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RANKIN INLET, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1985

MEMBERS PRESENT

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Mr. Moses Aliyak, would you do us the honour of leading us in the opening prayer, please?

MR. MOSES ALIYAK: (No translation available)

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Aliyak. Be seated, please. Mr. Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms, would you ascertain if the Commissioner is ready to address this House, please?

ITEM 2: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly: It is my pleasure to welcome you to the opening of the fifth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly. I know that you will wish to join me in expressing our deep appreciation to the citizens of Rankin Inlet for their warm and kindly welcome. Almost nine years have passed since the Legislative Assembly met in full session in Rankin Inlet in October of 1976. It is most pleasing to note the significant progress that has been achieved by the residents of this community over the years. Through the dedicated efforts of its people, Rankin Inlet has developed politically, economically and culturally.

It is my hope that the deliberations of the 10th Legislative Assembly will provide the opportunity for many of the residents of Rankin Inlet and indeed, the other Keewatin communities, to view their Legislature in action. The Legislative Assembly's practice of holding sessions in major communities throughout the Territories also provides legislators the opportunity to see, first hand, the results of their deliberations and decisions as they apply at the local level. It provides all with the opportunity to learn, participate and plan for the future.

It has been but 10 short weeks since last this House met in session. The Ministers of this government have used this time wisely, dedicating long hours and considerable energy in discharging their responsibilities. It has been a time of extensive travel by Ministers to communities, to regional headquarters and to major national and international meetings. The Government Leader, the Hon. Richard Nerysoo, has represented you at functions which will impact all northerners. Early in April the Government Leader and the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights participated at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution. While consensus was not achieved at the meeting on an amendment to the Constitution, agreement was reached to continue to search for solutions. To this end, our Government Leader is, today, participating in a federal, provincial and territorial ministerial meeting in Toronto with the important objective being to assess what progress can be made in the future on the issue of aboriginal self-government. I am certain that the Government Leader will be providing a progress report on this matter during the course of this session.

On May 1, of this year, I joined with the Government Leader, the Minister responsible for Expo, the Hon. Tagak Curley, and other Ministers and officials in a function in Vancouver to mark the official beginning of this government's participation in Expo '86. The unveiling of the 20 foot high inukshuk, designed and constructed by Alvin Kanak of this community, was the highlight of the celebration. The ceremonies also featured Dene drummers from Fort Good Hope and a drummer from Eskimo Point, Mark Alikasuak.

The Department of Renewable Resources has been active in combatting the efforts of national and international anti-trapping and "preservationist" groups. Most recently, the Minister of Renewable Resources, with the assistance of a number of northern native leaders, attended the fifth biennial meeting held under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. At this meeting consideration was given to placing severe restrictions on the international marketing of narwhal and hooded seal products, as well as gyrfalcons. As a result of the strong efforts of the Canadian delegation, proposals by West Germany and Sweden to further restrict trade in narwhal and hooded seals were defeated.

---Applause

The Danish and Norwegian proposal to prohibit commercial trade in gyrfalcons was approved at the meeting. The effect of this latter action on the sale of gyrfalcons, especially from the Kitikmeot Region, is still being assessed; however, Canada, at the urging of the Minister may register a "reservation" which could permit the controlled harvesting and sale of gyrfalcons to continue.

On May 16, the Government Leader joined with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Hon. David Crombie, in the official opening ceremony for the Norman Wells oil field expansion and pipeline project. The ceremony celebrated completion of the first major hydrocarbon development which has been carried through to production with export of oil from the North. This project has been a learning experience for industry, government and the people of the communities along the pipeline route.

Passing Of Distinguished Northerners

At this time I would ask the House to note with regret the passing of three distinguished northerners. Jessie Oonark, a respected elder of the community of Baker Lake and an artist of international stature, passed away on March 2, 1985, at the Churchill Health Centre. Born in the Back River country in 1906, Oonark and her family moved to Baker Lake in 1955, where she developed an interest in drawing. Her artistic works have been exhibited widely throughout Canada and in foreign countries. Her works are highly respected and represent a major contribution in the development of Inuit art. In 1984, Oonark was appointed an officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of her valued contribution to national life.

On Sunday, May 5th, at the Baffin Regional Hospital, Pudlat Pootoogook, a well-respected elder of the community of Cape Dorset passed away. Mr. Pootoogook, born in 1919, was a hunter and respected community leader. His son, Elijah, carries on the tradition of being one of the community leaders in his role as mayor of the hamlet of Cape Dorset.

Robert Clement, 38 year old chairman of the Sahtu region development impact zone group, passed away suddenly on February 27th of this year. Robert was a prominent citizen of Fort Norman. He was a member of the Shihta Regional Council, chairman of the settlement council, and a regional representative on the northern benefits committee. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and two children.

The passing of each of these northerners will, undoubtedly, leave a void in their home communities. Their individual contributions to the North and its people are acknowledged. To their families, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Commissioner's Award

Through the medium of Commissioner's Awards, persons offering outstanding public service and those who perform acts of bravery can be recognized. I am especially pleased to announce here in Rankin Inlet, the Commissioner's Award for public service, in recognition of his more than 50 years of service with the Inuit of the Keewatin area, to Norman Ford, Senior.

