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THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1985

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Hon. Tagak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Richard, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): The committee will come to order. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: As some Members are leaving earlier than others today, I wonder if the order of business might be Bills 1-85(2) and 4-85(2) which have been put into the House by the Government Leader. Then following the completion of those bills we could pick up again with the housing report.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Does the committee agree that we will change the order to deal with Bill 1-85(2) and then Bill 4-85(2) and then go back to the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing and continue the order from there?

SOME HUN. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Nerysoo, Bill 1-85(2).

Bill 1-85(2), Interpretation Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill 1-85(2) is an act to amend the Interpretation Act. 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".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the standing committee on legislation saw this bill first of all, it was concerned lest it be an attempt to have departmental officials given the ability to try to determine how the public officers do the substantial part of their job. In other words the standing committee on legislation wanted to be sure that there was no such attempt as that, that public officers would be free to carry out their jobs under the terms of any legislation that establishes their position and the duties in their positions. We were assured by the government that that was not the intent and that in fact wherever public officers have legal or quasi-legal duties, that these are defined in legislation and that they cannot be superseded by administrative directions.

Nevertheless there was still a concern and so for greater certainty the government agreed that it would put a phrase into the bill which did not appear when the standing committee first saw it and that is in lines 10 and 11, the words "to carry out an administrative function". Those words now appear in the bill and Members, on having that included, appeared to be satisfied that they need not have the concern that was initially expressed. They were persuaded that that was the case. I think committee Members would just like it underlined that they absolutely do not want to see any situation where there might be substantial interference in the work of public officers. As I say, they felt that with the inclusion of this phrase that was safeguarded and so the committee agreed to recommend this bill to committee of the whole.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Bill 1-85(2). General comments. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not a Member of the standing committee on legislation but I also had some serious concerns about this particular bill. I think a lot of my concerns were answered but I have one question that I would like answered, that is whether or not this specific power of deputy minister exists in other jurisdictions.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No, I do not believe it does.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Then I am having problems with it again with the bill. Could perhaps the Minister explain to me why the situation here is so different from what it is in southern jurisdictions? And why are we as a government taking this step?

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

#### Relationship Between Deputy Ministers And Staff Clarified

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate why I said it did not exist. It does not exist in statute. It does exist in other pieces of direction and policy in other governments, I believe. The intent as I indicated is to clarify the responsibilities of the department head to give the particular staff that he has instructions, particularly as it relates to public officers who are appointed and really should be reporting to particular department heads. We want to clarify that very clearly so that there is no uncertainty about the responsibility of deputy ministers and the relationship between deputy ministers and staff, in particular, public officers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Is the committee ready to go clause by clause? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another general comment and I think it concerns me. I think the important thing that we have to deal with as a Legislature is not the intent because unfortunately human beings are the ones that carry out these intents. I am still not convinced that this legislation is clear enough. I can see that there is a possibility where it can be abused and I, for one, at this point will not be able to support it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. General comments. Is the committee ready to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 1, direction of department head. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 3, "Minister". Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 4, reference to "Executive Member". Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Does the committee agree that Bill 1-85(2) is now ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 4-85(2), Legislative Assembly And Executive Council Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Bill 4-85(2), An Act Respecting the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories. Mr. Nerysoo.

Opening Remarks

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This particular act is intended to revise and consolidate the present provisions of the Legislative Assembly Act; to rename it as the Legislative Assembly and the 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. It is also intended to allow for consequential amendments to the Controverted Elections Act, the Elections Act, 1978, and also the Interpretation Act.

Mr. Chairman, also we had the Management and Services Board involved along with the standing committee on legislation to review this particular document and really, in the case of the Management and Services Board, initially there were a number of amendments that were required upon their direction and certainly from recent decisions of this Assembly, to recognize the changes of indemnities, of the setting out of standing committees of this particular Legislature and to identify and legislate the existence of those particular standing committees, in particular the standing committees on finance and public affairs and the standing committee on legislation. So, for the first time they have been identified in legislation and are being recognized as a part of this particular Legislature.

Further, the point that I made about the recognition of the Executive Council is part of this particular legislation. For the first time in legislation we are recognizing the existence of the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories. It is recognizing the Government Leader, recognizing the Ministers, the matter of appointments as well as recognizing the responsibility of the Executive Council to establish committees of the Executive Council to aid and advise the executive government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. MacQuarrie, does your committee have any recommendations?

MR. MacQUARRIE: With this bill, Mr. Chairman, as with others that deal directly with the Legislative Assembly, they are reviewed in caucus although, yes, the standing committee did review this to make some recommendations to be considered by caucus. One particularly was to recommend an increase in the penalty for inexcusable absence from the Assembly and from committee functions. And that was accepted and incorporated. It is being reviewed by caucus and referred to the committee from there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to Members of the House that I will be introducing amendments in this particular bill with regard to renaming three constituencies; Deh Cho Gah, Kitikmeot East and Foxe Basin.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Management and Services Board also reviewed this bill quite extensively and made a number of recommendations to the Executive most of which were adopted. So from the Management and Services Board point of view, we are happy with the wording of this bill right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just on a point of order. In the process when I do come to changing names I believe that the individual Members from those particular ridings, with the exception of Deh Cho Gah as Mr. Sibbeston is not here at the moment, will introduce the appropriate amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Does the committee agree that we now go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 2, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 3, electoral districts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 4, warrant for issue of writ. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 5, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 6, quorum. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 7, ineligibility of Member. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 8, oath of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 9, resignation of seat. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 10, warrant for issue of writ. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 11, effect of vacancy. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 12, liability for acts done. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 13, protection of Members from actions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 14, protection of Members during session. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 15, exemption from jury service during session. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 16, duty to disclose interest and other conduct. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 17, controlling interest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 18, determination of a contravention. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 19, court procedure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 20, penalty. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 21, appeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 22, exception. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 23, entitlement to a day's indemnity or allowance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 24, Member's indemnity. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 25, indemnity of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, chairpersons and deputy chairpersons. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 26, indemnity for meetings, committees, assignments or duties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 27, indemnity for travel. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 28, indemnity for constituency work. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 29, in town living allowance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 30, travel entitlement during session. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 31, expenses of Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 32, telephone expenses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 33, constituency expenses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 34, reimbursement by a Member. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 35, Management and Services Board. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 36, quorum. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 37, powers of the Management and Services Board. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 38, power to establish committees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 39, Speaker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 40, Deputy Speaker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 41, deputy chairpersons. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 42, Acting Speaker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 43, validity of acts, orders and things. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 44, when Speaker may vote. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 45, other powers of Speaker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 46, administration of act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 47, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 48, office of the Legislative Assembly. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 49, appointment of Clerk. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 50, duties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 51, oath of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 52, estimates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 53, consolidated revenue fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 54, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 55, Executive Council. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 56, responsibility of Executive Council. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 57, Government Leader. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 58, Ministers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 59, additional departments or titles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 60, oath of allegiance and office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 61, responsibility of Minister. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 62, absence, incapacity or inability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 63, committees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 64, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 65, repeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 66, "electoral district". Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 67. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 68, "Executive Council". Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Schedule A. Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion To Delete "Deh Cho Gah" And Substitute "Nahendeh", Schedule A, Bill 4-85(2), Carried

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 4-85(2) be amended by deleting the words "Deh Cho Gah" on line eight of page 28 and substituting the word "Nahendeh".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Your motion is in order, Mr. Nerysoo. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Schedule A. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Motion To Delete "Kitikmeot East" And Substitute "Natilikmiot", Schedule A, Bill 4-85(2)

MR. ANGOTTITAUQU: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I move that this bill be amended by deleting the words "Kitikmeot East" on line 34 of page 37 and substituting the word "Natilikmiot".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, your motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just want some reaction from the Member. I know I spoke to him earlier. I just want the Members to know that there are many words in our language that refer to a place and many of them particularly deal with the riding names too, either a name of a place or geographical location. In this case I am just trying to get some reaction from my colleague who moved the motion here. This particular word can do the same, it can achieve what the Member wants -- either to rename his riding to a location or to a group of people. In this case I was just worried about setting a precedent as this amendment now is dealing with special ethnic or tribal people. For instance my riding is named Aivilik which is a "place of walrus". But if I want to name it to the tribe, I would say Aivilimmuit. In this case I think we are setting a precedent, as to whether we want to name ridings for tribal groups or a location. So if he takes the last four letters out, then it would mean "place of seals" for instance. "People of seals" would be the people. So it is just a point of interest that I wanted to make.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I certainly feel that we should respect a Member's wishes with respect to naming a constituency. But I would also have to deal with Mr. Curley. I just noticed this point myself. It seems that up until now we have been naming constituencies based on geographical references. In my constituency, for example, the term is very loosely translated as "place of fishes" or "place where there are fish". With all respect to the Member, I would just ask if he might consider calling his riding Natsilik rather than Natilikmiot. As I understand it, if it was called Natilikmiot it would refer to a specific group of people and perhaps it might be considered that other groups of people would be left out. That is just free advice to the Member since I do respect that his advice is primary on what will be changed and I will certainly support any change that he recommends. But it does seem to me that we have been faced in Nunavut with charges of ethnicity and I do not think that these charges are at all fair. I think that Mr. Angottitauruq undoubtedly does not intend to recommend a constituency name which would be ethnic. But it might be argued, it seems to me, that without removing those four letters it might appear to have an ethnic connotation. I am sorry I did not have a chance to speak to him about this outside the House, but I would just offer that advice in case he might be willing to reconsider. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not think that we should try to change our colleagues' constituency names. When they wanted to name their own -- this is what they want to name his constituency, that is what they want. Also, I am aware of this when I was younger they used to be called Nunasiqmiut; I would just call him Natilimiutaq. If I were to talk to Dennis Patterson, I would say Iqalumiutaq and Aivilingmiutaq. I do not think that this is all right if you try to call it Natilik. It sounds even better than Iqalumiut. If I were to say Iqaluit, there is a lot of Iqaluit. There is an Iqaluit place in Pond Inlet anyway and also there might be Aivilik somewhere else in other settlements. But there is no other place where people live which is called Iqaluit, but there are names. I would say Iqalumiut and I would say Aivilingmiut I do not think that we should make a fuss out of this. What he wanted to do was name it Natilikmiot. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Back to the motion. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What Mr. Curley and Mr. Patterson pointed out to the honourable Member from my neighbouring constituency, I mentioned the same thing to him yesterday and I think that we all appreciate the argument of the meaning, but I do not think that we should get hung up on it so much. I think that we should respect the Member's wish. The constituency that is being renamed now is already a "meot" constituency. It is now being called Kitikmeot East, mine is Kitikmeot West, and except for pointing out the correctness of the statements, I have no objection to Natilikmiot, one "meot" is as good as another. If the Member wishes that for a name, I certainly will support that motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Pedersen. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Delete "Kitikmeot East" And Substitute "Natilikmiot", Schedule A, Bill 4-85(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Schedule A. Mr. Erkloo.

