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RANKIN INLET, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1985

MEMBERS PRESENT

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Tuesday, June 11th. Item 2, Members' replies. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Ms Cournoyea's Reply

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few comments as an MLA on behalf of my constituents. It has been a year and a half since I accepted the challenge to be Minister of Renewable Resources and the Department of Information and during that time we have had five sessions. I have experienced the same frustrations as some other Ministers probably have of not being able to raise constituency concerns and debate them directly. Sometimes this results in our people at home feeling that their issues are not having the same opportunity to be dealt with by the Assembly.

First of all in the matter of the area which I come from, I would like to congratulate Nunasi and the Inuvialuit Development Corporation for their success in being chosen to become the new owners of Northern Transportation Company Limited.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: This service has been and will continue to be a vital part of the resupply of the communities in the Arctic. This event is particularly rewarding for those of us who have believed that the native people and their organization have the desire and the capability to become active participants in significant parts of the Territories economy. I am also aware that those who have not shared that belief will be quick to criticize the new ownership and will attempt to raise fears by stating such remarks. Again my congratulations to IDC and Nunasi for their successful efforts and we look forward to their efforts being directed at providing efficient and effective service to all of their customers.

Air Transportation Concerns

Another issue in the transportation sector affecting my constituency over the last year has been the dramatic increase in accidents by the largest scheduled air carrier in our region. We have been extremely fortunate that none of those accidents resulted in loss of life and we are grateful for that. However, that was more a matter of blind luck rather than good planning. As the

communities in my constituency are significantly dependent on air travel for maintenance of their communities and their economy, I believe they have a right to expect safe service. Over the last year many of my constituents were becoming uneasy as the accidents increased and enough so that they began to ask for answers. After the third or fourth crash, they requested that the company and this government conduct investigations to provide answers that would ensure the future safety of air travel in our area. For several months we have waited but no answers have been forthcoming. Recently there has been another accident and this time in Holman. It is time, I think, that my constituents require at least a public investigation to get to the bottom of these reoccurring problems. If these problems go on uncorrected it will surely result in some tragic deaths in the near future.

Another issue affecting air transportation in our area and elsewhere in the NWT is the recent dramatic increase in the price of aviation fuels invoked by Esso. With the amount of air travel necessary in our area, Esso's recent change will affect significantly the price of goods and service in the Territories. I feel it is ironic that just around the time of the hoopla of the official opening of the Norman Wells pipeline which takes NWT oil down to Alberta and southern markets bringing wealth to Esso and many other Alberta interests, and after the federal government introduced a western accord and tax cuts for the oil companies, Esso raised the price of aviation fuel by 20 to 25 per cent at Norman Wells and this they did without notice.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame!

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: And I guess this is Esso's way of saying thanks to this government and all the people of the Territories who assisted and supported them in their efforts to build their pipeline and produce our oil.

#### Move To Establish Western Arctic Regional Municipality

As we all know the issues surrounding division of the Territories have created hot debate within the Assembly. They have also created a unique and difficult situation for my constituents. Although sympathetic to the desires both of Nunavut and the WCF, my communities felt caught in a most difficult dilemma. While we did not want to frustrate or interfere with the larger interests of east or west or north or south, the Western Arctic felt their special interests were not featuring very significantly in the game plan of the larger interests. A few months ago the Western Arctic provided what it saw as a solution to the dilemma. They proposed the Western Arctic move co-operatively with the territorial government to bring WARM into effect. When this concept is realized, it is our belief that the special interests of the Western Arctic can be protected and permit a timely and satisfactory resolution of the larger constitutional issues. The Executive has accepted the invitation and my constituents are looking forward to working out the details of the regional government in the very near future. When this happens it will have concluded discussions and negotiations spanning eight years and will create a momentum for the division of the Territories to proceed quickly.

The issue of the arctic airports policy is still outstanding and will play a significant role in the area of airports, particularly in meeting the needs of Paulatuk to develop their airport.

Another issue is that the wage rates that are provided to many of the workers in our area are minimum and we feel this is significant enough that they should be corrected and negotiations should proceed to correct that issue.

#### Implementation Of Inuvialuit Final Agreement

My last issue of concern to my constituents deals with the progress on implementation of the Inuvialuit final agreement. As you know, the signing of the first comprehensive claim took place one year ago in Tuktoyaktuk. It was an historic achievement for the Inuvialuit, the Government of the NWT and Canada and we all look forward to bright and co-operative efforts toward that claim. However, over the past year from the Inuvialuit point of view and from, I would say, the GNWT point of view, implementation of the provisions of the agreement have been painstakingly slow, frustrating and ineffectual.

The consequences of this experience also touches everyone in the Territories. For my constituents and the department I represent, it means that anticipated benefits from the settlement deriving from co-operative efforts are not being realized. For the developers in our region, it means that

the benefits of stability are being delayed. Other native groups who will still be negotiating comprehensive settlements, will be questioning whether the terms of their negotiations -- if those terms require federal co-operation -- will ever be realized. My impression of the problem was that it was a lack of federal policy and attention to the issue of implementation. While the last federal government may not have had time to develop implementation policy, the Conservatives have had adequate time but have not done so.

I recently met with the federal Minister of Indian Affairs to discuss these problems, both from the perspective of my constituents and from that of the Department of Renewable Resources. I suggested that it was imperative that he immediately develop the necessary policy to implement this settlement effectively. Such a policy would have to address the issues of implementation from the following perspectives: 1) Objectives of implementation, and this must include the development of a co-operative implementation strategy and plan; 2) A clear statement of the mandate of the federal implementation secretariat, to remove it from a passive, ineffectual body to a responsible initiator of implementation of the settlement rather than the objectives of its own bureaucrats; 3) Realistic financial support for the federal, territorial and the Inuvialuit departments involved.

We in the Territories cannot wait for Indian Affairs to review overall general land claims policy or convene task forces or other never-ending approaches before addressing the policy of implementing the practical agreement that we have. If we left this to this normal Indian Affairs policy development process, we would never see anything meaningful come out of it. I am pleased to say that Minister Crombie fully supported this approach, and I have been led to believe we can expect significant progress in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Item 2, Members' replies. This appears to conclude Members' replies for today. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

#### ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I intended to give two replies in regard to the NWT Water Board and the land use planning commission. Because we do not have much time what I will be doing is I will be circulating to each individual Member, a copy of those reports. Thank you.

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

#### Minister's Statement On Outcome Of Conference On Aboriginal Rights

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had indicated yesterday during question period to a question I was asked by Mr. MacQuarrie, that I would be making the statement on the outcome of last weeks meeting of the Ministers of Justice on aboriginal rights. The meeting commenced with the federal Minister of Justice seeking an agreement on the proposal advanced at the First Ministers' Conference. The proposal was a modification of the Saskatchewan proposal as advanced at the First Ministers' Conference. It provided for an unenforceable commitment by the governments to enter into negotiations with various communities and aboriginal groups with a view to seeking an agreement on self-government. This was a watered down version of the New Brunswick proposal which provided for a constitutional entrenchment of the principle that aboriginal people were entitled to self-government. As honourable Members are aware, the Prime Minister had asked the Inuit Committee on National Issues and the Assembly of First Nations to consider the proposal advanced by most of the governments at the First Ministers' Conference. Both the AFN, Assembly of First Nations, and the ICNI, Inuit Committee on National Issues, indicated that they could not accept the proposal advanced at the First Ministers' Conference.

The Minister of Justice for Canada then proceeded to explore whether consensus could be reached on the self-government issue but it became evident very soon that there was no hope of achieving that. On behalf of the NWT I urged the delegates to work together toward resolving this issue. While affirming the right of the aboriginal people to self-government, I encouraged them to approach the issue on broad principles rather than getting tangled up in narrow, legal technicalities. I stressed that at the national and international level, Canada has affirmed the right of self-determination for its citizens and what the aboriginal people were seeking was an expression of their right to self-determination.

Perhaps the greatest setback to the process came when Premier Hatfield announced that he could not guarantee passage in the legislature of the New Brunswick proposal which provided for constitutional entrenchment of the right to self-government. Premier Hatfield indicated that in his view public support for aboriginal self-government was a necessary prerequisite before self-government can be entrenched. He felt that at present such public support was lacking.

The Ministers also directed their officials to explore the possibility of arriving at acceptable wording for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing sexual equality between aboriginal men and women. Again agreement could not be reached on acceptable wording and it was proposed that the matter be dealt with at future meetings.

For the future, it is proposed to hold a ministerial meeting in the fall to be followed by two meetings in the coming year leading up to the First Ministers' Conference in 1987. In addition to this constitutional process, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will be proceeding with developing agreements with various bands and aboriginal groups to give them more autonomy in dealing with their finances. There are also provincial initiatives contemplated in the coming year though the full scope and extent of those initiatives are still not known.

Mr. Speaker, it seems that there has been a setback in this process for aboriginal people. However, we must not give up and we must continue to strive to achieve an equitable constitutional accommodation for the first citizens of our country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 3, Ministers' statements. That appears to conclude Ministers' statements for today. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Richard.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 38-85(2): Land Freeze, City Of Yellowknife

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. There was an announcement in the press in recent days in Yellowknife that the Dene Nation and the Metis Association have called on the Government of the NWT to implement a land freeze within the city of Yellowknife, a request that would freeze the issue of titles to private property. The city council met last night and expressed some very serious concerns about any such land freeze at this moment in the development of the city of Yellowknife. It would have a devastating effect on the city at this moment when it is experiencing a fair amount of growth. Can the Minister confirm that that request has been received and if so, how the Minister has responded to it? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 38-85(2): Land Freeze, City Of Yellowknife

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I can confirm to the Member that I did receive the letter that he speaks about. As to the action taken thus far, as with all serious matters like this I have passed on the letter on the matter to my department officials for their consideration and advice. I expect to get back from them their recommendations to me about that in the next few weeks. Once that occurs then I will have a chance to deal with it. But I cannot say anything more than that to date.

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

Supplementary To Question 38-85(2): Land Freeze, City Of Yellowknife

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given the public concern in the city of Yellowknife, would the Minister consider a more immediate response so that he might allay the concerns that were expressed at the municipal council meeting last night?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Further Return To Question 38-85(2): Land Freeze, City Of Yellowknife

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that I cannot give the Member a more immediate response to that. I consider that I am dealing with the matter as expeditiously as possible. I consider the matter that the Member refers to, that is of the Dene and Metis secretariat asking the

government not to sell any more lands while the matter of land claims is still in question, I consider that to be a very serious matter that the government has to consider very carefully. So I believe that I have acted expeditiously in the matter in sending it to my officials for their consideration and advice to me. These matters do take some time and when I do get the matter back from my department then I will decide how to deal with it. But obviously it is a matter that I myself as a Minister will not be able to deal with by myself. It is a matter that I am sure all of the Executive Council will have to deal with because it is so momentous. It is such a significant matter. So I would like to assure the Member that I will deal with it as quickly as possible and advise him of our responses when we do deal with it.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 39-85(2): Policy On Land Disposal Within Municipalities

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a question of the Minister of Local Government. I wonder if the Minister could explain to us, the government policy now, of turning over of land within municipalities to band councils or to community councils. Is there any difference in the philosophy for each one of those?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 39-85(2): Policy On Land Disposal Within Municipalities

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the government policy, as far as I can determine, is not the same for all parts of the North. With respect to large municipalities in the North, the government to date has adopted a policy whereby they enter into sole vendor agreements with large municipalities. The government agrees that with respect to any land within municipalities, the municipalities have first option to purchase or acquire any lands that are not required by the Government of the Northwest Territories. Such is the case with municipalities like Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Inuvik, where there is an existing agreement with these municipalities. This appears to be the policy in the West.

As regards the Eastern Arctic, the government has adopted a different policy and approach. There, as the result of a request by ITC, the government has adopted a policy of not selling land. So in the Eastern Arctic, the government has a policy of lease only, and for a number of years now the government has not sold any lands to people in the East, pending settlement of land claims.

