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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1985

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. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, 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, February the 19th.

Item 2, Members' replies. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. Wray.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Little Buffalo River Bridge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the debate in this House about the Department of Public Works and Highways 1985-86 financial estimates on Thursday last, the Member from Tu Nedhe, Mrs. Lawrence, made statements and introduced a motion wherein she alleged that the condition of the Little Buffalo River bridge on the Fort Resolution highway was in a state of serious deterioration and that it was ready to collapse. I believe this statement was made to emphasize the importance of having the bridge replaced by a larger structure and not because of any real concern that the existing bridge is structurally sound. Unfortunately, the media reporting your statement has left the impression that the bridge is structurally unsafe. I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that this bridge is inspected regularly as are all the bridges on our highways, to ensure that any damage or deterioration is detected and proper measures taken to safeguard the public.

Although the Little Buffalo River bridge was originally installed as a temporary measure and is now fairly old, the structure has received necessary maintenance and repairs and is capable of safely carrying the vehicle load to the posted limit of 36 metric tonnes, or 80,000 pounds.

I sympathize with the honourable Member and her constituents in wanting to replace the Little Buffalo River bridge with a better, sounder permanent structure, and as I entrusted to this House, we will continue to pursue the matter as a high priority. It is most important, however, that the motoring public be fully aware that until a new bridge can be built the existing structure is properly and regularly maintained, structurally sound and can safely carry the posted load limits. Thank you.

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

Item 4, oral questions.

Item 5, written questions.

Item 6, returns. Item 7, petitions. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following petition: Petition 5-85(1), Increase Labour Force in GNWT in Keewatin Region. It is from my constituency of Aivilik urging the GNWT to train and hire more northerners to work in the government work force. We have 300 or so signatures on the petition. Thank you.

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

Item 8, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 9, tabling of documents.

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 12, motions.

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: Bill 7-85(1), Appropriation Act, 1985-86; Bill 3-85(1), Workers' Compensation Act, with Mr. Wah-Shee in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 7-85(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1985-86

Housing Corporation

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The committee will now come to order. Does the Minister want his witnesses to appear?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Yesterday we were dealing with the motion put forward by Sam Gargan. So, it is to the motion. Mr. Richard.

Motion To Amend Motion That User-Pay Policy Be Dissolved, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as I indicated yesterday after Mr. Gargan made the motion, I understand the intent of his motion is to have the Housing Corporation move quickly to an equitable user-pay policy across the Territories rather than the present system which has existed for a few years where some communities are on user-pay and some are not. Although the Minister did make an undertaking to Mr. Gargan and to this committee that steps would be taken, I believe the intent of Mr. Gargan's motion is that this committee and the Legislature continue to push the Minister in that regard. In that context, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment to Mr. Gargan's motion so that the third paragraph would read: Now therefore, I move that this House recommends that unless an equitable user-pay policy is fully implemented across the NWT by the Housing Corporation prior to the 31st of May, 1985, that the present inequitable policy be discontinued on that date. If that motion to amend is in order, Mr. Chairman, I so move.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Could we have a copy of that, please? Mr. Richard, in regard to your amendment, I find your amendment out of order. Therefore, we will proceed with the original motion which was introduced by Mr. Gargan. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Just a point of order, Mr. Chairman, we are dealing with the motion that Mr. Gargan introduced, correct? Thank you very much.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Yes, we are dealing with the original motion introduced by Mr. Gargan. Mr. Gargan, do you wish to speak to your motion? Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to comment on the improved motion which was put before the committee but which was ruled out of order. Possibly, by way of procedure, if Mr. Gargan agrees with the new motion, he could withdraw his previous motion and substitute this one and it will fly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Well, perhaps we should allow Mr. Gargan to explain his intentions to the committee. Mr. Gargan.

Motion That User-Pay Policy Be Dissolved, Withdrawn

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion was based on a resolution from the Deh Cho Regional Council and what we are asking is that the implementation of this policy be suspended until a fair system can be worked out for changing the user-pay policy for the clients of the Housing Corporation. The intention, Mr. Chairman, is not to dissolve the user-pay policy entirely but if they cannot distribute the user-pay policy fairly across the North then they should dissolve it altogether. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my original motion and introduce a new one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Proceed, Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Discontinue User-Pay Policy Under Certain Conditions, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion reads as follows: Whereas the user-pay policy was established in 1980 by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, and whereas there are some inconsistencies in the implementation of this policy because it puts some communities at a disadvantage, now therefore, I move that this House recommends that unless an equitable user-pay policy is fully implemented across the Northwest Territories by the NWT Housing Corporation prior to the 31st of May, 1985, that the present inequitable policy be discontinued on that date.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan, for the record, it is the same motion that was originally introduced by Mr. Richard, am I correct? Thank you.

In regard to the new motion being introduced, I will have to rule that out of order but the Clerk is available to assist you to correct some technicalities with your motion, Mr. Richard. So we can continue with the discussion, if you wish. It could be reintroduced. The problem with the motion, as it is, placed a condition on the motion. In other words there is a problem with that so if that could be corrected we could proceed with your motion. So, that is really the idea here; "unless" should be taken out and perhaps, "an equitable user-pay policy be fully implemented", etc., etc. The motion is out of order. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, I think there is some general agreement about what we want to achieve and we are having some problem with our technicalities here. I wonder if it would be in order to take a five minute quick break and just get the wording of that right so we can deal with this issue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): All right, we will take a five minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee will now come to order. Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Implement Adequate User-Pay Policy And Discontinue Present Policy, Carried

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand my original motion was out of order. Hopefully this motion will be in order. I will read the motion as it reads now.

Whereas the user-pay policy was established in 1980 by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation; and whereas there is some inconsistency in the implementation of this policy because it puts some communities at a disadvantage; now therefore, I move that this House recommends that

an adequate user-pay policy be fully implemented across the Northwest Territories by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, prior to the 31st of May, 1985, and that the present inequitable policy be discontinued on that date.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The motion is in order. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We are on general discussion on the NWT Housing Corporation. Total O and M, \$34,197,000. Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two I guess for want of a better term, returns, to make to questions that were raised and at the time I did not have the information.

#### Allocation Of Priority Funding

The first one regards the priority funding which was allocated to the Housing Corporation by the Executive and which was subject to the motion of the special committee on housing with regard to the allocation of that money. I would like to report on exactly where the money went. Of the \$1.125 million allocated through the priorities exercise, 62 per cent of the funds went to the Inuvik region, 29 per cent of the funds went to the Hay River region, nine per cent went to the Yellowknife region, nothing went to the Kitikmeot region, nothing went to the Keewatin region, nothing went to the Baffin region. In fact 100 per cent of all priorities money was allocated to the three western districts. So I think that more than satisfies the recommendation which was made by the special committee on housing.

#### Supplementary Funding Pending Sharing Of Project Cost Overruns

In terms of the question raised by the chairman of the standing committee on finance with regard to the \$8.86 million, the Legislative Assembly approved supplementary funding in the Ninth Assembly of \$8.86 million to the Housing Corporation in the 1983-84 supplementary estimates, to provide working capital necessary to finance operations and to finance capital projects prior to receiving CMHC cost-sharing of project overruns. This working capital infusion is recoverable to the extent of project overrun cost-sharing actually received. The final amount recorded as an expenditure in 1983-84 was determined to be \$2.86 million by the Auditor General. While it may be argued that a proportion of the amount could have been a capital appropriation, it was treated as an O and M appropriation with the Auditor General's concurrence. This reflects the fact that the money was provided for working capital to finance operations of the Housing Corporation rather than for specific capital project expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to ask a question of the Minister of Housing. There are over 600 Weber houses in the Eastern Arctic in very poor condition. The roofs leak and the insulation is no good. The floors are shifting so the toilets and water tanks are broken. In some of the houses you can see through the cracks and some of the houses are so cold everyone has to sleep in the living room. When do you plan on fixing these houses? Thank you.

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

#### Repair Program On Weber Houses

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The problem of the Weber houses is an historical one and it arose during the first years of the corporation, basically in their desperation to build as many houses as possible at the most reasonable cost. The Weber at that time was thought to be the easiest one to build. However, because of construction problems, supply problems, a lot of which actually fit in with the problem of project cost overruns, these houses, while relatively new, are

seriously deteriorating in a very quick manner. The bulk of those houses are in the Eastern Arctic, about 600 out of the 760. We have started a retrofit program on the roofs and we are in the final stages of designing a program to repair the structures and the mechanical systems for each unit. The first stage of this program will commence in the 1986-87 year.

I suppose it was the Eastern Arctic's misfortune to acquire the bulk of that housing. However, it is there and we must fix it. We will undertake a major maintenance program to start repairing those houses because essentially the houses, as I said, are brand new. There is a 50 year mortgage on them for which the corporation pays a considerable amount of money and they are just too new to replace. We could not replace them because of the high numbers so therefore we do have to undertake a major maintenance program and repair program and we will be starting that in 1986.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to direct a question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation and I guess he is aware of the fact that there are 10 matchboxes in my community, Clyde River. When do you plan on replacing them? Also, they are not fit to live in and they are taking up some of the best land in the community. I am just wondering when you plan to replace them with the bigger houses. I guess you could start building the houses for single people or for the younger people. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, we do have a major problem, particularly in the eastern communities of being saddled with these houses. I have directed the corporation to immediately implement a program whereby all of those houses will be replaced within three years and will form part of the basis of the capital plan. Thank you.

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

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) I have another question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. In my community there are a lot of houses in poor condition and you answered in general questions already on some problems arising concerning health. There have been a lot of problems with these houses. They are the only place we can live. In my own community in Clyde River there are a lot of problems with the houses regarding the roofs which are in very poor condition. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, we do have major problems, particularly in the Eastern Arctic, with regard to the condition of housing. Many of the houses were built in the late 50s, 60s and early 70s. The Housing Corporation does what is called a condition rating report on all of our units -- and I do not have the figures right at hand, but I do have a condition report for every community -- and generally speaking, the communities, particularly in the Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot, the condition of the houses is averaging between 45 and 60 per cent as opposed to 70 and 80 per cent in the western part of the North. I guess it is because among other things, with climatic conditions, the houses undergo a lot more stress in the East because of ground shifts, etc., than they would anywhere else. So, we do have a lot of houses that are in very poor condition and I guess the question that the corporation is always saddled with is whether or not we should repair them or replace them because some of them, quite frankly, are just not worth repairing.

#### Fire And Health Hazards

We also have major problems with health and fire regulations because if many of our houses in the Eastern Arctic were inspected on a very strict basis, I am fairly sure that probably anywhere between 25 and 50 per cent of our entire housing stock would be condemned by the fire marshal and by the health inspector. So, it is a major problem that we have to tackle and we are going to try and do our best to at least make houses habitable so people have a decent place to live.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General comments. Mr. Erkloo.



MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There have been HAP programs in the whole NWT but in the Keewatin and Baffin there are hardly any HAP programs. There are only about 10 HAP units in the Keewatin and 16 in Baffin and I wonder why there are only 10 units in the whole Keewatin and 16 in Baffin?

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

Home-Ownership Program In Eastern Arctic

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The home-ownership program was something that was introduced into the West many years ago, early in the mid-70s. As to why it was never applied to the East I can only speculate but I would suspect that -- I know that the early home-ownership programs were for houses designed of logs and as you know, trees are something that we do not have in the Eastern Arctic, so we basically decided not to extend that program there.