Motion To Delete "Foxe Basin" And Substitute "Amittuq", Schedule A, Bill 4-85(2), Carried

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move another motion. I move that this bill be amended by deleting the words "Foxe Basin" on the line 30 of page 39, and substituting the word "Amittuq". Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Erkloo, could you repeat the motion, please?

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this bill be amended by deleting the words "Foxe Basin" on the line 30 of page 39 and substituting the word "Amittuq".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I think that motion should also say what the name means. So, you know, when they are Natilingmiut, Iqalumiut, Aivilingmiut, what does Amittuq mean?

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to teach Mr. Pudluk in Inuktituk if he can understand Inuktituk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I know exactly what he means, but I am concerned about this House, not myself.

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

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my constituency of Pond Inlet, Hall Beach and Igloolik, they all have names. In the Pond Inlet area they call themselves Tununik area. But Igloolik and Hall Beach, they call themselves Amuktiameot. For these reasons -- and they have come to an agreement. But residents of Pond Inlet wanted to go along with Hall Beach and the Igloolik area. They come up into Amittuq. They just went ahead. My colleague here, Ludy Pudluk, he wanted to get the meaning of Amittuq, what he would call Tuatuq just because there is hardly any land in Igloolik and Hall Beach area -- that is how they come up with the name, Amittuq.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Schedule A as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Schedule B. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Schedule C. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Bill as a whole as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Does the committee agree that Bill 4-85(2) is ready for third reading as amended? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Final Report Of The Special Committee On Housing

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): We are now back to the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing. We were at recommendation 40, Government of the Northwest Territories staff housing policy. Comments? Recommendation 41.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 42. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on this series of recommendations dealing with staff housing policy I wanted to ask a question of the committee co-chairmen. When reading through these sections I was surprised, personally, to learn that there are so many government employees, territorial and federal, living in public housing units, to an extent in excess of 300 employees. So I agree with the thrust of the comments in this report that that should be changed. I see, Mr. Chairman, that the committee is recommending in numbers 40 and 41, that government employees should be removed from these public housing units. I do not understand why in recommendation 42 the committee is urging the governments to enter into lease agreements. It just appears to me that there is not consistency there. I am wondering if one of the committee co-chairmen could explain that for me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Richard. Mr. McCallum, do you want to respond to that?

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in recommendation 40 we suggest that the Department of Personnel move the government employees out of public housing and in recommendation 41 we ask that the GNWT urge the federal government to provide their own. In recommendation 42, is this where the difficulty comes in that the Member is referring to? Lease agreements? Now we are saying that if, in fact, both governments have to provide their own housing they should be providing it with staff housing. And the staff housing should be built by private business; rather than the government building their own houses, they should lease the units. I am not sure if that is where the difficulty is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I can assist Mr. McCallum by asking my question again. Or perhaps, Mr. Chairman, I could ask the question of one of the alternate Members of the committee. In this section dealing with staff housing, I tend to agree with the thrust of the committee's comments and recommendations, in that we should bring to an end this situation where government employees both federal and territorial, are occupying public housing units which were intended for another group of people. So recommendations 40 and 41 say that. But recommendation 42 seems to be inconsistent, in that it recommends that the two governments sign lease agreements for these units, in fact, which would confirm or continue the existing situation which the committee has reported is unacceptable. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: It is a good point. Maybe it is not as clear as it should be. It is intended as an interim measure until we actually can move them...

AN HON. MEMBER: Right now.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Now, so that the housing association will be able to charge market rent to realize a real rent from it instead of a subsidized rent. So it is meant as an interim measure until we come up with alternatives, when they can move out of public housing. And that is all it is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Recommendation 42. Recommendation 43. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate at this particular time we are not agreeing with the recommendations but going through them. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 44. Housing and social assistance policy, recommendation 45. Planning and development of communities, recommendation 46. Recommendation 47. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Are we at recommendation 47, Mr. Chairman? This is a very important one. I know the Department of Local Government is working on a policy and what we tried to do here is to clarify some of the principles to be included in the final policy. I think the committee considers this extremely important, if one wants to encourage home-ownership and encourage the sale of lands, especially in some of the larger municipalities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any more general comments on recommendation 47? Recommendation 48. Mr. Richard.

#### Turnover Of Lands To Municipalities

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just by way of comment I would like to indicate that I agree wholeheartedly with this recommendation in particular. The wording to describe a municipality that should have all lands within its boundaries turned over to it describes, among others, the city of Yellowknife. In that I feel the city has demonstrated administrative capability in community planning and land development, the territorial government should, indeed in the near future, turn over all lands within the city's boundaries. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I want to emphasize this -- not just Yellowknife. I think that there are different ways to do that. I think a lot of eastern municipalities have decided the lease arrangement is better than owning...

AN HON. MEMBER: No, no!

MR. BALLANTYNE: ...which is fair enough. But I think the principle here is that there are many municipalities in the NWT right now that I think are capable...

AN HON. MEMBER: No, no!

MR. BALLANTYNE: ...of administering land within their boundaries and I think there is a tremendous desire right now at that local level to do things and to get on with things. We seem to be always waiting for land claims negotiations or constitutional development arrangements which could go on ad infinitum. I think as a government we have a responsibility now to respond to the desires of the communities who want to get on with the business of running their communities. I think this is potentially an important tool to allow them to do that. So it is not just Yellowknife. There are many communities that could take advantage of this and I think it is a very positive thing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any further comments on recommendation 48? I will not be asking if you agree or not. I will just be asking if there are general comments on each number. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just on recommendation 48, if I may. Mr. Chairman, I understand where this recommendation is coming from. In fact I have received some advice from constituents in Iqaluit that land should be turned over to the municipality. And, of course, one very concrete advantage is that when lands are turned over for administration to the municipality, the municipality obtains leasehold or other revenues which it can use to develop land. Land development is as big a problem in Frobisher Bay as it is in other places. There is a very severe shortage of developed land, as a matter of fact.

At the same time I must say, perhaps in my capacity as a Minister who has something to do with land claims, that this government is committed to respect and advance the interests of aboriginal peoples in a just settlement of land claims. I have, therefore, wrestled with this issue in Frobisher Bay and also in this particular community of Rankin Inlet, because I feel that there are a significant number of people, including native people, who do wish to acquire land and indeed even acquire fee simple title over land within a municipality.

#### Land Selection A Priority

I have pointed out to the municipality of Frobisher Bay and Rankin Inlet that we have been participants in agreements in principle, respecting municipal lands, which called for a hold on the turnover of lands until a final agreement. This government has endorsed the municipal lands provision of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut agreement in principle. At the same time I have told the Tungavik Federation of what seems to be a growing desire for movement in various communities including communities in the Nunavut area, which is reflected in this committee's motion. I just comment on this, Mr. Chairman, because I do think that we are close to resolving this problem. For whatever reason, the land selection process in the claims has not been a priority. However, with the TFN claim I am informed that land selection will begin as the next priority and furthermore, I have in my capacity as Minister, recommended to them that they should make selection of lands within a community their first priority in the whole land selection process. So if the representatives of the Inuit wish to seek certain lands within a community I have recommended they go ahead and let that community know what those lands are, so that we can get on and develop the land in other parts of the community.