Now, in the West, with respect to the small communities, the government has been dealing with the sale of land or lease of land differently than in large municipalities. In Rae-Edzo, as a result of the people there not wanting the government to sell land or dispose of land in that manner, there is a "lease only" policy. In other small communities, the government has been dealing directly with people who have wanted to buy or lease lands, and the government has been dealing with band councils and settlement councils directly. In a community like Fort Simpson, the government has had an agreement with the village council to sell land only to the village council. But, in recent months and really since the last year, the people in Fort Simpson have been working together, and as a result of meetings that I have held with the village, the band council and the Metis local, the community now has set up a six person committee consisting of representatives from the village, the band and the Metis, to deal with all land matters for the community. So, the government, in that case, is taking direction or advice from the committee as to how it should deal with land in a place like Fort Simpson. So the government has a variety of ways of dealing with lands in the North, and it is a matter that seems to be continually changing and in each case we are dealing with the situation as it arises.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 39-85(2): Policy On Land Disposal Within Municipalities

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take it from the Minister's response that the government's policy is still for these various mechanisms to allow individual community councils, band councils or hamlet councils to control the land within their communities. Is that the basic philosophy of this government, community control of lands within municipal boundaries?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.



Further Return To Question 39-85(2): Policy On Land Disposal Within Municipalities

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the basic policy of the government is that the government retains the ultimate authority as to the manner in which it disposes of land. But, in all cases, serious attempts are made to involve the community and get their good advice. But, in all cases the government retains the ultimate authority as to how it deals and disposes of land.

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

Question 40-85(2): Transfer Of Jurisdiction, Sir John Franklin High School

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. In February, the Minister indicated in this House that his officials were working on the response to the request that came from the Yellowknife board of education and the community education society for the transfer of the high school to the jurisdiction of the Yellowknife board. The Minister indicated at that time, in February, that he was supportive to the extent that these programs could be delivered economically and had directed his officials to do the additional work that was necessary to explore the impact of this transfer and that, when this had been done, the Minister would be in a position to determine the possibility of that transfer taking place. Can the Minister indicate the current status of that request?

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

Return To Question 40-85(2): Transfer Of Jurisdiction, Sir John Franklin High School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for notice of this question. I can bring you up to date on the progress that has been made on this important issue. My department officials, including the acting deputy minister, have met with representatives from the Yellowknife Public School Board several times to discuss this possible transfer. We have also given the school board requested figures on costs for operating the facility for the past two years and we have also received a request from both Yellowknife boards for a revision to the formula for funding those boards under which this government provides contributions to operate programs in Yellowknife. While that issue of the revised formula does not directly relate to the possible transfer, I must note that the revised formula itself would provide for substantial increases over the present contributions this government is already making for the existing school programs in Yellowknife.

Mr. Speaker, because the issue is complicated and appears to have significant financial implications in addition to the issue of jurisdiction and control, I have determined that I should submit the matter to my Executive Council colleagues for their advice and I can inform the honourable Member that the necessary decision paper has been prepared and that the matter could be considered as early as the end of June, at any rate, within the next short period. It will be given full consideration by the Executive Council and we will, early on, indicate the results of that decision to the honourable Member and the people of Yellowknife. Thank you.

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

Question 41-85(2): Number Of Women In Senior Management Positions

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a question for the Minister responsible for Personnel, Mr. Nerysoo. At the budget session of this House, I asked Mr. Nerysoo and Mr. Parker for a report dealing with the number of women who were in senior management positions from the position of chief and upwards. Up to this point in time I have not received it. I wonder if it is possible that the Minister could make this available to me during this session because I have some questions to ask about what I think is a very poor record for this government in this area.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to indicate that I will make that report available to the honourable Member as soon as possible. And also to indicate that the Minister responsible for the Status of Women has tabled in this House, a plan of approach as a government which in my opinion is a very progressive approach, since it was in conjunction with the Advisory Council for the Status of Women that we were led to develop that particular plan. So my belief is that as a government we are responding to that particular issue in conjunction with the Advisory

Council on the Status of Women. So the Member may suggest that there has been a poor response made on the issue of women in senior positions, but one must also recognize the efforts of this particular government, the efforts of the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, to encourage and lay out a plan by which this government will approach the issue of the role of women in government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister, you are taking the question as notice. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The question I was directing to the Government Leader was about the present situation. I asked for that particular plan of what is happening right now. A plan is not worth the paper it is printed on unless it is successful. So I just wanted to know the state of what is happening right now in this government and we will judge in the future how successful these plans are.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne, that was an improper question. Are there any further questions? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 42-85(2): Consultation With Municipalities On Land Disposal

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, a follow-up question to the Minister of Local Government in respect to the possible land freeze in the municipality. The Minister indicated that a decision would be made after he consults with departmental officials and with the Executive Council and I certainly approve that it will be taken to that level in order to make a decision because it is a very significant matter. Could I ask the Minister whether he would give an undertaking that before such a decision is made, he will sit with the municipal officials whose communities will be affected to hear their concerns and the problems that would confront them if such a freeze were to be imposed?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 42-85(2): Consultation With Municipalities On Land Disposal

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I do agree with the Member that the matter of the disposition of land particularly in municipalities is an important and grave concern and I undertake to him that in the event that there are significant changes to the present way that the government deals with lands, we will consult with the municipalities that would be affected. If, however, there is no change then I would say that there would not be any need to meet with them before indicating a response to the Dene and Metis people.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just for clarification, it seems that the cart may go before the horse or something. The Minister is saying that if there is not going to be a change then there is no need for consultation, but he would have already made a decision. Was he suggesting that if the recommendation from his officials came that there should be no change, that they would let the matter go at that? But if they were recommending a change, at that point he would consult with municipalities. Is that the way I understand it?

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions, Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 43-85(2): Request For Day Park At Vee Lake

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question of Mr. Curley. The question was also brought up in the last session and at that time there was jurisdictional confusion as to whether Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Curley or Mr. Sibbeston would deal with that question. I sent a letter to Mr. Curley and a copy to Mr. Nerysoo and Mr. Sibbeston. It has to do with the possibility of a day park at Vee Lake. I have not had a response to that. I wonder if Mr. Curley could tell me the status of that request?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I believe the response at that time was that the matter was under review and when that review has been concluded I will be prepared to make a statement. At the moment I would like to take the question as notice and respond as quickly as I can.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is being taken as notice. Mr. MacOuarrie.

Question 44-85(2): Position Paper On Jurisdiction Over Sir John Franklin High School

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to follow up on another question that was asked of the Minister of Education. He did indicate that a position paper will be going forward to the Executive Council on the matter of jurisdiction over Sir John Franklin High School. In his statement the Minister acknowledged that a request for a revised funding formula is not an issue that is directly related to the transfer of jurisdiction. And I would like to underline that indeed that is the case. They are two separate issues. So, can I ask the Minister for clarification of the position that is going forward to the Executive Council? Can you assure me that the other issue is not introduced as an element in that paper because, if it were, it would prejudice the result and make it appear as though the transfer was going to cost the government more money, when in fact that would not need to be the case at all. So, can the Minister assure me that the two issues are not related in this position paper that is going forward?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return to Question 44-85(2): Position Paper On Jurisdiction Over Sir John Franklin High School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, what I meant to note in responding to the question was that there are now not only one but two major issues that have been brought forward to me by the Yellowknife school boards. I agree that they are not related but I am taking both issues to the Executive Council although one will not be tied to the other. I trust the honourable Member would not wish me to delay acting on the request for a revised funding formula. So, I am proceeding with both as expeditiously as I can, but I am quite confident that they will be considered on their merits and separately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Richard.

Question 45-85(2): Pupil/Teacher Ratio, Sir John Franklin High School

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another question, Mr. Speaker, of the Minister of Education, regarding the Sir John Franklin High School. This, Mr. Speaker, is the concern expressed by the community education society that it does not have a sufficient number of teachers in that school in view of the number of pupils. Mr. Speaker, in asking this question I do wish to thank the Minister on behalf of my colleagues here and the community education society for very recently resolving the matter of the two teachers term positions which were due to be discontinued but were maintained at the Minister's direction.

The community education society are concerned, Mr. Speaker, about the number of teachers in that high school. When compared to the other high schools in Frobisher Bay, Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point and Inuvik, on a pupil/teacher ratio the Sir John Franklin High School has fewer teachers than the average across the Territories, and they are concerned also that there does not appear to be a policy in this regard within the Department of Education. Just the other day my colleague, Mr. Pudluk, similarly expressed a concern that there are not enough teachers in his area. so it would appear that the concern about a policy or the absence of a policy is not just emanating from Yellowknife. Can the Minister indicate whether there is a policy? Is there a particular reason why the pupil/teacher ratio would be different in one school than another? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 45-85(2): Pupil/Teacher Ratio, Sir John Franklin High School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I also thank the Member for notice of this question and also for his kind words about the decision I made recently with regard to the staffing at Sir John Franklin High School.

Mr. Speaker, the matter of the pupil/teacher ratio at Sir John Franklin High School is rather more complex than might appear. If one looks at the raw pupil/teacher ratio at that high school and compares it with the raw pupil/teacher ratio in other high schools in the NWT, it does appear that the Sir John Franklin has a slightly higher pupil/teacher ratio. However, it is difficult to make comparisons between that school and others for several reasons. First of all, other schools include junior high school programs so the comparison there is inaccurate or inappropriate. Secondly, in a large school like Sir John Franklin High School which is the largest territorial high school, we experience considerable economies of scale, whereas in a small high school, like the high school in Pine Point or Fort Smith, we still have to offer the core high school curriculum programs even though there may be very small classes which I suggest skews the pupil/teacher ratio to be apparently in favour of the smaller high schools.

Mr. Speaker, I do sympathize with the concern about offering a broader range of courses in Sir John Franklin High School and I must say that, unfortunately, this problem is typical of requests that I get in many other parts of the NWT and received recently in this House with regard to the High Arctic. I would like to inform the Member that indeed I am concerned that there is no policy on staffing high schools but, rather than staffing schools on pure pupil/teacher ratio, I am in the process of developing a policy which is going to consider other factors such as programs, school size, as well as pupil/teacher ratio. I am providing the Member with a much more detailed reply by way of a letter shortly, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Question 46-85(2): Use Of School Recreation Facilities, Pangnirtung

MR. PANILOO: (No translation)

(Translation) The people in Pangnirtung have made a request for assistance. Dennis Patterson, maybe you can check with Frobisher Bay on this. Also the request for the facilities -- because they feel that there are many people coming through. They need it for recreational purposes and the community is trying to make full use of the facilities. The people of Pangnirtung feel that they need better and more adequate spaces and that has not come about. I wonder, Mr. Minister, if you can tell me. I think you are aware of this, Mr. Patterson, and if you can maybe give me an answer. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: We had translation problems. For a while they were on number two and then the English was on number one. Did the Minister get the question? Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 46-85(2): Use Of School Recreation Facilities, Pangnirtung

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I understood the question, it had to do with the absence of a fire alarm system in the school in Pangnirtung. I must inform the Member that I was not aware of this problem and it is of grave concern to me if there is no fire alarm system in the school. I will undertake to immediately investigate the problem and ask Mr. Wray to see that the alarm system is operating. This will be taken very seriously.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, as I understand the question, it had to do with the adequacy of recreation facilities in Pangnirtung. I might, perhaps refer the question to the Minister of Local Government, since I understand there are some plans to improve the recreation facilities in that community. There are no plans to expand the school facility, although it is certainly the policy of the Department of Education to co-operate in every way to make sure that school facilities are used by the community, provided they are taken care of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. I believe there has been a mix-up on the question. Mr. Paniloo, would you like to repeat your question, and would the interpreters please have the English version on channel one, please?

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry. I doubt if the translator understood the question. But I asked, the second question at least, regarding the school. It is required by the community for recreational facilities during the evenings and the local authority there does not approve of this. There have been requests to Frobisher Bay that the school building be used during the evenings for recreational facilities or that there should be a specific area located or a new facility built. That was my question. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 46-85(2): Use Of School Recreation Facilities, Pangnirtung

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have recently written to the chairman of the Baffin Divisional Board of Education recommending that a standard policy be developed to ensure that local education authorities make school gyms available to the community on reasonable terms. I am confident that the problems of access to school gyms which have arisen in Pangnirtung and also in Clyde River, will be remedied by the adoption of a proper policy for access to school gyms.

