to the Executive Council to the Assembly and it is not binding legally, I suppose, on the Executive Council. I see no reason for the Executive Council Members to be in any way offended by the detail or specific direction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Richard. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I am going to make a brief comment to this motion. I just want to inform you that the home-ownership program is not too well-known to the northern native people. The western people are more informed of this. I know that in the communities up North, this is not too well-known. They are just presently getting to know about the HAP program. Some people would like to have their own houses. However they are not too informed about the program. The Inuit people are not hesitant to build their own houses and they have done so in the past. When they are unilingual people they are not too well informed about the programs although they are available.

When a recommendation like this is made, I think this will be very beneficial to the people. When we make verbal recommendations they are not always acted upon but this is a written recommendation and this could be acted upon. I am not too happy about the 90 per cent part of it. I am not too sure about this myself. I don't even know how I will be voting on the motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Mr. MacQuarrie, to the motion.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you. I respect the comments made by Mr. Curley. I feel that in saying what he did he is speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He says that in order to try to make a recommendation that ensures that a certain area receives a fair portion of the housing is somehow unconstitutional. This is the same person who insisted at one time that there be four Executive Council Members from the East as well as from the West, someone who insisted that there must be representatives from the Eskimo Loan Board on what was established as a territorial loan board.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Curley, point of order.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that the Member ought to be referring to a bill that has not been released publicly at the moment. As a result I have to refrain from the details of the bill. If the Member wishes to do so I think he will have ample time to do so when it is in the second reading stage.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. MacQuarrie, could you please stick to the motion at hand?

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I would be happy to now, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the last point, I would only like to say that I was not referring to the bill, but that Mr. Curley, in the past in other forums, and I believe in the open Assembly, has recommended that.

What I am saying is that we have here a two-part recommendation and the Members of the Executive Council who seem reluctant to see the passage of the second part, I notice, jumped very quickly to pass the first part, knowing full well that the vast majority of those houses that are public housing units, would go to the East. They are absolutely willing to accept that. That has been the pattern for many years now and none of us reject that. But when we come to a part in the recommendation where the committee explained that they simply want to see also that there is an infusion of funding to try to help the housing situation in the West, suddenly there is a great problem and I absolutely reject that.

And I reject the idea that there is anything wrong with saying 90 per cent. That at least gives a clear indication about how important the committee feels it is to do something in the West for housing, as well. And it is, as Mr. Richard pointed out, clearly a recommendation to the Executive Council. It is reasonably specific but it is not binding at all. It should give them some clear indication of the importance the committee feels it has. I certainly hope that the majority of Members who are voting will support this recommendation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Ms Cournoyea.

HAP Program North Of Tree Line

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to talk about the HAP program in terms of above the tree line. Over the past 10 years of the delivery of the SSHAG program through the Mackenzie Valley Housing Association and the Dene Housing, the program was instituted mainly to encourage log building. Last year was the very first year that the housing assistance program, home-ownership, in that package was offered to areas north of the tree line where you did not build with logs and it was stick construction or a frame building. It was not possible in the time before last year for people who did not have the ability to build with logs to take advantage of the program.

The program for home-ownership has been going in the Mackenzie Valley for a long time and certainly it has been developed and I commend all the people who were involved with that, but I feel that in the development of the home-ownership the reason that north of the tree line was not taken into consideration is because the program just had not advanced. Last year was the first time we were able to take advantage of it, and mainly only because there were a lot of people who did not come through and there were a few packages we could grab hold of at the last minute. As a result, it was a real scary thing to do at the last minute to people because you wanted it to be successful. I was involved with the Inuvialuit Housing Corporation who took that challenge at the last minute to help get those houses built in communities outside the tree line. It was a difficult job but certainly with the example that was set, you know, even putting one house in a community was an example. A lot of people do not believe stories on the radio or people talking about home-ownership. They really learn by seeing and if we had 100 houses and only 10 could be allocated to north of the tree line, it would sort of deny some communities the ability to have that example, even though if you chose to have one house in every community that does not have a HAP house or a home-ownership program house.