Also, I guess it was felt that it would be easier to sell the home-ownership programs in the West than it would be in the East. We have started to implement home-ownership in the East because we are finding that there is a high demand for home-ownership. Hopefully, over the next few years we can increase, in a major way, that program into the Eastern Arctic. I can indicate to you that at present in the Baffin district alone, there are 31 outstanding applications for home-ownership that we have been unable to fill. So the intention is to move heavily in the next two and three years into the home-ownership areas in what we would call the Eastern Arctic communities.

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

Senior Citizens Housing Program

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another question. I have heard that in the Western Arctic there are senior citizens homes but in Keewatin or in Baffin there aren't any senior citizens homes that are provided for the older people. While there are no senior citizens homes in the Eastern Arctic, are there any plans? If not, why not? I would like to know if there is any plan for senior citizens homes.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is a good question. I guess, once again, I do not know why senior citizens homes or senior citizens repair programs were never implemented in the East. I suspect it is because, for one thing, very few of our senior citizens in the East live in their own houses, so the senior citizens repair program does not apply to them. Therefore, all of the funding for that program goes into the Hay River and Yellowknife districts.

With regard to the senior citizens homes, you are correct. There are a large number in the western part of the Territories which do provide housing. Those are not available in the East and perhaps it has something to do with the fact that the Department of Social Services identifies, to the Housing Corporation, the areas where it wants to put senior citizens. In the East, traditionally in the small communities, the older people tend to live with their families or tend to live with their children. I guess the East has just never got around yet to supplying separate housing for older people, whereas in the West they have been doing this for the last 10 years or so. But, if there are any Members from the East who feel that the time is now right or we should be moving toward that area then I would suggest that they discuss it in their communities and sit down with the Department of Social Services to come up with a plan whereby we could provide senior citizens housing in the East. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. Does the committee agree that we go into budget detail? Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, total O and M, \$34,197,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I just want to clarify. Earlier the Minister was saying that all the priority money went into the West, but that is only part of the reality. Besides the \$10 million in priority money, there is also \$10 million in budget adjustments, which you did not mention. Of that there is \$500,000 for additional contributions for maintenance materials for public housing, there is also \$500,000 for additional contributions for contracting specialized labour and that is going into public housing. Also, one can say that all the new HAP units are going into the West.

The reality is that they are not identified -- what is priority and what is existing so what you have done is take all the units that are going to the East and counted them as part of the original plans. I think you have to look at the totality of it and not just one example to try to make the point the Minister was making. The Minister neglected to say that as part of the main estimates, there is an extra five and a half million dollars for public housing in the East also. So that is the total picture.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne for your point. Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The point that I was making was with regard to the recommendation of the special committee on housing and they request that 90 per cent of the priority funding go into the western districts. That is the only point I was making. I never made any point about public housing or home-ownership or senior citizens or senior citizens repair. I was addressing the recommendation of the special committee on housing. The maintenance money and the extra money was divided up among all the regions, based on the number of units that we have in our housing stock but I was only addressing the recommendation of the special committee on housing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Order, please. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Curley is getting excited over there, I do not want him to get too excited.

AN HON. MEMBER: Barely big enough for you.

MR. BALLANTYNE: If I could go on to another topic. One of the problems has been identified by the Minister...

AN HON. MEMBER: Why don't you ask him to resign if he is...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Order in the House, please. Mr. Ballantyne, do you want to press your microphone?

#### Possibility Of Federal Block Funding

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you. Okay, if we can go on to another topic. One of the problems that the Minister has identified, and we agree, is that because we are tied into federal CMHC programs, the territorial government does not have the flexibility to provide housing programs that cater to the needs of the North. The Minister mentioned the possibility of achieving some sort of block funding from the feds to give us that flexibility. I wonder in the meetings the Minister has had, with the federal Minister responsible for Housing, was the possibility of block funding discussed?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I discussed the matter with the federal Minister two weeks ago in Edmonton, all I can indicate at this time is he did not reject the idea. He listened to it and, I think, he was quite taken by the idea because we are in a unique situation and I can indicate that the senior officials of CMHC will be arriving in Yellowknife this afternoon to begin discussions with my officials on global funding. Hopefully, I will be able to report to the House in June on the outcome of these negotiations but I am -- how to put it -- quietly confident.

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

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have three settlements in my constituency that also require housing and Pelly Bay I always think is a special place. It is one of the places that is only served by air and from the major airports, it is one of the furthest but the people live there and it is their home. Visiting Pelly Bay as it is my constituency -- and not only when I was elected MLA, I have visited it -- I know that they have some mission houses that were built by the mission and not by the Housing Corporation. They have a number of them and people there are short of houses. These mission houses were turned over by the mission to the Housing Corporation. They are not the best of houses. At the same time, they have two duplexes that were damaged by a contractor and I know that there are some houses that are going to be built there, but that still does not seem to replace these mission houses that they have built. If I see a house that is built by another company, by the Housing Corporation, I would not agree that one of those houses is really fit for renting. So I am asking the Minister whether, in a few years from now, are they going to replace these houses?

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

Allocation Of Public Housing To Replace Existing Unfit Units

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the biggest problems that we have in what is commonly called the Eastern Arctic districts is that a lot of housing that we are putting in is not new housing, it is replacing existing houses. We are saddled in the Eastern Arctic with many, many units that were inherited from the federal government or from other agencies and I think there are something like 152 units in Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot alone which have to be written off because they are just not habitable, whereas there are only 33 in the Western Arctic. So, while it looks like there is a high allocation of public housing to the East, in effect those allocations are not adding to the housing stock. They are merely replacing existing units or units not fit to live in. It is a major problem because not only are we trying to replace these houses, we are trying to add new houses to take care of the population growth. It can only be addressed I guess over the next three to five years. There is just too big a problem to try and do it all at once so hopefully the capital plan, when I discuss it with the individual MLAs, will take into account that fact and we can spread the work over the next five years so that we can get rid of basically all those houses that are presently unfit to live in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Phenomenal Population Growth In Gjoa Haven

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know the fact that it is hard for the Housing Corporation to keep up to the population. One other thing in my constituency, that is my home town, there are houses but again we are getting people from Baker Lake, Spence Bay, Pelly Bay, Cambridge Bay and even from Coppermine. From what I see of the distribution of houses I believe we are getting approximately about eight houses to Gjoa Haven. At the same time Gjoa Haven is growing so fast even the original people alone cannot keep up with the houses that they are getting. I am wondering why we are getting so few houses when it clearly shows that we are getting people from other settlements and it is harder sometimes for some people when they move from one community to another to be boarding in a stranger's home. Not only that but they may have relatives but the relatives may not have enough room. So I am wondering now if the Housing Corporation could really look seriously into this matter and maybe if possible put more houses in Gjoa Haven in the future. Not in the future, maybe next year.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated yesterday, Gjoa Haven is one of those communities which has a phenomenal rate of growth. It has almost doubled its population within the last four years. We really do not know the reasons why. We suspect that because Gjoa Haven is a community which has prohibition that many people are moving there from the other communities because of the lifestyle. It basically took the corporation by surprise. I guess it has taken everybody by surprise and the Member can be assured that when we get our proper base-line data that we will take into consideration that population growth in Gjoa Haven. Hopefully we will be able to address the needs of that community over the next three to four years. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question regarding houses. There are some communities with not very many houses and others with so many houses. Some of the communities have houses that they are not using. I do not want to put down any of the Members but I think what we have to find out is, why are there houses going to Hay River when there are empty houses in that community? I would like to know why they are getting houses when they already have empty houses in Hay River. Thank you.

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

Explanation Of Allocations For Hay River

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hay River is one of the very few communities where we actually have extra housing.

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It is another anomaly. While there are a number of vacant apartments and houses in Hay River, these are mostly private units which are rented out at the market value. However, Hay River is an anomaly inasmuch as that while we do not allocate public housing to the town itself, there are two sections of Hay River. There is the Hay River Reserve and there is the old town, which are traditional areas for people to live in and people who live in those areas have no desire to live in the town itself. Therefore, we have allocated units to the reserve and into the old town. Now on the surface it may look as if that is really not fair, because if you have empty houses why allocate houses there. That is one of the problems if you were just to use straight data; unless you have personal knowledge of that area, the data would tell you there is a surplus of housing. In fact there is a surplus of housing but it is in town, not on the reserve or in the old town. That is why we have allocated units down there. So I guess my answer to the Member is that in most cases if we had communities where there is empty housing, we would not normally allocate housing there. But there are special circumstances and we have made special efforts in Hay River on the reserve and in old town to allocate housing and to allocate a substantial amount of money for the senior citizens home repair program to try and meet the needs of the reserve and old town. Thank you.

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

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be asking this question and I will probably be getting an answer. Is it not true that personal income levels in the NWT are the lowest in the East and that is why those regions are in the greatest need of public housing? It seems like these regions have the greatest need for public housing. I will repeat my question if I am not understood properly. Thank you.

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

Income Levels Have Bearing On Housing Requirements

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What the Member is talking about are conditions that we do take into account when we are allocating public housing. The statistics that Mr. Pedersen was quoting the other day -- I have a copy of them and it shows that in fact in the Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot, the average annual income is \$11,800, whereas in the western regions it is \$15,500. So the income levels in the West are higher which would lead us to believe that at least in certain portions of the West, people are more able to look after themselves, as opposed to the East. The eastern communities are the poorest communities we have in the NWT and the amount of disposable income is not that great. So that is why there is such a high requirement for public housing. It all ties into the employment rate and the availability of employment. As you know, in most of our eastern communities there is very little employment available and I think the unemployment rate in the East is about 67 per cent higher than it is in the West. So income levels are much different and this has a great bearing on the type of housing that is allocated.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. McCALLUM: Just to break it up and give it a rest for awhile.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you. It is good to see the Minister is really aware of the problems in the East. He is answering these questions better than he answered some of ours yesterday but that is good. Hopefully he will gain a full understanding of all the problems the longer he is in office.

The point has been made why we are asking detailed questions in general comments. I wonder why the format of the Housing Corporation is not the same as other departments in the budget book. It is not broken down by activities. So we could ask more specific questions about the six activities that we have. It just would make it easier if this format was consistent with the other ones and it is something to think about for next year, because that detail is in our SCOF, standing committee on finance book but it is not in the budget book.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I am advised that the main reason is because our funding is different, the fact that we are a corporation. The government provides the funding through contributions as opposed to the government departments. But certainly we can take the Member's advice under advisement and perhaps look at seeing what we can do for next year.