I would also like to just mention, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Local Government has just confirmed to me that, indeed, there is to be a new community hall built in Pangnirtung shortly. I believe this will also relieve some of the pressure on the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you; Mr. Minister. Are there any other oral questions? Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 47-85(2): Status Of Report On Review Of Government Reorganization

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question of the Government Leader. In the budget session, the Government Leader told us that the government was undertaking reviews in a number of areas and on the structure of government, policies, priorities, relationships between the federal and the territorial government, and as I recall, the Leader promised us an update at this session in a report. I wonder, is that report available?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 47-85(2): Status Of Report On Review Of Government Reorganization

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, no, the report is not available. I believe that again, the Member is requesting a very simple answer to a very complicated issue. I have said that I would provide that report on the basis that we, in fact, complete that review that ought to have been done. I just want to indicate as well, recently there was a reorganization in government; there will be further discussion as to the approach we take, considering the kinds of changes that are necessary. In the first part of the statement I referred to a reorganization of the Executive, and that reorganization included the office of the Government Leader, the responsibilities that were associated to the Government Leader, after which such issues as devolution, constitutional change of government, additional ministerial responsibilities, would all be part of that major and significant report to be tabled in this House. It is not complete at this time, but we are continuing to work on that particular issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 47-85(2): Status Of Report On Review Of Government Reorganization

MR. BALLANTYNE: I apologize for believing the Leader when he said that there would be a report this session. I want to ask the Leader, when will this report be ready?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am happy for the first time that the honourable Member believes me, because the reality is that any kind of major and significant policy change in the government requires the Executive Council in total, to review that change. Until that review takes place, I will not table any kind of report in this House without the support of my colleagues, because some of the changes will affect their responsibilities and will, in fact, affect the manner in which we work together on the devolution of authorities to this government. I must also say to the honourable Member, we have completed the report with regard to the structure and the organization of government. However, I have not had the opportunity to conclude discussion. I just say that when I indicated to the honourable Member that I would table that report in this House, I indicated that that particular report was being done. It is done, and it is now a matter of presenting it to my Executive Council colleagues, and upon approval, I will, in fact, be making the appropriate announcements and the appropriate changes in government.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: The Government Leader has not answered my previous questions. Whenever you can get the group of Executive together, which I realize is difficult, you know -- when do you expect to have them together? When do you expect that this House can see the report that you promised us?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can tell the Member again, that the report is done. I hope that he heard that. I just want to be sure of it. Now, the reality is that the report is done. There have been certain changes on certain issues that have been raised with me to be presented to the Executive within the next two weeks. Now, as soon as the approvals are made appropriately, then we will make public the changes that may or may not take place. But, we have got the report done, and if the Member is insinuating, in any way, that I have not in fact kept my word, I just want to indicate that the report is done and it is a matter of government policy to ensure that the Executive Council sees that particular report and that is exactly what I intend to do. I will not make public a report that has not received Executive Council approval.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. May this House then, expect to see this report at the fall session? Is that what you are telling us? Mr. Minister. Mr. Nerysoo, are you saying that that report, then, will be tabled in the fall session? Is that what you are saying?

Further Return To Question 47-85(2): Status Of Report On Review Of Government Reorganization

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker. I will not table the report that is being made available to me, but rather the decisions that are made by the Executive Council, in a report to this House.

MR. SPEAKER: In a matter of timing, you expect to have that ready for the fall session, is that correct? There has been a question relative to the timing of this, Mr. Nerysoo. Is the fall session your projected time?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 48-85(2): Delay In Response To Requests For Land For Housing

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Local Government. It is the same question I asked last year and it has not been acted upon. In my constituency the residents of the communities are trying to get some land in the communities to build their houses. They have been writing letters to the government in Yellowknife. Since June last year, the people requesting land have not had any replies. My question is perhaps you can try and push to get some kind of answers to these letters that are being sent. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 48-85(2): Delay In Response To Requests For Land For Housing

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: I believe I caught the gist of the question. The Member is concerned about people who have applied for land and have not been able to get a response or decision with respect to those applications or requests. Mr. Speaker, if that is the case I am concerned because I do believe that people who want land in the communities ought to be able to get a response from the government without great delays. If there is undue delay in Mr. Paniloo's constituency then I would like to hear more details and I will see what I can do to rectify the problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Then if Mr. Paniloo will confer with you further on the matter outside of the House. Are there any further oral questions?

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

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 22-85(2): Arctic Bay Road Construction

HON. GORDON WRAY: I have a reply to Question 22-85(2), asked on June 7th by Mr. Pudluk, on the Arctic Bay road construction. I have included the correspondence. My assistant deputy minister met with DIAND officials on April 23 to discuss the 1985-86 northern roads program. At that meeting, DIAND agreed to include Victory Bay in their 1985-86 program. On May 3, 1985, a letter requesting project authorization for pre-engineering moneys in 1985-86, with construction in 1986-87, was sent to Ottawa. Finally on May 23, further correspondence and an update on the pre-engineering study was forwarded to DIAND. We have yet to receive a response. I realize that this does not give a definite starting date, but I can assure the Member that my officials are pressuring Ottawa to honour their April 23 commitment. I will keep Mr. Pudluk informed as things develop.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further returns? Mr. Sibbeston.

Return To Question 36-85(2): Study On Pangnirtung Airstrip

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, in return to Mr. Paniloo's Question 36-85(2) of yesterday regarding Pangnirtung airstrip. The honourable Member asked when a study would be carried out on the possible relocation of the airstrip in Pangnirtung. For those Members who maybe do not know, the airstrip in Pangnirtung is right in the middle of the community. This coming summer the Ministry of Transport will be developing a Baffin Island airports master plan to be completed by January, 1986. This plan will address all the outstanding issues concerning airports in the Baffin Region. MOT and Local Government officials will be visiting all communities in the Baffin starting on July 4th. They should be in Pangnirtung on July 9th and 10th and will be seeking the input of the community and persons such as Mr. Paniloo.

MOT, up until now, had proposed to upgrade and resurface the present strip as an alternative to relocating it. MOT's construction division will travel to Pangnirtung twice this summer to review this proposal. Their first visit is scheduled for July 12th. MOT will not proceed with a resurfacing project until after the master plan has been completed. There is still a possibility that the airport will be relocated if that is what the master plan recommends.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns, Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 9-85(2): Employee Benefits

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to oral Question 9-85(2), asked by Mr. Paniloo on June 6, 1985, with regard to vacation travel benefits. Vacation travel benefits are determined as part of the bargaining process with the two employee associations, the Northwest Territories Public Service Association and the Northwest Territories Teachers Association. At the present time, the government is in the midst of negotiations with each of the employee unions and the matter of vacation travel benefits is being discussed. In conducting its negotiations, the government team will bear in mind the desire of Members to provide vacation benefits to employees wishing to stay in the North. Currently employees travelling by means other than air travel may draw \$200 per year plus \$175 for their spouses and \$75 for each dependent child for travel away from their homes but in the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 23-85(2): Teacher Positions In High Arctic

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to Mr. Pudluk's oral Question 23-85(2) asked yesterday concerning additional teachers in the constituency of the High Arctic. Mr. Speaker, based on projected enrolments, the department has no plans to add teaching positions in the constituency of the High Arctic this coming year. In response to the Member's specific concerns about Resolute and Grise Fiord, I offer the following: Resolute currently has a student ratio of 18 to one which is the lowest in the region for an elementary and junior high program. Attendance in Resolute is 71 per cent. Grise Fiord with 25 students has one teacher. However, attendance in this community is only 63 per cent. Should enrolment and attendance increase, the department will consider the addition of another teaching position in Grise Fiord.

I would also like to report that the department has plans to establish the equivalent of four full-time special education positions in Baffin in 1985-86. Part of these funds will be used to support part-time tutorial positions in Arctic Bay and Nanisivik, that the department has already staffed in response to urgent needs. I have also noted that the community of Resolute has requested the establishment of a community occupations program there. This is a very successful new program, especially in communities like Resolute, which have not, unfortunately, had great success in graduating students from the academic program. I will endeavour to see that the necessary half-time teaching position is provided so that the program can be established. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns. I take it these are all the returns for today.

Item 7, petitions.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 9-85(2), a letter from the hamlet council of Baker Lake to the Department of Justice and Public Services, expressing the council's concern over the relatively short periods of incarceration for people convicted of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Thank you.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 10-85(2), Memorandum of Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the GNWT in Formula Financing.

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

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document: Tabled Document 11-85(2), entitled, "Notice to Housing Association Tenants, User-Pay System". And if I can ask a question of the Minister perhaps tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Tabling of documents. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUULUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document: Tabled Document 12-85(2), a letter which was addressed to me from the Grise Fiord settlement council, about concerns on postal services. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Tabling of documents. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tabled Document 13-85(2). In accordance with section 39 of the Interpretation Act, I wish to report to the House on the orders, rules and regulations made pursuant to the acts of the NWT. I am, therefore, tabling the following documents: Numbers 1, 2 and 3 of Volume VI of Part I of the NWT Gazette; and Indices of all Regulations, Statutory Instruments and Non-Statutory Instruments Made Pursuant to the Acts of the NWT for the Period from February 1, 1985 to May 31, 1985. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 14-85(2), a draft motion that due to time constraint I do not think I will be able to present, but the motion is with regard to the establishment of an economic and social development group to look at all aspects of those particular areas. Unfortunately, I do not think I will be able to have the time to present this motion so I would like to table it and have the Members consider it for the fall session with possible terms of reference, who would like to serve on the board, whether the Executive would like to be part of a board like this, and whether it should be an inquiry, a commission, task force or special committee. I would like the Members to consider this motion for the fall session and give me their ideas on it by then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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



HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. With all due respect to the Member, I do not think his proposed motion is a document. I would suggest to him that if he wants a matter to be considered by us that he make his proposed motion giving notice of it today. That would be one way of dealing with it but I would submit, sir, that a proposed motion is not a document. I even question whether a letter is a document as we normally understand it.

MR. SPEAKER: It has previously, in this House, been accepted that any piece of paper with writing on it may be submitted as a document and I do not propose to change the rules. With regard to the statement of Mr. Gargan, I understand that he was going to put it in as a motion. However, he did not feel he had time and he was, therefore, putting it in as a document so we could read it and maybe have some comments on it come the fall. So it is a matter of interpretation. That is the way I understood it, so I will receive it as a document. Are there any further documents? Mr. Sibbeston.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, then I would like to table a proposed letter to my sweetheart.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: That is fine, Mr. Sibbeston. Would you give us some idea of the content of the proposed document?

---Laughter

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I was going to say it is so proposed that I have not written it yet. But it is something that I am proposing and hope to eventually table.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. Minister, but if it is not prepared then it obviously is not a document yet.

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Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 4-85(2): Support For First Air Application

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am giving notice that I will make a motion on June 13th. Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin Central, that this Assembly support the application of First Air for a scheduled licence to fly between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa. Mr. Speaker, later today I will be seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Notices of motion. Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 11: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-85(2): Interpretation Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, June 13, 1985, I shall move that Bill 1-85(2), An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further notices of motion for first reading of bills? Item 12, motions. Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ERKLOO: Mr. Speaker, can I get unanimous consent?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Erkloo is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion that he gave notice of. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 4-85(2): Support For First Air Application

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are quite a few "whereases" that I will try to read in English. (Translation ends)

WHEREAS there is, at present, only one carrier licensed to provide scheduled passenger and freight services between Baffin Island communities and points in eastern Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Air Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission recommended, in its recent report on the adequacy of air services in northern and remote areas, that: "...it is appropriate for certain northern and remote area communities to receive a limited amount of additional toll air service to/from southern Canada by another carrier and to extend thereby the benefits of a competitive marketplace...";

AND WHEREAS air transport in the Baffin Region is crucial to the cost of living and the convenience of passengers and consumers in all Baffin communities;

AND WHEREAS First Air is an existing carrier with extension operations in the Baffin Region which has applied to operate a flight twice a week between Ottawa and Frobisher Bay at passenger and freight rates competitive with Nordair;

AND WHEREAS this proposed new service would offer morning departures to permit connections the same day in southern Canada;

AND WHEREAS this proposed new service would offer passengers and consumers in Baffin communities the opportunity to deal with one air line for their own complete journey or that of their goods;

AND WHEREAS the growth in traffic between Greenland and Canada, the volume of charter traffic between Ottawa and Frobisher Bay, the planned construction of the North Warning System, political development and the settlement of land claims are all indicators that there is growth in air traffic in the Eastern Arctic, and, therefore, room for some competition;

AND WHEREAS the First Air licence application would commence service with a turbo-prop aircraft and later move to a turbo-jet aircraft with an ability to operate on most airstrips on Baffin Island and carry twice as much freight and passengers;

AND WHEREAS the First Air application has the support of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Baffin Regional Council, and numerous businesses in the Baffin Region;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Baffin Central, that this Assembly support the application of First Air for a scheduled licence to fly between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order Mr. Erkloo. To the motion.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that as the motion reads, it explains itself, and can be understood by all the other Members. Presently the air carrier that travels between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa is the only one that travels between those points at this point. We do have concerns that the airfare rates may increase due to the lack of competition with that route. I think that competition in that area, with another air carrier would help to ensure that the airfare rates do not skyrocket in the future. The turbo engine carrier that travels into the communities at this point now, Pauloosie and I usually travel to Frobisher Bay on Friday after session is over and we end up having to wait until Monday before we can get back to our own communities, whereas the other MLAs do not have that problem.