So, I certainly support the fact that the majority would go to the Western Arctic or areas where you could have the option of burning wood but certainly I feel that if there were, for example, 100 houses, we would not be able to continue to put even the example programs into communities. Once it was seen that a frame house could actually be built and that that program had these units that are much smaller than the public housing units, because the Northwest Territories does not have to abide by CMHC standards in delivering a program and has a greater latitude, this program certainly should be encouraged. At the same time people do see and take an example from seeing what could be done, because people just do not believe it until they see it and perhaps at some point of time in the future when the NWT is in better circumstances where they can have their block funding from the federal government, they can deal with the programs that they feel are most beneficial to communities.

HAP Houses More Economical

In those HAP houses, when we looked at the cost of fuel and services, they certainly were much more economical than the public housing units. I really do not know why some of the building techniques in the HAP program that are offered should not be incorporated into the public housing, but I guess those are all technicalities and whose rules you are living by. In Holman Island and Paulatuk, and this year too in Sachs and Tuk and also the housing corporation that I was involved with, also dealing with units in Inuvik -- their heating bills and electrical bills are far, far more economical than most other units. So, it is learning and having that experience and I hope that we are, in the coastal communities, and that we would not only be limited to 10.

I know it is a recommendation and I know things have to be evenly distributed but at the same time I just thought that you should know these example units have been very well received and we have found that sometimes we had overly encouraged people to take advantage of it because the Housing Corporation is always reminding people how much their oil bill is and how much their electrical bill is and they get a fear that if they go into home-ownership that it is going to cost that much and how can they afford it? But once the unit is put there and there is an example the community sees it and people ask questions. I would like to see more of that done, even in the Arctic communities, because I think it is more economical for this government and it is better for people in their own healthy living lifestyle. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Mr. Butters.

Clarification Of Detail Of Funding

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to correct a few statements that have been made in the last two hours. I am quite sure the Members were not aware that the statements they made were erroneous. I think somebody suggested the Executive made a decision to fund the 200 new public housing units just within the last three days. This is not correct. There was a news release three days ago but the decision was made almost three weeks ago. It has been part of an ongoing examination process of housing needs, I would say, over the last two or three months, instituted by the Minister of Housing. That approval was given by the Financial Management Board at a special meeting some three weeks ago. So it was not made three days ago.

The other matter that concerns me is that the first recommendation or part A of this recommendation had nothing to do with east or west, the words that appear before us do not include the words "east" or "west" and the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre suggests that the Executive jumped to recognize that split. That is not the case at all. What the Executive did was to approve a \$5.8 million additional amount of money for use in the public housing area which we could jointly expend with CMHC programs. The problem is that the co-chairmen, or the committee is using allocation material which was not considered by the Financial Management Board at that time, has not been examined by the Executive Committee, nor by the Financial Management Board and it seems that it is on that information that this split is being predicated. So, I would just suggest that, while I understand that the information may have been received from the Minister of Housing, it is certainly not a document that has had Executive approval and examination. So, I feel that part of the problem here is that there has been this unnecessary erroneous element introduced into the equation as a result of this material and these anticipated allocations.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank Mr. Butters for the clarification. However, the committee were going on documents that were presented to us by your colleague, the Minister for Housing, at the Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet public meetings with him and it was certainly, at least my impression, and I believe the impression of the other Members of the committee that this was the additional allocation of funds given to us together with a list of where these houses would be going to. While we are talking about figures that are not quite right, I would like to point out once more that our report contains 11 categories of recommendations. The one we are on right now, recommendation two, you will note is the only one that refers specifically to one year, the up-coming year. The other recommendations are all for the up-coming year and hopefully for future years. This one deals strictly with meeting an immediate need for next year.

