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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1984

MR. SPEAKER: As agreed by unanimous consent yesterday, we shall return to the orders of the day of Thursday, November 8th. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bills 1-84(3), 12-84(3); and appearance of the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, with Mr. Gargan in the chair. We resolve into committee of the whole.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 12-84(3), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1984-85; APPEARANCE OF CHAIRMAN OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order.

Bill 12-84(3), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1984-85

We are on page nine on the Supplementary Appropriation No. 2, 1984-85, and we are on Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance. Does the committee agree we proceed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Page nine, on the Supplementary Appropriation No. 2, 1984-85. Economic Development and Tourism, directorate, \$1,251,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Tourism And Parks, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Tourism and parks, \$36,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Business Development

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Business development, \$305,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I just ask for a little explanation of this. I thought, maybe a year or so ago, we had done a one-time deal or something like that in conclusion and so, could I just ask for an explanation of this?

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

 ${\tt HON.}$ TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, can I have the Member ask the question again? I was just trying to get my pages here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Slave River Sawmill

MR. MacQUARRIE: The matter of the Slave River Sawmill has appeared before this Assembly on one or more occasions in the past and it seemed to me about a year or so ago that there was some decision with respect to funding and with respect to this, can I merely ask what brings it about, what are the terms or conditions under which it is given, and so on?

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We dealt with the issue the other day at the standing committee on finance and we realize that the Members have had an ongoing concern with the sawmill there and I know it was a concern of the previous Executive Council in that they had to deal with it on a crisis by crisis basis because they had not had a real plan put in place. So, our department last January recommended to the Executive Council that if this project is going to be a source of income somehow, the government should really establish a plan that would actually be decreasing in a number of years and we did that when I came to the government. We instituted sort of a six year plan on a declining basis, mainly for wage subsidy and it is only a subsidy for direct wages based on production measured in board feet. So, it is tied into the production of the lumber at that particular sawmill.

So, Mr. Chairman, we certainly do hope that it will eventually become financially viable but at the moment it is important that our government, before it cuts off its total support, at least give them an opportunity to try to stick to a particular set of guidelines that we have entered into with them. Also, our wage subsidy, the way it is, as you know we do have \$305,000 on the item here under business development. It averages out over the six years. We just went over it this past year and the average wage subsidy that we know we will have is about \$200,000 or so a year, compared to about \$500,000 each year that the previous Executive Council of that time was contributing. So, Mr. Chairman, I hope some of that information clarifies the Member's concerns.

Total O And M, Business Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. We are on business development, \$305,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$1,592,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Total O And M, Schools, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Education, operations and maintenance, schools, \$75,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, College Programs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): College programs, \$2,180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Native Language Training Program

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I get some information from the Minister of Education. I know that all of us, earlier in this Assembly received a letter from the president of the student council at Thebacha College with respect to the possibility, or the desirability rather, of establishing some native language training program at Thebacha College, so that students there would have the opportunity to acquire some proficiency in native languages. Had the Minister seen that letter and could I hear what his thoughts were with respect to that suggestion?

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I had seen the letter and I do indeed think that it is inevitable that a Dene language centre be established in the western Northwest Territories to enhance our ability to teach and develop native languages. I see that happening as a result of the language funds that have been made available to this government in connection with official languages and official aboriginal languages of the Northwest Territories. Of course, this government still will receive direction from the public, but it is pretty clear to me that that idea will be supported and, personally, although this is not a decision that the government has taken, personally, I think that that is the way we should be going, consolidating our teaching and learning resources in some kind of a centre where native languages would be taught. Where the location would be is another question but, obviously, Thebacha College is a contender for that kind of program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Total O And M, College Programs, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Okay, we are on college programs, \$2,180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$2,255,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive

Total Capital, Regional Operations, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will now get into capital. Executive, regional operations, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Total Capital, Staff Relations

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Personnel, capital, staff relations. Mr. Ballantyne.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is to do with the activity to provide additional funds for the construction of a four-plex located at Rankin Inlet, \$377,000. The committee queried the request for \$377,000 of capital funding for the construction of a four-plex at Rankin Inlet. The 1984-85 main estimates show a budgeted amount of \$360,000 for this project. The committee was advised that tenders had been much higher than was originally contemplated and that this item in fact represented the difference between budget estimates and actual tendered costs.

The committee was extremely concerned over this discrepancy and an increase of over \$100,000 of 100 per cent of estimated costs. The committee felt that this item was not a cost overrun, and the contracted price was none the less indicative of poor estimating practices, thus necessitating additional time and cost involved in obtaining a supplementary appropriation. In light of this noble example of a supplementary required to cover a budget deficiency the committee hopes that action will be taken in future to bear much more accurate estimates to construction costs. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are on staff relations, \$587,200. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So, from what I have just heard from the chairman of the standing committee on finance, does that mean the total cost of one four-plex in Rankin Inlet is \$737,000?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Right on.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The figure I believe presented at the committee was \$732,000. That was the bid.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister responsible could inform the House what type of housing unit we are buying for that price. It comes $$ to \$180,000 to \$185,000 per unit. I understand they are two-bedroom units. Could we have some confirmation on that?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I can get information on that. Maybe we can pass over that and I will try and get the details to reply, if the Member wishes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is that okay, Mr. Pedersen? Staff relations, \$587,200. Agreed? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, was he going to get some further information on this item? Can we just defer the item until we get the information, please, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is this agreed by the committee?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services

Total Capital, Office Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will go to Government Services, capital, office services, \$38,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Systems And Computer Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Systems and computers services, \$27,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Supply Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Supply services, \$107,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Petroleum Products, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Continuing on the next page, petroleum products, \$247,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Motor Vehicles, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Motor vehicles, \$126,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Liquor Commission, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Liquor commission, \$20,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$31,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

Total Capital, Field Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Renewable Resources, field services, \$1500 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1500 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Total Capital, Community Planning And Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Local Government, community planning and development, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Land Assessment, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Land assessment, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Airports, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Airports, \$100,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Recreation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recreation, \$1,782,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MR. BALLANTYNE: "Provide additional funds for the dismantling of the Tuktoyaktuk arena." Now, we have a concern with this because apparently they have changed their plans. I will just read our concerns: During consideration of the capital estimates of the Department of Local Government, the committee raised the question of the \$245,000 additional funding requested for the dismantling of the Tuktoyaktuk arena. The committee was concerned about the apparent high cost of the dismantling and wished further clarification of the total cost of the project. At this point, the committee was informed that the dismantling has been deferred and that the funds were to be used to shore up the building. However, no exact estimate of the cost could be given, although it would be less than the \$245,000 requested in the supplementary.