I think that we would be less lonely and co-operate more if we were able to get home just as fast as the other MLAs are able to. I know that it would benefit the residents of Frobisher Bay, also the residents of Clyde River, Broughton Island and Pond Inlet and all the other communities in that area. I think that it would assist in terms of tourism, because we do rely a lot on tourism in our communities. We do have to consider the future of the tourism industry and we do require another aircraft carrier in the Baffin. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Mr. Paniloo, as seconder, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to make a brief clarification as to why I seconded the motion. I support the motion due to the fact that much of the fresh produce that is delivered to the communities in the Baffin Region does not last very long -- any perishable foods. The people in the Baffin Region feel that they are just as capable of handling that route.

Also the reason why I seconded the motion is that they had considered first landing in Sanikiluaq from Frobisher Bay, when they travel between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa, and vice versa. I think that would help the residents of Sanikiluaq to get around more easily than with the existing routes. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we have copies of the motion please?

MR. SPEAKER: A translated copy of this motion. Mr. Clerk, will you see that this is proceeded with immediately? In the interim we will break for coffee. The House stands adjourned for 15 minutes for coffee.

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I call the House back to order. The motion has been written up as requested. To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will support the motion but I would like to add to the motion if it is possible. For the last part of this motion where it says "between Frobisher Bay and Ottawa", I would like to add this. "If they have to also go through Sanikiluaq". When necessary they could go through Sanikiluaq. I wonder if I am understood.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Appaqaq, this basically is in support of a specific application that is before the Air Transport Committee, I understand. To tack this on, I wonder if you could advise us where you would like it put. It does in part destroy the motion in that the motion is supporting the application before the transport board. Now, if we add to that it would in effect destroy the intent of the motion in supporting the application that is in place. So I think it would do a great deal of damage to the motion if you do that. Could you not handle it as a separate motion rather than putting it in with this particular motion? Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to withdraw that amendment to the first motion. I am not bothering with any motions. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to discuss anything that is very different from what is being discussed. I think this will be great news to my constituency, to the Baffin people. I believe I have to support this motion. We are very happy this First Air, only, would fly in the Baffin Region. Sometimes they fly even when it is not a scheduled flight. It is used by a lot of people in the Baffin area and by others. I am in full support of the motion because First Air are willing to go to Ottawa. I am in support of that. Perhaps this will lower the price of airfares and freight. Perhaps there would be competition here. Perhaps we will have competition if we have two companies flying in the Baffin area. For the reasons I have stated, I am in support of the motion.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too, support the motion. The city of Yellowknife has exactly the same problem. We are trying to get a second airline route between Yellowknife and Edmonton. I understand the problem and I fully support the efforts of my honourable colleagues in trying to accomplish this very, very worth-while objective.

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

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the motion, I will be supporting this motion because some of my constituents have problems with this too, mainly Arctic Bay. Some people in Arctic Bay made requests of the Air Transport Commission, with complaints about the freight being too high. Inukshuk Hotel wrote this letter in 1984 and also High Arctic Enterprises wrote another letter on September 11, 1984. On August 28th High Arctic Enterprises wrote another letter and on January 10, 1985 they also complained that their freight was too high. There is no other way they can possibly bring things to their communities. So perhaps if they had competition this would help the high cost of the freight to the High Arctic. So the reasons I have stated I will be in support of the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. To the motion. Mr. Erkloo, would you like to close the debate?

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a short supplementary to the motion. I realize that it was going to be supported by all colleagues. I believe there should be two airlines flying to the South. I would like a recorded vote of this motion please.

MR. SPEAKER: A recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Paniloo, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Gargan, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Richard, Mr. Angottitauruq.

MR. SPEAKER: Against, please stand. Abstentions, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Wray, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Butters, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Pedersen.

Motion 4-85(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried. Ten in favour, nine abstentions. Are there any further motions for today? Item 13, first reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 1-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 13: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 1-85(2): Interpretation Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 1-85(2), An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question? Those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 1-85(2) has had first reading. Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 4-85(2): Legislative Assembly And Executive Council Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 4-85(2), An Act Respecting the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, be read for the first time.

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

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 4-85(2) has had first reading. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 1-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 1-85(2): Interpretation Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 1-85(2), An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to provide that when a public servant is appointed as a public officer that person shall exercise his powers and perform his duties under the direction of the department head of the department which administers the enactment under which the public officer is appointed; and to replace the expression "Executive Member" with "Minister", to provide for a definition of "Minister" and to make amendments to this and other acts consequential to the use of the expression "Minister".

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, to the principle of the bill. Ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 1-85(2) has had second reading. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 4-85(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Have we two nays on Bill 4-85(2)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

Second Reading Of Bill 4-85(2): Legislative Assembly And Executive Council Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 4-85(2), An Act Respecting the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to revise and consolidate the present provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act, to rename it as the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act; to provide for place and time of sessions; to establish the Executive Council and the responsibility of the Executive Council and its Members for the executive government of the Northwest Territories; and to make consequential amendments to the Controverted Elections Act, Elections Act, 1978, and Interpretation Act.

MR. SPEAKER: To the principle of the bill. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 4-85(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 5-85(2) today which I gave notice of yesterday for Wednesday really.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there two nays? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Second Reading Of Bill 5-85(2): Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 5-85(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act to provide that Members since October 1, 1979 are entitled to allowances based on service since July 4, 1967; to reduce the amount of service needed by a Member as Speaker, deputy speaker or Minister to be eligible for an allowance; to include the service as a deputy chairperson of the committee of the whole or a chairperson of a standing committee of the Legislative Assembly in section 12; to provide for auditing of the financial statements of the fund; and to make amendments consequential to the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the principle of the bill. Ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 5-85(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, will you see that Bill 1-85(2), Bill 4-85(2) and Bill 5-85(2) are entered into the orders of the day? Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. It was to be the first order of business today; the appearance of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut witness. The witness is not in town and that will be done tomorrow. We will then resolve into committee of the whole for the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing; Bill 6-85(2), Bill 10-85(2), Bill 11-85(2), Bill 1-85(2), Bill 4-85(2) and Bill 5-85(2), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. We are on the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing. We are dealing with it recommendation by recommendation and we are on number one, implementation. General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to thank the co-chairman of the housing committee for clarifying the role of alternate Members. I think the Member's remarks yesterday probably were based on lack of knowledge and I understand he had an attack of gout. But as alternate Members we have worked hard. I think we have a good knowledge of this report and we are prepared to answer any intelligent questions. If yesterdays questions were any indication, we probably will not have that much to do. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation one. General comments. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you. I would like to support the Member for Yellowknife North, I believe he is the alternate Member. I am not quite sure but in order to clarify that I would like to introduce a very short motion which I would like the Members to very carefully listen to so that there will not be any further confusion as to what is happening here.

Whereas there is a great deal of confusion surrounding the roles of co-chairman and alternate Members of the special committee on housing; and whereas some alternate Members are desirous of speaking on behalf of the committee; and whereas this House would never want to limit any Members alternate or not, from speaking their minds; and whereas there has arisen a need for an alternate co-spokesman or co-alternate spokesman; now therefore, I move that Mr. Ballantyne be appointed as co-co-chairman of the special committee on housing effective immediately.

---Laughter

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. The motion is out of order. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I was speaking to the motion. I am sorry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I appreciate that motion and because of that motion I too have a motion. I move that in recognition of Mr. Curley's tremendous contribution to the disintegration of my happiness, that Mr. Tagak Curley be appointed as the NWT ambassador to Zimbabwe.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): That is also out of order.

---Laughter

Let's have some order here please. We are on recommendation one. Implementation. Mr. Richard.

Further Discussion On Recommendation One

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we could get back to the report. The concerns of some of the Members of the Executive Council who spoke yesterday on this recommendation, Mr. Chairman, I feel are not in place here. This wording may be different when it talks about an implementation review committee. Surely the intent of this first recommendation is to extend the mandate, the time that the special committee on housing is to consider the topic of housing in the Territories. The other intent is to reduce the membership of that committee, considering that item, from 10 down to two. I have no difficulty with what I see as the intent of this particular recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, certainly we have had experience with intents of the agreement before. The implementation committee is asking to "have unimpeded and prompt access" and this "unimpeded" certainly is a little more than the other general caveats that are put on other committees to do their work which is documents necessary to carry out the committee work.

What is happening here is that within the recommendations there is reference to the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Social Services, not only to the Housing department. I would assume that certain things are referred to other departments indirectly, so I have a bit of concern with "shall have unimpeded and prompt access to all documents and papers". I feel that perhaps rather than rely on the intent maybe the Housing can put that more in relationship to the wording for other committees that function. Thank you.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just a point that I think needs clarification at some time, and maybe it is something that the Clerk and yourself, as chairman, ought to review. That is, I believe that once a report is placed before the House and has received approval, there is no committee. There is no particular special committee, with the exception of a motion being introduced in the House to extend the life of a committee. The approval of the recommendations themselves, as I indicated, end the life of any special committee.

That is not to suggest though, that there could not be another mechanism to be utilized for ongoing consultation. But consultation itself is really a matter -- I believe, and that was raised yesterday -- that should be through questions of Members in the House as to what has been done with the recommendations, the manner in which they are being dealt with. I believe that all we have to do is go back to the case of the special committee on education, where they recommended an internal, administrative monitoring task force, so that those departments that were associated with the report were able to identify any of the responsibilities that were associated with the special committee on education. Then an additional report was placed before this House, indicating what departments would take responsibility for certain areas of education and certain areas of training. On the recommendation that is being proposed, without the acceptance of the recommendation, the reality is that no committee continues to exist, as well. So, I guess one has to wonder about the mandate, one has to wonder about the recommendation in the context of recommending government responsibility or a method by which you identify administrative responsibility, in carrying out the implementation of the recommendation in the report. That in itself, is something that has to be clarified.

I believe that the recommendation itself leaves open the notion that there is a Minister responsible for implementation and answerable to the House, and that in itself is something that one has to clarify and as well, that the intent is not to undermine the responsibility of the Minister, as opposed to being supportive in creating a mechanism that supports the Minister.

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

#### Particular Attention To A Priority

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to speak in support of recommendation one. I think that the intent of this recommendation is indeed to lend all the support the committee could lend to the Minister, in implementation. I notice Mr. Curley's comments yesterday, that the role of an MLA in general is to watch out for what the government is doing, and he went on to mention that he felt that it was improper for MLAs to be engaged -- I forget his wording, but something about the -- in a paid position. That is certainly not the intent of it, and whereas I agree with Mr. Curley's comments on the role of the MLA, I do not think that, in any way, prevents this House from requesting two particular MLAs to pay particular attention to one certain aspect.

The community hearings that the committee undertook are well-documented. The people of the Northwest Territories requested us to have housing made a priority of this government, and the Executive has responded admirably well to this. It is indeed today, a very high priority, if not the priority of the government. We all appreciate that, but I certainly do not think that it is improper, in view of the high priority, that two MLAs are assigned the specific task in addition to the role that we all have, to pay particular attention to the implementation of something with a priority as high as housing. I support recommendation one.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think the concern here, and I understand where the Ministers are coming from, and I understand their concerns, but the emphasis of our committee is not to have this report sitting on a shelf for two years and gathering dust. The feeling of the committee, a very strong feeling, starting from when Mr. Pudluk first made the motion, 16 or 17 months ago that we did not want to do the same thing that has happened too many times in the past. A lot of money is spent, a lot of work and nothing happens. So, our feeling was that it is important to maintain, at least, a part of this committee to act as a watchdog, as Mr. Pedersen said, and also to monitor some of the information we have not got.