As I just stated, it was our impression from the Minister for Housing that the houses to be constructed out of the additional funding made available for public housing were allocated according to the sheets of paper we received from him and on the home-ownership assistance program, again I would like to stress as Ms Cournoyea mentioned just before, the five million dollars, the 90 per cent of the additional loans, I will be quite specific, it does not, I repeat, it does not make a 90 per cent distinction on that part of the funding which already is in the pot. It is on the additional funding and it does not tie the 90 per cent to future allocations of HAP houses. It is quite specifically for the year 1985-86 and quite specifically the 90 per cent applies to the additional loans thus created. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Pedersen. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to point out that the additional public houses, instead of 61, the recommendation is that it be boosted up to 200, and I just want to point out that 200 public houses will cost in the neighbourhood of \$20 million. On the HAP units, an additional 58 will cost only \$2.5 million. If Members will go back into reading the transcripts of community hearings which were tabled yesterday, they will read that the people of the Western Arctic have a very great desire for home-ownership. I pointed out to the housing committee that probably 60 or 70 per cent of the Dene live in houses that are substandard. I know Members of the committee have seen that. They have seen leaky roofs, they have seen houses that are not up to par.

There is no guarantee that anybody is going to take care of these houses. Furthermore the rules that the Housing Corporation works by -- I have heard this questioned a number of times in community hearings. At this time I do not know if I want to elaborate on that, it is a complicated

issue. I will just remind Members that they have seen houses in Snare Lake that were below standard. We have had people take us into their houses telling us that they leak constantly. They showed us pots and pans that they put under these leaks. I think we recognize that the East has a big requirement for part of these 200 public houses and at the same time we are saying we have our own problems in the West here with housing. I would like to know from the Minister how many of the 200 public houses are allocated to my region?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I am going to go back but I will respond to Mr. T'Seleie's question about allocations. I will not respond to individual allocations in this session. We are here to discuss the special committee on housing report, not the allocation of housing units. I will, once the allocations have been formalized, once discussions have taken place with MLAs and the Executive has approved them, then we will know what the allocations are and it will go forward to the standing committee on finance.

Documentation Provided Was Not Final

Much has been said about a document that I gave to the committee which they based everything on. Documents were provided to the committee and there were several documents. There were proposed budgets, proposed scenarios, based on this level of funding, on another level of funding, there was a lot of documents provided to the committee at their request in order to help them further understand and analyse the workings of the corporation and how things were done. But by no means were the documents that were presented four months ago, final documents, and they knew that. They were proposed scenarios. Those documents have changed five, six, seven times, to my knowledge, in the past four months. I encourage the Members not to tie themselves into a percentage basis because the percentages don't work. That is all I am saying to them.

They are basing a recommendation on a document that was four months old and was by no means a final document. The document that they referred to I think they got about the fourth or fifth draft of the document, and there have been about three or four drafts since then and there will probably be another one or two more drafts before that document is finalized.

So that is the point that I wanted to make. While the Housing Corporation is more than willing to provide documents to the special committee, it should be understood that the Housing Corporation, particularly when it deals with budgets and allocations, undergoes continual change. Until they are told that those documents are the final documents -- in fact the final document will be the main estimates, that is when the final document will be produced. So I will encourage them not to go with this 90 per cent. The documents were provided to the special committee in order to help them in their work. If I would have known that it was going to cause this much trouble, perhaps I would have thought twice before I provided them with the documentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): General comments. Mr. Ballantyne. To the motion.

Recommendations Based On Documents Supplied

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a couple of comments to put this into perspective. Also, as to the documents that we received from the Minister, this committee in good faith saw what the Minister was trying to do and in their report, in fact, supported the Minister in his endeavours. So, I think it was a positive thing for the Minister, also as far as I am concerned for the North but we are hung up on this 90 per cent and I just want to emphasize something; the only documents that we were given by the Minister was what we based this on. The 90 per cent is a direct reaction to that document. It is the only document we have now. I think the 90 per cent can still stay in, can still be operative. I think the message we are trying to get across is clear. We are looking for equitable distribution of new housing units, both public and HAP, throughout the Territories. We can talk about the 90 per cent, that figure is a direct reaction to the document. Is that understood? We can go on all day about this, as long as the message is clear.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. McCallum, to the motion.