On his other point about the questions. Well, maybe the reason I am answering the questions better is because I am getting better questions. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I suppose beauty is in the eye of the beholder but -- none the less if we can go through some of these activities there are some specific questions. I do not know if the Minister has a copy of the SCOF book, to note that detail of activities broken out in the SCOF book and it just makes it difficult for the committee if we do not have the same material. Do you have a copy of it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, the only book I have is the main estimates. I thought that was what we were going through. I thought we went through SCOF in finance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Well, I guess the Minister is not aware of the process in that in every other department the actual budget is broken down so the details are more obvious. They are not in this particular budget book but they are in the SCOF book and that is the working document which the government spends tens of thousands of dollars to provide and I am sure they can afford one copy for the Minister.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. All my notes on the breakdown of the budget and the various activities and money allocated are related to the main estimates book. They are not related to the SCOF document.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, I will ask some questions then and I am sure you can find it. Under the activity of the Executive there is a reduction of \$100,000 in consultant fees and an increase of \$55,000 for the travel budget for a board of directors. Could you maybe explain both of those?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Are we out of general comments now, Mr. Chairman? Are we going into the activities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, which section are you referring to? Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. This is to reflect that we are doing a lot more of the design in-house as opposed to going to consultants. It is also an intent on my part to free up money for the board of directors so that at least they can go to the communities in their respective areas to talk to the housing associations and get a much better understanding of what is happening. One of the problems in the past is that the board of directors have been unable to travel. Their only travel has been to Yellowknife for board meetings and I think if the board of directors which is charged with the responsibility of setting the policy for the corporation is to perform well, then it should have an opportunity to travel into the communities. So, this is what we are trying to do here. We have gone to a lot more in-house design on the houses because we are now standardizing the houses and not changing the designs as much from year to year, so we have the capability inside the corporation to do a lot of that work.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: The activity, rental programs; there is a base increase of \$21,000 and 0.4 of a PY necessary to provide funding for program adviser for a full year. Could you give us an idea of what the cost for the full year is and what this program adviser will be doing?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.



HON. GORDON WRAY: Are you still in the \$34 million? Could you give me just a minute, Mr. Chairman? I will see if I can find it. Mr. Chairman, I will have to take that under advice and provide the Member with an answer later.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Again, in this whole \$34 million, but in the finance and administration activity there are a couple of questions. There is a \$215,200 net reduction in comptrollership relating to overbudgeted interest revenue of \$750,000. Could I have a brief explanation of that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Member has a list of questions which relate to the SCOF document? I wonder if he could provide me with it so that I can come back to him later with the answers because I really am at a disadvantage here because the only briefing material I have relates to the main estimates and not to the SCOF document. But if he would be willing to provide me with a list of the questions then I will get back to him with the details.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Also the Chair would probably want a copy of the SCOF too. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: The chairman has a copy of it actually in his book. Okay, but this highlights the problem that we are dealing with different data and we will be talking with the Financial Management Secretariat and the Finance Minister to try to standardize the format for every department so that we are all working from the same information. Otherwise it is impossible right now with the level of detail in the main estimates book to ask any detailed questions because there is no level of detail there. So, I am prepared to provide the Minister with a list of questions so that he can get back to me on those questions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Does the Minister agree? Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Motion To Add Section To Business Incentive Policy Re Supply Contracts, Carried

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I raise the concern I have previously and it has to deal with the whole point of northern preference. On that I would like to move a motion to that effect. I move that this committee recommends to the Executive Council that it consider an addition of this special section to the business incentive policy that would recognize supply companies that provide service by way of serving the public of the Northwest Territories, by having stores in the Northwest Territories and, further, that this be a requirement to obtain northern preference.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Your motion appears to be in order. To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My concern here, basically, is that there is a possibility that we may be providing contracts to those groups of people who meet the three year residency requirements and who may basically end up being middlemen between the requirements of the government for materials and goods and the southern distributors. In other words, if you are going to put forward tenders in regard to supplying goods and materials to the government or to anyone, you should be required to have those materials and goods on hand so that if you are going to put in a bid for supplying the government with pants then you should have a warehouse full of pants. The same thing with two-by-fours. At the present time, there seems to be a loophole within the present northern preference policy and I want to ensure that the preference is being given to northern businesses who are in a position to supply goods and materials. So that is the reason why I am moving this particular motion and it is to support northern business. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Mr. Butters, to the motion.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The policy referred to by the honourable Member is the business incentive policy of this government and not the northern preference policy. However, having said that I will agree with the motion, as worded and, in fact, the government would welcome the motion. It only confirms action that we have already taken so that consideration that is being called for here has already been given and there will be some changes as a result of that consideration, I am sure.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Butters. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Abstentions? This motion is carried.

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General comments on the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have heard much about the need for housing in Yellowknife. I have heard that mentioned over and over. I would like to ask the Minister, are you aware of any plans to build houses here in Yellowknife?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yellowknife is an anomaly.

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But, Yellowknife is faced with a shortage of housing which has developed since the late 1970s, when at that time there was a surplus of housing. The demand has increased, I guess in part due to the fact that many individuals who would have been not normally considered for public housing, are turning to social housing as a temporary method of accommodation. Since 1974, the Housing Corporation has provided 138 units to Yellowknife. However, the use of public housing to meet Yellowknife's needs is not considered the best way to alleviate the shortage. The information that we have -- and some of these I must emphasize are proposals and, you know, I really do not believe that they will be there until I see them built -- but CMHC advises that there is going to be new single family housing, started in 1984, which would provide about 50 units. There are to be new apartments completed in 1985 which will provide 44 units and new semidetached units to be completed in 1985, 60 units, which is 110 units of housing. In addition, CMHC advises us that they have serious proposals for start-up in 1985 of apartments and row housing comprising 100 units and start of 50 single family units.

So it appears, and I say appears because until this housing is actually built I won't know, but it appears that there will be approximately 150 private sector rental units added to Yellowknife's housing stock within the next year. This is an increase of about 14 per cent which is considerable. In addition, about 50 single family units, home-ownership, will be added to the community's housing stock. So, it appears that for the time being the private market is gearing up and starting to take care of some of Yellowknife's housing needs. As I indicated to the Yellowknife Member, if indeed that occurs, then we are quite prepared to move in the area of turning the present houses that we have in the Housing Corporation stock -- which are not public housing -- but turning them into public housing units which would provide about 60 additional public housing units within the next two to three years. But, that is all based on these private units going ahead, so it is a wait and see proposal. Thank you.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say I would not really worry about housing if I was within the tree line. I do not think that they should be asking for houses because you could build your own house if you are within the tree line. But, people above the tree line do not have any wood to build and a lot of times we use old wood that is thrown out by the housing, to try and build something, so I just wanted to ask this question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

#### Flexibility In Interchanging Programs

HON. GORDON WRAY: I guess the Member's comments reflect on just the two different situations that we have. I think, in the past, it was considered that the West would get home-ownership and the East would get public housing and that was it. I tend to think, though, that there is room for both. I think that there is...

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I see the Member is clapping. That is because he gets both. There is a need for both. There has to be a mix because I think definitely in some of the smaller western communities there are people who are in need of public housing but, on the other hand, in the East, there are certainly people who need home-ownership. So I think we have to be a lot more flexible in the interchanging of the programs. Although, traditionally speaking, public housing was never considered for the West, I think that the corporation, under its present administration is now actively looking at providing public housing in some of the smaller western communities but on the other hand though, we are also actively putting home-ownership into the East. So, hopefully with better data and with improvements, we can achieve that mix so that the needs of both types can be provided for. I wouldn't agree with the comment that if you lived in the tree line you would not need public housing because not everybody can build log houses; it is a very specialized type of construction. But certainly the East does not have the natural materials to build housing and that is why now, and I guess in the future, public housing is going to be the main source of housing in the eastern communities. Thank you.

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

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Order please. Mr. Ballantyne, I believe you had a question.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, I have given the Minister a list of questions and he has undertaken to get back to the -- do we have a quorum?

MR. McCALLUM: We do not have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Let the record show that I did not ask any questions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We do not have a quorum. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms ring the bell again so that we have a quorum? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have given the Minister a list of questions or I thought I did -- the Minister has lost them -- and he has undertaken to get back to the committee as soon as possible with the answers.

AN HON. MEMBER: Before we vote on the \$34 million?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Well, whatever the committee wants. I wonder, maybe at this point in time -- because their data is different, it is impossible to ask detailed questions because we are all working from different information -- if I could ask just a couple of general questions of the Minister. One, in the objectives of the Housing Corporation, one of the objectives for 1985-86 is to evaluate the operation of all programs. Is this being done and how is it being done and could we have an example of a program that has been evaluated?

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

#### System Of Ongoing Evaluation Of Programs

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The evaluation within the corporation is an ongoing program basically because of the type of work the corporation does. But one instance of evaluation is in the area of targeting and assessing if the houses are going to the proper income groups. I think one example would be the rural and native or rural and remote program. We evaluated and our recommendation to the federal government was that this program really was not meeting the type of clients that it should be. It was going to higher income and upper income people as opposed to lower and middle income.

On the construction side of things is a constant evaluation in terms of cost effectiveness, doing comparisons in materials and are we getting the best price for materials? Our contracts and the amount of money we are spending on contracts, are we getting the best value for money there? So, this type of thing, particularly in the construction field is always ongoing. After every construction year when all the contracts are let and when the work is done, the construction people sit down and evaluate the type of work, they evaluate the problems that they would encounter and have encountered, because all the problems in construction are documented. Then they take a look



at seeing whether for the next construction year they can make some improvements. Also, this year the major evaluation will take place on the separate supply, ship and erect and that program will be subjected to major scrutiny after it is finished, to see if there are any bugs in the system and where we can improve it because it is a program that we want to extend to the other regions very quickly.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Again, in the summary, I see that the O and M priority increases provide for the partial establishment and implementation of a maintenance management system for public housing. Could we have a brief explanation of what are your intentions in this particular program and when will it be fully implemented?

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

Implementation Of Maintenance Management System

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. One of the biggest shortfalls of the Housing Corporation that has been known for quite some time and which the special committee on housing heard in almost every community is the lack of maintenance on houses. It is one common problem. So, the Executive has allocated this money to the Housing Corporation so that we can develop a maintenance management system similar to DPW's which is now in effect for all government buildings, so that we can monitor and put in place the proper maintenance types of programs, when they should be carried out, how they should be carried out and what level of service they should be given. It is also a way for us to identify the actual costs that we need to maintain those buildings. It is hoped that implementation of this will begin no later than fiscal year 1986, that is 1st of April, 1986. The major component of the system, in developing the system is to do a complete inventory of every house which the Housing Corporation owns, taking into account the condition, the type of house, the size of house. This inventory will be done this summer. Every house we have will be put on inventory, then hopefully, we will be ready to start implementing the system by fiscal year 1986.