We have not got the five year capital plan, and we have not got the review of the rental scale. There is still more work to be done in the area of user-pay. The feeling here is this committee has gained a lot of expertise over the course of their travels, and we thought it important that our two co-chairmen continue to represent us during the life of this Assembly to ensure that this report on housing does not go to the back burner where it has been for too many years. Thank you.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No quarrels with that at all, in understanding the committee's wish, the political committee of the Legislature wishing to see that all of its recommendations are implemented. But, I think the Members will soon realize that whatever the committee requested in the past, you know, they have not received it, not because the government had not wished to release the information, but the fact that there are implications to the federal government in terms of programs and funding public housing in the Northwest Territories. That has been part of the predicament I think we are all faced with. I think the government will continue to try to improve that financial aspect of the public housing in the Northwest Territories with the federal government, and I am impressed with the Minister in his contacts with the federal Minister responsible for CMHC. There are ongoing discussions.

#### Government Approval And Policy For Implementation

But what I do not understand is that the committee, after having spending public money, inquiring and receiving viewpoints from the public, after concluding its report, now wish to spend more money in monitoring recommendations. Come on, you know, you have got to be more serious than that, because I tell you this. You will soon find out that a recommendation cannot be implemented unless it has received government approval, and then in turn, translated into policy. So, who are you



going to push? Are you going to be carrying your shotgun to the Housing Corporation president and the board of directors and attempt to see that they implement your recommendation without prior analytical review of the financial implications because it is going to take a bit of time?

What I am trying to get to you is that when I made recommendations in the House when the co-chairman was the Minister responsible, with the suggested rental scale, three years ago -- not once did he respond. So he knows how hard it is sometimes to put recommendations of this House into policy because I do not believe your recommendations are more important than any other recommendations that come through this House. I think all recommendations that come through this House, from Members' motions, are equally important. Right? They are equally important. So what I am trying to say to you, if you want the role of the government, maybe a Member should resign and therefore we will quickly appoint him as the president of the Housing Corporation so that he can be in charge of implementing government policies that have been accepted with your recommendation. That way I think he would be justified in receiving public expense moneys for carrying out his role. We really do not know what you are going to be paid for and where from, whether it be from the Legislature, to be in charge of the implementation of government programs, whether your expenses would come from the government, or the Housing Corporation itself. I think you should explain to us what that is going to mean in terms of additional money needed for the special committee. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I spoke on this yesterday and I will not say much more except to respond to a comment that was just made by the Member for Yellowknife North. In his comments he said that -- I paraphrase but basically, that we have seen too many instances in the past where these reports have gathered dust and nothing has been done. The implication is therefore that this one is going to be treated the same way and as the Minister I am going to do the same thing. I am rather surprised that they were even thinking that, after the quick response that we made to their interim report. Under no circumstance is the report going to sit and gather dust. Under no circumstance is nothing going to be done. I can assure you that lots is going to be done and that I will report to the House on the implementation of those recommendations. I just wanted to dispel any notion or thoughts or any ideas that are thrown out without much thought that nothing is going to happen. There is going to be a lot happening in the near future.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it was my understanding when we came in here that we were going to get comments made about various recommendations, that there would be nothing done to the recommendations, that we would get comments on it and then move on to the next one. It seems to me that we should have had enough of this first recommendation as to what will go on after it, there are about 20 to 25 recommendations that involve the federal government. Many of the recommendations are not going to cost a cent to do and they simply direct the territorial Housing Corporation to improve program delivery.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Pay the rent.

MR. McCALLUM: Will you keep quiet while I'm talking for a change? If you want to talk, speak up. Turkey! We have heard enough of this recommendation one and we have a couple of people who are trying to flog a dead horse and if not dead, well, it's headed for the glue factory quick. Why do we not take the comments that these people have and move on to the next recommendation, otherwise we are going to be here...

---Applause

MR. BALLANTYNE: Solidarity forever.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Are there any more comments on recommendation one? Mr. Patterson.

Support Staff

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I just have one question of clarification. Is it intended that the staff of the special committee on housing would continue and that they would be support to this implementation committee?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we do not contemplate having anybody. We have a person on contract with it. We use other people who are employees of the Legislature; that is the people that we have on staff. We have a person on contract now, one seconded from another government position and we use people within the Legislative Assembly staff, the Clerk's office. If there is a need to use somebody from the Legislative Assembly's office, we will have to use them. We have no other recourse for clerical staff. The person who is seconded, it is my understanding that he goes back to where they came from.

Once the committee has finished its business, I agree with the comments of the Leader, when the report has been approved, then the committee is gone. We have made an agreement that we are not going to get any kind of approval until the fall -- that is the agreement that I understood -- when you people were going to come back to us and tell us what you have done. That is when I think the committee stops functioning. I do not know what else to add.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Recommendation one. Are there any more comments? Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I have a procedural question to the Clerk of the House. On recommendation one, with this wording of the recommendation, could the Clerk of the House indicate to us whether or not in fact they are in order? In fact many of the recommendations direct the governments or various agencies rather than recommend to appropriate agencies for action.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Curley. The Clerk of the House does not answer questions in the House and there is no motion on the floor. The Clerk cannot say whether or not there is procedure here. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to suggest a process by which we might move along more quickly than has been occurring over the last two days. I think that Members will not wish to speak to each of the 82 recommendations, so now that we have concluded with recommendation one, it might be just as well to ask, "Which next recommendation, in ascending order Members wish to comment or question?" So we might be able to skip a number as we go along.

#### Rental Programs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are on rental programs. Recommendation two. Any questions? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a question of Mr. McLaughlin. The committee thinks that in all negotiations with the federal government that a point should be made. We had some problem finding the raw data to make our point. I think that the Minister of Education can make this point or Mr. Wray for Highways but for any number of areas we do not have a good data base to explain to the federal government that we do have a major poverty area in the North. I just wondered if the Minister of Health and Social Services can see a way of taking on this responsibility.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think my department, with people in the field in Social Services in nearly all the communities, is obviously the department that would be best to oversee an inquiry, or do it themselves, independent or not. All I can say is that once the Executive has dealt with this they give my department the instruction to do it. I would say that we are capable of doing it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Rental programs. Recommendation two. General comments. Recommendation three. Recommendation four. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On recommendation three, I wonder if the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation could indicate how timely he could follow through on that particular recommendation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Before I answer that, Mr. Chairman, I have some comments of my own that I would like to make, which are relevant to Mr. Richard's question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

No Direction From Committee On Rental Scales

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The reason I did not want to answer first as Minister is because I have some comments to make as a Member. If there is one area of the report that disappoints me as an MLA, it is this area of the rental review. As an MLA probably the most consistent complaint and I know the committee's most consistent complaint was that of the rental scale; the fact that the rental scale was unfair, and it seems to discriminate. It does not seem to bear any relation to the type of housing, condition of housing, incomes, in other words, just the general rent charged was not very good.

On this one I really think that the committee has attempted to pass the buck back to the Housing Corporation because it is such a hot potato that they did not want to address it. I had hoped that the committee would have presented us with some very clear direction as to what they wanted in a rental scale. In fact I was hoping that they might have proposed an alternative rental scale because it is certainly something that I have been looking for. What they have done is they have passed it back to us and said, "Take the comments of...." This is where I start talking as a Minister now. What they have done is said "Take into account the comments of the committee and your rental scale review and come up with something." Well, the comments of the committee are the same comments that we have been hearing for years, that the rental scale is not very good. There is not much in those comments to make a new rental scale out of. We are doing a review of the existing rental scale. Therefore, I am to assume that the committee wants us to stay with the present rental scale which I am not particularly happy with. The problem is as a corporation and as a Minister we are just not quite sure on how to go about it because there have been some suggestions put out but some of them would require very tough political decisions to be made by this House. That is why I am disturbed about the fact that the committee has seemed to skip over probably one of the most -- certainly the issue where most numerous complaints have been received. I would hope it is because they, like us, do not really know what to do. Therefore, they have sort of put it back in our plate.

In terms of a review, we can complete the review very quickly. I have got to indicate to you that I am still not very happy, though, because it does not address the concerns that we have been hearing from the public. That is a problem. It means, therefore, that as a corporation either we are going to have to go with the same rental scale with a few minor variations or we are going to have to come up with an entirely new one by ourselves, and then bring it to this House for approval, or at least bring it to the MLAs for approval. I was hoping that the process could have been the other way, where the committee would come up with very specific recommendations on what they wanted.

If you look through the rental scale recommendations they are very broad. They are very general. They are not very helpful to us at all, to be quite honest with you. So those are my comments. They are mixed comments as a Member and as a Minister, Mr. Chairman. I hope you can appreciate it is sometimes hard for me to separate the two.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Rental programs. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the Minister is indicating that he personally, I take it, expected more direction on this topic. As I read the report I take it that that particular recommendation refers to a reference on page 42, to the Minister stating in this House that he had directed a comprehensive review of the rental scale with certain aims in mind. I have taken it from this report that was the review that the committee was referring to. This is June and I take it from Mr. McCallum's remarks earlier that these recommendations are not likely to be voted on individually this session. I simply was asking, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Wray could indicate when that review that he referred to in February might be completed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I took the portfolio, the first issue when I sat down with the corporation was about the rental scale. I said to them, "Look, would you review this rental scale to see if there is some way it can be simplified for people to understand but also

some way whereby people who happen to be working and making a living are not being penalized for the fact that they have to live in public housing because there is no other type of housing available? Whereas their next door neighbour who is on welfare with the same house maybe even in better shape is paying next to nothing, because there is a real imbalance in the communities." I know personally and I have known personally of people who have quit their jobs because it became almost worthless for them to work because so much of their wages was going toward rent. The problem was and is, because of the fact that it is public housing, we have certain conditions imposed upon us through the National Housing Act in terms of what we charge and how we charge. The problem is that in order to make the kind of drastic change that I would like to make, I would have to get the federal government to amend the National Housing Act to make an exception for the NWT, for the very simple reason that only in the NWT do we have the problems that we have, in terms of people living in public housing who really should not be there. In the South these problems do not exist because there is alternate accommodation. But I directed them to try and at least simplify it.

That review has been undertaken. I understand regarding the facts, the corporation's thoughts on the rental scale presented to the special committee, from discussions with the special committee, that they were not particularly impressed with some of the information that was given to them. And I do not particularly blame them because it is still a complicated issue. I guess what I was hoping was that while we were doing this review and looking at how we could play things, perhaps the special committee would come back with maybe another rental scale that they thought might work, but which would have the political backing of this House and the committee to put it into effect. There are two or three things that could be done. But that has not happened.

#### Two Choices For Minister

I now have two choices. I either have to come up with a new rental scale, have it approved by the board of directors, by the Executive and bring it to the MLAs to get approval of the House, because a major policy thrust like this would have far-reaching political ramifications on every Member of this House. It would only be natural that I would have to come through the MLAs, because they are the ones in the end who would have to defend it in their communities. Or we go with the existing rental scale with some of the modifications that we are proposing. So the review has been completed. I am just saying that I am just not happy. That's all. I am not happy with what the special committee has done and I am not particularly happy with what the corporation has done. So, maybe I am going to have to do it myself. That is all I am saying and I was hoping that the committee would have done it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Rental programs. Recommendation three. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As has been indicated this is one of the most consistent concerns that the committee has heard across the Territories. If we did not hear it we have received, as I am sure other Members have received, letters from individual people or from housing associations in other communities, that the present rental scale or system is inequitable. The Minister, Mr. Wray, has indicated that this is a rent to income scheme because of CMHC money, which of course is correct. The more money that comes into the unit being leased, the more rent has to be paid. That is no different anywhere else in Canada, except for the percentage that the corporation or the government has been able to work out with CMHC. CMHC say across the country that it should be in the vicinity of 30 to 35 per cent, whereas here in the Territories, it is somewhere around 25 per cent, but that does not mean that CMHC does not have to be paid the rest of it.

The business of this kind of rent to income discourages employment by individuals. If you are unemployed, you do not have to pay as much rent, if you are employed you have to pay 25 per cent of whatever it is, depending upon the zone. There are so many variables that have to be taken into account. I guess it would have been very nice, had we been able to, as a committee, to come up with a rental scheme or scale that met the concerns being expressed. However, that would have required the special committee having a great deal more staff on hand than we did. We did not have the staff.

The Housing Corporation made a presentation to us and Members can see, without my reading to you, on pages 42, 43 and 44 of this report, exactly what was given to us; the various factors that are involved, the options that could have been given to us, the revisions that could have been made.