MR. McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think maybe Mr. Ballantyne has suggested that we appreciated getting the document from the Minister. It was dated August 28th. This is two months hence. I said that it would likely change in the allocation of those units since that time. I have already

indicated that we appreciate that as a committee. I referred in the question when the announcement was made. Whether or not the Executive made the decision a month ago or three weeks ago was not known to the committee at the time we put this together. We did not know that there was to be any kind of announcement at all. In the document that was provided -- and we appreciated it -- was a proposal for \$5.4 million, and the Executive put in \$5.8 million, that is for next year.

Whether you have allocated where those units are going or not is immaterial. One can argue that you must have some idea because you have to prepare the land, you have to get the land to put them on. You have to get everything else within the communities involved with it as well. So, there must have been some predetermination of where they were going. There was a notation of X number of units, and outside of Aklavik, there were 31 other units in what is commonly referred as the West. The Minister, when he made the announcement of putting the \$5.8 million injection into public housing -- and it was public housing, not just housing, in those particular units -- I asked him specifically about the difference in it. It is great to put the extra \$400,000 in it if that means more units. That is great. But in his announcement, the Minister said the rationale for making that announcement was because you had to get the material in on the ice road.

Well, the communities that were going to be served by these \$5.8 million, as far as the committee was concerned, that required an ice road were Arctic Red River, Fort Norman and Fort Franklin and there were 14 houses that we knew that were going into those communities -- 14 that is all, no more. Now, as Mr. Ballantyne has indicated, what we are trying to do is to get distribution of it. There were 36 housing units on the list that we were provided with. Whether it has changed or not, we took that information. Including Aklavik every other one of those 148 units, in other words, 117 of them as far as we knew, were going to the Kitikmeot, Keewatin and the Baffin area. Now, that can all change, the allocation. But we know when the Minister talked to this Assembly about housing back in February, he indicated then in a reply to a question that was asked him about what is the logical way of allocating units, it is a political allocation he said.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray, point of order.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I said that in the past it has been a political decision on where housing had gone. I did not indicate that that was going to be the present trend. I said in the past that that is what had been done.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Mr. McCallum, to the motion, please.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, you know, and I think it is accepted that public housing is generally favoured by people, not to the exclusion of home-ownership, in the East and the opposite in the West. That inroads have been made into home-ownership in these other areas I think is good. All we are trying to do is to ensure that if you are going to put more money into public housing, we would like, as a committee, with the blessing of this committee of the whole, to recommend to the government that they put an injection of more money into home-ownership. That is all we are asking for and, you know, we are saying because of that, if you are only funding now at \$2.5 million, approximately 50 to 55 home-ownership grants -- because the average grant is somewhere around \$40,000 to \$45,000 -- we are saying double it so that we can get another 50 to 55 more units and of those put 90 per cent of them in what is commonly referred to as the West. We are not saying exclude the other areas. The other areas are getting some under the present program. We are saying continue that but put the majority, the 90 per cent, into the West. If you are going to accede, the government will accede because the Legislature is going to recommend that we get more money into home-ownership. That is what we want you to do and that is the sum and essence of it all. We are getting hung up on the split and where it is going to go. We could argue all day.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to express my concerns on this motion. I do not think we are going to agree unanimously, if 90 per cent is going to go to the Western Arctic because I think we are going to have to follow this. I would like to remove this 90 per cent in this motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Mr. Appaqaq, is this a motion that you are presenting?