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

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I do not really have a question. I just wanted, for the record, to compliment the Minister on the extensive preparation for the line of questioning earlier this afternoon.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In view of the motion passed will the Minister advise the House whether he will apply this recommendation to the Housing Corporation tenders now out? This is the motion with regard to a requirement to have a store with inventory to be on the northern preference list.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Until such time, Mr. Chairman, as I see the policy and receive the direction from the Department of Government Services I can give no commitment to do anything. The Executive Council has to look at the policy, pass it and once it is given to me and I am aware of the conditions which the Executive place upon the policy then it will be implemented. The Housing Corporation is subject to government policy and once the government has set that policy then, yes, the Housing Corporation will abide by it.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I understand earlier from the Minister that this really was the intent of the policy. I am merely trying to get some indication from the Minister what they are doing about that particular intent, really, the intent of the northern preference policy. So, I do not find the Minister's answer adequate at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Government Sets Policy For Corporation

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. While I appreciate why the Member may not find my answer compatible, I am restricted to working under the conditions of government policy that are set down for the corporation. The Housing Corporation will follow existing policy, amended policy or whatever policy the government comes up with. The Housing Corporation will not make the policy and that is not our role. If the Member wants the corporation to make the policy then I think he should address that question, but it is not the corporation's job to set government policy. That is the government's job and we will abide by the policies that the government gives to us and we will live with them and we will use them.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the Minister is misinterpreting my statement here. I did not in any way indicate to this committee that the Housing Corporation is the one that formulates policy on behalf of the government. I understand that the policy is discussed and consensus prevails in the Executive Council and you do have a northern preference policy in place at the present time and you have the direction of this committee in regard to the implementation of the motion. So, I would like to get some indication as to why this recommendation cannot be implemented at the present time with the government, having to deal with the various tenders out. If they cannot implement it right now then when can we expect that the government will implement it? I would prefer that they implement the recommendation immediately as opposed to waiting six months from now.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will defer this question to the Minister of Government Services under whose department the business incentive policy falls; not the northern preference policy, but the business incentive policy.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the Minister correctly answered the question that he would apply it when he had that policy. When Mr. Wah-Shee, when the honourable Member made the motion earlier on and his motion was, so Members recollect what was said in that motion, "Recommends to the Executive Council that it consider an addition of this special section to the business incentive policy that would recognize supply companies that provide service by way of serving the public of the NWT by having stores..." I indicated to him that we are already acting on that recommendation and we are acting as quickly as we can. We are moving on that. So we have already met the requirement of this motion and we will have the necessary research done and the policy amended as quickly as possible if the research indicates that is what we should be doing. So all the Minister of the Housing Corporation can say is that as soon as that policy is in effect, he will abide by it.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Can I ask the honourable Member to indicate to the committee what is the timetable we are talking about here?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I said as soon as possible. As I have mentioned we have already acted on the motion. This House sits in the afternoon and many, many hours of the morning are taken up with Assembly business and meetings. So it is when the Executive gets time to meet and address the question. We are moving on it as quickly as humanly possible.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Surely, the honourable Member can indicate how long we are going to wait until it is being implemented. Is it my understanding that it is being implemented right now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.



HON. TOM BUTTERS: It is under consideration right now, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. WAH-SHEE: Will the policy be implemented by the time we adjourn this sitting, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Providing the policy receives the approval of the Executive Council based on the research put before it, it will be implemented as soon as humanly possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Earlier, Mr. Appaqaq asked, what is going to be built in Yellowknife in the next couple of years? The Minister responded with some figures, which as the Minister indicated, is what private enterprise is doing. The answer to the question as far as what the Housing Corporation is doing in Yellowknife is, the Housing Corporation is providing no public housing, providing one HAP unit and one R and R unit in Detah. That is the sum total of the Housing Corporation's contribution to Yellowknife. The rest is in the area of private enterprise.

I wonder if the Minister could give us a breakdown of the O and M budget of \$34,197,000, the major areas where that money is being spent, whether it is in fuel, salaries, what have you. Could we have a breakdown of that \$34,197,000, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Breakdown Of O And M Budget

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The main areas are as follows: The \$34,197,000 is the money which we provide to housing associations. Of that money \$11.609 million goes to power, \$11.19 million goes to fuel, \$2.001 million goes to water and sanitation, \$1.244 million goes to taxes, \$8.130 million goes to maintenance and \$3.519 million goes to administration, that would be salaries for secretary managers or assistant secretary managers, administration of the housing associations. This is a total of \$37.693 million. We have rental revenues of \$5.477 million which leaves us with a net housing association contribution of \$32.216. There are some other figures, CMHC figures, contributions, deductions, etc., which brings the total of the GNWT share out to \$34.197 million.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you. I have a question on that. When the Housing Corporation is in the process, next year, of developing a five year capital plan, at the same time will they be doing projections of ongoing O and M in future years? It is a sort of commitment, as we build a house today, what does that mean in long-term O and M funding requirements for the corporation? Do we have some sort of projection so we can see that in five years the actual costs to this government of these new houses will be such and such an amount?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will do that when we build the five year capital plan; then we can extend the figures to show how much money we require at this present level of funding for the ongoing maintenance of the new housing and the volume increases. So, yes, we will be doing that.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a question on the person year summary. Looking at continuing person years of 107, I wonder if the Minister could give us a breakdown of the personnel that are in headquarters, the personnel that are in the regions and if the Minister is looking at the possibility of giving more responsibility and authority to the regions. Is there any intent to move some headquarters people to the regions in the next year or will that wait for one of the many reviews that are taking place?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I do have the information, Mr. Chairman. It will just take me 30 seconds to find it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The breakdown is as follows: In the executive, there are six positions. In finance and administration, there are seven positions. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I will have to take one minute here because this is no way to do this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is it agreeable that the Minister provide the information later and go on with general comments? Mr. Minister.

Breakdown Of Person Years

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay, I have the breakdowns now. Finance and administration, there are four positions; programs and planning, four positions; executive division, two positions; construction and development, three positions; comptrollership, 10 positions; home-ownership program, three positions; lands and sites, five positions; development and construction services, six positions; project administration, 12 positions; material management, six positions; personnel, three positions; personnel and employee benefits, three; rental programs, three; home-ownership, three. In the districts there are six PYs for the Yellowknife district operations; seven for Hay River; eight for Inuvik; six for Kitikmeot; six for Keewatin; and 11 for Baffin.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if I could ask the Minister to reply to some of the questions that I raised with him last Thursday, concerning the operations and maintenance budget of the Inuvik housing district.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: In my many papers, there is an answer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 1985-86 main estimate for the Inuvik district was not sufficient and the result there was a decrease from the 1984-85 budget. In order to address this deficiency for each district -- that is, every other district outside of Inuvik -- the northern rental budget for maintenance administration was reduced by \$100 per unit. This funding will not be required in the northern rental program since some of the older dilapidated units are going to be replaced. The funds from the northern rental program were transferred to public housing, section 40 in order to obtain additional CMHC funding. This additional CMHC funding was then allocated to Inuvik to the tune \$240,000 and to Hay River to the tune of \$77,000, to address the recognized funding problems in those districts. So, in other words, we have taken a roundabout route to make sure that Inuvik will not suffer a major problem in that area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. McCallum.

Debt Of Corporation To CMHC

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, of the sums of money that the Minister has indicated, that is the breakdown of the contribution, \$34,197,000, in those areas, could I have some indication from the Minister of the current status of interest payments on the corporation's share of mortgage money owed and what is the current status of the amount of money owed by the corporation to CMHC?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: About \$102 million is owed to Canada Mortgage and Housing. The loan repayments on a yearly basis are \$13 million, the total outstanding debt to CMHC is \$102 million and I should indicate to the Member that I have made a formal request to the federal government to write this amount off.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Appaqaq.

Need For More Government Staff Housing

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask a question of the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I have heard that in the Baffin area and in our community some of the government employees have public housing. I think that the government has to provide government

staff housing because they do not have staff housing available. There are over 200 government employees living in public housing and there is a lot of people who want to move who need housing and these people seem to be, in a way, just taking up these houses and they should really be in government staff housing.

Also, in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River and Inuvik, they all have government staff housing for their employees and, in fact, some of them are empty staff houses, government staff houses. I think you have to concentrate on finding the needs for all of the NWT, not only certain communities, so I am going to ask the Minister if the government employees could start moving to government staff housing and when could you start doing this? We are always waiting for more houses because we never have enough housing for the people who do not normally work for the government. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess maybe we will start at the end of the question first. I assume that when the Member is talking about empty staff housing, he is probably referring to the comments that Mr. Ballantyne made about empty staff housing in Yellowknife. There is some of that around, mostly federal. There are some empty houses in Hay River, but I do not believe there are any in Fort Smith or Inuvik. I know in Fort Smith the government has moved heavily into selling their homes there.

But speaking generally to your question, I think I indicated to the Member for Slave River that one of the problems is that, at this point in time I cannot tell you exactly how many government staff, municipal, territorial or federal, but I do know that estimates are that we have not 200, but we probably have closer to 300 government staff, living in public housing, the bulk of whom are in the East. This has contributed to a major shortfall, particularly in the communities of Rankin Inlet and Frobisher Bay, which are regional government headquarters. I know that the government now, particularly in Rankin Inlet, is very restricted in its hiring because it cannot provide housing and there has been great pressure placed on the communities, on those two communities, and other communities, to find housing for government employees.

#### Subsidies Available To Government Employees Who Own Homes

I would like to move them out of public housing but there really is no place for them to go and that is why we are attempting to encourage home-ownership in the Eastern Arctic because I do not think government employees are aware of the fact that if, in fact, they are living in their own house they are eligible for up to \$750 a month subsidy through the government subsidy system on their pay cheques. In most cases that would more than pay for the utilities. So, that direction is one we want to proceed in because it is going to be a lot cheaper doing it that way than building government staff houses. If we can provide home-ownership units to those people and not staff housing then this government is going to save a lot of money and we are also going to put 200 and 300 people in their own homes.

So, the intention is to move heavily into that area, particularly in the East, concentrating on government employees who do have the income levels and who can get subsidies from the government if they are living in their own house. That, I think, is going to be the primary target for those people, which then, of course, frees up more public housing for the housing associations to use to address the major shortages that they have in the communities.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted some clarification. Last year when we met, Pond Inlet wanted 47 houses and in Pangnirtung they wanted 43 and in Cape Dorset they wanted 40 and in Sanikiluaq they requested 18 houses. Sanikiluaq is only going to be allocated four houses. Sanikiluaq is a growing community, too, and the kids are growing and starting to have families of their own and they are going to start having kids. The community is going to grow. I want you to realize that we need these houses very badly too, and we do not have logs to build houses with so I just want you to be aware of that. Thank you.

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



### Population Growth

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Population growth is one factor that we have not yet addressed in the corporation and we have been busy trying to cover the existing deficit. But it should be put on the record as saying the Eastern Arctic has the highest population growth in North America and that I would suspect in about five years we are going to be faced again with a major crisis on our hands, because most of our communities in the East are looking at, from the communities that I know, close to 40 or 50 per cent of the people of the communities below the age of 16. In Eskimo Point, there are over 500 people below the age of 16; Pond Inlet, 300; all of those kids in five, six, seven years are going to be coming on stream and I think if you have a housing crisis now, I do not want to be around seven or eight years from now because I think you are going to have one that is twice as bad as what we have right now, unless the population moves. I should indicate that it is not something that is confined to the East. The Western Arctic has the second highest population growth rate in North America, so we are facing similar problems there, particularly in the small communities and it is something that the Housing Corporation is very aware of and we are going to have to address that problem. I do not think I will be around when the crisis hits but I think it is something that people should take into account because we do have an extremely young population and at some point in time in the next 10 years or so, they are going to be married and have children and, I do not know, I would not even begin to want to speculate how many houses we are going to require.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could just go back and I may, the Minister may or you may indicate that I am talking about particular items. I suspect that the figure that I referred to as the yearly amount paid out by the government, for interest payments, is the amount that is shown in an information item as \$13,042,000. I wonder if you can indicate to me just how this is paid, how you propose to pay it? Is that deducted, as it were, from the receivables from CMHC or is it a real expenditure of the corporation from its contribution?

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

### Method Of Payment Of Interest

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$13.042 million is paid out of the grant which the corporation is given by the government, then CMHC gives us back about half of that amount. So, we pay \$13,042,000 out and we get about \$6.5 to \$7 million back. This is the basis on which I am trying to justify getting the federal government to write it off because what I said to them is that what is happening is that DIAND is giving the territorial government money, it is giving the Housing Corporation money, we are giving it back to CMHC, the federal government, and they are turning around and giving us half of it back. So, really all it is is a paper shuffle and I made that case to the federal Minister and I do not know just how far it will get because it is quite a lot of money.