I have also recommended that the municipality of Frobisher Bay meet with the Tungavik Federation and see if something can be worked out even more quickly than that process if it is desired. So I just wanted to mention that, in principle, the recommendation has great merit and I support it. But at the same time we have other commitments, as a government, to respect land claims, so it has to be dealt with somewhat carefully. I recognize that it has been quite a major issue in question period in this House. I just wanted to put that perspective on it because I think we should all use our various offices to see that this issue of land selection is resolved as soon as possible. In some ways I regret that it was not made an earlier priority in the TFN claim because we could have been a lot further ahead as far as local administration of land is concerned and that I think is to everyone's benefit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any more comments on recommendation 48? Recommendation 49. Any comments? Recommendation 50. Comments? Recommendation 51. General comments. Recommendation 52. Recommendation 53. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### Needs Study Program

MR. BALLANTYNE: Recommendation 52 and recommendation 53. This section is on the "needs study program" needing a major overhaul. I think the Minister is aware in the discussions we had in the House and in meetings of the special committee, that if we are to allocate houses fairly, both within communities and within regions, that the needs study data base has to be complete. And it is not. As a committee we had a briefing from the Housing Corporation. The data they use and the methodology they use I find is primitive. It is incomplete. It does not give us the tools we need to make a fair allocation. I think that this recommendation 52 is that that process for analysis should be reviewed by expert consultants in that field because, as I said, of a very primitive way of doing things with very expensive computer software and hardware using very primitive data. I think that recommendation 52 is very important, that the Minister, for all our sakes, report back in the fall session with an analysis. Hopefully it is improved methodology for establishing need in the Territories. The reality is that all communities in the NWT have to be analysed and that the needs of people, other than just those living in public housing, have to be ascertained. I think that this is a very, very important recommendation in this section.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another one of the most important recommendations, as the co-co-chairman stated. I really do not believe that the needs study that the housing associations have carried out has been a problem to our communities or to our constituencies up here. I think our housing associations have pretty well kept up the demand. You know, they have the list of names, the families and everything else. What more do we want? I think that the only real problem that has been exposed is that Members, particularly from Yellowknife, have not been satisfied with the needs study in Yellowknife. There has not been a real recommendation presented to the government as to alternative ways of providing a needs study for housing. So therefore, when in doubt, as far as I am concerned, hire a consultant, the special committee on housing is saying to us.

But, it does not give the Minister responsible for Housing the real truth of what is going to be needed. Now, what you are saying is, if we are really going to do our job fairly here, we are asking you to hire consultants to tell you, and make recommendations to you, to ask you how the needs study should be carried out. So, I think the Members could be a little more clear on this thing, because there are different ways. We will likely not require consultants steadily in a place like Whale Cove for instance. So, therefore I think it only mainly concerns the big places like Yellowknife. Thank you.

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

#### Observations Of Analyst Inaccurate

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On this one, I really only have to say that, for the most part, the observations contained in here are inaccurate. It is obvious that whoever or whatever analyst the committee had looking at the needs survey, had little knowledge of survey methods or survey designs or even common methods of determining housing needs nationally. So, whoever they had, did not know what they were doing.

One point that I will make -- and then I will not say any more because I will respond to it in the fall session -- is that in recommendation 54 they talk about communities being given the opportunity to participate. Right now, the current needs study is almost all done at the community level. Very little is done in Yellowknife; only the finished data, that comes in from the communities in the region, ends up in Yellowknife -- absolutely -- is done. There is no need to hire consultants. We know what the problems with the needs survey are, and they will be fixed up. I am not wasting any more government money hiring consultants. There is enough of that done already.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, I think, first of all I do not think that Mr. Curley has read the report. If Mr. Curley had read the report, there are specific recommendations made about the problems with the needs study and it is there on page 91, and we will have it translated for you, if you did not bother to read it. Also, I really wish Mr. Curley would have had the courtesy to at least even come to the public meeting in his own community, or at least given us a few of his ideas until now. Because all I get from him now is a sort of a very negative critical approach, and I find that rather unacceptable.

To go on with Mr. Wray's comment, now, we went through a day discussing the methodology for that needs survey. To this moment, and perhaps Mr. Wray could explain to me now, what is the relevance of units -- the whole data base -- what may come out -- we are looking at what units are necessary, which do not at all relate to bedroom sizes or bedrooms. Mr. Wray then -- being the expert that he is, does not need consultants, he has good staff -- explain to me what does it really mean that a community needs so many units, when you have units that go from one bedroom to four bedrooms? Explain to me, please.

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

Core Housing Need Used In Other Jurisdictions

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The survey accurately defines need by unit size, that is bedrooms. The committee states that comparing numbers of families in need or units is a departure from conventional needs study analysis. In fact, the opposite is true. The nationally accepted criterion, which is used by every other jurisdiction in this country which is responsible for housing, is the core housing need, which is defined as a number of families unable to obtain shelter for 30 per cent of income or less. That is what is used nationally by CMHC and by the provincial housing corporations. If the Member thinks that he is going to try and put me on the spot, forget it. Better than him have tried before and have not succeeded yet. I am not going to get into an argument right now over the needs survey. It is not worth it. All I am saying is that the needs survey will be fixed up, we know where the flaws are, we know what was causing the faults in the system, and a lot was not the survey. A lot of it was because the people who were doing it were not doing their jobs properly. By the fall, the needs survey will be corrected. There is no need to go to consultants. The people within the corporation already know how to fix the problems.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. We will have a coffee break for 15 minutes, and then we will come back to Mr. MacQuarrie.

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The committee will come to order. We are on recommendation 54. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It does not pertain specifically to the recommendation that we are on, but to this general section of the needs and graphs that are placed. I know the Minister was disturbed by them, thought that there was political motivation, he brought in his own alternative graphs.

MR. RICHARD: Alternative graphs is like an alternative Member.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I bought myself a magnifying glass and examined them and I was able to see the differences between the two.

---Laughter

And he may have had a political motivation in bringing them in as well. When his constituents see them, they will surely re-elect him, I think.

---Laughter

Decisions On Allocation Of Housing

I do not really want to comment on the motivation at all and I can see that, in fact, in the type of thing where allocations are made, one year here and another year there, that you need a much broader base to see what the real picture is. But seeing the statistics like that for two years, it certainly does raise the question of needs and of allocation procedures. The Minister has indicated that he recognizes there, faults with the needs survey but that they are being addressed and in the fall we will have improvements made in that area. But could I ask, for my own clarification -- it is not only the area of needs, but once needs are determined -- how are decisions made with respect to allocation? Can I ask the Minister to clarify that for me? In the area of public housing I can see certainly that the major decision is made at the Executive Council level. This year we ought to spend a certain amount on public housing and this many units should be built.

At the other end we have local housing associations that are making decisions as to who will get the units in the community. But in between that there is a little fuzziness in my mind. I am not sure of the system as to how those decisions are made, which regions will get them and how many will be distributed across the Territories. Then with respect to the home-ownership programs as well. So if I could have some clarification on that because I believe that it is important for the public to know that housing decisions are made on the basis of need and that they are made in the most objective manner possible. So if the Minister can comment on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: With all respect, Mr. Chairman, this is not oral question period. I thought the purpose of this debate was to receive questions and comments from the Members of the special committee on housing, on their recommendations. I would suggest that questions to the Minister are inappropriate at this point. I would think that that is what we are waiting to do in the fall session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any more comments on recommendation 54? Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not think we have a quorum at the moment. I just wanted to point that out.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) I think we can go on since we have to finish today.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): (Translation) I just wanted to tell you, if one of the Members brings up the fact that we have no quorum, I think you have to recognize that. If nobody brought it up then it would have been okay to go on but since we were reminded I think you should try and consider that. Do you recognize that there is no quorum? Would you like to speak to it, Mr. Paniloo?

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do not think we can go on without having a quorum since it is stated in our policy that we cannot go on without a quorum.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): You are right according to our policy. Mr. Curley.

Point Of Privilege

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, on a point of privilege. I might at this time state to the House that I did acknowledge, right from the beginning, the hard work by the committee. I think that the special committee on housing has raised the profile of the Housing Corporation and the real problems throughout the NWT. The original introduction of my remarks stands and I complimented, at that time, the Members of the special committee on housing.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: What about the alternates?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I must say that I reject right now -- and I must ask for the Member's apology to withdraw his personal attack on me -- that I am not interested in the special committee's recommendations nor am I interested in participating in the public hearings in my constituency. That was a personal attack on myself.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: That was the inference.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I must say that it was not because I was not interested. I did keep track of them. On the dates that were set aside for the special committee hearings in my constituency in Rankin, October 10th and the rest of the days, I had to attend as a Minister responsible for Energy, High Arctic Development Review Committee meetings with the federal officials and Energy people and industry, in Resolute Bay, to deal with the Panarctic situation. At the same time prior to that, we attended by invitation from the Baffin Regional Council. Therefore I reject, Mr. Chairman, that I was not interested. I did encourage my colleagues on the special committee to visit my constituents as well, aside from Rankin Inlet. So therefore I will have to ask the Member to withdraw his remarks but I do respect his capabilities as the Member of the special committee and I certainly have a tremendous respect for his ability. Thank you.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Point of privilege.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): On a point of privilege, Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: In response to Mr. Curley's comments, I want to emphasize first of all that I said that not only he did not come to the meeting but he did in writing give us a letter. I totally acknowledge his right...