The committee sought direction from the secretary to the Financial Management Board, Mr. Nielsen, who recommended the appropriation stay but the line be amended to read: "To provide additional funds to shore up Tuktoyaktuk arena so that work could proceed and excess funds could be covered by introduction of a negative surplus in the following supplementary". The committee while recognizing the convenience of the suggestion is concerned that appropriations be voted for a

specific purpose within a specified amount. There is a notice on both the government and the committee to observe this principle. So, if I could suggest that the new use of these funds be incorporated here but in future that we try to stay away from this rather unorthodox process. Thank you.

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Total department, \$2,067,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

Total Capital, NWT Share Of Health Care Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Health, capital, NWT share of health care services, \$1,969,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Territorial Health Insurance Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Territorial Health Insurance Services, \$1,092,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$877,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services

Total Capital, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Social services, administration, \$1200 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Family And Children's Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Family and children's services, \$830,000. Agreed? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: It might be helpful -- I do not know if the Minister has the projected costs for the implementation of the Young Offenders Act that were given to us at committee. Do you have them handy right now? So that the Assembly will have an idea right now of the cost that the government has identified in capital and O and M at least in the next three years. I think it was some eight million dollars as I recall. Do you have those specific figures, Mr. McLaughlin?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: No, Mr. Chairman, I do not have them right now but I could have them distributed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is that okay, Mr. Ballantyne?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are on family and children's services, \$830,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Correction Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Correction services, \$25,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Services To The Aged And Handicapped, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Services to the aged and handicapped, \$46,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$850,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Total Capital, Tourism And Parks, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Economic Development and Tourism. Tourism and parks, \$5100 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Expo '86, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Expo '86, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$494,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Total Capital, Schools, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Education, capital. Schools, \$638,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Continuing Education, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Continuing education, \$2000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Student Residence, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Student residence, \$53,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$693,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just as a comment. There was some question as to what is happening with the new facility, the Keewatin education centre. The original projected cost of the education centre which included the centre, a hostel and staff accommodation, was \$16 million. I do not think it has been finalized, but the estimated cost of all three now looks like it will be about \$20 million, just for the information of the other Members. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Total department, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I should inform the House at this time that there was a fire around 2:45 a.m. this morning in Rankin Inlet at the student residence now under construction. No one was hurt. It appears that it may have been caused by a heater but there has been extensive damage in the order of around \$250,000, I am told, which apparently may be covered by construction insurance. I just thought I would inform the House of that fact, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Total Department of Education, \$693,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will go back now to page 12. Personnel, capital. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, in the response to the Member's question, I was incorrect, the lowest bid received was \$737,000. The tender call was restricted to the Keewatin and five Keewatin contractors bid. The item is four two-bedroom units and an element which did create the increased expenditure was that land cost \$52,000 and servicing cost an additional \$60,000. So, if you remove that from the cost of the building, each unit works out to about \$156,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Is that okay, Mr. Pedersen? Okay. Personnel, capital, total department, \$587,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will now go to Bill 12-84(3), clause by clause. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are on Bill 12-84(3), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year. Clause by clause. Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule, total operations and maintenance, \$7,099,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total capital, \$3,860,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total supplementary appropriation, \$10,959,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is Bill 12-84(3) recommmended for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Appearance Of Chairman, Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Does the committee agree to invite the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council to the witness table? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Dr. Ross Wheeler and Carol Chalifoux. Would the Minister like to introduce this subject and introduce his witnesses? Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce Dr. Ross Wheeler, chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and I would like to also thank Dr. Wheeler for his patience, watching democracy in action last night and returning again this morning...

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 \dots and he could introduce the lady with him and explain her role with the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce at this time the vice-chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, Carol Chalifoux. On the council she represents the Metis Association and has been a member on the council for the past two years. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that a recent resolution passed at the co-ordinating council has been handed out. Is that so?

AN HON. MEMBER: Right.

Resolution From Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council

DR. WHEELER: It is at this time that we have come to speak to this resolution. Last February, in questioning before the House it was felt that there were a large number of areas where some difficulties had arisen and that the council would be taking a look at its internal operations and, indeed, looking at the operation of the alcohol and drug programs, both of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal government. A number of studies have been done and it has essentially led the council to this conclusion that is spelled out in the resolution.

As I think the House knows, when striking a special committee to review housing, part of the preamble to that resolution was that it was felt that it was time to just review the entire subject of the Housing Corporation and it is the feeling of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council that having been in operation for 10 years, it is indeed time for such a review as went on with housing.

Ten years ago when the council was created by the Legislative Assembly, following the Wacko report, the forum was struck and the method of funding was struck. I have spoken to these things on a number of occasions in the past and I believe another report, the Torrance report, has also been tabled with the House and it reviews quite clearly the history of the formation and operation of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council.

As you know, the council not only advises the territorial government as to funding and policy but indeed acts as adviser to the Department of National Health and Welfare in that same capacity. On two occasions the Minister of Health and Welfare has said that the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council as represented and set up by this Assembly could indeed act on behalf of the federal government, so that we feel that this Assembly is the place where this review should be focussed. The resolution which forms a piece of advice, as we are advisers to the Legislature, asks that in some form the Assembly meet together with, it says, "all concerned" and by this we mean the native organizations, the bureaucratic staff of the GNWT and the federal government, the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and this body, to review the entire process of alcohol and drug programming in the Northwest Territories, with a view to possibly setting up a piece of legislation which would allow for continuing operation and more efficient operation of the council and the drug programming.