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

### Agreement Versus Conflict

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have many questions to the Housing Corporation but I will have a short question. We have seen the problems faced by the people of the Northwest Territories concerning a lack of housing. There are going to be some more houses allocated this fiscal year. That is very good news. There were different houses allocated in the East than in the West. When the special committee travelled to the communities, the recommendations that we put forth were dealing with all the communities of the NWT. We all agreed in the House to do this but I am hearing now during this session that on the agreement that we had with each other we are having conflicts now. So, for that reason, I did not even sleep well last night thinking about it. If we are just going to say now that the Western Arctic people seem to be in a better position than the East or the eastern people start saying that the western people are in a better position than the eastern people, I do not think we should be talking to each other like that. If the NWT is going to be split and we do not know which way the Inuvialuit are going to want to go, whichever side they decide to go to, I think we are just going to keep on fighting. That is the concern I have and I wanted to mention this in the House. I know that we are not doing this on purpose to each other or all of us are not this way.

The question that I have is about HAP housing. If you are in NWT Housing Corporation housing are you eligible for HAP housing or are you eligible if you do not have a house already? In my constituency, in my community there is a person who ordered his own supplies to build his own home because he has been told by the Housing Corporation over and over again that he had to live in a Housing Corporation house before he can be eligible for HAP housing. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Generally speaking, we try to get the HAP clients from people who are living in public housing or NWT Housing Corporation houses because if we can provide them with a HAP unit, this simultaneously frees up another unit for that community, so that by providing a HAP unit to a tenant of a public house you really create two houses.

A part of the problem is that we have so many people who are living in overcrowded conditions that I know in many of the communities you can have two and three families living in one house. So it is sometimes not that easy to say, well, only Housing Corporation tenants can get a house. We tend to be very flexible and assess it on a case-by-case basis. No, HAP is not restricted to public housing tenants. If that was the case, very few of the HAP clients from the West would get HAP units because most of them do not live in public housing. So, in the West we have tried to be very flexible in terms of who is eligible for HAP units. In the East we have been a little bit stricter in trying to confine it to public housing tenants but that is not 100 per cent the case. If there are people in the communities and the housing association, in conjunction with the district people, feel that this person is eligible for a house, regardless of whether he is a public housing tenant or not, then we can approve those types of cases. We will not restrict it to just public housing tenants, although that is what we would like to target obviously. To try and free up as many public houses as possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Wah-Shee.

#### New Designs For Housing Units

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to the committee how the corporation is dealing with the designing of various units for both programs, for the public housing and the home-ownership program and whether there is any intention of the Housing Corporation to perhaps develop or design new units with the people from the various regions. I wonder if the Minister can give us some indication on that.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At present in the HAP program we have a catalogue of seven units and we are presently working on an additional two units to upgrade the types of houses available to nine. We are working with people in the communities and assessing the programs to see if we can redesign, provide HAP units which are little bit better. That is an ongoing program but it does take place. Every HAP client in receipt of a house is interviewed and asked if he is happy with his house and what changes he would like to make, etc. So we are working on upgrading the catalogue.

In the public housing we have five models. We are going for the time being to stay with what I call the Greenland style model, because it has proved to be fairly good. There have not been too many negative comments about it. I would just like to start standardizing the types of public housing we provide because it makes it so much easier for the housing associations to maintain, if they have one type of housing to work with, as opposed to seven, eight, nine, 10 different types of housing. It is a lot easier to structure our maintenance programs. We also can by staying with the standardized type of public house, the Greenland style, streamline it from year to year and make changes. But we find that we get a much better price eventually when we go to tender because we are sticking with one type of house as opposed to several types. But the HAP program is ongoing. We are redesigning. We are consulting with the communities, with the clients. We are adding to the catalogue that we presently have. This year we will add another two so it will give us a catalogue of nine home-ownership units.

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



MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister can indicate whether there is any move toward phasing out the honeybucket system because it does affect your design, I suppose, with the requirements of the water and sewage. I wonder whether there are any plans further down the road in terms of planning between the Housing Corporation and Department of Local Government to eventually phase out the honeybucket system because, as you know, it does cause health problems. Is there any move in that direction?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, we hope, through working with Local Government, to phase out the houses that have honeybuckets. Of course, that entire program is geared almost entirely to the availability of pump-out services in the communities. And we can only move as fast as the community can move and its capability for providing pump-out services. But the rehab program that we have does phase out the honeybuckets and replace them with pressure system. Ultimately, I would like to see and I cannot put a time limit on it, but I would certainly like to see within my tenure, a complete phase-out of all honeybuckets and provide pump-out services to our housing. But that like I say is dependent entirely upon how fast the community goes with its ability to provide pump-out services.

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

Business Opportunity To Supply Wood

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to ask the Minister of the Housing Corporation a question. In the Western Arctic in most of the Dene communities, the people do not live in public housing. They live in their own homes and many of these homes are heated with wood as opposed to fuel oil. Part of the reason that most people do that is because the cost is less. It costs less to heat a house with wood than to heat it with fuel. What I have seen on some of my travels with the housing committee is that this saves the corporation money in a sense because these are people that they do not ordinarily have to worry about. I remember in a meeting and I think it was in Lac la Martre, where this subject of wood was brought up. I wonder if I could ask if the Minister or the corporation have any plans on making wood more accessible to people and whether there are any thoughts about subsidizing a small business to supply a community with wood?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: To be quite honest with you, no, I have not given it much thought. It is an intriguing idea though. I think that perhaps the idea could be pursued with my colleague, the Minister of Economic Development and if in fact there were business opportunities in those small communities for a small business to supply wood, perhaps they might consider looking at that type of enterprise. I guess that is all I can say on that one.

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

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, part of the reason I bring it up is I do not see it going away. I know that this way of heating your home is almost a cultural thing and there are people who absolutely refuse to have their homes heated with fuel oil, so I think it is something that this government should be aware of.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Would you like to respond, Mr. Minister?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Other than to say that I am more than prepared to sit down with the Member and discuss it further. It sounds intriguing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, general comments. Okay, does the committee agree we vote?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, total O and M, \$34,197,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Contributions, \$34,197,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Housing, 1985-86 Construction, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total 1985-86 construction, \$7,566,000. We are on page 3.8 of the Housing Corporation main estimates and we are dealing with construction, detail of capital. Total 1985-86 construction. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: It might not be possible, but I wonder whether at this point in time there have been estimated costs for each one of these communities and units that could be put in here so we have a little more detail. We just have the total. I wonder if at this point in time, have you done estimates for all this construction?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we do have estimates but we do not put them in the book for a very good reason inasmuch as most of those contracts are out for tender right now and to provide estimates on a community and a per unit basis would provide information that could be detrimental to the corporation and that is why we do not provide that kind of information. I do have that. I can provide for the Member on a confidential basis, what is called MUP prices, maximum unit prices, which are CMHC's standard price, or what they assess costs of a unit in a community are but we do not put the estimates in the main estimates because the tenders are out right now.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: That is logical. If we could get those on a confidential basis, the reason is so that next year we will have an idea of what the estimates were and how the actual construction prices came in so if you could, on a confidential basis, we would appreciate that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Detail of capital, total 1985-86 construction, \$7,566,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the total capital projection is for \$7.7 million which means, of course, that there is in here the prior years spending for design or whatever, this \$166,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Start-up cost, land acquisition, etc.

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

MR. McCALLUM: The total number, without my adding through it, the total number is 216 units. Is that the correct figure?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I don't mind finishing that particular vote because it will lead into the next question I have.

Public Housing, 1985-86 Construction, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total 1985-86 construction is \$7,566,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in 1985-86, you will have spent totally over the two years, \$7.732 million for 216 units. On page 3.9 there are 200 public housing units, contemplated being built in 1986-87 for which, in this year, they will have spent \$600,000. I take it that is for land acquisition similar to the comments that the Member made about the \$166,000 -- acquisition of land, preparation of site, whatever is involved. Could the Minister indicate to us where he is contemplating these 200 units next year? You must be acquiring land in particular communities. I go back to what he has been saying all along that private home-ownership, in the long term, is the only permanent solution but there will always be a need for public housing for those who cannot afford to buy or rent in the private market and there are people throughout the Territories who are not able to get into the home assistance program.

There is a large number of people in my community that are native. They cannot afford the rural and remote, they cannot afford the mortgages, notwithstanding that there is additional funding. There are roughly 1200 to 1300 native people in Fort Smith. It is a community with a large number of native people. They cannot get into the home assistance program because, in the case of this year, no public housing and only three home assistance units are coming to that particular community, three.

There is a need as expressed in the needs survey, whether the material is right or wrong, that indicates that in the Hay River district, Fort Smith has a need as great if not greater than most of the other communities. I wonder if the Minister can indicate to us, then, the number that are going to be allocated to the Hay River district this coming year. Is he contemplating public housing in some of those areas?

You are going to ask us to okay the public housing figure on the top of page 3.9 for 1985-86, of \$8.166 million. If the corporation contemplates spending \$600,000 to prepare and acquire land, I want to know in the Hay River district, where it is going and if there is anything going, in public housing, into the Hay River district.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Future Allocation Based On Capital Plan

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, the \$600,000 is an estimate of what it is going to cost us. I do not know yet where the houses are going to go because I have not seen the capital plan and I have not sat down yet to finalize the capital plan. But, we do know that we are going to need land in almost every community for the 1986-87 year so it is merely an estimate on our part as what we require for start-up cost.

There are other moneys through the Department of Local Government and places like that for land assemblies but we make an estimate of what is going to be required or this is what we think we will need to address 200 units wherever they may be so that is all I can say at this time. I cannot indicate where houses are going next year because I do not know yet, I just found out where the ones are going this year. Next year is another year away but I will know that within a couple of months and so will the corporation. We will have a good plan within the next two or three months, then we will be able to start acquiring the land or gravel, things like that -- buying piles, to ship them in. So that is what that money is for, but when we come to the Hay River allocation or the Hay River district allocations, I will be sitting down with the Member and I am sure he will give me his views at that point in time of what he thinks he should get.

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

MR. McCALLUM: I will forego, Mr. Chairman, a comment. Nobody pulled his chain yet, did they? Wait until I rattle a chain and then just speak. Maybe I can pre-empt the Minister...



SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. McCALLUM: ...in terms of where he should go. I just wonder whether we and he will know this time next year where the housing is going to go if he just found out, we have just found out where they were going as well.

I just want to indicate that he talks about the capital plan, I would like an indication of where this capital plan is now. Is it within the House, that is within the corporation and is the capital plan being developed by the personnel within the corporation, that is your three vice-presidents and the president? Is that where it is now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The regions were asked to submit a tentative capital plan. It, I believe, came in about a month ago. Headquarters then sent back to the regions for some refinements on the capital plan. My understanding is that the regions were required to have their final submissions in by February 15th, which was Friday. The regions have replied. Baffin needs some clarification but that is expected by today then the management board of the corporation, the three vice-presidents and the president, sit down and try and tidy the plan up that the various regions have submitted, then it comes to me and I do my thing.