---Applause

Residents of the area are familiar with Mr. Ford's dedication to the harmony of community life and his concern for the well-being of Inuit people. At the award presentation, more will be said about Mr. Ford's service which commenced in the Eskimo Point and Padlei areas in 1928.

Government Programs And Services

I will now turn my attention to the matter of government programs and services. Continuing concern is reflected in all parts of the nation over the fragile nature of the Canadian economy, as reflected in the high rate of unemployment. Your government and the peoples of the North share these concerns.

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

The Department of Economic Development is convinced that new initiatives are required to diversify the territorial economy. Important new initiatives will be undertaken which will emphasize the renewable resource and arts and crafts sectors of the economy. Amongst these new initiatives, you will see developments in the fishing, forestry and agricultural sectors. These fresh directions will combine both traditional and new technologies to maximize the benefits to northerners from our bountiful resources. New initiatives in the field of tourism hold great promise for the future. Increased marketing activities, in both the domestic and international arena, should increase tourism opportunities in the near future. Our participation in Rendez-Vous '85, Expo '86 and the active marketing undertaken by the six tourism zone associations should prove most successful.

Department Of Education

It is increasingly evident that the creation of economic opportunities for northerners is, to a large measure, dependent upon our ability to provide a well-educated, highly skilled labour force. The Minister of Education is pleased to advise that considerable progress has been made to make operational the Frobisher Bay campus, or the Iqaluit campus as it will be known, of the Arctic College. Planning is also proceeding to determine training needs for the Inuvik Region. This initiative recognizes the need to provide a permanent home for programs delivered through Tuk Tech, and for programs recently negotiated with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission which are designed to prepare northerners for active involvement in Beaufort Sea developments. It is evident that the Department of Education is diligently pursuing its mandate to provide maximum opportunities for all northerners to acquire those skills needed for the future.

This House should be advised that a priority of the Department of Education is evaluation. A new system of performance evaluation for instructional staff will be implemented throughout the NWT in 1986. It should further be noted that student achievement tests are being administered this spring to all grade nine students. Further development of this program will ensure that a consistent student evaluation program is put in place. The Education Minister is pleased to advise this House of the renewed emphasis being undertaken by his department to ensure that educational opportunities are provided for all children and adults in the NWT with special needs. This initiative has received maximum support from all territorial government departments, as well as federal government agencies and the people of the North.

Department Of Finance

My Minister of Finance is pleased to report that on April 25 this year, following Treasury Board approval, the Governor General in Council approved the entry of the Government of Canada into a formula-based financing agreement with the GNWT. The federal approval to enter into this agreement culminates many years of federal/territorial negotiations and introduces financial arrangements which are basic to the development of responsible government in the NWT. The Minister of Finance has been instrumental in obtaining federal support for the new arrangements and deserves considerable credit for the successful achievement of this significant constitutional development.

---Applause

Department Of Social Services

The Minister of Health and Social Services is pleased to advise this House that as of April 1, 1985, social assistance rates paid to territorial residents in need were increased by five per cent. You should further be advised that this Assembly at its most recent sitting in Yellowknife,

recommended increased funding in the amount of \$350,000 in support of community-based alcohol and drug programs throughout the Territories. This amount is included in the government's supplementary estimates to be considered at this session.

NWT Housing Corporation

In response to valid concerns expressed by the Legislature, the NWT Housing Corporation has mounted one of its largest construction programs ever this year. Throughout the spring, in those areas served by the Mackenzie River and the territorial highway system, and over the summer in the Arctic regions, construction material is being assembled for a building season that will see completion of more than 200 public housing units and more than 100 government assisted private homes. The benefits of this activity are compounded by the fact that 99 per cent of all of the building material was purchased through northern suppliers. The government appreciates the job creating importance of the expenditures that it makes through agencies such as the Housing Corporation and continues to search out new ways of fostering economic growth through its capital programs and related tendering practices. The Housing Corporation's capital budget for this year totals more than \$52 million, the greater portion of which will be spent in the North creating jobs and stimulating northern businesses.

Department Of Information

The Department of Information has begun installation of radio receiving and transmitting equipment in nine communities to bring them the radio network of the Native Communications Society of the western NWT. The communities will then have the choice of selecting Dene language NCS programming or the normal CBC northern radio feed. The Minister of Information is also considering a funding request that could see expansion of the existing Inuit Broadcasting Corporation television signal to communities in the Kitikmeot Region.

Department Of Local Government

The Minister of Local Government wishes to advise the House that the South Slave Regional Council was officially established with a formal constitution at meetings held in Hay River on April 27. Made up of elected representatives from the communities of Snowdrift, Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Pine Point, Hay River and the Hay River Corridor-Enterprise area, the South Slave Regional Council is the seventh such regional organization to be established and we have high hopes it will serve the people of its region as well as other regional councils serve theirs.

Here in the Keewatin Region, community offices and multipurpose recreation halls recently have been completed in Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet. They will be opened officially this weekend. In addition, three other major recreation facilities will be constructed this year in the Keewatin. Each of the complexes in Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet will include an arena, curling rink and community hall, and in Whale Cove a much-needed multipurpose recreation hall will be built.