A lot of people have done a lot of very good work at the community level, the government level and at the board level over the past 10 years. Difficulties have arisen and to a certain extent we have been able to overcome some of them. But when we go back to some of the original premises that the Wacko report addressed and the Legislative Assembly set the council in motion for, we have been unable to totally fulfil the mandate as outlined and we feel at this time it is a good opportunity to re-examine the entire issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Dr. Wheeler. Is there any general discussion on the resolution? Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification, is the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council requesting a review of the whole council?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

Review Requested

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The request is sent to this Legislature as we act in an advisory capacity to this Legislature. Our advice would be that, at this time, this Legislative Assembly undertake a review of the method of delivery of alcohol and drug programs in the North, the methods of funding and the methods by which the whole structure of alcohol and drug programs in the North is handled, both federal and territorial.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Appagag.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I will explain and then I will ask a question concerning alcohol, drugs. I am very happy there is a program on drugs. The communities that are dry, for example, Sanikiluaq is dry, they have voted to be dry. But the communities that are dry turn to drugs whenever they cannot get alcohol. There is nothing done on this too much, so I would like to find out if they would take care of these dry areas concerning drugs. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the difficulties that we have faced in the past is that because of lack of funds and lack of governmental staff resources and money, we have been unable to go into communities to do the development work necessary with the community in order for them to take over the ownership of whatever problems they are perceiving their community to have. So that we have had to be reactive rather than pro-active in terms of dealing with problems. Mr. Appaqaq's community in particular has indeed put forward a proposal to the council for funding in 1985 and 1986. We have not yet seen that proposal but if he is saying that indeed drugs are the problem in his community, presumably the community has recognized that and the proposal would be aimed at perhaps intervening in that problem. This proposal is one of 15 proposals before the council for funding in January and the total requested so far is slightly under two million dollars. If we are going on the basis of last years estimates, we can expect to get slightly over one million dollars and this, again, highlights the problem of the base of funding.

The federal government has, in building the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, provided incremental funding on an annual basis over the five years of building its project and building its program. However, except for some small increases for which we have been thankful, the funding from the GNWT has remained at essentially the same level.

But programs are not designed by the staff of the government, they are not designed by the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, they are designed by the communities in consultation with the alcohol and drug staff, both of the federal government and the territorial government. So, presumably the communities are designing programs that are aimed at addressing their needs. However, we have found from time to time that because of our inability and the government's inability to provide people, consultants or workers, closer to the communities than Yellowknife that a lot of the development work does not get done. So people sometimes will jump into a program because it seems to be the easiest way to get funds and then find out that that is really not addressing the problems they want to address, or they want to address the entire problem and whatever workers they have are spread too thin. But we will be looking at the proposal from Sanikiluaq in January for funding for the next fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question about the NNADAP. I know that they have a lot of money and they have an office in Pond Inlet and this office is very nice and they have to use NWT equipment. In Igloolik and Hall Beach, they have been given a small amount of funds for these NNADAP and also NWT drug council programs. I was wondering how you could help these out?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not quite sure I understand the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Erkloo, could you clarify your question, please?

Funding From Two Sources

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The projects that are taken care of by NNADAP, for example, in Pond Inlet, seem to have good funding and they have a good program. Projects in the communities that are taken care of by the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council do not seem to have as much funding, so I was wondering if NNADAP and the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council of the Northwest Territories could work together so that the settlements would be able to work better.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This question raises a couple of points. The Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council is the regional advisory board for NNADAP, so that it advises both governments -- both the GNWT and the federal government under the NNADAP program.

Communities produce a proposal which comes to us which is meant to be evaluated by the government staffs with recommendations put on it. They request the amount of money that they feel they need to carry out their programming. In the case of Pond Inlet, it has been a program that has been going on for quite a number of years. It started off as a small guard program employing a couple of people part time. For a number of years, its program was running at the level of about \$10,000. It has grown as the people of Pond Inlet have perceived a greater need for programming. Last year it was funded for just under \$60,000. In the case of Hall Beach and Igloolik, what they were requesting was a smaller amount of money in order to assist their alcohol control committees in their operation.

In the case of all three of these communities, I believe, they were given very close to the amount of money that they had requested. If I get from the sense of the question, NNADAP indeed has more money in its pot and this has always been a problem vis-a-vis the GNWT. The federal government, when it was building NNADAP, felt that the funding necessary for the GNWT for five years during the build-up phase was approximately \$11 million. That was on a basis of the population that they were funding of 22,000 people. That was their estimate of what was required to deal with alcohol and drug programming for those people. The GNWT has funded at roughly the one million dollar level for the same number of years.

So, the federal government seems to recognize a greater need than is recognized by the GNWT. What has happened is that the GNWT used to fund most of the projects but as the money stayed the same and the projects grew, they have been funding fewer and fewer each year. I believe we are down to seven projects being funded under the GNWT and just about 20 projects funded by NNADAP because they have had more money in their large pot.

Now there are a couple of projects funded under the GNWT that are funded in the neighbourhood of \$300,000. These are two treatment centres, one in Inuvik and one in Yellowknife. It is not that one government will fund a community project for more money than the other one would. They will both fund as closely as possible to what communities ask for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence.

Proposed Devolution

MRS. LAWRENCE: (Translation) Thank you. These two witnesses that are sitting here are working with the drug and alcohol programs. They must want to do a good job and help people if they are sitting there. All the rest of the people that are sitting there, they are always quitting. I once sat on the same council. So, I know that they do not do all the jobs that they could do. So, it is kind of their fault in one way. The money that is available is not that much. The way that they could help people -- a lot of people in the communities do not know how they are going to receive their money. (Translation ends)

What do you mean by "the devolution of responsibility and powers" of the alcohol program? What level were you referring to? Is it the regional level or the community level?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: When we are talking about devolution, as the preamble to the resolution states, the staff that supports the community projects in the federal government and the territorial government is based here in Yellowknife. In order to, for instance, support and give technical assistance to projects in the Eastern Arctic, we have to travel all the way across. It has long been felt by native organizations and by the council itself and by the governments that staff was needed away from Yellowknife in order to be closer to the communities so that they can be more responsive and more efficient in terms of using their time and the limited resources that are available.