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

MR. McCALLUM: The capital plan information then is either here or it is coming very quickly. Based, I wonder, Mr. Minister, on what data? What are those capital plans based on, given that we have been hearing the data or the needs survey is wrong? You are contemplating putting 200 public housing units in particular areas. The data for the Hay River district, is that the data that would be in the needs survey that we have copies of?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We are undergoing right now a process of updating the data in the Hay River district. I know that community visits have been made in the north end, in Nahanni Butte and Simpson by the Housing Corporation worker there and that it is taking place in every area. What we are trying to do is upgrade the data at present because the data is not wrong, all it is is incomplete and that is the problem. Hopefully the two will come together. We should have better data within the next month and a half to two months, then if the data shows that what has been submitted tentatively as a capital plan is not correct then we will have to revise the capital plan or update it anyway.

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

MR. McCALLUM: The total capital projection for these 200 units is eight and a quarter million dollars. I take it the increase for 200 units as opposed to the total projection of the 1985-86 for 216 is simply a yearly change that you would estimate, or guesstimate it will cost, that is an increase in the cost of materials, etc.

HON. GORDON WRAY: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

MR. McCALLUM: I hate putting words in your mouth like that.

Public Housing, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Total, public housing, \$8,166,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Home-Ownership, Financing, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, home-ownership financing, \$1,100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Home-Ownership, Assistance, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, home-ownership assistance, \$4,541,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, regarding the differences in the prices of these particular units, I take the average price of the 16 units in Baffin as roughly \$44,000. There are 16 units going in and you have \$710,000. You have divided this particular amount of money based on past experience as to the cost of putting these units up in these areas. Is that why there is a difference? In the Hay River district the average price that would be available is \$32,000 whereas in the Kitikmeot it would be up to \$48,000. Why the disparity?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The biggest disparity is caused by freight costs more than anything. Generally, we are finding that the home-ownership package is running anywhere between \$28,000 and \$50,000. The disparity comes in the freight costs, just the high cost of freight into those areas as opposed to say, highway transport.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total, home-ownership assistance, \$4,541,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Home-Ownership, Land, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Land, home-ownership, various, \$39,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Home-Ownership, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, home-ownership, \$5,680,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

---SHORT RECESS

Rehabilitation, Northern Rental, Total Capital

The committee will now come back to order. We are on page 3.10, Housing Corporation. Total rehabilitation, northern rental, \$1,672,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: A couple of questions on the rehab program. One of the recommendations, as the Minister knows, of the standing committee was that over a period of time the rehab program be phased out and that money saved be used for other programs. I guess there are two concerns with the rehab program. One is that once a northern rental unit is rehabbed it is no longer available for sale to prospective buyers. The second problem is even though you improve housing you are not increasing housing stock with the rehab program. I wonder what are the corporation's thoughts now for future projections of the rehab program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That I must admit is one of the recommendations we had a little bit more difficulty with for the very simple reason that we do not see in the immediate future being able to supply enough housing to house the people that we have to. Therefore, we have to live with existing units, a lot of which are in extremely bad shape. In particular, the Weber units are only eight years old. I am trying to come at it from a different angle and that is that we have asked the federal Minister of Housing if there is anything we could do to amend the National Housing Act, which would allow the sale of public housing units to tenants, perhaps through a rental purchase type scheme. Again it was something that he did not reject, he said that, yes, they had been getting those comments from all over from the provinces and that they would look at it.

I think for the time being we have to look at continuing the rehab program until we can see some point where it starts making economic sense to replace those units or where we get to the point, if we ever get there, where we might have a surplus of housing to start replacing those units. That is one of the recommendations we are having a little bit of difficulty with and perhaps if I can solve it the other way, by getting the federal government to allow us to sell those units, then it maybe makes sense to keep the rehab program in place. Maybe rehab those houses as a condition of sale or something like that. But we are certainly looking at it and we are looking at refining it.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think we all realize it is a pretty difficult and sensitive problem. One of the other considerations that was given by the special committee was in order to make northern rental units more acceptable to people, is rather than rehab them, and I think the average cost is \$70,000 or something like that for rehab, is to piggyback some sort of a repair loan. So you could have some amount, whatever that figure could be, \$10,000 or \$15,000 to fix them up to a certain extent and to make them more attractive to people who may want to buy them. Has that concept been explored at all?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is one of the recommendations which is very appealing to the corporation and to the board of directors. It is actively under consideration right now as to how we could achieve that recommendation. The board has talked about it and I know they will be talking about it again in April to see if we can establish a policy to comply with that recommendation.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: On another point, we have talked over and over again about the potential for economic development and for business opportunities. Of these particular rehabs we are looking at, at this point in time, is there any way of knowing what sort of community participation and involvement there will be in actually doing the work? Is there more of an effort this year than in the past to try to get communities involved in this sort of program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Our expectations are high. We have put in place in the tender documents, while not forcing a quota system upon companies, we have strongly emphasized the use of local labour and facilities in the documents. I will just read it for you. This is in the tender document. "It is the intent of NWT Housing Corporation that local communities and regions achieve maximum benefit from projects undertaken by the corporation. All bidders must list their estimated local regional expenditures as part of their bid by submitting with their bid a duly completed bid form. Total regional impact will be a factor in the evaluation of submitted bids. Successful contractors will be closely monitored for reasonable compliance." That is in the tender document. I also will be able to give, as I indicated earlier on last week sometime when I took this chair, that we have commissioned all the contractors for this year, 1984-85, to prepare for us a total breakdown of the contract and where the money went, and I will supply that to each Member on a confidential basis so that you can see how this year went and next year it has become part of the tender. Next year we will begin to start comparing them.



Again, it is a problem of not having data from the past to compare it to. So this will be the first year of this program and each subsequent year now will have this data and we will be able to compare. Thank you.

Rehabilitation, Northern Rental, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total rehabilitation, northern rental, \$1,672,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Retrofit, Roof Replacement, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total retrofit, roof replacement, \$1,266,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if I could get an indication from the Minister, Mr. Chairman, as to how many more of these Weber units have to have their roof replaced and at what point will this program be completed?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: In terms of the completion, are you talking about the retrofit or the Weber units themselves?

MR. BALLANTYNE: The Weber units.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The Weber roof retrofit program started in 1981-82 and after 1985-86, there will be 248 more roofs to do. So on 1985-86 levels we are doing 111 units so I would suspect another two years after this year, the retrofit program will be complete.

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

MRS. LAWRENCE: (Translation) The people that are here -- the special committee on housing that discussed the housing. Some people said that they could afford to pay for housing but some of them have their bills to pay and some people's houses are not fixed properly. Some people owe money on their bills. They should use that money to fix the houses with. A lot of people that are staying in those houses would like to buy the houses but they are not taken care of properly so in a way it is not their fault. The special committee on housing recommended this before when we were talking about it. When are they going to start working on this?

I think the Minister is not really paying attention to our recommendations and he is just doing what he feels he should. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Obviously there are differences in the special committee on housing because several of them think that we are moving very fast to, in fact, comply with most of the recommendations, which indeed we are. The program that the Member is talking about I believe is the one which Mr. Ballantyne asked about and that is repairing the northern rentals so that we can sell them. That is under consideration by the board right now and we hope to have a policy in place sometime within the next three or four months. If there are other recommendations and the Member also feels that we are not following the recommendations, I would like to know which ones. We are trying to address all of the recommendations. There is only so much we can do, though, at once.

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

Home Repair Program Recommended

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was not criticizing all the recommendations, I just felt that it was one of the recommendations that we had made that if anyone owes arrears then they should be able to fix their own houses with that money that they owe. You have to pay someone

to repair these houses anyway, why cannot the persons themselves fix up the house if they are given the material for the amount of money that they owe and if they owe \$800, okay then do \$800 worth of repairs. That is what I am trying to say. That was one of the recommendations that we had made.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. GORDON WRAY: I do not remember that recommendation. I do not think it was quite put that way. The way the Member puts it, it would be to somebody's advantage not to pay rent, run up as high arrears as possible and then get us to do work for those arrears. I think the recommendation was worded a little bit differently. I do not really remember a recommendation like that at all.

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

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe it was not worded exactly like that but it was my understanding that some people are pushed into a position which they cannot get out of for whatever mistakes were made in the past. I am sure it was not yours nor mine, but for the way that it was implemented. So now there are some people that owe arrears and they cannot get out, they are in a rut and to help them get out, why not let them fix up their own house then? That is what I am trying to say. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Now I have it. Now that the Member explains it, it makes sense. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total, retrofit, roof replacement, Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just a point I want to make is that all Members should be aware that today is the chairman's birthday. Sam Gargan is 21 years old today. Happy birthday to Sam.

---Applause

Retrofit, Roof Replacement, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you for that compliment. Total, retrofit, roof replacement, \$1,266,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Fire Damage Replacement, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Fire damage replacement, various, \$500,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I cannot remember if last year this \$500,000 was put in. Will that \$500,000 cover any potential losses? What is the historical experience of this particular item?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, actually, historically, the \$500,000 has not been enough. We could use more but we are always hopeful that we do not have to use it and that is why we leave it at that figure, hoping that in fact we do not have to use that money but, historically speaking, we have used more than that.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: The Department of Finance is coming up with certain policies in the whole area of risk management. I wonder does this fit into that when you are looking at all government buildings throughout the Northwest Territories and looking at ways to protect them through insurance or another medium? I know it is becoming an important part of government policy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a corporation, we do insure. We have insurance on all our multipurpose dwellings, that is, the nineplexes, fourplexes, apartment buildings; we carry insurance on those. We do not carry insurance on individual buildings, but we do carry insurance on the multipurpose buildings.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Fire damage replacement, various, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Warehouses, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total, warehouses, \$420,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Extraordinary Maintenance, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, extraordinary maintenance, \$1,762,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if the Minister could just explain this program and how can people action this program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The EOM program is intended to modernize and improve the corporation's housing stock. Although the O and M preventive maintenance program plays a major role in maintaining the houses in good repair, major replacements and improvements must be carried out which are beyond the parameters of the regular maintenance programs. Such items include the replacement of major appliances, heating systems and roofs. The upgrading of electrical systems, insulation and structural defects are also to be included in this program. All rental housing units are eligible within the guidelines of the EOM program, however, the financing of the project varies depending upon the type of unit selected for upgrading. EOM projects on northern rental units are funded 100 per cent by GNWT, EOM projects on public housing units under sections 40 and 43 are cost shared with CMHC. Section 40 is cost shared 75/15, section 43 is cost shared 50/50. Due to the continuous lack of funds for regular maintenance this program is necessary to replace major items that I have mentioned before. Essentially, it is not a program where the public can apply, it is an in-house program that the corporation and the housing associations carry out on the various housing stock. We would use this program to, say, correct deficiencies like the Member for Kitikmeot East was talking about, where the pads were being eroded under the house or the house has shifted badly and has to be re-set up or we need to replace a stove or replace a fridge. That is what these funds are generally used for and it is the housing associations themselves who determine, for the most part, in conjunction with the corporation staff how the money is used.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Is this a one-time only program, or depending on their needs, can they access this program a number of times?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: This is an ongoing program.

Extraordinary Maintenance, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, extraordinary maintenance, \$1,762,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Enriched Emergency Repair Program, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total, enriched emergency repair program, \$198,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I know some Members who are not on the housing committee may not be aware of all these different programs. If the Minister could just give a brief description of this particular program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The EERP program is to provide funding for housing repairs that affect general health and safety and to upgrade items that extend the life expectancy and habitability of the northern territorial rental housing units by 47 years. Units planned for repair under EERP are run-down northern rental units that cannot be scheduled for rehab, they are units that tenants are interested in purchasing under the NTRPP program, that is the northern territorial rental purchase program.