Affirmative Action Policy

As this House is aware, an affirmative action policy on native employment was approved by the Executive Council in February of this year. Along with approval of the policy, an equal employment directorate has been established to oversee the implementation of action plans in departments to increase native employment at all levels of the public service. The directorate also will be proceeding with development of affirmative action policies on the employment, training and promotion of women and disabled persons in the public service. This policy development will be completed by April 1, 1986.

The Minister of Public Works and Highways wishes to advise the House that many important steps have been taken by the government to ensure maximum benefit to territorial businesses through territorial government capital expenditure programs. The implementation of the business incentive policy developed by the Department of Government Services, standardization of facility design components and the payment directive issued by the Department of Finance should measurably improve opportunities for northern businesses and subsequently improve employment for northerners.

The Minister and officers of Renewable Resources continue to direct their considerable energies to the task of maximizing the benefits to all northerners from the renewable resource sector of the territorial economy. Continued focus is being directed to implement sound management and conservation practices. The department has been greatly assisted in this initiative by the valuable contribution made by interested and concerned northerners.

Devolution Of Provincial-Type Programs

Constitutional change and advancement are important factors in territorial life. In this regard continued devolution of provincial-type programs from Ottawa to the Northwest Territories is a priority of this government. Federal government reorganization must take this into account in the evaluation and organizational review of programs and departments it is currently conducting. This government considers that it can play a valuable role in this review where the North is concerned. We are encouraged by Ottawa's commitment to responsible government and wish to do our part to further good government and to attack the financial deficit. The success of those objectives in the North, this government believes, will be in direct proportion to its participation in the process.

Legislative Program

During this session, a legislative program comprised of 14 bills will be introduced for your consideration. Amendments to the following acts will be advanced: Education, Interpretation, Income Tax, Legislative Assembly and Executive Council, Petroleum Products Tax, Science Institute of Northwest Territories, Vital Statistics, Child Welfare and Liquor. Two financial bills will be presented: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1984-85 and Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1985-86. A new Mental Health Act will be introduced and in addition a Statute Amendments Act, which was developed to incorporate provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, will be offered for your consideration. I recommend the passage of each of these pieces of legislation.

I now commend to you, for your earnest and wise judgment, the business of this House, as I officially declare open the fifth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Be seated, please. The orders of the day for Wednesday, June 5th. Item 2, Commissioner's Address, which has been completed. Item 3, Members' replies. Mr. Wray.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Wray's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move the motion of appreciation to the Commissioner for his Address and in doing so welcome you and Members of this House to the Keewatin and to Rankin Inlet specifically. I am sort of pinch-hitting for my colleague, Mr. Curley, who is rather unwell and would like to keep his remarks short but I would just like to take this opportunity to say that over the next few days I am sure the residents of Rankin Inlet will open their community and I think the Members of this House will enjoy their stay here. I certainly know that you are going to be lobbied extensively. The Keewatin is not known to sit back and watch proceedings.

I would like to just make mention of the fact that in his Address, the Commissioner mentioned that the last time the Legislature sat here was 1976. I know there are still some Members of this House who were present at that time and for those of the Members who were, they themselves will have noticed the major difference in this community. In 1976 this was a community of about 500 to 550 people and in the last eight or nine years, the community has doubled -- well, probably even more than doubled now -- and become a vital link in the Keewatin. I would like to pay tribute to the residents of this community for the way they have been able to keep things under control and to watch their community rise. I know they have had trouble in the past. I was a resident of this community in those days. Two of my children were born here and I know that through all the trials and tribulations, this community has managed to emerge once again as one of the strongest communities in the Eastern Arctic. I think it is a credit to the residents of this community that they have been able to do so.

So I would just like to close by once again welcoming you all to the Keewatin. I know you will have a good time. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Item 3, Members' replies. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley's Reply

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to welcome Mr. Wray and the Commissioner. I just wanted to welcome the people -- since I was recently just this past weekend, and I guess we will have another chance to reply next week.

For those people who are able to come here to Rankin Inlet I would like to extend my welcome to them to stay in Rankin Inlet. There are also a lot of people from Rankin Inlet who are welcoming the MLAs and also we are very happy to have you in this nice weather in the spring. There are a lot of hunters who are out on the land and I am aware that our spring is very late -- it is usually warmer at this time but it is very late this spring. While we are welcoming you, I would just like to mention NCPC. I guess I will be still putting up the -- trying to operate our own NCPC for these elders here in Rankin Inlet. I do not think they are all here. I am very happy to hear about Norman Ford. I wrote a letter to the Commissioner regarding Norman Ford, who has been a great help in this community of Rankin Inlet. Also he has been trying to set up in every way through governments and he has been going through a lot of hard times -- and he has not been making any complaints about the fact that he needs some help from other people. I was going to ask him to stand up but I do not think that he is here in the gallery. Maybe the next time that he comes here we will recognize him.