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MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) I move that this 90 per cent be taken off the motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The amendment is to delete "and furthermore that 90 per cent of the additional loans thus created be allocated to western NWT communities". Mr. Appaqaq, your amendment is in order. To your amendment.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make a short comment. I think it would be better if this 90 per cent of the additional loans be taken off because there are a lot of other communities in Baffin and Central Arctic and Western Arctic asking for home-ownership programs. It would be better if we go following the requirements. I know we will not agree unanimously on this item, so I would like support on this amendment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. To the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to just make clear that I agree with what the special committee on housing is trying to accomplish with this motion, but I do not believe in quotas and it is fairly clear now that the document that was relied on to come up with this figure is now out of date. We even had one Member of the committee acknowledging that the figure was possibly not the right one. It may well be that the Executive Council will decide on looking at the needs that it should be more than 90 per cent.

I think we understand fully the great needs that there are in the constituencies of some of the Members who spoke. But I think we should be making allocations based on need and I think need will speak for itself. If we get into this east-west stuff in this House, it does not get us anywhere. There have been some very ugly debates and scenes when these kinds of comparisons were attempted to be made before. I do not support that kind of polarization and I therefore would like to suggest that the intent of the motion need not be spelled out so specifically. And I would just like to point out I was not -- if the honourable Member for Yellowknife South was referring to me -- I was not offended by the committee. But I was concerned about this particular part of the recommendation.

To my mind this sort of discussion points out the need to divide the Northwest Territories but until we get to that stage, I hope that the Assembly will trust the Executive Council to be fair and to make decisions based on need and based on facts that were not obviously fully presented to the committee when they made that recommendation. I make these comments with the greatest respect, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Curley, to the amendment.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) In any government it should be equal -- we should all be equal. It is too bad that there have to be more houses in the Eastern Arctic or in any other areas. Perhaps one of the co-chairmen would have helped the committee out by saying that more houses should be allocated to the other side. Even though we might be able to deal with this problem in the legislation, some of the people in the NWT are not convinced that they will -- last year there was 60 per cent for this and maybe for next year. It says here "to be doubled to \$5 million". Finally, \$2.5 million -- so I think it would be better if we delete the 90 per cent on the motion. So, if it is possible, I would like some support -- and I know that Moses had amended this -- so that it will be equal in all of the Northwest Territories. I am going to talk about this tomorrow. I know that it will not be the same in the debates. (Translation ends)

HAP Seen As Not A Priority For The East

We speak for the little guy on the street who has no understanding of the way the government operates, unlike many of us here in the Legislature. When we talk about quotas, they take it seriously. They take it seriously when the Assembly adopts a motion that says 90 per cent of the increased additional funds for housing assistance programs be allocated for the people of the West. Eastern Arctic people take it for granted that is the case, that we did not do our job, and that the home-ownership program is not a priority for the Eastern Arctic. That would be interpreted as that. That is why I am saying we should allow the process the way the government has practised in the past and that we do not engage ourself in setting up a quota system.

The previous Minister for Housing surely never did that before. We have had a number of conferences with respect to housing in the Keewatin when they called for additional funds be made available for home-ownership programs. We were told, you know, that it was not economical but all I want to say is when you have a group of enterprising people, they are able to come up with ways and means to operate and maintain a private home. And therefore, I think there is evidence of that even though there has been tremendous difficulty in getting mortgages or whatnot. The home-ownership programs are developing.

That is all I want to say. I am trying to say to you, I think for the sake of the public, that we not deal with the figure, the quota here, because I still believe that the majority of the funds and I know the majority of the funds for home-ownership assistance program will be spent in the western part of the Territories because it is cheaper here. You have alternative sources of energy and so on. But to give an impression that we are only going to -- as far as the additional funds are concerned -- increase costs, as recommended by the committee that only 10 per cent be allocated for the people of the East. That is going to be pretty hard for my ordinary MLAs to defend. So, if I had any choice, I would have let the fairness prevail in allowing some sense of trust to exist with the Executive Council and the Minister responsible. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Paniloo, to the amendment.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be speaking to the motion as amended. We are requesting to find out concerns of the NWT people. They were on a tour because they wanted to find out the concerns of the public. As everybody is aware, I think the concerns of the western people are also included in the reports. So I am not going to be supporting the motion as it was amended.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Paniloo. Mr. MacQuarrie, to the amendment.