Under agreement between the Housing Corporation and CMHC, the Housing Corporation can apply for funds to implement an emergency repair program for its northern territorial rental units as part of CMHC's rural and native housing program. This agreement is made under section 40 of the National Housing Act. There are priorities which we consider for repairs under this program, structural, which includes foundations levelling, protection of structural and components roofing, siding. Health and safety includes the upgrading of sanitation facilities, heating equipment, kitchen facilities and operating costs including the reduction of air infiltration, upgrading of insulation, windows, doors, etc.

The Housing Corporation is planning to repair a minimum of 52 northern rental units, maximum cost per unit is \$7600, cost shared 50 per cent with CMHC. EERP has been delivered successfully by the corporation since 1980 and we anticipate further delivery of the program in the next two fiscal years. Most of the units that have been repaired are located in the West.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, we understand the Minister is always innocent and he is better. My question is once a unit has been "EERPed", the people in it are still eligible to buy the northern rental; is that true?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Correct, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder then when we are talking about this piggyback program, is it possible that this particular program could be expanded and this could be the vehicle to fix up houses so people can buy them. We can just expand this program. Is this a reasonable vehicle to use to try that piggyback concept?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The Member's suggestion is exactly what the board of directors is considering. This is where we see perhaps being able to come in through the back door because of the problems we have with the other program.

Enriched Emergency Repair Program, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total, enriched emergency repair program, \$198,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Furnishings, Senior Citizens Homes, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total, furnishings, senior citizens homes, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Housing Association Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total, housing association equipment, \$240,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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NWT Housing Corporation Equipment And Furniture, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): NWT Housing Corporation equipment and furniture, \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total, NWT Housing Corporation, \$20,054,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Notes to detail of capital. Are there any questions to this information item? Pages 3.13 and 3.14 and there are the remaining pages too. Major information items, are there any questions? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess that we have finished the Housing Corporation. In all of that I only have one question of the Minister. What is in it for me?

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. NWT Housing Corporation dollar summary, page 3.4. Total O and M is \$34,197,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total capital, \$20,054,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that the estimates detail of the department is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I would like to thank the Minister and Mr. Irving. While the Minister is on the witness chair, does the committee agree that we go into Workers' Compensation Board? This particular page with regard to Workers' Compensation Board is a major information item, if there are any questions to be asked.

Unfortunately the witness for the Workers' Compensation Board is not available. Does the committee agree that we go back to Justice and Public Services?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, my material is missing. Perhaps if we could do Justice now and go back to the WCB after Justice. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): It is agreed by the committee. Mr. Ballantyne.

Department Of Justice And Public Services

MR. BALLANTYNE: For finance committee members, the briefing notes for Justice and Public Services were put on everybody's desk so everybody has them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Is it agreed that the Minister bring in his witness?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister. For the record, would the Minister introduce his witness?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce the deputy minister of Justice and Public Services, Mr. Stien Lal.

Court Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We left off on Tuesday, February 12th, on court services on page 8.6. Total O and M for court services. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: This is where we left off, Mr. Chairman, dealing with the justices of the peace. We have heard some discussion back and forth as to the rationale of the directive as the Member has indicated. It is wherein he has instructed his officials not to appoint or renew the appointments of any public servants or municipal and settlement councillors as justices of the peace.

I have gone on and asked various questions and participated in the discussion with the Minister on this particular issue. I would like to ask one question of the Minister now and it is this: In view of the supreme court's decision, is it the Minister's understanding that presently appointed JPs, public servants or otherwise, hold their office for life?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, yes.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Is it the intent of the Minister to bring in legislation that will replace the present ordinance?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, when does he contemplate bringing that legislation to the House?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.



HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The fall session of 1985.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services, total O and M. Mr. Richard.

Library Facilities, Yellowknife Courthouse

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, I wonder if you could provide an update on the improvement of the library facilities at the Yellowknife courthouse.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just to indicate to the Member that because of the inconvenience that might be caused with regard to providing licences to the general public from the present location, it was not anticipated that we will complete the move until June 1985.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services, total O and M, \$3,829,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, is it in this particular division, or activity if you like, that there is an amount for travel, for work of judges travelling by aircraft etc.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, there has been some concern expressed about court travel and those who participate in it and if it has not been labelled as such there seems to be some concern that it is being misused. I wonder if the Minister would indicate to the committee just what is contemplated by the Minister and his department to see that that kind of misuse and the attendant criticism does not arise again.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to indicate that the government is concerned about the escalating cost for circuit travel. However, I would like to indicate that costs are determined by factors beyond the control of the department. The number of circuits has increased considerably, the courts are travelling more often and they are travelling to smaller communities more and more. The number of cases has also increased. The Young Offenders Act has had some impact and people are demanding better and better services. All these factors mean that court circuit travels and costs are going to go up. We are working toward controlling these costs as best as we can. The judges are aware of our concerns and hopefully they will pay more and more attention to cost controls. I will bring the concerns of this House to the attention of the judges. I do realize that the concerns were raised previously and that those concerns, in fact, were brought to the attention of the judges, but they are aware of the concerns.

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

Coroners' Programs

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we are on page 8.6. It states here that court services hire coroners. There has never seemed to be a coroner present in our community. There was an airplane that crashed and there were some people that died and there should have been a coroner's inquest but there has never been one. I think this coroner's inquest should be directed to anybody who would like an inquest done. I think this was a very bad experience that we had with the crash of the plane and I think there should have been an inquest done. There is money available for a coroner's fees so for that reason I just want to know whether you are putting any money into that. This activity is also responsible for coroners' programs and I just do not know -- is it really true that there is some activity for coroners' programs here? Thank you.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate that this department is responsible for the coroners and coroner's inquest process and to indicate that while we have not made a decision to carry out a coroner's inquest, that is still possible and that inquest may take place very quickly but we have not decided at what time or date that would take place. As the Member is also aware in fact, the plane crash that occurred at Sanikiluaq is presently still under investigation by the Ministry of Transport. I can also say that a waiting period is usually the case in most airplane crashes but that investigation can and probably will be carried out.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think there should really be an inquest done about the crash. We have been told that they do not know what happened. They do not know the results of the crash. The people of Sanikiluaq knew that the people should be doing an inquest. They did not seem to want to do an inquest to the crash. As soon as some of the officials went over there they kind of knew what happened but there was nobody from the coroner's office over there so I would like this considered in the future to have a coroner present to investigate the death of the people. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member that normally there is a coroner's inquest in these particular instances. I will look into the concern that the Member has raised and will see whether or not we can solve the problem and maybe we can have an opportunity to speak to the Member himself as soon as a decision has been made, so that he is aware of such an inquest taking place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services. Mr. McCallum.

#### Court Travel Costs

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. I just want to go back to the business of increased costs in travel and I appreciate that the Minister has indicated that there are factors that require that. I have, as I said, some concern. The concern has been voiced before. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me, what kind of steps are taken or contemplated to be taken by the department to ensure that only authorized personnel travel on these court travels, especially in terms of charters or whatever. I guess it is the use of the DC-3.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member that generally it is not the responsibility of the Department of Justice to lay conditions on the court circuit or the judges, that they are really in charge of the travel arrangements and those people that are associated to the court circuit process. We really have no control over what the judges' decisions are with regard to how they travel or the conditions under which they travel.

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

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, but the department foots the bill for that travel. Do you accept whatever then is given to you? You simply pay for it without questioning? The amounts are there for it and I note that there is an increase of 18 per cent in O and M and I suspect that the travel part comes under the O and M part for court services. It certainly is not in salaries and wages and the grants or contributions. If it is not the department's responsibility, is the Minister saying he simply accepts what is turned in as a cost amount?

For example, are there split charges on charters with federal crown attorneys who travel in the court party? Do they pay a share? Is that a recovery item in this particular budget? I find it difficult to think that there are no steps taken or no criteria used, or whatever, to determine that only authorized personnel within the court system travel to ensure that justice is dealt out, or seen to be dealt out, as it goes into particular communities. The Minister knows as well as I that there have been criticisms levelled in the past. I would think that there is some kind of action taken to see that there is a certain amount of accountability and responsibility of those people taking those charters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to indicate that there is a cost sharing arrangement. In the case of supreme court circuits, two fifths of the circuit is recovered from the federal government and in the territorial court travel, one fifth of the cost is recoverable.

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

MR. McCALLUM: I accept the answer, Mr. Chairman, as to the strict cost of it but, again, does the Minister simply accept the bills, if you like, or the amounts to be paid for court travel without taking steps to ensure that it is simply authorized personnel who travel because, as I said, there has been misuse of it in the past? Does he just continue to do that? I accept the answer to the last comment I made but he had indicated that it is not the responsibility of the department to determine the validity of whatever is the cost for court travel. Is that the end of it? There is nobody else that does any kind of check?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Independent Status Of Judiciary

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I think that the concerns have been raised with regard to financial expenditures. However, I repeated previously that the issue is that the judiciary is very much an independent body and there is a certain way in which we treat the judiciary outside of the Legislative Assembly and it really is a separate arm and while I could raise the concerns as a government with regard to expenditures, it is, in my opinion, really not my responsibility to dictate...

---Applause

...or determine the responsibility of the judges themselves. I certainly, as I indicated, understand your situation but I do say that there is, I believe, a process that could be used outside of the Assembly that might best deal with the process. I think that raising the concerns as you have raised them, no doubt will make the judges aware of the concern here but I would be extremely cautious about the idea of giving instructions to the judicial system.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I want to put it straight, I am not suggesting in any way, shape or form that there is any kind of coming together of those arms of the government. I recognize fully that we are talking three different arms of government and I am not suggesting that I, you or any other person try to direct the justice and its personnel. I do not think I am talking about that in terms of what the justice system is doing. I would be the last one. There are too many examples of people trying to direct judges and what they are doing. I do not think that is the case in this instance, that this is interfering with justice.

I do not think trying to determine which people travel on charters at the expense of the government is in the same league as trying to sway or direct the due process of law as carried out by the judiciary. That is not what I am getting at at all. I respect what you are saying. I am in no way trying to indicate that you, as the Department of Justice and Public Services on the recommendation of this House or any individual try to get involved with that process. That is not what I am talking about. If the Minister thinks that he can bring those concerns that have been expressed -- and they have been expressed openly, not just within the confines of the ropes of this House, but concerns have been expressed in other areas -- if he believes that he can accomplish what I am trying to say in a way that is not going to cause any great difficulty between the executive arm, the Legislature and the judiciary, then that is fine. I just want to make sure it is being brought up. There has been a concern expressed on different occasions about the misuse of it and I recognize why, where and how I am able to say that within the confines I hear it but I sure as hell am not going to criticize judicial decisions or try to sway them, there is no way. That is not what I am getting at. Oh, I beg your pardon, sure as heck, yes. Mea culpa.