Our grandmother Theresa Tartak is here in the gallery. And the elders, I will just point to Sateana -- I do not think he is here either. I lived with him in Coral Harbour. Joe Patterk -- I do not think he is here either and Dennis Kalasik. I talk to him whenever I can. And Moses Aliyak who opened with prayer. This is recognition for these people who have been helping elders and also for those people I do not mention.

I will be talking in a few days of what Rankin Inlet wanted to see in this session. Since I have almost lost my voice I will not be talking that much at this time. There are regional offices here in Rankin Inlet and also there is a head office for our Keewatin Regional Council. The Keewatin Chamber of Commerce is stationed here too, in Rankin. The Keewatin Inuit Association and also the chief of that organization is here. The Keewatin Inuit Education Association is here also. There are a lot of central offices here in Rankin Inlet, also air lines are stationed here. Even so there are a lot of unemployed people here since there is lack of employment, Mr. Speaker.

While you are here, if you want to make any appointments with the Ministers here I think you may not be aware of their names but they are all sitting here in this chamber. I guess, Mr. Speaker, I am going to introduce my friend there, Mr. Gordon Wray. Also I will point out who they are and where they are from. (Translation ends) I will point out some Members just so that people can recognize them. Gordon Wray from Baker Lake.

---Applause

Bruce McLaughlin, Pine Point. (No translation available)

---Applause

Dennis Patterson... (No translation available)

---Applause

(Translation) Minister of Finance and Government Services, Tom Butters from Inuvik.

---Applause

I guess you pretty well know him; he used to live in Churchill working for Indian and Northern Affairs and also in Baker Lake. He was the administrator there.

---Applause

Nellie Cournoyea, Department of Information.

---Applause

MLA from Gjoa Haven, Michael Angottitauruq.

---Applause

And also from the same region, the Kitikmeot Region, Red Pedersen, Coppermine.

---Applause

I will start right from the other side; from Pond Inlet, we call him Anaca, for an old Member of the Assembly, and he has been here helping us a lot, Ludy Pudluk.

---Applause

Also from Clyde River, Pauloosie Paniloo, he has been sitting here as an MLA for almost two years.

---Applause

And, he was elected in 1979 from Lake Harbour, Joe Arlooktoo.

---Applause

Also, our friend from the Mackenzie area, Fort Providence, Sam Gargan.

---Applause

Also my good friend from the Yellowknife area, Fort Good Hope, John T'Seleie.

---Applause

And this female here who got elected in the last election, who was born originally in Fort Resolution, Eliza Lawrence.

---Applause

An old MLA in NWT, as Gordon Wray mentioned, who was here the last time when we held the session in 1976, Arnold McCallum from Fort Smith.

---Applause

And also one who was elected in 1983 and became an MLA. I guess everybody wanted to know how tall he is. I am going to ask him to stand up. Mike Ballantyne, Yellowknife North.

---Applause

And also from Yellowknife, Yellowknife Centre, he is the former teacher of Baker Lake, and he has really changed, I guess. When he moved to Yellowknife, he changed, Bob MacQuarrie.

---Applause

And the newly-elected person from Yellowknife South, Ted Richard, and I guess that a lot of people know him around the NWT.

---Applause

And also our Speaker from Hay River, Don Stewart.

---Applause

James Wah-Shee is absent, Moses Appaqaq from Sanikiluaq, Richard Nerysoo, Nick Sibbeston, they are absent today. I just want to welcome you all while you are staying in Rankin Inlet, and I guess those Ministers will have to wait because I am sure that there will be a lot of people who want to talk to you. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Let the record show that the last two replies from Mr. Wray and Mr. Curley were ceremonial by nature and that they still have the right to speak under Item 3, Members' replies. Are there any further Members' replies for today? I would invite the gallery to join with the Assembly for coffee break for 15 minutes. We stand adjourned.

---SHORT RECESS

Item 4, Ministers' statements. Mr. Patterson.

Minister's Statement On Action Plan For Equality For Women

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As this year marks the end of the United Nations decade for women, the Government of the Northwest Territories has completed a review of its achievements in the area of equality for women, and found that there is still much work to be done. Our review was conducted using the United Nations questionnaire and the results showed that while there has been some progress, we have yet to meet the world standards of women's equality set out in international agreements of which Canada is a party.

This government has, in the past three years, made some good advances in providing equality for women with the appointment of a Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the establishment of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Women's Secretariat. In particular, this year saw the tabling of the excellent interim report of the task force on spousal assault. I will table the final report today, and we have already begun to respond to many of the recommendations of that report.

However, as we realize that this is just a start, this government plans to mark the end of the decade with the beginning of a renewed commitment to helping the women of the Northwest Territories achieve equality. So, I am pleased today to table a five year action plan for women, which was developed in co-operation with the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Mr. Speaker, this document establishes a policy framework for this government on women's issues and commits the government to specific actions. The six priority items are: integrating women's concerns into GNWT plans; policies and programs; employment; education; health; women in public life and legislation. All items in the plan are divided into three groups: immediate action, legislative review and future consideration. Although some of the action items are to compensate women for past discrimination, most are designed to meet world standards in a way that will benefit both men and women. The changing role of women is a major force changing society today, and this trend has been reinforced by the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms coming into effect this past April.