MR. PUDLUK: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Point of order. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, let us deal with the recommendations first and if you want to talk back and forth about yourselves, deal with that later. Let us deal with these recommendations first. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you very much, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I respect the co-chairman for his dedication to the report but there were personal attacks made on me and I was accused as not being interested and fair. That is not the case and therefore I had to respond to the points that were made and I did ask for at least a correction from the Member who inferred that I was not interested and so on. I think there is a reason for him to withdraw certain parts of his remarks. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Can we get back to recommendation 54? General comments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

#### No Adequate Objective Framework In Place

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that your ruling was that I did not have the right to ask the Minister those questions and I respect that ruling. So if I may make a comment then and that is that it is my perception in the absence of clarification, it is my perception as an ordinary Member of the House and as a citizen of the NWT and a Member who has not had the opportunity of going in great detail into matters respecting housing since I have not been a Member of the special committee on housing, given those circumstances, it is my perception that there is not an adequate objective framework for making housing allocation based on need.

It is also not clear to me that wherever decisions are made with respect to allocation, that they are made on the basis of the need that exists, by people who are in a position to assess the needs objectively, and then make the decision. Because that kind of admirable decision-making apparatus is not in place, there certainly can be the appearance, and is in fact the appearance, that allocations are not made fairly at times, and I believe it is very important that this government act to rectify that situation as soon as possible. I believe that the housing committee is urging that on them and I certainly support the housing committee in the recommendations that relate to those matters.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I respect the fact that this is not budget session and therefore the question should quite probably be going to the co-chairmen or to the Members of the special committee on housing, because it is their report we are discussing. But, I cannot, in all conscience, leave the Member's reply on record because what he is stating, or what he implies, is just not true fortunately. I think that it is more because he does not understand the process and I just want to try and clear that up.

#### Local Housing Associations Had Not Done Needs Survey

I cannot answer as to how houses were allocated in the past, other than this past year, because I really do not know. The needs survey is something that has been introduced within the last few years. Obviously it has major flaws and the flaws in it were detected by myself and by the former Member for, I think it was Baffin Central. Both those constituencies did not seem to be getting any housing, yet they had the longest and the largest number of people on the waiting list of any area in the North. When it was investigated, it was found out it was because the local housing association had not done the needs survey, so therefore the computer in Yellowknife, which is the end result, showed that there was no need for those particular areas.

#### Process Of Determining Allocation

The process that will be followed this year, is that at present there are major surveys being undertaken in every community in the Northwest Territories by the local housing associations and by people that have been hired to do the work. When all that work has been done, the regions then sit down and list the raw data of people on waiting lists, etc., and come up with what is called a capital plan over the next five years, to try and address what the survey shows to be the deficiencies.

Each region then sends their capital plan to the central office or to Yellowknife. At that point in time, a capital planning committee comprised of the senior managers of the Housing Corporation sits down and attempts to condense these regional capital plans into one capital plan for the corporation. However, it must be understood that this is where the problems start to occur because when you have only so much money, and so many houses to build obviously you cannot address the needs of every region. So you have to be fairly objective in terms of assessing where the greatest need is or where the greatest number of people that are requiring housing reside.

When this process has been gone through the corporation comes up with a capital plan, and there are many other factors involved that are not in the needs survey. For one thing, the availability of land plays a major role in terms of where housing goes. It could very well be that we have a community that is a high need, but for that next coming year, there just might not be the land available; it might be two years before land becomes available. Therefore that community would only get a minimal amount of housing with perhaps a major amount of housing coming in the second year once the land has been readied.

The corporation then passes the recommendations to me and I submit them to the capital planning group of the territorial government. The Executive Council is made aware of the five year capital plan, but at no time does the Executive Council sit around and decide on the capital plan. That has never been done in the past and, as long as I am around, I do not see any need to do it in the future, other than to advise the Executive Council that this is the capital plan, the same way that I would advise, and I am going to advise the other MLAs to make their input before we finally say that this is the bottom line. That is the process.

#### Explanation Of Apparent Imbalance In Public Housing

From looking at the statistics and looking at some of the figures contained in the report, our previous government's figures -- they are not a question of this government but from a previous government -- you can see that there are certain areas within the North where there is a very high need. Those areas are ones of high population almost totally dependent on public housing. That is an unfortunate fact, but there are four or five constituencies or areas in the Eastern Arctic which have very large populations and have no other source of housing. Sure, it looks like there is an imbalance, but it really is not an imbalance. You know, there have been factors which have affected Mr. Arlooktoo's constituency, Mr. Paniloo's constituency, my own constituency and Mr. Curley's. It has to be also understood that within those four constituencies, you have the seventh, eighth, ninth, 11th, 12th and 13th largest communities in the NWT in terms of population, and almost 100 per cent are dependent on public housing. That is why there appears to be an imbalance. But it is one that has been recognized in years past by the previous governments.

Hopefully the new needs survey, once it is finished, will start to identify trends, it will start to show us if we have had an impact in terms of our construction, and we will be able to plan better. So, that is the process, generally speaking, but we do try to be objective about it, and housing is allocated on need. I have to stress that there is no pork barrel around this government, not when it comes to housing, because housing is just too basic. It is like water, it is like heat, you know. In the Northwest Territories and the Arctic, people cannot do without housing. So we have to respond to need and need only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must say that I find it a bit ironic that Mr. MacQuarrie should applaud the special committee on housing for recommending fair objective means of allocating houses. I really find that ironic. This is the same committee that, last session, recommended the crude measure of geography as a means of allocating HAP housing units without defining what was East and West. This is the same committee that presented a supposedly objective graph on capital distribution based not on communities, but on constituencies which have no relation to communities and, if we had any doubt about their motives in presenting that kind of a graph...

MR. PEDERSEN: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Point of order. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I respectfully submit that if Mr. MacQuarrie's question was ruled inappropriate, then the answers and replies to it are equally so.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to comment on recommendation 55.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Okay, any more comments on recommendation 54? If not, we will go to recommendation 55. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to see that at this session the special committee's recommendation appears to concentrate on more fair criteria for allocating houses than was indicated in their interim report. I note that in recommendation 55...

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I say it appears. I am not finished yet. I notice that in recommendation 55 they have recommended that housing requirements should be determined on the basis of all NWT communities. I find this a bit encouraging because the graph in the committee report does not appear to concentrate on communities. It concentrates on constituencies which bear no relation to communities. I must object to what appears to be the motives of the committee in presenting that kind of information. I think if there was any doubt about their motives in that regard it is cleared up by the fact that they felt the need to not only mention constituencies but also enlighten this House as to the Members' names which attach to those constituencies.

#### Political Approach Has Weakened Credibility Of Report

I am afraid that this kind of approach which I characterize as a political approach has weakened the credibility of the report. Mr. Chairman, I must say that I do not think it enhances the quality of this debate for personal attacks to be made on whether various Executive Members conducting government business attended public meetings or not. We could get into analysis of the expenses of the committee and other questions if we wish to stoop that low. But I am certainly not interested in that. I think we have a very critical problem to deal with in the NWT and I hope that this government and this Assembly would approach the problem with fairness and objectivity. There are places for political considerations but I do not think the places are in a debate of this kind. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I feel compelled to comment on these graphs that the Executive Members keep referring to and I regret very much that they concentrate on one graph only. The committee did try indeed to be fair. I notice that Mr. Curley in his comments of the first day of consideration pointed out the unfairness of it, by quoting figures from another graph. Mr. Chairman, I submit to you these graphs are indeed fair because the figures Mr. Curley quoted are from the same report on pages 161, 162 and 163. He used the figures on those pages to justify that the graphs on pages 96 and 97 were unfair. If the Executive Members would read the entire report, they would see that there are ample figures to look at the allocation of housing over the years from whatever perspective you would like. And I do not think that they should be as defensive about it as they seem to be. There is no need to keep emphasizing the two graphs on 96 and 97 unless they have some particular reason for doing so. The committee did not emphasize one graph over another.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 55. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I regret again that you did not even make a response to my point of privilege. I do not know whether the rules have changed or not but I suppose that is your prerogative as a chairman.

But I must respond to the comment, not so much that I disagree with the Member at all. It has nothing to do with that. What we were responding to was that I think it would make sense if recommendation 55 of the report -- I think it is good that all housing requirements of all NWT communities should be determined. As far as the graphs are concerned they were not dealing with communities. They were dealing with the constituency ridings. So that makes it appear as though there is a plan by the government to treat some ridings more respectfully than others. That was not the case at all. This government and this Executive Council are interested in the communities and we do not normally deal with ridings as such. Mainly because the Executive Council Members,

even if they are more persistent than some, are not normally given more capital money or more housing allotment, as far as we are concerned. So that is the only point I wish to make at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Recommendation 55. Recommendation 56. Any comments? Mr. Ballantyne.

Capital Plan Not Available To Committee

MR. BALLANTYNE: Since the chairman has ruled that I cannot ask a question of the Minister, I will just make a comment. The Housing Corporation has developed a five year capital plan. We asked to see it and we were not able to see it. But I am really concerned that until the needs study survey has been improved and it has taken place in all the communities, I do not see how you can have a realistic five year capital plan. Because that capital plan exists right now, it seems to me it will have to be modified significantly once all the data comes in, once the needs survey process has been streamlined. So we as a committee had a real problem with that. We could not see the capital plan and we do not know how the capital plan can be produced until the needs study data base has improved quite a bit. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any more questions on recommendation 56? Recommendation 57. Comments? Recommendation 58. Comments? Training, recommendation 59. Any comments? Recommendation 60. Comments? Recommendation 61. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just a comment here and there might be a better mechanism for doing it. In our discussions with Mr. Curley's department they held out that there was a possibility, perhaps, of using EDA funding to deal with one segment of the economy. I guess what we would like the Minister to do, is to look into that possibility. If there is a better way of doing it, that would be fine. But our understanding from talking to his officials, is that is a distinct possibility and we would just like to see if the Minister could explore that possibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Patterson.