We could have said regionalization in this resolution but the question is, whose regions are we talking about? Just in sitting in the Assembly yesterday, listening to the bill on loans, I heard that divides the Territories into six regions. The federal government divides the Territories into four regions. The GNWT divides the Territories into five regions. Dene Nation operates within five regions with five regional councils in the Mackenzie Valley. ITC has three regions. COPE is another region all to itself. We know that the work needs to be done away from Yellowknife out in the field. We do not have a definition of where that should be done, that is why we are suggesting that all the concerned parties in dealing with this question should be brought together in order to negotiate what happens in the future. It has been felt by the council -- and the Torrance report that I referred to recognizes -- that there needs to be amalgamation of the federal and the territorial programming so that we are operating with one board, one staff. What we are saying at this point is that if we can renegotiate with all the parties, then I think, that where that staff is, how they function, their number and the decision making process, could look much different than it does right now.

I think there is a lot of confusion in people's minds between NNADAP and between the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and the GNWT. There are three parties involved in this at this time and we are suggesting that the Legislature become involved in setting up or restructuring the entire programs of both the governments so that it can be closer to the people and more sensitive to their needs. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. We will have a 15 minute coffee break.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence.

Project In Fort Resolution

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I may, I have a couple of questions for the co-ordinating council. Some communities need a lot of help with their programs and for some reason there is not too much follow-up on the program itself and they are not given the chance and are cut off from the programs. I have letters written to NNADAP last June that have not been answered and the community is still waiting to run the program again and the community I am referring to is the Deninoo council, Fort Resolution. I just want to know how well the two governments responsible for the programs are co-ordinating their effort on the delivery of these programs. Who is responsible for that project? I know the letter went to NNADAP. There was no reply back since then. They are still waiting. What is the responsibility of the council in a case like this?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the case of Fort Resolution, indeed, in the past couple of years it has been a NNADAP funded project. On the advice of the consultant for NNADAP, funding was not granted, I believe, for this year. The funds may have even ended earlier than that, I am not quite certain at the moment.

Training has gone into Resolution on one occasion last year, and there seemed to be a strong resolve on the part of the people undertaking the training -- at least most of them -- to have a project going. When the follow-up training was offered several months later, the trainers found no resolve on anybody's part to even take follow-up training. At that time the council instructed the consultant and we advised, because again we do not run the projects, or run the staff, we advise them, that perhaps the council could co-fund with Dene Nation a community development/training type person to go into Resolution and work with the community for a period of months to try to get some base of support built up in the community to run a project. No response was made to that suggestion. Resolution has been funded on and off for a number of years. One time it was shut down because the only activity going on there was gambling. Another time it was shut down because the only activity going on was baby-sitting. So we know there have been problems in that community and we have very limited resources in terms of addressing those problems.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the training last January, NNADAP informed the council that the funding had been pulled back regarding training, then the next day it was put back in again, and as far as they knew then there was no training going on and then the funding went back in. That sort of system will not work in that community. In the past, I realize they had problems implementing the program itself. Every time they requested someone to come in, it had to be in writing. They put it in writing and then there is no reply for some reason. They send people in from NNADAP maybe once a year to just check on the budget and then there is no one at all to help the counsellors and the council is not fully, properly trained and they need a lot of help.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

Community Must Own Project

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that, personally, a lot of effort has been made on the part of both the GNWT staff and the NNADAP staff as far as they could go to support the Fort Resolution program. Carol reminded me that on one occasion last year special training was set up for two counsellors to be trained in Winnipeg. Indeed, they went to Winnipeg and never showed up for the training. The problem of Resolution seems to highlight the problem of a number of communities. The communities will not own the project, they will not own the problem. They expect the government to do it for them and that does not work. People have to own their own problems. Once they own them then they will do something about them that is real and long-lasting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: I agree with that, at the same time I do not believe in sending them to the South just for the sake of sending them there expecting them to train. That is not what I am saying. What should be happening is you send someone right into the community. They need help in setting

up such a program, to the level of their needs, not to what we expect by sending them to Winnipeg. They are not ready for that yet. When they are, they will let you know and I just do not believe in sending them south to train unless they are willing and ready for it. What they really need right now is someone to come in and set up a program. They are ready for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, we are saying we need to send someone in to set up a project and what we are finding out and what I firmly believe is that that approach does not work. I agree with Mrs. Lawrence that there needs to be something going on in Resolution. One of the areas in which we have been able to get a lot of co-operation from both governments is the area of training and we indeed have a single co-ordinator for all the training. This package is being put together and is at the point of starting to be delivered. This will be delivered in the Northwest Territories. I realize that sending people out was an expedient but the program had hired two new people because two people quit and we had no training available within the Territories at the time. We sent them south to the group of trainers who had already done training in the North. But I do not believe that we can send somebody in to set up a project. That is dooming that project to failure.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Certainly, I think that highlights what is the particular difficulty from my point of view. I really believe that if there is not a commitment in communities or at least among some people in communities to resolve the problem that no amount of money, no sophisticated organization is going to have any effect. There has to be that kind of commitment. I recognize the very great difficulty for you people. You are placed in the position where you are expected to resolve all of these problems and yet you are not in the position to do it because of the kind of organization we have and the limited funding and so on.

Role Of NNADAP

First of all, if I could just clarify the role of NNADAP. It is federal funding. What is the structure? They have federal staff to deliver. Is there a NNADAP board? If not, do the staff that make allocations of funding always take advice from the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and so on? Could you just outline that structure for me and then I will come back to it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler, or Carol Chalifoux?

MS CHALIFOUX: Mr. Chairman, the role of the board is to give advice and recommendations of level of funding to both government programs, to NNADAP staff and to government staff.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So, my next question is, are those who are responsible for the NNADAP programs supportive of the resolution that we see here? Do they actually want their programs and their funding to be co-ordinated in the kind of way that is suggested here? Are they part of what we see in front of us?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Chalifoux.

MS CHALIFOUX: Mr. Chairman, neither the federal nor territorial government staff took part in this resolution. It was held in camera by board members only.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So that it could be that if we did set up some structure to try to determine how all of this could be handled, it is possible then that with NNADAP and NNADAP funding and so on, there might be some resistance to trying to co-ordinate it because that funding comes from a separate source. But I gather that you are saying we should at least set up some structure to determine what is the case, is that right?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Chalifoux.

MS CHALIFOUX: Yes, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I gather from remarks that are made now and those that have been made previously, in a gentle way, that the council feels that this Assembly itself is giving inadequate attention and inadequate funding in respect of trying to do something with regard to this problem. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Chalifoux.