However, further changes in society's attitudes and government initiatives are needed to completely end discrimination and provide equal opportunities for women. I am confident that this government's commitment to this action plan will promote some of those changes and aid women in the development of their personal growth, dignity and economic security to the benefit of all our northern citizens. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further Ministers' statements? Item 5, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 5: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 8-85(2): Science Institute Of The Northwest Territories Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 8-85(2), An Act to Amend the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-85(2): Income Tax Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 3-85(2), An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 6-85(2): Mental Health Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 6-85(2), An Act Respecting Mentally Disordered Persons, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 7-85(2): Petroleum Products Tax Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 7-85(2), An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 10-85(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 10-85(2), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 13-85(2): Child Welfare Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 13-85(2), An Act to Amend the Child Welfare Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 11-85(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1985-86

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 11-85(2), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1985-86 Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 12-85(2): Vital Statistics Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, June 7, 1985, I shall move that Bill 12-85(2), An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Are there any further notices of motion for first reading of bills? That appears to conclude that section for today. Item 6, tabling of documents. Mr. Wray.

ITEM 6: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 1-85(2), Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Annual Report, 1983-84. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 2-85(2), Equality for Women, A Five-Year Plan of Action 1985-89, in English and Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 3-85(2), Report by the Task Force on Spousal Assault. A summary is being translated into Inuktitut. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. That appears to conclude Item 6, tabling of documents.

Item 7, oral questions.

Item 8, written questions.

Item 9, returns.

Item 10, petitions. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM 11: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Final Report Of The Special Committee On Housing

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to rise to present the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing.

The special committee on housing was formed by motion of this 10th Assembly in February of 1984, to review the state of housing in the North, the operations of the NWT Housing Corporation and to report back to the Legislative Assembly. At the fall session of 1984, our interim report was tabled to allow the GNWT to implement immediate measures to alleviate hardship by responding to the most urgent concerns brought to the committee's attention. This final report, Mr. Speaker, is the result of a comprehensive review of the issues raised in the over 60 formal hearings held, the 40 communities visited, 56 written submissions received and over 1000 people voicing their views. Consultation with federal and territorial government agencies has been thorough. The NWT Housing Corporation policies, programs and activities have been scrutinized. The final report will be translated into Inuktitut as soon as possible. We hope to give it as wide distribution as possible throughout the Territories and also to the federal government and other officials who responded to the interim report.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, my co-chairman, Mr. Pudluk and I will read into the record the 82 recommendations made by the special committee in this final report. These recommendations have been translated into Inuktitut.

Implementation

The first recommendation deals with the implementation of the report. It is recommended:

" 1. That an implementation review committee, consisting of the two co-chairmen of the special committee on housing, be established to report to the Legislative Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing; and that the terms of reference of the implementation review committee shall include the following: a) the mandate of the implementation review committee shall extend for the duration of the 10th Assembly, or until such time as the co-chairmen determine that the recommendations of the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing have been substantially and adequately implemented; b) the implementation review committee shall report to the Legislative Assembly at subsequent sessions on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing; and c) the implementation review committee shall have unimpeded and prompt access to all documents and papers, as deemed necessary in its work."

Rental Programs

Moving on to the rental programs, Mr. Speaker, there are six recommendations made.

" 2. That the Minister of Health and Social Services establish an independent cost of living inquiry to undertake and complete a comprehensive report on the extent of poverty and need in the Northwest Territories; and for this inquiry to report back to the Legislative Assembly their findings and recommendations within one year.

" 3. That the NWT Housing Corporation complete its rental scales review as soon as possible incorporating the concerns voiced by the public and outlined by the special committee, and that the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation report to the Legislative Assembly in the fall, 1985, session on the results of the review together with proposed changes to the rental scale, in accordance with the observations made by the special committee.

" 4. That the Ministers responsible for the Department of Personnel and for the NWT Housing Corporation establish an interdepartmental review of staff and public housing rents and allocations and that they report to the Legislative Assembly in the 1985 fall session with their findings and recommendations to correct the current programs' inequities.

" 5. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop an energy conservation program which would include: a) the implementation of the northern building standard for energy efficient housing in new construction and rehabilitation projects; b) the establishment of measures for conservation of fuel and electricity in rental housing; c) the introduction of incentives for the use of alternative, renewable fuels, such as wood.

" 6. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop a comprehensive energy conservation program for rental housing programs, such that tenants obtain rental credits or cash rebates for energy conserved, rather than pay a surcharge for energy consumed.

" 7. That the Minister responsible for Housing report to the Legislative Assembly in the 1985 fall session on the status of his '2 cents/3 cents' user-pay program."

Home-Ownership Programs

In dealing with home-ownership programs, Mr. Speaker, there are three recommendations of the committee.

" 8. That the NWT Housing Corporation include, in its HAP client information package, full details on labour funding assistance programs and that NWT Housing Corporation district staff ensure, through personal follow-up, that HAP clients are kept informed of program changes as they occur.

" 9. That the NWT Housing Corporation and the CEIC formally co-ordinate the HAP and labour assistance funding available under the Canada Works program, so that field staff of both agencies can more efficiently serve HAP clients.