Recognition Of Skills And Experience

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I ask the special committee whether or not they had considered the past experience, with the Housing Corporation of some years ago, of providing training through management contract, where contracts were let for house construction which stipulated that a training component be built into the contract? I believe the experience at that time was that that approach made it very difficult for the competitive bidding process to occur. I just wondered if there is any comment on that. I would also like to note that, while the economic development agreement may provide a basis for regional construction training programs, I think also that the college system may well be able to provide another means of training people in the construction industry. In that connection I have been giving some thought to whether or not we might create new categories of tradesmen in the construction industry which would perhaps reflect skills short of journeymen status, but much more than labour experience. To recognize that there are an awful lot of people in the communities who have an awful lot of experience working in construction, which has required a lot of skills, but who may not, at this point in time anyway, have the education to meet the threshold requirements for apprenticeship and journeyman status. So if the committee has any comments on that I would be grateful. I certainly support enhanced training opportunities in these fields because I feel that we could provide a lot of employment if we could get more people qualified to work in the construction industry. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Pudluk.

Training Must Continue

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a concern on training. I do not think training will ever stop because there are too many qualified people in the construction field. In the past the more qualified personnel are employed by the government. Those who already had been employed by the housing associations are now working for the government. We felt that training should be continued as a top priority. The people who are well-trained in their field were taken away by the Department of Public Works because of the vast discrepancies between the two bodies and the benefits were better in one. So there is a tendency of attracting these qualified people into the government because of the better benefits. Because of this I think that we are going to need to continue to train more people in this field. Thank you.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Responding to Mr. Patterson. I think those ideas you put forward are good and the committee did give it quite a bit of consideration. Yes, there are a couple of ways you might be able to approach the problem. One is that I have heard the comment that the apprenticeship program is too rigid. In the communities, in order to get your four years practical training, it is very difficult because in that four year period it is very unlikely that jobs in your community will have come up. There was a suggestion that maybe could be increased to eight years so that somebody would have to pick up the practical part of their apprenticeship over an eight year period rather than a four year period.

The other element of Mr. Patterson's comments which I think should be addressed. I do not think a contractor really cares if somebody has formal papers as a carpenter or as a plumber. What they want is some assurance that the person can do the job. I think that if there is a way that the government could evaluate people -- one of our recommendations is setting up in each community sort of a labour pool, labour list -- if the government could evaluate such and such a person who does not have his papers but he has the skills to do it, I think that probably would help a lot. So I do not know if that helps at all, Mr. Patterson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 62. General comments. Recommendation 63. Next, on page 13, are the economic development recommendations. Recommendations 64, 65, 66. Mr. Richard.

#### Recommendation On Bonding

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This recommendation deals with bonding. I recall when we were doing the budget of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Curley or his staff indicated that they would look at the possibility of providing some scheme within government of guaranteeing, or a bonding scheme for northern contractors who are unable to get bid bonds or performance bonds because of the very problem within the bonding industry that this committee has identified in this recommendation. Mr. Chairman, I am hopeful that Mr. Curley's department might be able to come up with something of that nature so that might complement the initiative that this committee has addressed in this recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 66. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Not on recommendation 66 in particular but on the economic development section in general. Mr. Chairman, the committee felt that the provision of an adequate housing supply in the NWT is one of the really great opportunities for economic development and job development. The committee was aware that the total amounts spent in wages and supply contracts in the NWT and all housing contracts is very significant. If we look at the openings we have been invited to attend in this session alone, I am sure we can all realize that it is a very, very significant amount of money in total wages and supply contracts for the residents for the two community centres that have been opened during this session.

We know that the Minister of Economic Development realizes that and we would certainly welcome any initiatives and encourage his department to take all possible initiatives to ensure that many of these dollars stay within, preferably communities, certainly within the NWT. As I say, we feel, as a committee, that one of the largest areas where there is a real possibility for economic benefit and for the benefit of even establishing local businesses is if we take full advantage of all the dollars within the housing industry. Many ideas have already been put forth by the Minister. We certainly welcome those and we urge him to continue looking at all possibilities to maximize the benefit to the communities involved and to the North in general.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any more comments on recommendation 66? Recommendation 67. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### Requirement For Hiring Locally

MR. BALLANTYNE: This is an area which I think bears some looking into. The business incentive policy of the government, the local hire component, is really working on the honour system now. What we are suggesting is that that probably is not enough. In talking to people I know in the northern construction industry, they say people are really ignoring this and saying for whatever reason, "We cannot find local people. Local people are not skilled", using all sorts of very, very poor excuses. So what we are suggesting is that a little bit of tooth be put into the policy and perhaps some incentives be included, so those people at the end of the job can say, "Well, we lived

up to our commitment to have such and such a percentage of northern people there." Right now I think the system is just too open-ended and we just think that the government -- maybe Mr. Butters, when you are looking at that, to try to put something in it a little bit more than the honour system, and put some requirements for businessmen to hire locally. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any further comments on recommendation 67? Recommendation 68. Recommendation 69. Recommendation 70. Mr. Patterson.

Recommendation Could Cause Difficulties For MLAs

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I really must ask the committee whether or not they are aware of the dangers inherent in this recommendation. While there may certainly be a need for sensitivity on whether various companies bidding on a tender will respect the need for community employment and purchase of local goods and services, I really feel that this should properly be a responsibility of the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation and the Executive Council, which has a legal discretion to award to other than the lowest tender. I really wonder whether or not this recommendation might leave an MLA or the government open to the possibility of charges that there is political interference in the tendering process.

Now, I recognize fully that the recommendation talks about MLAs participating in a non-voting capacity. When it says "advisory capacity", I wonder whether it will not look, to the business community, as if our special committee is recommending that there should be political input into the awarding of tenders. I feel and I imagine the committee would agree, that tenders should be judged primarily on technical grounds; that competence should be a factor. But that kind of a judgment is perhaps best made based on advice from engineers and contractors and departmental officials who would have that experience.

I just really have to ask what is intended here because I really wonder, if this recommendation is approved, whether or not we might be setting MLAs up for some very difficult situations, especially between one company constituent and another company constituent, both of whom we might wish to support. So I would just like to know what is behind this. I fail to understand really what good this will accomplish or what mischief it will remedy. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think the Minister's comments are valid. The committee had a long discussion about this. I, personally would not like to sit on one of these committees. I totally agree. It leaves one open to all sorts of potential accusations. Perhaps the wording could have been a little bit different, but there was a feeling among some Members of the committee that things were happening in their constituency that they did not even know about. I think that perhaps the advisory capacity maybe is a little bit overstated. The fact is, if they could be there at tender openings, I think that is reasonable. It is a degree of involvement I think that the Minister quite rightfully is worried about. In some ways, if there was some involvement in a "watchdog" capacity, rather than in a decision-making capacity, it might make it easier for the Minister to have an idea of what is happening in their communities. So I think we are all very aware of the potential dangers. The intent here was not to put an MLA in a situation where they could really influence a decision on who would get a contract or what have you. So I think your comments are well taken.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also just to point out the problem of logistics plays very heavily in this. Because of the vast number of contracts that are awarded it would be almost impossible to bring an MLA in every time there are contract meetings because there are sometimes two, three, four contract meetings a week for contracts from anything from \$1000 up to one million dollars. Logistics are very difficult to overcome in this one but again we will see what we can do. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any more comments on recommendation 70? Recommendation 71. Recommendation 72. Recommendation 73. Recommendation 74. Recommendation 75. Recommendation 76. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of brief comments to say I agree 100 per cent with the statement made by Mr. Pedersen a few moments earlier. I believe as he does that housing is a major economic opportunity for people in the NWT.

Housing Design To Accommodate Cottage Industry

Stepping away from that I notice that in the report there has been no examination nor a reflection on the design or style of house that is currently constructed in the NWT, nor suggestions for a different approach. I was wondering whether the committee heard or had an opportunity to consider that possibly in the remote areas, where cottage industry has some validity, houses might be designed to provide a room in which an economic activity could be carried out. Where the woman would not have to leave home to work on garments, but she could remain at home and watch that her family was cared for. Or a man could carry out some kind of an activity which would allow him to work at home and produce either a craft or assemble some object. I tend to feel that we have overlooked the economic dimension and development of our cottage industry base. And I feel that the cottage industries are just that. They are built into homes. I just wonder whether the committee looked at that possibility.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: The committee did look at that overall area. One of the recommendations that we have made is to include the communities in the design if you can because there are different needs, as you know, in each community. It is very difficult for us to say, "You should have this sort of a room in a house." Because as cottage industries expand and grow there will be different needs and we will need different designs. So our basic recommendation, which I think deals with that, is to include the communities more in the design of houses and also to increase the inventory in the catalogue of houses to allow some flexibility in the usage of the house. I think it is a good point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Which recommendation covers that? I looked and could not find the specific one. Okay, I have just a second comment, Mr. Chairman, and that is with regard to the HAP program. Obviously this is a dimension in which the training aspect would appear to be ignored unless some of the funds that are available to the prospective home-owner under this program can be expended to acquire the services of a journeyman or carpenter of some other nature. Has this been considered and where would it be in the recommendations?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Does anybody want to respond to that? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Sorry, I was looking for the other one. Would you repeat the question, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Butters.