MS CHALIFOUX: Yes, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, perhaps it shouldn't be said in such a gentle way but anyway I have got the message. Just finally then, do I gather that what you would like to see most of all is that this Assembly would maybe strike a special committee, as one alternative, something like the special committee on housing, and have a look at the delivery of alcohol programs in the NWT, including our own and the NNADAP program and by talking with all people concerned, try to see if we can rationalize the whole system and make it more effective than it is? Is that specifically what you are asking for?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: That is a good summation of what we are looking for. At this point, as an advisory group to the NNADAP program, the ultimate responsibility lies with the regional director of medical services branch. From my knowledge of what is happening at the national NNADAP board, the department seems to be open to negotiating different arrangements with various jurisdictions. Indeed when Madame Begin put the original NNADAP proposal forward, one of the things in that was she urged her officals to, as much as possible, work in conjunction with the provinces and the territories to effect a wider and more effective delivery of alcohol services in a much more co-ordinated way. We feel that that sort of evolutionary step needs to be done in the NWT.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going a bit further on some of the concerns that Mrs. Lawrence had, it is with regard to the communities taking on responsibilities. There is a community development program in the communities. Also I have been fortunate enough to go down south for some training. One of the items in the training is problem solving and I definitely believe that if the communities on their own initiative do submit a proposal, maybe without the help of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, or NNADAP, they become more effective. Because once you submit a proposal based on the help from the NNT resource people, it becomes more of a want rather than a need. The community has to be able to identify the need before it submits a proposal. So I just wanted to elaborate on that.

The other thing is, in our February budget session, I did present a motion to broaden the mandate of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and also to give it the ability to hire its own staff. It was one of the motions that I presented and it was carried by this Assembly.

Getting back to the resolution that is presented to us, I guess what the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council is leading to is more of an alcohol commission which is similiar to the one in Alberta which is funded both federally and provincially. They in turn look at all the prevention aspects regarding an individual. It not only addresses the alcohol program but also addresses the health program. They also have a regional representative. Presumably regional governments could be something that would represent this body of people. I would like to ask Dr. Wheeler if this is the kind of program you are leading up to and also making it independent from government agencies.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

Independent Commission More Effective

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It certainly has been held by the council that if we were in a more independent position, with flexibility as to how to use the money, the GNWT money, we could probably more effectively deliver support to community people. When we are in the situation of the program on the GNWT side, coming out of the Department of Social Services, the allocations for the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council go in with the allocations of everyone else for that department. As you know, the department has statutory necessities that must be funded and the alcohol and drug program is more a discretionary thing. Except for the one occasion where some money was not added, but taken out of another pot to fund three small projects, I don't think the House has ever increased that amount of money. The Torrance study that I referred to, reviews the possibilities that exist of having the alcohol and drug projects all under the GNWT in the Department of Social Services, and also looks at the more independent model.

Because of the costs of running a more independent commission, I think there needs to be a lot of thought given to what path we do take. Were the staffs from the two governments to be working together under the direction of one body and that body had the ability to hire additional people rather than fighting for personnel years within a government system, I feel that we could be a lot more effective. This would require that the resource people and the developers and trainers be out in the field, as opposed to being in Yellowknife. The comment about regional governments, I think is well taken. I personally would see that the devolution to regional governments, as they want to take on those responsibilities, would be the preferable path to follow. But again we have to negotiate with those regional governments and this Legislative Assembly and the federal government to see this happen.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that in the Torrance report, it also mentioned something about a funding agency not requiring as much money as if it was a department responsibility. I agree with that too. I guess what this resolution is leading to is requesting this Legislature to create a body of people to look at all aspects of alcohol and what possibilities of devolution could happen; what the federal government's position would be with regard to devolution of NNADAP to GNWT. Is that the kind of thing that this resolution is actually leading to? Because, Mr. Chairman, I might be in a position to make a motion with regard to that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

Time To Renegotiate

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We feel that we are at that position where that sort of review needs to be taken. We have been operating for 10 years and we have had some successes and we have had some failures. We feel that it is time for this body that set us up originally, to renegotiate the whole process, and as Mr. MacQuarrie says, rationalize the process. Because there are duplications and there are inefficiencies and there are failures on the part of communities because we just do not have the ability to provide them the proper support, as Mrs. Lawrence pointed out, we feel that this is the time to do this. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems that the point we have come to after 10 years is that we have identified a problem with the delivery of the services. I think what the council is asking of this Assembly is to get involved with coming up with some solutions.

I am not quite sure which mechanism we can use as an Assembly to look at these problems. I suppose some of the alternatives we can look at is setting up a small committee; perhaps having one of the standing committees looking at it; perhaps having the Minister consulting with the communities and coming up with a game plan. Perhaps we should ask the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council to develop some recommendations that we can discuss in more detail in the budget session. I am not quite sure. Later on I hope that the Minister may have some ideas on how he sees the government dealing with this problem.

But in the broader issue, we have been talking about the development of tribal and regional councils so in the long term, it would seem to me that this area of alcohol and drug abuse is one that the regional and tribal councils, along the line, should be dealing with. It might be, and it

is going to take time, because we have not ironed out all the problems with regional and tribal councils. But when we are talking about devolution of powers to them, this seems to me, potentially, an obvious area that they could look at.

I wonder if the Minister has any ideas of how he feels that this Assembly should deal with the problem. Because, right now, what we have is a resolution. I think it is such a serious problem that we should not rush into something. I think we should think this through properly so that when this Assembly ultimately comes out with some decision, it makes some sense and it is viable.

I am not sure if this is the time now to make a motion to set up a committee or whether we should ask both the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and the department to come up with at least some parameters of discussion that we in caucus and in the Assembly could debate in the budget session and come up with the recommendations then. But I do not want to be rushed right now in the next 15 minutes to make a decision on what mechanism we use. Perhaps the Minister has some ideas that could enlighten us.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department tabled the Torrance report, specifically in order to give Members an opportunity to look at it, I believe at the tail end of the budget session and once again in Fort Smith.

One Source Of Funding Desirable

The department basically agrees that some sort of a devolution process has to take place. The biggest problem right now is the fact that GNWT money and NNADAP money comes to the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council from two different sources with probably different lengths and sizes of strings attached to it. That is a difficulty. So, we feel that there should be one source of funding and one umbrella organization to distribute the programs. One of the things that we would entertain as a department, and I guess as a government, would be to consider negotiating with the federal Health and Welfare Minister to have that money turned over to our government.