"10. That the NWT Housing Corporation apply consistent eligibility criteria when considering applications for HAP."

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

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"11. That the NWT Housing Corporation give HAP clients more flexibility in design options.

"12. That the NWT Housing Corporation make block funding for HAP available to community groups.

"13. That the home-ownership assistance program be made available for prospective home-owners in all communities of the Northwest Territories, including Yellowknife.

"14. That the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation revise the northern rental purchase program such that the units can be sold to tenants for a nominal fee.

"15. That a 'piggyback' repair package in the form of a forgivable loan be included in the sale of northern rental units in order to bring these units up to current health, safety and building standards.

"16. That the eligibility criteria for the northern rental purchase program be revised so that clients in arrears can have their outstanding debt added to the proposed nominal purchase price of the unit.

"17. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop an adequate information program to inform the public about its home-ownership programs, in the official NWT languages.

"18. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop an information package for both prospective and approved home-ownership clients to fully inform them of the program requirements and to ensure consistent program delivery.

"19. That the NWT Housing Corporation review its existing home-ownership programs, together with a review of the applications currently on hand, to determine the performance of the existing programs in meeting the needs of prospective home-owners.

"20. That the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation designate a budget allocation for co-operative housing for the Northwest Territories."

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

MR. McCALLUM: The next recommendation, Mr. Speaker:

"21. That organizational and proposal development funds continue to be allocated to communities who request this type of assistance.

"22. That the Executive Council of the Government of the NWT make a request to the Government of Canada to submit a government sponsored bill to the House of Commons, as soon as possible, to validate condominium construction in the Northwest Territories.

"23. That the Government of the Northwest Territories enter into negotiations with the federal government to develop a comprehensive energy conservation and subsidy program for fuel and power consumption that will be applied equitably across the Northwest Territories."

Maintenance And Repair Programs

In the area of maintenance and repair programs, Mr. Speaker, the first recommendation:

"24. That the Treasury Board of Canada review the NWT Housing Corporation's request for a base adjustment to the Government of the NWT as soon as possible, so that increased funding can be made available to improve maintenance and administration of NWT Housing Corporation rental units.

"25. That the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation and the Department of Public Works review the possibility of having maintenance resources shared in communities where both the corporation and the Department of Public Works carry out maintenance functions.

"26. That the NWT Housing Corporation and the Government of the NWT enter into negotiations to contract the repair and maintenance of staff housing to local housing associations/authorities where it is economically practical and advantageous to the community and increases the efficient use of government resources.

"27. That the NWT Housing Corporation, upon approval of local housing associations, utilize the rehab program to convert three bedroom units into two bedroom units, which are required in many communities.

"28. That the NWT Housing Corporation seek program changes to fund alternatives for the upgrading of northern rentals, so that repaired units could be sold to tenants.

"29. That the NWT Housing Corporation seek increased funding under the EERP to provide very basic improvements in health and safety conditions of northern rental units until such time that funding for major rehabilitation or replacement can be secured.

"30. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop a strategy to bring all its rental units up to minimum health and safety standards within five years."

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"31. That the NWT Housing Corporation develop a policy whereby housing associations could grant rental credits to tenants who undertake maintenance work on their units.

"32. That CMHC retain a full-time RRAP co-ordinator on staff in its Yellowknife office to promote and ensure delivery of the RRAP as required throughout the NWT.

"33. That residents of all NWT communities, including Yellowknife, be eligible to apply for the RRAP.

"34. That CMHC continue to seek suitable delivery agents in communities until such time as a RRAP co-ordinator is hired.

"35. That the Minister of Health and Social Services establish a departmental inquiry into the housing conditions of NWT elders and report back to the Legislative Assembly in the 1986 winter session.

"36. That the NWT Housing Corporation and the Department of Health and Social Services together develop a strategy to deliver an enriched version of the senior citizens home repair program to those in need of such assistance.

"37. That the NWT Housing Corporation make block funding available under the senior citizens home repair program, so that community groups could deliver and co-ordinate the program to a number of elders, as required.

"38. That the Minister responsible for Housing initiate development of a repair program to upgrade privately owned homes to minimum health and safety standards, in all NWT communities, including Yellowknife.

"39. That the NWT Housing Corporation and CMHC consolidate repair programs such as the rural rehabilitation assistance program, the enriched emergency repair program and the senior citizen home repair program; and to locate and support community delivery agents for these services to the public.

GNWT Staff Housing Policy

"40. That the Department of Personnel set a reasonable target date for moving GNWT employees out of the NWT Housing Corporation units, to be co-ordinated with invitations to the private sector to provide new staff housing on a guaranteed lease basis." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, in the area of staff housing. The second recommendation:

"41. That the GNWT urge the Government of Canada to provide staff housing for federal employees who now occupy NWT Housing Corporation rental units.

"42. That the Government of the NWT Department of Personnel and federal government departments enter into lease agreements with the housing associations/authorities for units occupied by GNWT and federal employees.

"43. That all territorial government employees be treated with equality; and that employees living in housing association/authority units receive the same allowances for housing as other employees.