We commented on them back and forth, the result being that we point out in this, if you like, preamble to the particular recommendation, just what is going on. I do not think that it is well-known that, in the North, the personal income of a great number of particular jobs or professions is less than it is outside, and yet we live in a high cost area, the cost of living is very high. But we have the facts and figures and we have put them in here to show you just what the problem is.

#### Rent To Income Causes Difficulties In The North

We believe that there has to be a better look at what is going to make up the rental scale, what factors are going to be used. We have to have some kind of better system that, in point of fact, Mr. Chairman, even though we are tied with CMHC, has to be changed from rent to income. That basic philosophy has to change somewhat or a recognition of it has to change for the Northwest Territories. There has to be some recognition of the fact that there are extenuating circumstances in the Northwest Territories.

For example, we have other government departments and possibly government in total, saying that people want to continue extended family situations or way of life and remain within a community. If I am married and I have two or three children who come in to live in my house, if I am working, my wife is working and my two sons and a daughter are working, my income comes high. Therefore the rent goes up. It is that kind of situation because there is no other place to live in most communities. It is the philosophy of rent to income that causes the greatest degree of difficulty with people in the Northwest Territories.

People in the Northwest Territories, in the smaller communities, do not understand and cannot accept the fact that the more money they make, the more rent they should be paying for their unit. Whereas if I were renting a unit to another individual, I would rent that unit for X amount of dollars, that is not the way it is with public housing. You do not enter into a lease agreement. You enter into an agreement that has as its primary principle, rent to income, which means that the more income, the more rent. That is the difficult part of it in the Territories.

It would have been very easy, I guess, for the committee to say, as I am sure the Minister would like to be able to say, "Okay, there is the maximum amount of dollars that we are going to charge per unit, depending upon where you live, depending upon the number of children or dependants you have." But there are other factors being put into the mix, and as a result, we make our comments about the rental scale and indicate that people are still not satisfied with it. The corporation has the wherewithal, they have had the experience, to bring something forward to us, not to this special committee but to the Assembly dealing with it. I do not know what else we could have done.

We have some concern with the kinds of objectives that the Housing Corporation tries to achieve through its rent scale as presented to us: the stimulation of the private rental market making suitable, affordable rental housing available to all residents with need, all the way down through the business of pay shelter subsidies, that rent should reflect the size and condition of the unit, and of course, that the rent should be simple. The more factors that you put in the mix, the less simple it is going to be. All we are saying is to the corporation or to the government, if you accept it, go back over it again and come up with it. Everybody is not going to be satisfied with it, but something better has got to come about. I think we are looking at the same thing as the Minister has indicated. We do not have the wherewithal, we do not have the expertise -- or we did not have it at our command, to do that. The Minister may express his dismay about it, I guess it could be expressed of the corporation by a number of people, the dismay that a lot of people have, that the corporation has not come up with something else better.

Obviously it is because of the tie-in of the funding and it's adherence to the philosophy of rent to income. That may work outside, but it does not work here, given that we live in a high cost of living part of Canada, if not the highest. Those are my only comments, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the Member's comments, because it does clarify for me some problems that I have because I suppose I had hoped that the committee would address the philosophy of rent in the Northwest Territories. Should it be rent to income, or should we admit that the Housing Corporation will have to subsidize other government departments and the cost of living? If that is the case, then obviously, there is an understanding that there is a price tag. That price tag, as you know, is right now paid for in our territorial housing allowance that we apply to rents recognizing these high cost factors.

### Increase In Home-Ownership Funding

I guess what I was trying to get from the committee is, do they want us to continue in that vein or do they want us to take a hard line on rent to income? I was hoping that perhaps it might come up with a recommendation that could say that, in two to three years, the home-ownership budget should be increased so that we can bring in an income ceiling and that anybody who makes over so much money a year, will not be allowed access to public housing, but must utilize, say, the home-ownership program. I think the way I am going to try and beat this problem, is to get an increase of funding in home-ownership through sharing of costs with the federal government. So I could go to a community and we can look at the income statements of all the families and say, "Okay, there are seven families in this community who are earning more than \$30,000 a year or \$25,000 a year. They will have to go into home-ownership and take their own houses because they are making too much money to live in public housing."

I think if you sit down with those families and explain to them the benefit of paying \$400 or \$500 a month for their own house, as opposed to paying \$400 to \$500 a month for a public house, then they will understand that they are much better off putting those high rents into their own homes because at least they are getting some form of equity back that they are not getting when they are renting a public house. But until such time as the funding is there and we can offer those units to the people that we want to get out of public housing, then that is obviously not the answer. I think it is going to take two or three years to build up the home-ownership number of units to be able to do that. I think ultimately that this Legislature and the corporation are going to have to acknowledge that at some point in time, we are going to have to introduce an income ceiling for people in public housing. That really is the only way to eliminate the problem of the rent to income scale of rents.

In the meantime I guess we are just going to have to play around to see what we can do but I am not particularly hopeful in something being done in the near future because it almost seems to be an impossible problem to try and correct. There are too many factors involved and too many actors in the game and too many different situations, to come up with one policy which is going to address everybody's needs. However, in the fall when I make my report on how we are getting on with the recommendations and what we are proposing, we will see what comes out of it there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MCCALLUM: Just a final comment. I do not want to insult anybody's intelligence by reading out of the report but after we looked at the review and the presentation made by the vice-president of programs to the committee, we noted on the selected socio-economic objectives that were presented, that not all of them are given the same weight. It is in the bottom paragraph on page 43 and I do not want to read it because everybody can read it and it carries on into page 44. We responded to those particular things that were told to us but we have decided and I think the Housing Corporation notes that you cannot get obvious conclusions since "objectives are neither weighted, valued in differentiation nor indexed in their relative cost-effectiveness". You bring in all these particular factors to it and you make it more confusing. Your vice-president indicated to us that when we try to make something simplistic, the more equitable we try to become, the bigger the maze that comes through it. So then we recognize that there have been difficulties with your people there and if you have difficulties, then we knew that we were going to have difficulties too because we were not geared to do that.

I simply suggest to you that there has to be something done, there has to be a realization, it may be along the lines that the Minister has said, but something has to come up that is going to try to equate everything. I still say the biggest deal is this rent to income hassle that we have.

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

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The committee will come to order. Recommendation three. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a short comment to make. I want to clear up one thing. This committee never had a mandate to come up with a new rental scale. Obviously our mandate was much wider than that. We dealt with dozens of issues and we reviewed with the Housing Corporation, their rental

review. I have the minutes of the meeting here of about 40 pages of discussion. We gave recommendations. We have not seen if they have actually adjusted their tentative rental scale because of our recommendations. Obviously the revising and the creation of a new rental scale is the responsibility of the Housing Corporation. Our committee spent hours and hours discussing rental scales with people, discussing the problems. I think we have capsulized most of our concerns and considerations in the interim report and in this report, but I think that it is obviously the responsibility of the Minister responsible for Housing and that with access to federal information, with access to other information we do not have, they should really put it together. We are prepared to assist in any way we can.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo. Rental programs.

#### Recommendations Based On Discrepancies In Rents

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we toured the communities, I began hearing in the Baffin Region problems with respect to rental scales. This was one problem that was posed to us as a major problem in the Baffin Region. The main thrust of the problem seemed to be that there was an inequality of the houses and the rent being charged, that those who lived in better conditions were paying an equivalent amount. The problem was also that in a household there would be a number of wage earners and they were all taken into account and the people expressed their unhappiness. So these were brought up as problems as we visited the communities. After the tours there were more discussions on this topic. People had become aware, as we were in communities to listen.

As a result of hearing these various problems we made our recommendations and these recommendations are there because they were requested, in effect. I am very much concerned about the rental programs because there are discrepancies among users in the Baffin Region. We found also that there were also discrepancies between the regions, the Baffin and Central Arctic for example. For those who are employed in the Baffin Region, they have to pay \$300 for rent. We went to the Central Arctic and we found that the maximum rent was a little over \$200. We felt that there should be more equality among the users. I feel that it is important that we come up with some kind of solution so that we can act upon these problems that were posed to us. I will end my comments for now. This is the reason why we have the recommendations as they are. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILUO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My constituents that I have met with, as I tour, made it quite apparent -- I was very glad that the special committee on housing was able to visit these communities. The constituents I continue to meet with are very curious and wish to know the progress of the special committee on housing and what the situation is with the recommendations. One of the two main problems that I became aware of from my constituents is the problem of the rental programs because there are such discrepancies among the rental scales because usually everybody pays 25 per cent of their income. If the whole household are all wage earners, they are all asked to pay 25 per cent. So the special committee on housing are making the recommendations to the government to try to rectify this by way of assistance, by funding. I expect to see something good come of this. The Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation was being asked questions about these when I felt that they were not in his hands, they were not his recommendations. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation three, rental programs. General comments. Recommendation four, rental programs. Any comments? Mr. McCallum.

#### Recommendation On GNWT Staff Housing

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to note for the committee's sake that though this may seem to belong in the section dealing with Government of the NWT staff housing, we felt that it was an issue that should be included in the Housing Corporation review of the rental scale. Because of the comments we heard as we travelled around, people in many communities have difficulty in understanding how their rent can be charged at a comparable rate to a government staff house that, in many instances, is better maintained because of different problems with maintenance and that seemingly are larger and better built. We heard this comment many times and so we felt it was important enough to put in this recommendation so that the Ministers responsible for Personnel as well as Housing, would take a look at it, and get together interdepartmentally to talk about staff

and public housing, allocations and rents. Now sometimes staff housing is non-existent because public housing is the only option. We go into greater detail when we get the GNWT staff housing. But I just want to note for the committee's sake that we felt it important enough to mention here at that time and that is why we asked for the setting up of this particular interdepartmental review. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Recommendation four. Any comments? Recommendation five. Any comments? Recommendation six. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, on these next two recommendations. There is a user-pay program in effect, and I recognize that a motion I think it was by yourself, Mr. Chairman, at the last session, indicated that we wanted the government to establish an equitable user-pay program because the previous one was not. Any user-pay system that would be developed for utilities should be part and parcel of a comprehensive energy conservation program. I think what we are trying to do is to make sure that for any principles used to establish such a program tenants should be able to understand the program, so that they would have some motivation to conserve energy. We do not believe that a user-pay policy does anything about conservation, because it is a penalty. We would rather put the emphasis on the other syllable, if you like, so that instead of penalizing people for doing something we would give them a positive reaction for not using as much. Rather than penalize them for using over and above an amount that there would be some mechanism developed that would reward them if they conserve the amount of energy they are using. I think that is the rationale behind these two particular recommendations. We say for this user-pay program which should be developed or the present one reviewed, that you want to make it part of an energy conservation program which is contained in the fifth recommendation. The sixth is taking, we believe, a more positive attitude toward energy conservation, which in our view means conserving energy, not using as much. I just want to make those comments about those recommendations, Mr. Chairman.

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

#### Benefits Will Accrue To Housing Associations And Government

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one very quick comment. The user-pay program as approved by this House is not intended as a penalty type of program. In fact, there are going to be benefits, which although they do not accrue to the individuals, accrue to the housing associations and accrue to the government as a whole. So the user-pay is not intended as a penalizing system. There are benefits and the benefits are going to go to the local bodies and to the government and not to the individuals because it is the government and the housing associations that are paying for the fuel.

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the tabled document I tabled today. I was going to ask about it tomorrow but I think I am going to ask my question today. I think tenants in some of the communities have not signed customer service orders. Does that mean their power will be automatically disconnected? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The tenant will be given a form and asked to sign it. If the tenant refuses to sign the form, then yes, his power will be disconnected.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Recommendation five. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) I am sorry but I have another question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. It does not have anything to do with the recommendation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is it agreed with the committee that Mr. Paniloo goes ahead with his question? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Paniloo.



MR. PANILOO: (Translation) The Minister stated that the power would be cut off if they refused to sign the CSO. Sometimes in our community of Clyde River when the people are out on the land or not using their houses, their windows are wrecked by kids, I guess. I would like to know when the power is cut off what they are supposed to do. What other means of power could they use?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

Authority Of Local Housing Associations

HON. GORDON WRAY: I will start at the end of the question first. First of all, in all likelihood they would not have to worry about using power because we would evict them from the house. Secondly, however, the local associations will have the control and the authority. Under no circumstances will anybody have their power cut off just because they happen to be on the land or because they are out of town. The only reason that we would cut power off is if somebody refused to sign. But if somebody is out on the land then obviously he is not there to sign it. It is not his fault. So there would be no power cut off in that instance. The associations will be allowed to use their intelligence in deciding these matters.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a problem I wanted to discuss regarding this recommendation. In the recommendation it mentions the information in the tabled document. If the person refusing to pay the power bill does not pay it within a month, he will be given only a month until his power is cut off. It does not seem to be directed toward the community people who are unemployed. When you are not employed you do not get too much income. I am not in favour of having the people who are not employed having their power cut off because they do not have any means or anyone to pay for their power bills. They are not getting any income. I am talking about the people who are not employed every day...