Then one of two things could be done. There are two alternatives. One is the suggestion, Mr. Gargan, of a commission. The other is the fact that the GNWT could directly fund the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and still make use of GNWT people in the field in Social Services. So that would help the devolution. It might be a lot easier to have the program devolve in conjunction with Social Services because the department does have people in the field that could be with a commission. But those are things that would have to be argued about.

The main thing is to have one clear source of funds coming in the direction of the drug and alcohol problem, with one group deciding where it is going to be spent and how performance and successes are measured in the programs. That is why we welcome the opportunity to have Dr. Wheeler appear because the council would like some general direction from the Legislature. I do also agree with Mr. Ballantyne that to propose forming a special committee of the House right away might be a little early but if we are going to consider things like a commission that would require legislation, maybe it might be appropriate to use the standing committee on legislation to look at that as an alternative. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler, would you like to respond to that as well?

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Personally, I think that we are hoping that at the end of this negotiation process a piece of legislation could come forward that would fix, at least for some time, the whole structure of delivery of alcohol programming in the NWT. I have some doubts about keeping it within the governmental structure. From what I know of the Social Services staff in regions -- and I must say it is not a lot -- but on occasions where we have asked for help with a particular project, the answer we generally get is that the people are so busy that they cannot do it nor do they have the appropriate kind of training.

I think this is why, when Mr. Gargan was working with us on the council, we came up with a more independent type of model, feeling that we could then put people and resources in the regions so that they could focus their attention on supporting the community projects in their efforts to deal with the alcohol problems they sought out. But I would welcome working with the standing committee on legislation to investigate this whole area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

Community Consultation Suggested

MR. BALLANTYNE: The Members now have this resolution in front of them and I think we have an idea of what the problem is and maybe between now and the budget session the MLAs could consult with their communities and with their regions to get an idea of how the regions and the communities would like to handle it. Maybe when we get back at the budget session, we could sit down in caucus and try to figure out the best mechanism, whether it should be a special committee, one of the standing committees or the government to handle this program, then have a debate in the House and come up with recommendations rather than try to do it right now. I would be more comfortable with that process myself. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions. The first one, I know we often talk about the problems, but perhaps the witnesses could indicate what are the programs that have been funded by the council and NNADAP? Which ones are successful?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we spoke at the budget session last February, one of the things that Mrs. Sorensen pointed out at that time was that we did not have any evaluation mechanism. I totally agreed with her. When we go back to the original Wacko report, one of the strong recommendations was that if a program were in the NWT, one of the things that it must do would be to have some evaluation tool, have some research and data collection arm that would allow us to understand where programs were being successful, give us some indication of where they were not successful, and it would indeed allow the projects themselves to evaluate how they were doing.

I think on an individual basis, a lot of people in communities across the North have been helped by the various projects that we have been running, but to say that this one is totally successful or that one is a total failure, we really do not have the ability to do, other than what we hear anecdotally or how people generally feel the projects are running. We need some evaluation tools. This is something that the government has not given us the ability to do because of funding. That system just is not in place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I am aware that an evaluation system is not in place but surely the members have some idea on some of the programs that they feel are the more successful ones. I was not going to ask which were not. But they must have some idea where some success has been achieved. Is it with the larger funded organizations in the major centres? Is it with some of the smaller programs that are dispersed over the Arctic or down the valley? They must have some idea. I realize there is no funding for evaluation but certainly they must have an idea of some of the ones that they feel are more successful.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

Successful Programs In Communities

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Where a group within the community has recognized the problem and has put a lot of effort into dealing with it, we are seeing successful programs. The two programs in Yellowknife, the Tree of Peace and Northern Addiction Services seem to be very successful. Delta House in Inuvik is improving in its ability to deliver programs. I think one of the classic examples of where a group in a community took hold of a problem and just would not let go of it, is in Fort McPherson. Over the years they have developed a core group of 15 or 20 people who rotate through a staff on that project and they have been highly successful in dealing with the problems as they have seen them within the community.

Originally when we funded Cambridge Bay we sent \$8000 to buy hockey sweaters because they wanted to get the kids playing hockey and we had a little bit of money so we sent them that money. Over the years that has grown into a very successful intervention program. They have done a lot of internal training and they now have some highly qualified people in that community. They are not all

working for the alcohol project because the history of -- again because of funding, the salaries have been very low, so people tend to get taken off by the territorial government or the federal government to work for them for more money. But they have at least some background in training.

When we move further east, I think of Igloolik, a very small project. Over the years, maybe seven or eight years, I do not think we have sent \$100,000 into Igloolik for programming. They have wanted support in running their alcohol control committee. Indeed that is what they have done and they feel satisfied with that. They feel that they are successful in dealing with the problem as they wish to. In Frobisher Bay, now that BRADIC, the Baffin Regional Alcohol and Drug Information Centre, has moved and is working more closely with BRC, they are building a strong basis for support within that whole Baffin Region. Pond Inlet, again, as I said, to start off was a very small project and now have a centre and are doing some valuable work there. But, again, the communities I have not mentioned have sometimes had successful programs, sometimes have not.

One of the projects, to come back to the valley, is a small project in Fort Norman called the Fort Norman Child Development Centre. This was a pre-school program run by a small group of dedicated women to teach kids about self-image and values within their community structure. Now, we have not been able to measure how successful they have been but we hear that because the program has been going approximately five years those kids are now in school and instead of 50 per cent of kids going to school it is more like 80 or 90 per cent of kids going to school. So that program seems to have been successful in keeping kids in school and helping them to hopefully meet -- because they are now coming of the age where gas sniffing and these sorts of things start to occur. It is going to be interesting over the next few years to see if those kinds of problems drop off in that community. It seems to be successful there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

Funding Designated For Program For Native People

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, over the years and in the past the native groups in southern Canada have lobbied a great deal with the federal government to have funds allocated, particularly, to a funded program for native people. It is an affirmative action program and NNADAP funds are designed and scheduled for status Indian people and in the Northwest Territories, Inuit were recognized as part of that group. Now, this funding is particularly to native people. I realize we are paying a bit of attention to the make-up of the council but one of the concerns I would like to express is that if, in fact, this government was able to wrestle that amount of money and put it in a collective pot, you know, whereas the money did come through the federal sources directed at native people and native people's problems, aboriginal people's problems, how would we ensure that funding does not get dispersed in a normal, general pot and not be designated and continue to be designated to the affirmative action, recognizing how those funds were secured from the government?