"44. That the Executive Council complete its review of staff accommodation policy addressing and correcting the rates charged for leased accommodation in market communities; and that employees living in staff accommodation be allocated units that are adequate to their family size and entitlement."

Housing And Social Assistance Policy

In the area of housing and social assistance policy, Mr. Speaker, we have a recommendation to the Minister of Health and Social Services:

"45. That the Minister of Health and Social Services review the housing allowances currently paid on behalf of social assistance recipients and investigate the feasibility of establishing a shelter allowance and that the Minister report his findings and conclusions to the Legislative Assembly in the fall, 1985, session."

Planning And Development Of Communities

In the area of planning and development of communities, we have a number of recommendations, Mr. Speaker:

"46. That the GNWT review the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of utilizing National Housing Act, section 42, funding for land assembly projects.

"47. That the policy governing the proposed municipal land development revolving fund contain the following principles: a) the fund should have sufficient funding to be able to meet the demands placed on it; b) the interest charged on loans made from the revolving fund should be low enough to prevent interest charges from inflating the resale cost of unsold lots developed under the scheme; c) the repayment of loans made from the revolving fund should be deferred until the land so developed is sold; d) the municipalities should be allowed some flexibility in the repayment of loans made from the revolving fund, in order to assist individuals to purchase land.

"48. That where a municipality has demonstrated administrative capability in the areas of community planning and land development, that the GNWT, if requested, turn over all lands within the community's designated boundaries to the municipality.

"49. That communities be continually updated in advance with regard to NWT Housing Corporation building intentions, that is, capital plan, so that proper planning can occur.

"50. That the Minister responsible for Local Government establish a timetable for co-ordination of land development activity to be agreed upon and adhered to by all participants, with responsibilities clearly outlined and delegated; accountability should be likewise assigned."

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"51. That housing associations/authorities be formally included with community councils in construction projects.

"52. That the needs study program be reviewed as soon as possible by consultants expert in the field; and that the Minister responsible for Housing make a full report to the Legislative Assembly on any revisions consequently implemented by the 1985 fall session.

"53. That the needs study and subsequent allocations should have a documented rationale explaining how data is collected and analysed and for what purpose housing units are allocated; for example, to alleviate overcrowding, to encourage economic development, etc.

"54. That communities must be given the opportunity to participate in defining their own housing needs beyond the current need study process; and that their agreement with the conclusions of the analysis should be a prerequisite to any allocation of new housing.

"55. That the housing requirements of all NWT communities should be determined.

"56. That the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation ensure that the NWT Housing Corporation proceed with a multi-year capital allocation plan reflecting the actual housing needs of all NWT communities.

"57. That the Minister responsible for Housing make available to the communities the NWT Housing Corporation five year capital plan upon approval of the capital plan by the Executive Council.

"58. That the NWT Housing Corporation and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation create a co-ordinated approach to provide home-ownership, mortgage and rental programs throughout the NWT that complement each other, are acceptable to the public and encourage the development of the private sector; these developments should originate from suitable need and market studies that reflect actual conditions in small and large communities."

Training

In the area of training, the following were recommended:

"59. That the Department of Education and the NWT Housing Corporation develop a property management training program for housing association secretary-managers.

"60. That the Departments of Economic Development and Education investigate the feasibility of utilizing EDA funding to provide regional construction training programs as demand requires."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: MR. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, there are three other recommendations in the area of training. The first one:

"61. That the Departments of Education and Economic Development and Tourism review the apprenticeship programs currently offered at Thebacha College, with a view to possible expansion of the programs to meet demand.

"62. That the Housing Corporation implement standardized training courses for housing association employees and members of the local housing association/authority board of directors.

"63. That the affirmative action policy of the Government of the NWT, and a plan for the recruitment of northern residents, be implemented by the NWT Housing Corporation to prepare northerners for positions of responsibility, especially in the areas of program delivery to communities."

Economic Development

In the area of economic development Mr. Speaker, we have a number of recommendations. The first:

"64. That communities establish an up-to-date labour skills registry, which would be of benefit to any contractor in seeking out local labour.

"65. That the NWT Housing Corporation include information on government labour assistance programs with the tender information packages, to encourage contractors to hire local people in the communities.

"66. That the bonding industry be encouraged to establish offices in the NWT, or at least appoint NWT agents to provide improved access for NWT contractors.

"67. That incentives be included in NWT Housing Corporation construction and rehab/repair contracts to ensure that contractors adhere to the local employment levels indicated in their bids.

"68. That the business incentive policy be amended to clearly indicate the importance of maximizing employment and economic benefits at the local level.

"69. That copies of all NWT Housing Corporation tender documents relating to housing repair or construction be sent directly to both the municipal office and the housing association/authority of the relevant community.

"70. That the MLA or MLAs representing project communities be invited to sit in a non-voting, advisory capacity on NWT Housing Corporation tender opening and contract awarding committees."

Thank you.

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"71. That the Minister provide a full report to the Legislative Assembly on the performance of the separate supply, ship and erect contracts let in 1985-86 in Keewatin and Kitikmeot, upon completion, and furthermore;

"72. That the report contain a full account of local participation in both separate and combined supply, ship and erect contracts, including numbers of workers employed, the type of work, dollars paid out in wages, local spin-off benefits.