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MR. McCALLUM: Let's have a standing ovation.

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

Mr. Appaqaq, I believe you had a question.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry, I will not stop in the middle of nowhere. My concern was meaning the elderly in the communities. I do not think they were considered when they put together this part of the document. They are given a month to pay for their power bill and then their power will be cut off. Some people are unemployed and do not have any income to pay for this, for the power bills. So, I am concerned about those people who are not employed full-time. Thank you.

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

Social Assistance Recipients

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Mr. Appaqaq's question highlights what I said the other day about the misinformation surrounding this program. In the letter that was sent to the housing associations in the Baffin, there were eight points listed. Point five I will read for you. "If a tenant is receiving social assistance, then the tenant takes the bill to Social Services, who give him a cheque for his portion. The tenant then takes his cheque to the association who sends this portion and the rest of the bill to NCPC." Any unemployed or social assistance recipients will have their bill paid for them if they are unable to pay it. As regards to the elderly, they receive a form of social assistance in terms of the old age pension and supplementary pension, and this would apply to them also.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to clarify Moses Appaqaq's concern. Let's say this person is getting \$200 a month from Social Services, that is okay because they are going to get help from Social Services, but Moses Appaqaq is concerned about people who

are not dependent on welfare. Moses is also concerned about these people who, once in a while, get some help from Social Services. He is concerned about these people who are not dependent on welfare all the time. Thank you.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I can only repeat, Mr. Chairman, if the person is in receipt of some form of social assistance, whether it is part-time or full-time, his bill will be paid for him. If that person is not receiving social assistance, in fact is capable of surviving without social assistance, then he will have to pay. I do not think that it is too much to ask somebody to pay \$10 or \$15 a month. I do not know of anybody in the Eastern Arctic that could not afford to pay \$12 or \$15 a month.

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) I have a question on this topic of social assistance for the Minister of Social Services. If I was employed and I was late quite often and I was fired, does the Social Services policy state that if I was fired, that I would not be able to get any social assistance from Social Services? I think it would be more appropriate, as you stated, that they will get Social Services to pay for the bill. A younger person, after being fired from a job, cannot get any social assistance from Social Services. Is that the policy that you have at Social Services? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: In the case of unemployment insurance, I know that if a person is fired from the job or if they quit, the length of period you have to wait before you get unemployment insurance is longer than if they were laid off, for example. In the case of social assistance, I think that there is a time period, because the intent is to encourage people to remain employed. I will find out the answer to that exact period of time and get back to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. I would like to remind the Members that we are not in oral questions. We are dealing with the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing, and we wanted to get comments on each section. Can we keep to the comments and save the oral questions for tomorrow? We are on rental programs, recommendation five.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation six, rental programs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation seven, rental programs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

#### Home-Ownership Programs

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We go on to recommendation eight, home-ownership programs. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, this particular area has caused great concern. I know that it has caused concern for the corporation as well as for people who have applied for and received HAP, home assistance grants, because they used to be able to get some labour funding. Now, there has been a difficulty in obtaining that labour component and there does not seem to be a coming together in any way of the federal people here, as well as the territorial corporation. So what we are saying is that when the corporation puts out an information package on the home assistance program, that all aspects of what is available to people be included in it, so that there can be an awareness of people who apply for grants as to what is available to them. Because of the number of HAP grants that are given out district by district, district officials should be able to keep abreast of changes that go on and so inform people who apply for this, because there normally is a backlog of people applying for these grants. That is the rationale behind that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Recommendation eight. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: It stated at one point that in the allocation of these HAP homes that the Housing Corporation has set a minimum and maximum income level by region for prospective clients. Could I just ask what these are at the present time? Does the committee chairman have access to that information? On page 52 it indicates that for eligibility the Housing Corporation has minimum and maximum income levels for those who are applying for HAP homes and then there are other requirements. I am just asking at the present time, what are those minimums and maximums?

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

Income Levels Determining Eligibility For Grant

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Minister may be able to correct me if I say something wrong. It seems to me that what we have heard is that the maximum amount depends upon, in a number of cases, where the application comes from. That is, it may differ in terms of a community south of the lake as opposed to a community farther north. In some cases, if you make, say, \$35,000 or \$40,000 in a particular community, you are not eligible for it. However, it may be that in another community farther north such as Tuktoyaktuk, a person making \$40,000 to \$45,000 is not eligible for it. We have heard people tell us that in that particular community of Tuk, they had an income of \$40,000 to \$45,000 and they were refused a HAP grant. So I take it that there is a minimum and a maximum.

Now we have been told as well that there is no such thing but in effect that is the range that we have, that I know of. In other words, if you are living further north as it were, the maximum with which you could possibly get a HAP grant would be if you were making \$35,000 or \$40,000. If you are making more than that you could not. Now, that may seem to be a lot of money to allow a person to earn and still get this grant. But a person has to remember that in Tuk it would cost you about \$150,000 to put up a three or four bedroom home, with the cost of transportation and everything else. Even if you had a good down payment you would have to take on a considerable mortgage or the other avenues that are open for you to get that money, if you were to buy your own home and not get the grant. In some cases the grant could help you get that mortgage.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Wray, do you have anything to add?

HON. GORDON WRAY: No, Mr. Chairman. Quite frankly, I do not have the information. I did not come prepared to answer questions to be honest with you. I just do not have the information available to me right now.

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

Allocation On Basis Of Need

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just one more question with respect to the allocation for these HAP homes. I note that another requirement is on the basis of greatest need. Could I simply ask a Member of the committee who it is that actually makes the allocations? Is it the board of directors and on what basis? Do they get recommendations from the Housing Corporation staff? Was the committee satisfied with the administrative procedure that is in place for making the allocations, particularly as between regions as well as among individuals?

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think the accepted practice of the corporation is to set aside X amount of dollars for the home assistance program and then to take from district offices requests for this particular grant by different people. Those are then allocated to district offices based on the need that is expressed. As to who does that actual allocation, I do not know. There is some input obviously by individual MLAs in their own communities to the district office, because an individual MLA will get a request to help somebody else. As for the district then allocating them to particular communities in that district, I think that what occurs is that the district office tries to distribute X number of housing units amongst the communities that it has.

As to how well we are satisfied with that particular procedure, we felt that basically because there was a great demand for them, we wanted more of those units to meet that need. Some people have to wait, I think, three or four years to get it because a community may only be allocated

three units and there may be 12 or 13 people looking for them. So it takes that length of time to get caught up. It is done I think on a need basis as well but there is some difficulty determining who has the greatest need or even what community has the greatest need, when there is a range, minimum and maximum, as to how much money one family may or may not have in order to get it. I hope that answers the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: In a nutshell, we are not happy with the present allocation system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Recommendation eight. Recommendation nine. Recommendation 10. Recommendation 11. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am not too sure what "agreement" means first of all. I guess you are agreeing that there are no comments being made to them because I do not think that is what we decided. However, I appreciate what is going on.

In this particular recommendation because there are regional and district differences, or disparities, we acknowledge that these disparities exist. This recommendation may seem a little bit out of whack but we believe that there should be consistent eligibility criteria developed and we are not convinced as a committee that that is actually so, that it has been done. So, we are asking the corporation to develop consistent eligibility criteria for applicants for the home assistance programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. We are on recommendation 11. Are there any comments on recommendation 11?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Any comments on recommendation 12? I will just say that instead of "agreed", I will just say "comments", and if there are no comments, we will go on to the next one. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation 12, home-ownership programs. Comments? Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would not mind commenting if I had a copy of the special committee's report.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, we will just pause a minute here until Mr. Wah-Shee gets his special committee on housing report. Thank you. There was a little notice that was circulated that there is going to be a feast tomorrow. Any comments? Recommendation 13, home-ownership programs. Mr. McCallum.

Available To All Communities

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we are recommending that the home-ownership assistance program be available in all communities. Now, that includes Yellowknife. The reason for that is with the other programs, such as rural and remote which is a federal program, there are restrictions under it with CMHC for so-called urban people who live in Yellowknife, simply because they live there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, it is very interesting to hear that remark, because as far as the federal program is concerned, my understanding was that Members from Yellowknife and the West were saying that it should be 90 per cent for the West and 10 per cent for this side. I do not know whether that is discrimination or not or fair, but now as far as the territorial program is concerned, it should be wide open. So, there has to be proper reasoning for balancing these inequities. Could the co-co-chairman explain the rationale behind this thing? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Wray. Recommendation 13.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will just make one brief comment on recommendation 13. The home-ownership program is now available in Detah and Lot 500 and has been. For the rest of the city of Yellowknife -- I should point out that one of the criteria of the home-ownership program, is that the applicant will be able to provide his own land. In the case of the city of Yellowknife, land costs there are between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a lot. Any person capable of affording the purchase of that lot, or providing that lot, would not be eligible for the home-ownership program, because obviously their income level is in excess of what the home-ownership program is there for.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I will take the first first and the last last. In relation to Mr. Curley's remarks. The HAP program is open now to everybody in the NWT, save for people who live in the city of Yellowknife. Everybody has a crack at it, to put an application in. So it is there all the way across. We are talking about eligibility to make an application for it. In relation to the last, the criteria do not just mean that you are able to purchase it, but in the city of Yellowknife you may be able to lease it, if you get into an arrangement that way. If you can lease it and not have to buy it, that is part of the criteria as well. I know it is. So we are saying that it should be made available to people no matter where they live in the NWT and not just to restrict one person, one group of people in one community.

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

Request For HAP Homes In Yellowknife

MR. BALLANTYNE: I personally have five people asking about HAP in Yellowknife. Four of them were native people and their concern was because they decided to move to Yellowknife, they do not get the same benefits that other people get throughout the Territories. I think there is a possibility of one of our later recommendations when we are asking the Department of Local Government to provide more flexibility in their financial arrangement with the city, so that it might be possible for the city to have somebody pay for a lot over a period of time. With the local improvement program that we had at one time -- you only have to pay \$6000 down or something and the rest at a future date. So we are just asking the Minister to see if the HAP program can be modified to accommodate those people who cannot afford to build a new home, who cannot afford to rent out an apartment -- if they can find an apartment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I have one problem with some of the comments that have been made by the co-chairman and by the Member for Yellowknife North. There are some indigenous people and there are some native people who are worried that, because they moved to Yellowknife, they will be discriminated against. The home-ownership program is not geared toward any specific ethnic group. The home-ownership program is available for everybody in the NWT and if it was to be extended to Yellowknife it would not only be extended to just the native people, it would have to be extended to the entire community of Yellowknife. We are talking about a lot of HAP units, probably, in Yellowknife. If land was secured for minimal cost, I would suspect that we could see almost the entire HAP applications from the West ending up in Yellowknife. So, obviously, it is something that we are going to have to look at very closely.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I recognize that there are people who would need the program. I did not mention race. I said that four of the five people that talked to me happened to be native people. I spoke of people who could not afford housing or could not afford apartments. I was talking about income levels and not race at all. Obviously there has to be some balance and fairness and I think that the limitations of that cost of land will really limit it in Yellowknife in reality. If in fact there seems to be a lot more applications that seems fair, some adjustment would be made. We are not saying that Yellowknife should get all the HAP houses in the West. We are saying they should be considered for at least some because we are getting none right now.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it is just that I believe that we talk about inequities but it must be realized that if the housing committee had done their historic review of the formation of various housing programs -- it has only been in the last, I believe, three years that the HAP unit was even put into any of the arctic communities. And previous to that there were other programs such as SSHAG which we were never able to have an opportunity to tap into. Subsequently, as I am sure the housing committee would note with all the travels, there are very few home-owners in the arctic communities.

Although I sympathize with some of the comments, I always feel that Yellowknife is so close to the government that a lot of times the added knowledge and easy access to government support to get things for the community is much more profound there. So that is a bit of an equity if you really look at it.