For years the native groups in the South have worked very hard to get this assignment of funds for aboriginal people's problems dealing with alcohol and drugs. Now, how would we assure the people who worked so hard and gave a case to the federal government that this funding would continue to be designated without argument for the aboriginal peoples' problems, designated by the initiative that was taken by native groups?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: When the co-ordinating council was originally struck, there were sufficient numbers of votes allocated to native groups to make that happen. One of the great inconsistencies on the board has been the attendance of native representatives, people representing native organizations. When the board was restructured a few years ago, there were three members at large, a representative of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE and from the three regional Inuit associations. The Dene Nation and Metis Association each had two votes so that control of the advice about allocation has always been with native people. This has been since the board started 10 years ago. If we look at how the board is structured now, native people are in control of it. There have been inconsistencies. It was largely during the time that Mr. Gargan was sitting on the council that we had some stability of representation from native organizations. For a period of a couple of years, in some cases, the native organizations chose to send "white" representatives —that is their choice — but they brought with them the feelings and directions of the native organizations for whom they worked so that the control is with native people, as it is with this Assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is when an application does come before the board and it is being discussed, the NNADAP funds come into play depending on the number of aboriginal people that would probably be served by the proposal and these funds are secured. Therefore if a proposal would come up which is totally to serve aboriginal people, by and large the funding generally is secured through NNADAP and then the territorial funds make up for it. I understand what you are saying that the representation on the board could be all native or not but that is not the question. What I was really putting forward is that these funds are for aboriginal people, they were secured for that purpose and in making a decision there is a conscious effort not to release these funds unless the co-ordinating council can show that these funds are going to be used by and large for the people that they are designed for. Now, basically, the suggestion has been made that this government try to negotiate for this block funding and the co-ordinating council will deal with it. I am a bit concerned that if that happens, you know, how would we make sure that those funds are directed to the people that they were negotiated for in the first place because these are allocated funds? If they came into one pot then you would not necessarily have to. I realize your answer in relationship to the board's make-up but at the same time the fall-back position is always that these funds are definitely allocated and the board has to show, before they release the funds, that the designated funds are going to aboriginal people. If they were block funding they would not necessarily have to.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: I would think that in negotiating with the federal government for any transfer of NNADAP dollars to either an independent commission or the Government of the Northwest Territories, they would ensure that their funding would be directed at aboriginal peoples. The reality of the funding is that on the basis on which it was allocated to the North, it was funded on the basis of a population of 16,000 Inuit people and 8000 Dene, taken off a treaty list. What has happened in the valley is where a project is operating, funded under NNADAP, they are not asking for treaty numbers when people come for help and because a bulk of the funding is going into small communities which do not have large white populations, I think just by the nature of who is applying for the funds that I would think, with the strings that the federal government would put on it, would satisfy that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, another thing I would like to know is in the make-up of the board, what are some of the problems, what are the differences between the NNADAP person that is representing that fund and the group that works, generally, with the NWT Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council? What are the differences that come up in terms of setting priorities? You would set one, the other person would set another group of priorities and that becomes difficult. Is that part of the problem?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The NNADAP consultant to the board has to follow federal government guidelines and from time to time these are changing and, indeed, when one attempts to make some long-range plans within the NNADAP program, this gets interfered with by federal policy and to get out from underneath some of that federal policy with the funding coming to another body would certainly assist us in dealing with the problem and have the NNADAP consultant get on with the jobs that he wants to do. I am not too sure that answers the question.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to mention that the funding arrangement with regard to the NNADAP moneys is the same kind of arrangement that was made with regard to Indian housing, that is native or status Indians. It is put into one pot and whoever applies usually gets it. The federal government has always been approaching it that way, where the Northwest Territories has different circumstances, so when they do designate money, although it is for status Indians and Inuit, it is usually for northerners rather than that. I know that because I was on the national NNADAP board when this program was actually implemented. Also one of the other things that I wanted to mention, Mr. Chairman, is that the money that was allocated in the North was also based on the cost of living factor, not only on population. So, I thought I would mention that.

The other thing is that I am also in agreement with Mr. Ballantyne when he suggested that it might be premature to make any kind of decision now and I believe that is something that could be discussed in the next session or it could be referred to caucus to see what the other Members' feelings are on it. So, I am in total agreement with that approach. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Sibbeston.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman. (Translation) Dr. Wheeler and Carol Chalifoux are working on the board and on the council and I am thankful for that. They work for the people and I am thankful for that and they are just helping people and they are not there for the money. Alcohol causes such difficulties. The counsellors and people that work with alcohol are not that many. There are few people that work with this alcohol problem.

Special Committee

I am in agreement with this paper they have presented to us, so in this Assembly we should agree to this paper. Maybe two or three people can be picked for a special committee because I know there are a lot of problems with alcohol and they do not receive that much funding. If we were to review everything about it maybe next winter when we speak about the budget we could have two or three MLAs put on this special committee and they can put forth a paper. We can fund them, we can review the program and maybe next spring or next fall they can make a report. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: ...in order to look at how we are going to evolve in the future. It is, as I think everyone recognizes, a tremendous problem and I think the forces are in place now to move ahead with looking at how we can best address it and, like you say, I would agree with Mr. Sibbeston on that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think Mr. Sibbeston's idea is good but talking to some of the other Members, maybe if I could give the undertaking that it will be the first order of business on caucus just before the next Assembly, we can discuss it there. In the interim, I think Ms Cournoyea brought up two good points that might be helpful for us in those caucus discussions. One, if the council could at least give us their estimation which programs have been more successful, we will have some potentially successful models to look at when we discuss it in caucus.