"73. That the entrepreneurial training pilot program be closely monitored by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and that the Minister responsible report to the Legislative Assembly in the 1985 fall session upon completion of the program with an evaluation of its performance.

"74. That the Minister of Economic Development initiate negotiations with the federal government to direct a portion of the remaining EDA funds to the development of the northern housing industry in accordance with established Government of the NWT priorities, and furthermore;

"75. That, prior to such negotiations taking place, the Ministers of Economic Development and Tourism, Education, and Housing initiate a study to identify how EDA funds could be most effectively utilized to achieve the objective of the development of the northern housing industry.

"76. That immediate efforts be undertaken by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to further publicize and promote at the community level not only the EDA, but also its other programs that could be of benefit in meeting the objective of developing the northern housing industry.

"77. That the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, together with the Department of Education, ensure that business training workshops are available throughout the NWT."

The NWT Housing Corporation

Also, the NWT Housing Corporation recommendations:

"78. That the membership of the NWT Housing Corporation board of directors include elected representatives of regional councils.

"79. That municipal and community councils be given the option of taking over administration of NWT Housing Corporation programs.

"80. That regional and/or tribal councils, and municipalities which do not belong to regional or tribal councils, establish housing committees to co-ordinate and develop housing concerns and initiatives."

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Next, Mr. Speaker.

"81. That the NWT Housing Corporation and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation enter into negotiations for global funding.

"82. That the Executive Council request the Auditor General of Canada to complete a comprehensive audit on the operations of the NWT Housing Corporation and that the results of the audit be referred to the Assembly's standing committee on finance and public accounts for public review."

Mr. Speaker, this completes the summary of the recommendations made by the special committee on housing and this is the final report. Each of the recommendations is discussed at some length in the report itself.

Motion That Final Report Of The Special Committee On Housing Be Referred To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

We had hoped that Members will have time now to read the report before we deal with it in committee of the whole, but, Mr. Speaker, I would want to move, seconded by Mr. Pudluk, that the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing be referred to the committee of the whole for discussion as the first item of business on Monday, June 10th. I would like to table that document now, sir. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Clerk, you will see that the item then is the first item of business for Monday, June 10th, on the order paper. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 1-85(2): Tungavik Federation Witness

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, June 10, 1985, I will move the following motion. Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Donat Milortok, chairman of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, appear as a witness in committee of the whole as the first item of business on Tuesday, June 11, 1985; and furthermore, that the presentation not exceed 20 minutes with no question period. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further notices of motion? Item 13, motions. You are not going to try to get this through today, Mr. Patterson? Motions.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested. Are there any nays? You have unanimous consent, Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 13: MOTIONS

Motion 1-85(2): Tungavik Federation Witness, Carried

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Donat Milortok, chairman of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, appear as a witness in committee of the whole as the first item of business on Tuesday, June 11, 1985;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the presentation not exceed 20 minutes with no question period.

Thank you.

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

---Carried

Item 14, first reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 14: FIRST READING OF BILLS

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 6-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to deal with Bill 6-85(2), to give Bill 6-85(2) first reading. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

First Reading Of Bill 6-85(2): Mental Health Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 6-85(2), An Act Respecting Mentally Disordered Persons, be read for the first time. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask for unanimous consent at this time to proceed with first reading of Bill 13-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: We have actually a motion on the floor so I will deal with them individually. Mr. McLaughlin, I will look after your request in a moment. To the motion relative to first reading of Bill 6-85(2). Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 6-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

Unanimous consent is being requested to deal with Bill 13-85(2) for first reading today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

First Reading Of Bill 13-85(2): Child Welfare Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 13-85(2), An Act to Amend the Child Welfare Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 13-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to deal with first reading of Bill 8-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to deal with Bill 8-85(2) for first reading. Are there any nays? Proceed, Ms Cournoyea.

First Reading Of Bill 8-85(2): Science Institute Of The Northwest Territories Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 8-85(2), An Act to Amend the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 8-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent of the House to give first reading to Bill 3-85(2)?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested for first reading of Bill 3-85(2). Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 3-85(2): Income Tax Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 3-85(2), An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 3-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent of the House to give first reading to Bill 7-85(2), Petroleum Products Tax Act?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to give Bill 7-85(2) first reading. Do I have unanimous consent? Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 7-85(2): Petroleum Products Tax Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 7-85(2), An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question. All those in favour? Bill 7-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent of the House to give first reading to Bill 10-85(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1984-85.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested for first reading of Bill 10-85(2). Are there any nays? I understand that the bill is not in the book, so we have a standing rule that if it is not in the book, it does not get read. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, getting to Bill 12-85(2)...

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 12-85(2). Unanimous consent is being requested for Bill 12-85(2). Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 12-85(2): Vital Statistics Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 12-85(2), An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question. All those in favour of first reading of Bill 12-85(2)? Opposed, if any? Bill 12-85(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills.

Item 15, second reading of bills. That then would appear to conclude today's business. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on legislation tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the caucus room.

ITEM 16: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, June 6th, 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

10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, June 6th, at 1:00 p.m.

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