I think the Minister recognizes what I am saying; it is two different issues. I am talking about how the court people move about, I am not talking about how they perform. There are two different issues here and as I say, if he believes he can address these concerns through an outside body or



through his good offices or the good offices of his department and its personnel then that is fine. I just want to make sure that it is on the record because of those concerns that have been put forward.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Court services.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Could I get an indication as to what is the reason for the 18 per cent increase in other O and M for court services? I recognize that is not as large as the 50 per cent increase but that is a very minimal amount.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just with regard to the increases, there is the doubling of the witness fees by \$142,000, jury size by \$54,000, increase in jury selection and panel size by \$28,000, hall rental not budgeted before, \$40,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services, total O and M, \$3,829,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think the Minister indicated an increase in jury size. Maybe I have missed something that was going on when this department was brought in. Is the department contemplating increasing jury sizes? The sizes of juries from six to 12, I guess it would have to be. When is it going to happen?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, we are anticipating that it will increase. As you know, the federal government will be introducing an omnibus bill that recognizes, I believe, the Charter of Rights and the constitution and the possibility does include the increase of a jury size from six members to 12, so that is really an anticipation of possible cause and that could occur sooner than we anticipated but it is a precautionary measure more than anything else. From our own discussions I must say that there seems to be at least a willingness to proceed with that and we have to be prepared for it as opposed to not having the proper amount of financial resources to accommodate that situation occurring.

Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services, total O and M, \$3,829,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Legal aid, Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, for the record I wish to declare a conflict of interest with respect to this activity and will not be participating in the discussion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Let the record show that you have stated your conflict of interest. Legal aid, Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ignore any suggestions that Mr. Richard makes in this area. One of the objectives in this activity is to undertake a review of methods and costs of providing legal aid to determine the most cost efficient and effective method of providing legal aid for the Northwest Territories. Do you have a time frame when that review will be completed?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, we have not set a date on which the particular review would be completed. We do take advice from the Legal Services Board as opposed to giving that particular direction. I must say that a review of legal aid has not been done since 1978 so, in that particular case, personally, my feeling, is that that particular review ought to take place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Legal aid, Mr. McCallum. I am sorry, Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I really do not look like him, Mr. Chairman. In the documents there was a notation that in the budget the impact of the Young Offenders Act is not reflected in this activity and I wonder how is the Minister going to deal with that. Is there any estimate of funds that might be required because of the impact of the Young Offenders Act under this activity?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member that we are trying to deal with it through a separate Treasury Board submission that we now have before the federal government. Maybe I could ask the deputy minister to respond to the actual costs.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We expect that the Young Offenders Act will entail the addition of one person year, an approximate salary of \$30,000. We also anticipate that we would need \$25,000 for training and there would be travel costs in the vicinity of \$70,000 but, as the Minister indicated, Mr. Chairman, those form part of a separate submission presently pending, I believe, before the Treasury Board. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I take it, if the negotiations with the Treasury Board are not successful, we could expect to see a supp later on in the year to look after these costs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We are optimistic that we will resolve the thing. However, without question, if the negotiations are not successful, no doubt we have to return to the Legislative Assembly for supplementary appropriation. The other case may be that we may be able to find the necessary financial resources within if we do not spend the money that we have anticipated spending. But, again, we will be returning if the case is that we have not been successful. I believe that probably that situation also exists with the Department of Social Services and Health in that particular process as well.

Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Legal aid, total O and M, \$1,651,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Legal, total O and M, \$1,193,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: On legal, I take it that Mr. Richard is showing interest in this one, rather than declaring interest.

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MR. McCALLUM: Are you talking the whole department here?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just for a little clarification, according to our errata, there is a change here. If you look under the total expenditures for the 1983-84 actuals, the figure there is \$1,144,000 and it should be \$1,114,000.

AN HON. MEMBER: Good point!

MR. BALLANTYNE: Right on!

AN HON. MEMBER: There is \$30,000 right there.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Right. I want to compliment the Minister of Finance in providing us with this information and I will be bringing it to the committee's attention 4000 times during the course of this particular discussion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Legal, total O and M, \$1,193,000. Agreed? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, can I have an indication from the Minister -- since this is the division of the department that provides legal assistance to various departments -- is there a charge-back to each department for providing that kind of assistance or is it only, for example, agencies such as the corporation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member, no, we do not have a charge-back system with the departments. We do have an agreement with the Housing Corporation. We also have a special arrangement with the Department of Social Services and Health which has basically identified one person year in that relationship.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think I raised the question with the Minister previously. I had an indication from his deputy minister that something was being done about the workload of the public trustee. There were concerns that I posed at that time. I wonder, has there been any increase or has there been any change in the operation of that particular office?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, we are attempting to computerize that particular section so that we can get more and quicker information. We have three PYS working in that particular area now and if I could ask my deputy minister to further elaborate on that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Mr. Chairman, essentially to confirm what the Minister has just indicated, we expect that with the computerization of the public trustee function a great deal of the manual drudgery of maintaining accounts, etc., will be taken out with the result that the individuals concerned could then be utilized more effectively in actually carrying out public trustee function as opposed to maintaining accounts which they presently do manually. So, I would expect that that would bring some relief to the section. Thank you.

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

#### Changing Terminology

MR. McCALLUM: Another responsibility of this division of the department is, of course, in the drafting of bills, as it says. Since the idea or the intent now is to put forth legislation acts or acts of legislation, I expect it will now be responsible for the drafting of acts rather than bills and I had mentioned this when we were talking earlier on it about the terminology being used. I notice that in some of our legislation that we are receiving they are still using the term "Executive Member". Any contemplation of moving away from that terminology?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member that there is no significant change in the sense of the way in which acts will be drafted in comparison to how they are being drafted now. I think it is a matter of name change, it is a matter of amending particular sections as they relate to the amendment of the Interpretation Act and certainly they all will be bills and presented to this House. I do say that we were able to receive one additional person year in



1984-85. We are, in fact, proceeding to ask for another person year in 1985-86, I believe, in which we will, hopefully, improve the services that we offer in the area of drafting legislation. I believe that presently the staff in that particular section has done a very good job, certainly, with the types of amendments and certainly with the direction we have received from this House on the amount of drafting that is required, particularly updating previous ordinances and I believe updating ordinances, of course, naming them acts, but updating some of the ordinances that now exist because in some cases some of the acts or ordinances, have not been amended since either the 60s and in some cases the early 70s.

So, those types of things have to be done and improved upon. I want to indicate to you as well that the interpretation of Minister or the word "Minister" will be used in upcoming legislation. Hopefully, it will be an amendment, again, to the Interpretation Ordinance, in the spring session to recognize the situation that now exists. If we are going to make changes recognizing the constitutional changes that have taken place to date, certainly we have to make those types of changes to recognize those particular changes.

I must also say that there is, as I reiterate, the issue that we have had additional requirements placed on the legislation division, mainly because of again the size of the Legislative Assembly, the requests for changes that have occurred, the new legislative responsibilities that we have taken over, over the past five or six years and within the last 10 years, particularly. Certainly there is going to be further demand as we take on more and more responsibility and I do not see this particular division as decreasing -- probably increasing, in fact, in future and I must also say that by 1988 the question of providing the legislation in two languages and maybe as many as seven is going to require us to do a lot more work.

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

#### Revision Of Existing Ordinances

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this responsibility in this activity for drafting of legislation, I appreciate that the size of the Assembly and the demands made by the Assembly on the legislation division have increased over the years. There are, as the Minister indicates many, many ordinances that have needed revision for many, many years. I can think of a few in particular that have been talked about, revisions for the last 10 years in the companies legislation, the personal properties security legislation, the securities legislation, the land titles legislation, the Municipal Ordinance, the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Can the Minister indicate what progress if any is made on revision of these outdated pieces of legislation and what priority his department has attached to these needs? In other words, what is next on the agenda appreciating that his draft human rights code has been tabled? What are the next items on the agenda to deal with this serious backlog?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to indicate that we no doubt at present have done work with regard to amending legislation to reflect the Charter of Rights and those amendments that are necessary in present legislation.

I want to also indicate to the honourable Member that we are presently examining these particular ordinances or in future, acts, Companies Ordinance, personal properties security legislation, Securities Ordinance, land titles legislation, Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, family law reform legislation and as you know they are presently in the process of law reform. No doubt the gentleman is aware of the lengthy process and also the examination that is required particularly to develop amendments or new legislation to replace these particular ordinances with new acts that would either be reflective of the particular situation as it now exists or legislation that has been introduced in another jurisdiction to take into consideration their particular situation, and also reflect improvements as have been required.

I must say also that there will be a revision of all our legislation. This I believe includes not only the present acts or the present ordinances but also requires revision to regulations and subsequent legislation that is associated. We are in the process of doing, in fact a lot of the work that the honourable Member is concerned about already, and certainly addressing those particular issues.



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

MR. RICHARD: Just briefly on one other matter, Mr. Chairman, and then I will defer to my elder, Mr. McCallum.

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Before we start the game tonight, Mr. Chairman, I should indicate for the record that Mr. McCallum used to play hockey with my father.

---Laughter

MR. McCALLUM: I was very young.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the proposed review of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, the Minister has indicated to us, in the standing committee on finance deliberations, that he has let a contract to a consultant to review this ordinance and solicit public input. The Minister has kindly provided the terms of reference of that contract which include that the contractor is to provide the deputy minister with a report of his review which shall include recommendation for changes to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Can the Minister indicate whether there is a time frame that has been set on the filing of that report with his department?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to the Member that we have not signed the particular contract yet with the contractor. We made available some of the conditions or the terms of reference by which the contract would be carried out. We would hope that in our discussions that we could have a report back within the next six months at the latest and that would allow us the opportunity and the appropriate time to introduce the necessary legislation by the fall of 1985.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Progress has been called. Is that a motion, Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): A motion has been called for progress. All those in favour? Opposed if any? This motion is carried.

---Carried

I will rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 7-85(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1985-86

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering the departmental details of the 1985-86 main estimates, with two motions being carried, and wish to report progress.

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. 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: Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Somewhere in the confines of the House, there is a letter plus questions from the standing committee on finance addressed to me, which I have lost. This is not intended as a comment on what I think of the questions...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame!

MR. McCALLUM: Shame! You've filed it.

HON. GORDON WRAY: This is not intended as a comment on what I think of the questions but I have misplaced it. So if anybody finds them, I would appreciate it if they could return them. Also, I should indicate that because of what is considered my ability at deflecting shots, I will be in goals tonight, along with Mr. Butters.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Announcements. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, just on a point of privilege. Yesterday at this time the loquacious and I was going to say ubiquitous, Mr. Slapshot Sibbeston, I can't say ubiquitous he is not here but...

---Laughter

But he laid out a challenge and the gauntlet, I should say the hockey gauntlet has been thrown down. I want to assure Mr. Sibbeston and the other Members opposite, other than the ones in the corner, that we the ordinary MLAs accept the challenge of the Sixth Floor Flyers come Whimps to attest a skill on the frozen water of the Gerry Murphy Arena tonight. I would like to say that if the skill of the Whimps and their associates in answering questions from this illustrious opposition is an indication as to how they can skate around things -- stickhandle around decisions, shoot the verbal diarrhea and other aspects of skills, we are going to be on this side. We will have no fear that we are going to overcome and be victorious and we look forward to this evening.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Misconduct.

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MR. SPEAKER: I am glad you are talking about hockey, Mr. McCallum. Are there any further announcements? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a caucus briefing with the Science Advisory Board tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Orders of the day for Wednesday, February 20th at 1:00 p.m.

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

9. Tabling of Documents
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12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 7-85(1); Bill 3-85(1)
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 20th at 1:00 p.m.

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