Secondly, on Mr. McLaughlin's discussion about getting block funding, in the interim, could you come up with a mechanism to look after Ms Cournoyea's concern that the money that is designated from the federal government for aboriginal people will be protected if this government does in fact take over the funding, whether that is by legislation or another mechanism? If we have that information then maybe in caucus we could take it from there, decide whether the mechanism is setting up, as Mr. Sibbeston suggested, which is a good idea, a small committee of this Assembly to look at the problem. Would that be generally agreeable by the Members if we went at it that way?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to thank the two people that came up in front of us. We are all aware and I am sure we all agree that alcohol is a big problem in the Territories. It is more obvious in the Territories because of the smaller communities but it is a problem across Canada. This resolution that has been put in front of us will be seriously considered in our next winter session and I agree with Mr. Ballantyne and the other Members. It will not be forgotten and will be the first on our agenda on our winter session. I would just like to say thank you. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Does the committee agree that this matter is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. The committee would like to thank Dr. Wheeler and Ms Chalifoux. Dr. Wheeler, did you want to say something?

DR. WHEELER: Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. I will rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

REVERT TO ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-84(3), BUSINESS LOANS AND GUARANTEES ORDINANCE; BILL 12-84(3), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1984-85; APPEARANCE OF CHAIRMAN OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-84(3) and Bill 12-84(3) and the appearance of the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and wishes to report that Bill 1-84(3) is recommended for third reading, as amended. Bill 12-84(3) is recommended for third reading. The matter of the appearance of the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council is concluded.

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.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Members have heard the report of the chairman of the commmittee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of privilege just to make a very short statement on the job well done by the local volunteer fire group at Rankin Inlet. I believe because of their quick reaction and response to the fire that occurred this morning at 2:45 a.m., the local fire brigade was able to put under control the fire in the hostel under construction there. I would like to just acknowledge that this Assembly and the government do appreciate the effective work by the local fire brigade and the importance of the local volunteers. Mr. Speaker, with your acknowledgement, I would just like to put on the record that they have saved the public and the government and the local contractor millions of dollars by responding quickly and putting the fire under control. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. That is not a point of privilege either but an announcement of an emergency nature. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to request that I may go back to notices of motion so that I can put forward a motion concerning Greenpeace.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to go back to notices of motion. Are there any nays? Proceed with notices of motion. Item 10. Ms Cournoyea.

REVERT TO ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 10-84(3): Opposition To Application Of Greenpeace

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, November 12, I will move, seconded by the Member for the High Arctic, that this Legislative Assembly strongly express to the Prime Minister of Canada its commitment and support to the position taken by the Canadian delegation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further notices of motion? Now, I presume we will have a request to proceed to Item 12, motions. Do I have unanimous consent to go to motions. There are no nays. Proceed, Ms Cournoyea.

REVERT TO ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 10-84(3): Opposition To Application Of Greenpeace

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the activities of the Greenpeace organization have contributed to the destruction of the harvest of the whitecoat seal pups off the coast of Newfoundland;

AND WHEREAS this action directly affected the harvest and market for the sale of hides of adult seals taken by the Inuit of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS this organization has recently announced in the European press that it is committed to the elimination of the fur trade and fur industry;

AND WHEREAS Greenpeace has applied for membership to the powerful and influential International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources at meetings now being held in Madrid;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has instructed the Canadian delegation to oppose the application of Greenpeace to this prestigious conservation group;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, Mr. Ludy Pudluk, that this Legislative Assembly strongly express to the Prime Minister of Canada its commitment and support to the position taken by the Canadian delegation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Do I have unanimous consent to deal with this motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Question being called. All those in favour? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I know it is late in the day but I feel that it is too important a matter just to toss off. I will make my remarks very brief. I believe that the Greenpeace organization at times raises very legitimate concerns about the protection of the environment. I think our society and societies all over the world do not have sufficient concern about protection of environment. I approve of the efforts that they make in that regard. But I always approve of rational efforts and I feel in the matter of fur-bearing animals that their positions are reduced to sentimentality. To me, that is not acceptable. The fact is that the wearing of furs has been part of the human condition since the beginning of mankind. There is nothing wrong with it and nothing wrong with a rational use of the world's resources for the betterment of man.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. MacQUARRIE: I absolutely support the use of furs by human beings and so I absolutely support this motion, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

Motion 10-84(3), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Let the record show that the motion has been passed unanimously. Returning now to the orders of the day. Item 17, third reading of bills. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 17: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 1-84(3): Business Loans And Guarantees Ordinance

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 1-84(3), An Ordinance to Authorize Loans and Guarantees for Business Enterprises, be read for the third time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion with regard to Bill 1-84(3), Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance, that it be read for the third time, as amended. Is that correct, "as amended"?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 1-84(3), as amended, has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 2-84(3): Income Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 2-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 2-84(3), as amended, has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 3-84(3): Interpretation Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 3-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 3-84(3), as amended, has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-84(3): Labour Standards Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 4-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Labour Standards Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 4-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 5-84(3): Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance, 1984

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 5-84(3), Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance, 1984, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 5-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

Third Reading Of Bill 6-84(3): Public Health Ordinance

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 6-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Public Health Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, to the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 6-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Sibbeston.

Third Reading Of Bill 7-84(3): Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 7-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 7-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 8-84(3): Transportation Of Dangerous Goods Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 8-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 8-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 9-84(3): Consumer Protection Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 9-84(3), An Ordinance to Amend the Consumer Protection Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 9-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-84(3): Central Trust Company Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 10-84(3), An Ordinance Respecting Central Trust Company and Crown Trust Company, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 10-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 11-84(3): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 5, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 11-84(3), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1983-84 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 11-84(3) has been read for the third time. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 12-84(3): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 12-84(3), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 12-84(3) has had third reading.

---Carried

That concludes third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner is ready to assent to the bills?

MR. McCALLUM: A point of privilege. I wonder if we may have unanimous consent of the House to go back to the orders of the day, Item 4, oral questions?

MR. MacQUARRIE: One, two, three...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No!

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: I am afraid your request was out of order, inasmuch as the Commissioner has been called for, but anyway your answer was fairly definite.

---Laughter

ITEM 18: ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: As Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I assent to Bills 1-84(3) to 12-84(3) inclusive.

The next session of the Legislative Assembly will convene in this chamber in Yellowknife on the 6th day of February, 1985. As Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I prorogue this session of the Legislative Assembly.

---PROROGATION