Importance Of Equity

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not represent the Executive Council, I do not represent the special committee on housing, I represent the little guy on the street that Mr. Curley was talking about.

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My concern and the concern of that little guy on the street is equity. I agree. Now Mr. Patterson has stated that a document that has led to this is not valid any more. He doesn't state that there is no replacement document. He also said, "Let need speak for itself." So I will have to ask: How has "need" spoken for itself in the past? This document does not really matter. I will ask the question: Let us look at the past five or 10 years and see that when funding was allocated for public housing, where did it go? And I think the pattern will show clearly and unequivocally that the bulk of it, maybe 90 per cent, has gone to eastern communities. I am not complaining about that.

But here is the problem that this committee was faced with. They said housing was a problem everywhere. We want to make a recommendation to try to improve the situation. So let us address the matter of public housing and say that there should be an infusion of funds to help resolve that problem. And Members agreed. But when they look at the pattern of allocation from the past they are going to say "But if that's all we say, that is not going to help the West very much, because we see that the vast majority of that allocation will go to the East." And they did not complain and that's the case. But they did have the concern also "How can we maybe do something this year?" -- one time only, to try to make sure that the concern in the West is addressed as well.

So they came up with a second recommendation and said that is a way to try to make sure there is equity. I think it is a very reasonable statement. Get over the hang-up that you have about the words "90 per cent". I think it is a way of showing clearly the importance of what they are saying. Yet we know that if this committee passes it, it is not a binding figure on the government. The government has made that clear to us in the Assembly on many previous occasions. Support it and they will get the idea that equity is important and that, I think, is what the committee is trying to get across.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mrs. Lawrence.

Recommendations Made Collectively By Committee

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was very hard for me to get used to the idea of East and West. I always felt that as a territorial Legislative Assembly we should all work collectively. Now when we first formed this committee, they insisted there be three from the East and three from the West and we went along with that. Any recommendation that has been made, it was not done just from the West, it was done collectively with the East and the West -- all the Members. It was discussed in detail before we went ahead.

I would just like to make a comment to Mr. Paniloo regarding the amendment. It was right in his riding that someone said to us that they could not afford to live in public housing, let alone own it. Furthermore he does not want to work because if he does he has to go according to the rent scale which comes to 25 per cent and he can't keep it up. Therefore he would rather be unemployed and pay \$32 a month. I would just like to remind everyone that this recommendation that is being made is done collectively and not by a one-sided so-called West. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Mr. T'Seleie, to the amendment.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mahsi, Mr. Chairman. (Translation) What we are saying on this issue, the public housing, they will be spending as much as \$20 million on this public housing. That is good but perhaps they should only spend \$50,000. We cannot support this... (Translation ends)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): There was a bit of translation difficulty with the North and South Slavey dialect. Could you clarify in English please?

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that we had translation capabilities in this Assembly for every Member. I assumed that we had those capabilities. Well I suppose the civil service should be there but -- my basic point is that earlier when I was talking about the \$20 million that these 200 public units are going to cost, according to my understanding, it is only a part of the cost to the government and that probably these 200 units will cost in the neighbourhood of \$50 million by the time we get to the end of it. And that in comparison, to house 110 people in the West, it is going to cost \$5 million. I would suggest that that is a very minimal cost and it has always struck me, you know, in going back over the debates of the House, that it is very expensive to administrate to the Eastern Arctic. For all of those reasons, Mr. Chairman, I just cannot support the amendment to this recommendation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. I believe in order to get the proper translation, you have to give notice -- I think one day at a time. Mr. Nerysoo, do you wish to comment to the amendment?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I guess I am supposed to speak to the motion whether it is an amendment to remove the 90 per cent or not. The reality, and I would like to comment, is that there is no question that it is a direction or recommendation to government. It is not whether there is a percentage or not, the reality is that the final decision will be made by government on the assessment of all the needs and the reports that we get from the housing associations. I am not particularly hung up on percentages. And I think I understand the recommendations that are being made as they are. I think you can be assured that I will address the particular issue accordingly and there is no question, like I said, it is a recommendation and I will live with that recommendation but the final decisions may not reflect that particular recommendation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Question has been called. Mr. Wah-Shee, to the amendment.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not really hung up on the 90 per cent because as far as I am concerned it just indicates the way that allocation of housing has been made. So, the way that the motion is written here, at least the second one, is that it is telling it like it is. I think that for MLAs from the West that also creates a problem when the Minister of Housing makes a public statement, "You'll get 200 more public units" and then out of that you get 148 going to the East. So, it does have a bad reflection on the MLAs from the West and when we look at the housing situation in our own communities, it is not an acceptable level of housing that we have.