Use Of Journeymen Under HAP Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: To rephrase my previous comment, it would appear that in the HAP program, there is a training dimension required which may not be now available. I wonder whether the committee had considered the possibility of the use of some of those funds to employ journeymen, which could be used by a group of people in the community who are erecting their houses under the HAP program.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, I will just find references to it and get back to you then if I -- do not ask any questions for a minute and I will get back to you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any more comments on recommendation 75? Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to comment on Mr. Butters' statement on the requirement for extra room for cottage industry. The committee did consider that, and considered it very carefully. It is covered, I notice, under home-ownership programs, recommendation 11, that HAP clients get more flexibility in design options. We felt that we could not make such a recommendation at this stage. The urgent need was for recommendations that would provide for the basic needs of shelter and to make the recommendations specifically for additional rooms that were not aimed at shelter, at this stage would seem to be perhaps a bit too luxurious. So, we chose rather to leave it to the judgment of the corporation and the housing Minister, within the concept of letting the communities, the regions and the clients of certain programs have more input into the design.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Recommendation 12 is, "That the NWT Housing Corporation make block funding for HAP available to community groups". I think that idea of the block funding is to incorporate some of those ideas, whereby a band council or hamlet council wanting to build 10 HAP units, would be given block funding and that could include training component; it could include any number of those things. I think that we did deal with that in the report. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 76. Recommendation 77. The NWT Housing Corporation, recommendation 78. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just a general comment. After, I think a very extensive review over the last 17 months, the committee looked at a number of options as to the future of the Housing Corporation. The information that we got, the input from the communities, and after talking with all of the departments and with the Housing Corporation, we feel that the corporation model itself is not the problem. The model of a corporation has the potential to be very effective. So what we are suggesting is that that model remains and that improvements be made to streamline and improve that model. I think that is a significant statement on behalf of the committee, because as everyone knows, the committee has a number of other options; a government department taking it over; splitting it into various housing corporations; there are all sorts of options.

We also are recommending that the board of directors remain. However, when we get into one of the recommendations, we feel that it is important that, as we recognize regional and tribal governments, there should be the possibility of regional and tribal governments recommending to the Minister, with some assurance that that will be accepted by the board of directors. We left it a little bit flexible so the Minister could think about it and come up with a reasonable method, with numbers and with costs and what have you. But the idea was just as a basic framework. If, for instance, there were six regional and tribal councils identified in the Northwest Territories, each one of them would recommend one of their elected members to be part of the board. For the remaining six or seven or number of positions the Minister would then make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly as it happens now. So, what we wanted was a balance of giving the Minister some flexibility to fill any regional disparities, which I think is reasonable, and also give regional and tribal councils the opportunity to put one of their elected members on the board, just to build in more accountability of the board to the communities through regional and tribal councils.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any more comments on recommendation 78? Recommendation 79. Recommendation 80. Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the special committee could clarify recommendation 80 for me. It is not too clear. I am not too sure what they are getting at and I would appreciate some clarification.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Ballantyne.

#### Turning Over Delivery Of Programs

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, this is recommendation 80. Everywhere we went there is a desire at the community level and at the regional level to get more involved in the delivering of programs. In the Northwest Territories, there are regional and tribal councils but there are some municipalities that are neither right now, so we are including them all. Someday, perhaps, everybody will be in a regional or tribal council. What we are saying, whenever possible...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Sorry, Mr. Ballantyne, go ahead.

MR. BALLANTYNE: It is a little bit really -- the grammar here, but it is to deal with regional councils and tribal councils and now there are some municipalities that do not belong to either, like Yellowknife for instance, I think Inuvik, some of them. So we are including everybody so everybody will have an equal opportunity. But, the gist of it is that where regional and tribal councils or municipalities which do not belong to regional and tribal councils show the desire and exhibit the capability, we turn over programs to them. So, that is that basic thrust; turning it over more and more to areas which can handle the delivery of housing programs, to give them that opportunity. The basic thrust is that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Any more comments on recommendation 80? Recommendation 81. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think the Minister brought up and it is something that we recognized also as the committee, the necessity to have more flexibility in our programs. In the present CMHC funding, there are many restrictions and limitations as to what we can do and as to what the Minister can do as far as delivery of programs. The Minister, at one time, discussed with the Minister responsible for CMHC, the possibility of block funding, whereby we would get a sum of money and be allowed a lot more latitude and flexibility on how we design our programs. This is here to give the Minister support from our committee in attempting to do that.

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

#### A Significant Recommendation

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Just to indicate that this, while it is a very small and a very simple recommendation, is probably one of the most significant, because I can advise the House that in the recent weeks, ourselves and CMHC have got into what could be considered a major confrontation on disposal of money, inasmuch as CMHC have quite frankly told us that in terms of say, contract awards, where maybe we as a government do not necessarily want to award a contract to a certain company because we feel that another company would be, in the longer term, much more beneficial to the North, CMHC have quite frankly told us that unless we award, and only award, to the low bidder, then they in fact will withdraw their funding. This means therefore, then of course, that CMHC is now dictating to the territorial government what not only happens to contracts but in many respects what happens to territorial government money, because, as you know, we contribute 25 per cent. So this recommendation is a major one because I think that if we as a government could achieve block funding, then I think things would improve significantly. We are held back in many areas because of CMHC rules, as the committee is aware. I will be placing a very high priority in this recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recommendation 82. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### Comprehensive Audit

MR. BALLANTYNE: This is a follow-up of a recommendation of the public accounts committee. In a response to Mrs. Sorensen, the Auditor General, two years ago, indicated that the time was not appropriate to do a comprehensive audit because the Housing Corporation was initiating new financial mechanisms and processes. What we are saying, now, is that there has been some time to get those processes in place. I think we all agree and the Auditor General does too, that financial systems in the Housing Corporation have improved. We as a committee think that an audit, as a management tool, would give the Minister an opportunity to come to the House and say "Look, the Auditor General has looked in depth, these are the good things that happened, and it is on the record", and clear up any misunderstanding. Now I know that there were no references to the Housing Corporation in the Auditor General's "Any Other Matter" but I think people that understand how the Auditor General works, they were not concentrating this year on the Housing Corporation and as the Deputy Auditor General told me, because they did not talk about it, does not necessarily mean there were no problems. So I do not think we should enter into a debate right now about it but I think the Minister should consider and at the fall session come back with some response to that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A while back a similar motion was put to the government. The government at that time discussed with the Auditor General and the Auditor General's feeling was that it was too early to proceed with the comprehensive audit. When the Auditor General was in Yellowknife three weeks ago, I discussed the matter with him and indicated at that time that the government would have no problem to moving in that direction now. So recommendation 82 is no problem to the government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any more comments on recommendation 82? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I just wanted to clear up one thing before we leave, for Mr. Curley's sake. Any statements I made were not against his interest or support of the overall concept of the housing. It was again, I thought, his method of showing interest.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Before any motion is made -- the other day the co-chairman, Mr. McCallum, indicated that he would be willing to publish an addendum showing information that had not previously been available. I just received information and it is basically a breakdown of the capital allocations from 1979 through to 1985. Just to show how objective we are, I noticed -- and I did not know this before -- but I noticed in 1983-84 the largest allocation of capital moneys from the Housing Corporation, believe it or not, went to Yellowknife. So obviously things -- Yellowknife South. So I will table these and hope that I see an addendum.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Is this capital?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is capital from the Housing Corporation. It is a disposable of the capital budget of the NWT Housing Corporation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Before we go on to something else I would just like to say that it has been brought to my attention that Mr. Curley's point of privilege was not dealt with, in that regard we will have to check the transcript to see what wording was actually used by Mr. Ballantyne. I will look into this and advise the committee whether Mr. Curley does or does not have a point of privilege. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the committee of the whole. At this time I would like to make a motion.

Motion That Final Report Of The Special Committee On Housing Be Accepted In Principle, With Recommendations To Executive Council, Carried

I move that:

- 1) this committee now accepts in principle the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing;
- 2) this committee recommends to the Executive Council that it prepare, and table at the fall session of this year, a proposed timetable for the implementation of the recommendations, bearing in mind the concerns and suggestions arising out of the deliberations of this committee;
- 3) the Executive Council, prior to the fall session of this year, act on those recommendations contained in the final report that can be readily implemented;
- 4) the final report and the response prepared by the Executive Council be considered in detail by this committee during the fall session of this year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Your motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Does the committee agree that this matter is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): We will now go to lunch and come back at 1:15.

---LUNCHEON RECESS



Bill 6-85(2), Mental Health Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Bill 6-85(2), An Act Respecting Mentally Disordered Persons. We had completed the clause by clause review with the exception of two outstanding motions. I understand the government would like to make a number of motions to amend the bill. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first amendment I would like to make is very minor and it has to do with clauses 1 and 2 of the bill. There are two points where a marginal note should be put in the bill.