There have been many, many programs that have never been available in the far arctic communities. It has been only in the last three years that we have been able to tap into them. I think that we should try to do our best in terms of providing housing to all the communities but I feel that if inequities have to be discussed in terms of home-ownership then we should look at really where the applicants were and the units were put in the past. We should do our best but I feel that perhaps in addressing Yellowknife's concern maybe they have a different level of need and that should be addressed as well. Thank you.

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

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would be remiss if I did not attempt to clarify and correct the honourable Member. If the honourable Member will open her book on page 53 and read the historical information that has been put there, she will note that the third paragraph states "It was not until 1983 that HAP units were allocated to communities outside the Mackenzie Valley, for example, in Holman Island and Paulatuk", and in 1984 to other places. So to say that the committee has not done its research work is totally erroneous.

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

Units Not Meeting City Of Yellowknife Standards

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Talking about Yellowknife and HAP just reminded me of a little anecdote and this is where I get my shot at the city of Yellowknife, not at the Members. But in the one instance that we tried to put a HAP unit into Rainbow Valley on Lot 500, the city of Yellowknife would not allow us to do it because it was not good enough for them. The water and sewer tanks were not big enough so we had to do major design changes to accommodate the city's interests and we almost lost that unit.

A house that is acceptable everywhere else in the arctic is not acceptable to the city of Yellowknife. If we are going to run into those kinds of stumbling blocks obviously it drives the price of the unit up. Therefore, we cannot afford to pay attention to Yellowknife because we can take the same money and put it into other communities and get more houses out of it. We tried to put one into Yellowknife and I can tell you that the city of Yellowknife gave us an extremely difficult time about the unit, just because it did not happen to meet their specifications particularly on the water and sewer tank sizes. If they require us to build HAP units according to what they think houses should be built like, then it may be that there will never be HAP units built outside of Rainbow Valley in Yellowknife.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Wray is correct and I am working on that. Definitely what he said is true. It has been a problem and on one hand here I was pushing for these units and on the other hand the city was causing some roadblocks. Hopefully, we will get that problem solved, but it is a valid point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation 13, home-ownership. Any comments? Recommendation 14, home-ownership program. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Alternative Programs Needed For Yellowknife

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make a comment in regard to recommendation 13. I just want to make a point that there is a significant number of aboriginal people living in the city of Yellowknife, and they are not only from the Mackenzie Valley, but there are people of Inuit ancestry as well. I disagree with the comment made by the Minister of Housing that anyone who can afford a city lot of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 should be able to finance their own housing. I would like to state right now, that the majority of the native people that do live in the city of Yellowknife, and want to continue to live there, cannot afford those kinds of prices. However, I think if they did have a program that would be suitable to assist the native people -- then I think that they cannot use this as an incentive to build their own units. You know, the Minister is probably aware of the prices on the market for housing in the city. It is one of the highest in the Northwest Territories. But, I do not believe that we should deny the aboriginal people living in the city of Yellowknife the chance of purchasing their own homes.

So, I would suggest that perhaps we take a look at some other incentive that could be considered by the Housing Corporation in relation with probably the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, to look at a new program, because obviously, if the aboriginal people in the city of Yellowknife are prepared to put up more money as a down payment for their unit in comparison to other communities, then I think that there should be some programs that should be considered by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and also by the federal government for that matter.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to indicate to the Member that the Housing Corporation has tried repeatedly to have Yellowknife included in the rural and remote program. To this point, Canada Mortgage and Housing has refused to do so. However, I am meeting with the Minister of Housing in Calgary in July and I am going to make a personal request of him to include Yellowknife in the R and R program. I think it is just, and I hate to use the word, but Yellowknife is an anomaly, when you compare it to other major centres in southern Canada. Again, circumstances in the North do not fit, but, you know, my last line of communication is with the Minister and I will be making that request of him in July of this year, and he will either say yes or no. That is only one program, and I agree with the Member that we have to find alternatives for Yellowknife. I do not necessarily agree that HAP is a suitable alternative. There may be other alternatives that we have to look at. I am very nervous for one thing about on one hand, promoting private home-ownership, particularly in a community like Yellowknife that should be able to accommodate the private sector and private home-ownership, but on the other hand making programs available which might -- even though they would not -- maybe have the effect of nullifying any type of investment or any type of moves by the private sector to put homes into Yellowknife.

Yellowknife has to be considered very carefully because there are other forces at play in Yellowknife that are not present in other NWT communities. So, it is something that we have to approach with caution and with care. That is all I am saying. I am not ruling it out, but we just have to treat Yellowknife a little bit differently from other places because of the different circumstances that Yellowknife finds itself in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Recommendation 14, home-ownership program. Are there any comments?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Recommendation 15, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 16, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 17, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 18, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 19, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 20, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 21, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Mr. McCallum.

Funding For Co-operative Housing

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that at the present time CMHC does not contemplate providing any more co-operative housing money in the Northwest Territories. The last group to get funding will be the group that are putting a co-op program together in Fort Smith.

But we believe that there is a need for co-op program moneys in the Northwest Territories. There would be a continuing need and hence this recommendation. Now, I know it is to the CMHC, but I would hope that the Minister and the government would lend some backing to this so that we can try to sway or persuade the federal government to continue with the co-op housing because there are good examples of co-op programs that have some success in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Recommendation 22. Are there any comments? Mr. Richard.

Legislation To Permit Condominium Construction In NWT

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this recommendation is of particular interest to the constituents of Yellowknife. They have lobbied for this very technical piece of legislation from the federal government for some time over the last few years and we have asked Ministers in this House to lobby with the federal government as well. I understand, Mr. Chairman, from a recent conversation with deputy minister, Stien Lal, that officials from his department have very recently testified before the standing committee in Ottawa on this item. I simply wanted to compliment the government for participating in that process and hopefully speed it up. I know our federal Member of Parliament, Mr. Nickerson, is doing everything he can. But this is one recommendation that I believe the government and Executive Council are acting on already. Thank you.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: In the absence of the Government Leader, I wish to inform the House that when Mr. Nerysoo, Ms Cournoyea and I appeared before the standing committee on Indian affairs and northern development some two and a half months ago, the committee was advised of the urgent need for this legislation by the Government Leader.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: (Inaudible comment)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you then. Recommendation 22. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just as a comment, I do not know if it was announced in the House. I was talking to Keith Penner and he was telling me that there has been an all-party agreement with the committee on northern affairs to push it. Is that true, Mr. Nerysoo? That is how I understand it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had an opportunity to speak to Mr. Schellenberger who is the chairman of the standing committee on Indian and northern affairs. He indicated to me that there was a commitment and an agreement by all parties that they would proceed as quickly as possible to introduce the appropriate legislation to ensure that there was recognition of the Condominium Act. I am not at the moment sure -- maybe I ought to be getting in touch with Mr. Schellenberger, or I should say the Minister as well, as to where that particular legislation is. But there has been an all-party agreement and it is a matter now of them introducing the appropriate legislation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I believe also that the all-party agreement is not a matter of only introducing the legislation or recognition of the legislation, but of rushing it through the House as quickly as possible so that it could come into force very quickly. So that is basically what the agreement was.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Recommendation 22, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 23, home-ownership programs. Are there any comments? Okay, the next category is maintenance and repair programs. Mr. McCallum.

Maintenance And Repair Programs

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just a brief comment. We know that the territorial government has put forth a Treasury Board submission for this kind of funding, and we note that, in a supplementary estimate here, you have begun it. I think what we are trying to do here is to assist the



government and the corporation in trying to get this through, because we recognize that there is a need, and we do not want to see it just dropped simply because it has started. Those comments were made when we were talking in the finance committee meeting on the supplementary estimates.

But I would want to say as well, Mr. Chairman, that we know the reason for trying to get this funding, because in the visits to communities, we note that the government staff, DPW, were better equipped. They had the proper maintenance people, and in most cases the maintenance staff had fewer units to look after than did the housing associations. So, we are asking then to try to look at both situations, that the Minister because he has a responsibility for both DPW and housing, may be able to incorporate one with the other. But the proposal and the scheme that he has addressed in the supplementary estimates are the kinds of things that we see these recommendations enhancing. That is the reason for them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Maintenance and repair programs, does the committee agree that we go section by section? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, recommendation 24, maintenance and repair programs. Any comments? Recommendation 25, maintenance and repair programs. Are there any comments? Recommendation 26, maintenance and repair programs. Any comments? Mr. McCallum.

#### Local Contracts For Repair And Maintenance

MR. McCALLUM: Just on this one, Mr. Chairman, we had requests from people, or it could have been band councils or it could have been small development corporations in communities wondering how they could get into some arrangement with the repair programs. It may have been the local band council, it may have been another organization in the community who wanted to get started off in a business way. We felt that this may be an opportunity for them to get involved in here, whereby the Housing Corporation and, if you like, the Government of the Northwest Territories, would contract the repair and maintenance of units to some of these organizations in particular communities, especially where it is practical and where it is feasible to do so, so that there could be a means by which people could get employment and it could generate a little better feeling that the community is doing the work.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question I have for the co-chairman. In discussions that you had, did you consider in the recommendation that the contract itself not necessarily go to the band council but rather to an institution such as a construction company set out on behalf of the band council to take on those particular contracts? It would seem somewhat difficult, I guess, for the band council itself to get into the area of business without really incorporating appropriately as a business venture.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we heard all kinds of schemes that would come about -- that it could be an arm of the band council or the co-op; it could be an arm of the Metis Association; it could be anyone. But we also heard that the band would take it over because they had a development corporation. It would be, then, to the band but the responsibility then given to one arm of the larger organization. So, yes, there were all kinds of options that could be used. We are simply saying that where it is practical, where it is feasible and where it does some economic good for a community, then in that community, if the organization is in place, the government could consider contracting it out. It would be done under a contract drawn up. It would not just be given to them but it would be done properly so that it built up business.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Recommendation 26. Any comments? Recommendation 27. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the prime concerns that we found in the communities was that even where the Housing Corporation had northern rental units up for sale, they were in such bad condition that people did not want to buy them. And then if a northern rental unit is rehabbed it becomes public housing and people really cannot buy them. So one of the recommendations -- are you leaving? Gordon, I am asking you a question.

HON. GORDON WRAY: (Inaudible comment)

MR. BALLANTYNE: I want to know of the arrogance of the Minister. I know from discussions with the Minister that the Housing Corporation were looking at ways that some of these units could be repaired and then sold to the tenants at a nominal rate. I think, at one meeting, Gordon Wray said "I'd just as soon sell them for a dollar, just to get rid of them." But I wonder, could you give us a little update on the sort of things that would be possible so that these units could be upgraded with the piggyback concept that we outlined and then make them acceptable so the people will buy them?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. The Chair will now recognize the clock and will report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing and wishes to report progress.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

And, 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: Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek unanimous consent to go back to notices of motion.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Go ahead, Ms Cournoyea.

REVERT TO ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 5-85(2): Appointment To Nunavut Constitutional Forum

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: The motion reads: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that Ludy Pudluk, Member for High Arctic, be appointed to represent the interests of this Assembly on the Nunavut Constitutional Forum.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: You are giving notice that you would do that on Thursday, for the record.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Thursday the 13th, but at the appropriate time I would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with the motion today.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Unanimous consent is being requested to go back to Item 12, motions. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea, go ahead.

REVERT TO ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 5-85(2): Appointment To Nunavut Constitutional Forum, Carried

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Constitutional Alliance, composed of the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums, was formed in February of 1982;

AND WHEREAS the 10th Assembly appointed Ms Cournoyea and Mr. Patterson Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum;

AND WHEREAS a vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Mr. Patterson;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to have a balanced composition in the Nunavut Constitutional Forum;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Hudson Bay, that Ludy Pudluk, Member for High Arctic, be appointed to represent the interests of this Assembly on the Nunavut Constitutional Forum.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Go ahead, Ms Cournoyea.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea, do you wish to speak to it?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Recorded vote.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

Do I have unanimous consent to alter the sitting hours for tomorrow?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? It is my intention to set the hours 9:00 until 11:30 and 1:00 until 6:00 for tomorrow.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: 9:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER: It appears that 9:30 a.m. is more acceptable. Do you wish to go to 12:00 o'clock then? All right then, we shall sit, Mr. Clerk, 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 o'clock and 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be an NCF meeting this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the caucus room. Orders of the day for Wednesday, June 12th, at 9:30 a.m.

ITEM 19: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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19. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, June the 12th, at 9:30 a.m.

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