Cost-Shared Agreements Facilitate Public Housing

The other thing that I would like to point out is that I think it appears that it is a little easier to finance public housing, because of the cost-shared arrangement that can be negotiated with the federal government. So, you can finance more units but when it comes down to home-ownership, we have to find the capital funds from the general pot. So, as far as I am concerned, the five million dollars that we are asking for is not even sufficient anyway in comparison to the money that is being allocated for public housing.

In terms of removing the 90 per cent, I do not think it will necessarily satisfy people from the West because we have to make an indication here that this is a one year arrangement to have allocation of units go to the western communities. I would like to see public housing be provided in Rae-Edzo because under the home-ownership program, we cannot meet the needs of the housing shortage that we have. So, as far as I am concerned, I cannot really support that amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: To the amendment. I think that we have had a good debate and I would suggest that maybe the mover consider withdrawing his amendment. I think he has heard full discussion with regard to the recommendation and I think we all recognize that 90 per cent is not necessarily a firm figure. It is an indication...

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I heard the honourable Member for Yellowknife North saying that what the committee was seeking was equity, fairness to people throughout the Territories. And we agree with that.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. TOM BUTTERS: To take any other position would be irresponsible and not in keeping with our duties to this House and to the people of the Northwest Territories. So, should the amendment pass or fail, or should the recommendation be made with "90 per cent" in the text or not, it is of no consequence here because the Executive has heard the debate, has heard the arguments of the committee and will deal with those arguments in that requirement with fairness and with equity. We will do that.

I would suggest rather than creating division in the House that the Member consider withdrawing the particular amendment and allowing the recommendation go forward as it is placed.

Motion To Amend Motion That Capital Funding For Home-Ownership Assistance Program Be Doubled, Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): To the amendment. Question is being called. All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed, if any? This amendment is defeated.

---Defeated

Question is being called on the original motion. All those in favour? Mr. Curley, to the motion.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I had a question to the co-chairman of the committee whether or not they had any figures related to the housing assistance program? What sort of figures they had had in justifying the rationale for giving additional moneys, that 90 per cent of that be allotted to the western Territories. Could you tell me, is it based on the sort of similar figure that was spent as far as the western citizens are concerned?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it is the committee's understanding that there is now in the estimates for the coming year \$2.5 million for home-ownership assistance unless it is changed, but as we understand, \$2.5 million. There was last year. If the going rate is \$40,000 to \$45,000, that means you will be able to build 50 to 55 units, so we are saying to double the amount that is in it. Those are the figures that we are using.

Motion That Capital Funding For Home-Ownership Assistance Program Be Doubled, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Question is being called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Thank you. Does the committee wish to proceed with recommendation three?

AN HON. MEMBER: Progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Motion for progress has been called. Can I get a mover to report progress? Mr. Nerysoo. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? I will rise to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come to order. Mr. Gargan, please.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF INTERIM REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering the interim report of the Special Committee on Housing and wish to report progress. In the course of its deliberations, your committee adopted three motions.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: I wish to remind Members that there will be a group photograph after recess tomorrow. Have your hair all combed and all of those sorts of things. Announcements from the floor. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the caucus room. There will be a meeting of the Management and Services Board tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 18: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, November the 7th, at 1:00 p.m.

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16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Third Reading of Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m.

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