Motion To Add A Marginal Note To Clause 1 And Clause 2 Of Bill 6-85(2), Carried

Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 6-85(2) be amended by adding the marginal note, "Short title", to clause 1 of this bill on line 13 of this bill. And I further move that this bill be amended by adding the marginal note, "Definitions", to clause 2 of this bill on line 16 of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Ready for the question? Question being called. All those in favour?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Point of order. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think when we left this bill before, Mr. Richard had proposed a couple of amendments. So I am just wondering procedurally, if there is already a motion for an amendment, should it be withdrawn before proceeding with these or since this refers to a different part of the bill, is it all right to proceed with this motion right now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): He can defer his motions and when we go back to clause by clause he can introduce them again. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Clause 2 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Proceeding to the bill in order again, the government had discussions with the standing committee on legislation on the matter brought forward by Mr. Gargan in the Assembly when this bill came up. The government supported the motion passed in the committee of the whole regarding this amendment and their desire for it and the government now has a new clause 8 and the amendment will also cause clauses 8 to 64 to now become clauses 9 to 65.

Motion To Insert New Clause 8 And Renumber Clauses 8 To 64 Accordingly, Carried

Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 6-85(2) be amended by renumbering clauses 8 to 64 in consecutive order as clauses 9 to 65 respectively.

I further move that all references to clauses 8 to 64 in this bill be changed to the clauses as they have been renumbered in paragraph 1 of this motion.

I further move that the following clause be added immediately after the heading "Involuntary Psychiatric Assessment":

Marginal note "Application". Section "8(1) This section applies notwithstanding any other provision of this act."

Marginal note "Consultation with elder". Subsection "(2) Where a medical practitioner is conducting a psychiatric assessment pursuant to sections 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 or an examination pursuant to section 14 of an aboriginal person who does not speak English or French fluently and speaks an official aboriginal language fluently, he shall if practicable and with the consent of the aboriginal person where that person has attained the age of majority and is mentally competent to give a valid consent, consult with an elder who is from the same community and of the same cultural background as the aboriginal person and who knows the aboriginal person, and obtain the opinion of the elder as to whether the aboriginal person is suffering from a mental disorder of a nature or quality that will likely result in (a) serious bodily harm to that aboriginal person; (b) serious bodily harm to another person; or (c) imminent and serious physical impairment of that aboriginal person."

Marginal note "Authority to detain during consultation". Subsection "(3) The length of time required to consult with an elder under subsection (2) shall be added to the length of time a medical practitioner is otherwise given under this act to perform a psychiatric assessment of a person pursuant to sections 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 or an examination pursuant to section 14, and consultation pursuant to subsection (2) is sufficient authority for a medical practitioner to detain an aboriginal person in custody at a hospital within the Territories for the length of time required to complete the consultation."

That is the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. To the motion. Ready for the question? Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Richard.

Motion To Amend Subclause 28(2), Bill 6-85(2) And Motion To Amend Subclause 29(4), Bill 6-85(2),  
Withdrawn

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MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last week I made two motions to amend subclauses 28(2) and 29(4). I wish to withdraw both motions. Thank you.

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

Motion To Delete "May" And Substitute "Shall" In Subclause 29(2) And Subclause 30(4), Bill 6-85(2),  
Carried

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In consultation once again with the standing committee on legislation, the government has agreed to change the words in the two sections outlined by Mr. Richard. I believe those would now be clauses 29 and 30 and the amendments required read as follows: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 6-85(2) be amended by deleting the word "may" on line 19 of page 19 and substituting the word "shall". I further move that this bill be amended by deleting the word "may" on line two of page 20 and substituting the word "shall". Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 29 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 30 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill as a whole as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill 6-85(2) is now ready for third reading as amended. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Just before we leave this bill, Mr. Chairman, in appreciation for Mr. Gargan's hard work on this bill, I took advantage yesterday to get a little present in recognition of this. Unfortunately he is not here but I think the committee would like to see it. It is a T-shirt that says "I supported the Mental Health Act section 8 amendment" and on the back it has "Sam Gargan, First Involuntary Committal".

---Laughter

---Applause

It cost 50 cents a letter. It is worth \$49.50 -- he'd better wear it.

---Laughter

It will be waiting at the hospital for him.

Bill 10-85(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1984-85

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): We go now to Bill 10-85(2). When we left off last time we were on Education, on page six.

Department Of Education

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

Education, operations and maintenance, advanced education, \$842,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schools, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could you just wait about two minutes, so that we can track down the material, please? I have not got a hold of mine. Yes, I know which book it is, but I cannot find it right at the moment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Okay. Supplementary appropriation, No. 4, on page six. Are we ready now to go ahead? Schools, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

College Programs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): College programs, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$884,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Are we ready to go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 6, write-off of debts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 7, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total operations and maintenance, \$16,525,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total capital, \$5,158,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total supplementary appropriation, \$21,683,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule 2. Total, \$114,278.05 Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill 10-85(2) is ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 11-85(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No.1, 1985-86

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Now we will go to Bill 11-85(2). We are finished some pages and we are on page four.

Department Of Finance

Debt Financing, Total O And M

Finance. Debt financing, \$1,845,000 surplus. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if I could ask the indulgence of the committee, because I did not make general comments in my report from the committee. I just have one compliment and two very short concerns, if I could just bring them forward.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, one concern of the committee, and perhaps the Minister could give us a little brief explanation, is that the 1985-86 main estimates identify a supplementary estimate reserve of \$7.5 million for O and M. The present supplementary shows a total net increase in O and M funding of \$8,374,550. Now, obviously some of the supplementary items identify cost recoveries

from the federal government under various programs and transfers. But, this supplementary funding constitutes a very significant portion of the sums earmarked for the reserves. So, that is my concern. Are we eating up the reserves too quickly into the fiscal year? In capital, the 1985-86 capital reserve was \$10 million and the net increase in capital expenditures shown in this supp is \$12,453,300, of which \$5.58 million reflects the intraterritorial roads reconstruction program, which is in addition to the base level. But again, what is the status of both reserves now, if you worked out the income coming in and out, and does the Minister have any concern that perhaps this soon into the fiscal year, that we are eating too much into our reserves?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister, do you want to respond to that?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, Mr. Chairman, because in the global picture of capital and operations, there is flexibility and funds that are not being expended, so that when one considers the supplementary requirements, one must take into the picture the total fiscal framework of the government and not just that specific item which the Member mentioned. No, we do not have concerns at the present time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Okay, we will monitor that closely and we will see at the end of the year whether or not our concerns are valid. I guess the point that the committee is making is that we have to be very careful as a government not to overuse reserves. I mean, they are there for a reason and it is all too easy when something comes up to say, "Well, we have a reserve fund."

MR. MacQUARRIE: It is a good idea for something.

#### Finance Committee Concerns On Capital Funds

MR. BALLANTYNE: That is right. The other major concern of the committee is the setting up of these capital funds, and there is one for \$300,000, the Department of Personnel, to establish an employee house purchase fund, and there is also a similar capital fund of \$650,000 under the Department of Government Services for the acquisition of microcomputers. We as a committee recognize the practicality of establishing funds, a means of avoiding continuing small supplementary appropriations and/or special warrants, and there is some confusion sometimes which is which for this type of purchase. But, we have some technical concerns. First of all, under the appropriation act, expenditures are for one fiscal year only. That is, by conferring authority to establish a fund under this act and to make specific expenditures for this purpose. The Legislature is, in fact, conferring authority for only one fiscal year. If a need for a fund is recognized, it should be established under appropriate policy or legislation and the funding for annual operations appropriated through the main estimates under the authority of the annual appropriation act. I guess the question is, is this the proper mechanism to accomplish this, then? We have to do it on a yearly basis; is this the proper way of doing it?

The second part is, the employee house purchase fund is covered by a policy but we are not certain as to how this policy relates to the specific financial operations of the fund -- the accountability of the fund and the mechanics of draw downs of capital from the funds or the audit of the funds. So, we just have some basic concerns on whether this is the proper mechanism to do this, and what accountabilities are built into this process.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an example of the misunderstanding that can occur when the standing committee on finance is too rushed to consider the various wordings of the supplementary estimates. In fact, the government, in wording the estimate submissions for these particular aspects, has rather clouded the issue. The phraseology is rather misleading, and had I had the opportunity to respond to the question in the committee, I would have assured Members that no fund is being established in this particular case. What is happening, is that the government is estimating the expenditure level for the house and microcomputer purchases and requesting a 1985-86 appropriation authority. We would define the appropriation to be a level of funding that is already provided by the Legislative Assembly for a specific purpose, so it is not a fund.

Therefore, in summary, it suggests that the authority being requested here in the supplementary estimates is to establish a limit of spending authority for 1985-86 only, against which expenditures may be charged for house purchases in the amount of \$300,000 and the purchase of microcomputers up to the amount of \$650,000. The 1986-87 main estimates will incorporate a similar level of appropriation. Charges against the appropriation will be controlled by policies, and accountability and audit in the same manner as other government expenditures.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Well, the information is valid, but I would say that I think it is the responsibility of the government to be clear in their explanations. I mean, the process is rushed. We have only had a couple of days to look at it but I think the explanation was not that explicit. So, I accept your explanation. The way it was written, it did not come across that way.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Now for the compliments. The committee noted that this bill...

MR. MacQUARRIE: Wait, they are not all listening now.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Where is Mr. Patterson? I am giving you a compliment. This is going to be the first time. The committee noted that this bill contained four special warrants totalling \$963,406. These items were clearly identified in the supplementary appropriation and the purpose of each special warrant was specified and the reasons for the urgency were explained. So, we feel that Supplementary Appropriation No. 1 illustrates prompt action by the government in limiting the use of special warrants and responding to Mr. Richard's motion, and particularly we wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Minister of Finance to respond to our concerns in this issue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Debt financing, \$1,845,000 surplus. Agreed? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I had a note to seek an explanation of this item, and because it has been some time since we left off this bill, I cannot recall asking it or getting an answer. If I did, I am sorry for asking the question again. Could the Minister of Finance give some explanation for what is happening on this negative figure?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I did provide an explanation, I think last week and I referred Members to the discussion that occurred during the budget session when this item appeared before the House for approval. At that time, I indicated to the House that when the budget had been made up, prior to the end of the 1984 calendar year, we had anticipated the expenditure of those carrying charges on loans that we had outstanding with the federal government.

Just prior to the winter session, the Executive at the Financial Management Board decided that we would pay off the outstanding loans and we did that. So, the debt financing that we anticipated would be required for this fiscal year is no longer required as appropriation. But, I suggested at that time, rather than amending the main estimates, that I would bring forward a supplementary appropriation in a negative sense to recognize the fact that we would not require that money. There was one other question asked at the same time last week by Mr. Ballantyne for a list of those loans, and I believe that the loans pretty well in their entirety appear in the territorial accounts.

Debt Financing, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Debt financing, \$1,845,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Directorate, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Personnel, operations and maintenance, directorate, \$3000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Staff Relations, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Staff relations, \$86,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Personnel services, \$82,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$165,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Justice And Public Services

Directorate, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Justice and Public Services, directorate, \$54,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Courts, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Courts, \$63,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legal Aid, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Legal aid, \$124,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



Legal, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Legal, \$70,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety And Mining, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Safety and mining, \$222,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Consumer Affairs, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Consumer affairs, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$553,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services

Office Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Government Services, office services, \$42,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Freight, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Freight, \$32,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Systems And Computer Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Systems and computer services, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Supply Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Supply services, \$131,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motor Vehicles, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Motor vehicles, \$95,000. Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$336,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works And Highways

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Public Works and Highways, directorate, \$156,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Accommodation Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Accommodation services, \$1,010,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Buildings and works, \$115,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Vehicles And Equipment Maintenance, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Vehicles and equipment maintenance, \$212,200 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Utilities, \$376,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highways/Design And Construction, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Highways/design and construction, \$595,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$1,058,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

Field Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Renewable Resources, field services, \$101,950. Agreed? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Ms Cournoyea is not here right now but I think just for the public record, if somebody in the government perhaps Mr. Patterson who is the Minister responsible for aboriginal rights, could explain exactly what are the GNWT obligations under the Inuvialuit land claims agreement and are there any prototypes for those obligations for future land claims.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Inuvialuit land claims settlement is a very complicated document which sets up a number of boards and new regimes for giving the Inuvialuit greater control over their land. In regard to this particular item, the reason that we have had to expend this amount of money is that it was felt it was urgent to get elements in place immediately to improve land and resource management in that area which is a scene of high development. However, the land claims agreement does provide that the federal government will fund 100 per cent of the extra costs associated to this government as part of the agreement. So in this particular case the funding was required to establish the Inuvialuit Game Council with the secretariat. But a Treasury Board submission which is in place now, which has been submitted now in the amount of some five million dollars over the next five years will cover these costs. This will allow the Inuvialuit Game Council to start its operations but we do expect -- well it is more than expectation, we are confident that the Government of Canada will honour its legal obligations to meet these costs.

So that is why it is described as advance funding. There have been a few delays in the progress of this Treasury Board submission but it is one that is a legal obligation and our government has done our part with regard to the Treasury Board submission, we are waiting for other federal government departments to give their input. I expect it will be dealt with in the next short while. But it was felt that with the pressures going on in that area in terms of development we would not wait to have the federal Treasury Board submission approved. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Field services, \$101,950. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Wildlife management, \$55,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$46,950. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Local Government, directorate, \$49,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$49,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services

Family And Children's Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Social Services, family and children's services, \$2,351,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think I have made this point and I think Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Butters are aware of the committee's concern about the responsibility of this government to pay for the fact that we were forced to implement the Young Offenders Act. I cannot recall in our last meeting of committee of the whole if I got this on the record and it is why I am saying it again, but I think it is important enough to again emphasize to the Minister. I think this is a test case for formula financing. This legislation is obviously at the initiative of the federal government and one way or another, whether it is Department of Health or the Solicitor General's office or Indian and Northern Affairs office, the full cost of this implementation program should be borne by the federal government. I think both Ministers are aware of my concerns and the committee's concerns.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time we have no reason to believe that the federal government will not honour the financial agreement in this area. We think that there is a commitment by the federal government to cover this cost under what we believe is the agreement and the spirit of the agreement on the formula funding arrangement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Family and children's services, \$2,351,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Alcohol And Drug Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Alcohol and drug services, \$350,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$2,701,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Expo '86, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Expo '86, \$960,000. Agreed? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This additional appropriation of \$960,000 is an increase over the roughly \$500,000 that was in the main estimates for this year, an increase of something in the nature of 170 per cent for O and M. I notice on a further page that there is another one million dollars of supplementary funds being appropriated or requested under capital for Expo '86. In the budget session some MLAs expressed concern that this project might run away in terms of the overall costs and Mr. Curley, the Executive Member -- today may be the last day that we get to call our colleagues Executive Members rather than Ministers, so maybe I should use Executive Member -- indicated that net figure to our territorial government of some \$3.6 million.

Back at the time of the budget session he expected that when all is said and done, after Expo is over, that the government still should be within that figure approximately. There is some concern that here we are just a few months later being asked to approve another -- the round figure is two million dollars both for O and M and capital. The Minister has indicated to us in one of the committee meetings that there is an explanation for this two million dollars and I would like, for the record, Mr. Chairman, the Minister to indicate that this afternoon. At the same time I would ask him to comment on, or clarify for me, when he states the overall budget of \$3.6 million as being the net cost, does that include government expenditures in all departments? Because I notice in this document a couple of small items under another department, Education, an additional \$29,000 being requested to produce post cards and \$56,000 being requested to train students who will act as guides at the Expo pavilion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Curley, do you want to respond to that?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that our explanation in the budget session earlier this year still remains the same. We were not able to incorporate those additional costs even though they were stated in my presentation during the budget session, mainly because of the fact that the private sector participants that were originally contracted withdrew by the end of last year, too late to incorporate the relevant figures which we now are requesting for approval. So as a result we were not able to incorporate them because they came in late at the end of the year, but our net costs remain the same \$3.6 million. I would think that in view of the additional corporate partners that are joining with us that there will likely be some improvements with our net costs because I understand there is another corporate partner which we have not anticipated now going to join us sometime next week. At least, that will offset the net costs to the government.

As I indicated to the standing committee the other day that net costs of \$3.6 million remain the same and that unless some drastic event happens we certainly would like to keep within that target. But as far as my colleagues interested in Expo '86 are concerned, or any other Member, now I would welcome them to join with me in their budget. The Minister of Education is the only department that has shown interest in putting in additional money separately from the total Expo budget. All I can say to you is we realize this is a significant figure but as we indicated during the budget session it was too late by then to incorporate it in the overall budget process in view of the late withdrawal of the private sector group. So that is now reflective in that appropriation at this time. I think our explanation is clear that we have not and we will not attempt to increase it any more if we can help it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that explanation. The second part of my question is having to do with the expenditures from other departments, I would just like it clarified. Is the Minister saying that when he speaks of net cost \$3.6 million he is including other departments?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: No, I did not include that figure because that has not been appropriated to Expo budget for reasons I really do not understand. Maybe the Minister of Finance, my colleague, can explain it. I did not participate during that FMB meeting so I would have to ask my colleague, the Minister of Finance, who is the chairman of the FMB to explain what the reasons were behind appropriating additional money from my colleague Dennis Patterson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I think the explanation is quite simple. The reason that these moneys were appropriated to the Department of Education form two items. Our production of post cards of student art -- by the way, for \$29,000 we are getting a million post cards, and the training function is simply that the moneys will be administered by the Department of Education and spent by the Department of Education. In the training function we are going to be directly doing that training through Thebacha College. I am prepared to provide further explanation on those items if the Member wishes because I think they have their merits. But to answer the question, the only reason it came out of Education is because we will be directly spending the money. If the Department of Economic Development was going to be administering the funds then they would have applied for them but we have arranged for the holding of the art contest and the production of the post cards and we will directly train the students within the Arctic College. So that is the reason. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have no difficulty with the fact that they are allocated into Education. I think the Ministers know best and the finance officials know best where these things belong. My point simply is that -- and perhaps for future reference, when the Minister and presumably Mr. Curley, is asked what did Expo cost us or what is it costing us -- I think in fairness or for accuracy if he could indicate what the net cost to his budget was and as an addendum say "and other departments had minor expenditures totalling X dollars". That is simply the point so that we can get a picture tomorrow and next year of the total net cost to this government of that particular project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Expo '86, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Expo '86, \$960,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$960,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Education. Administration, \$29,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schools, \$32,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Advanced education, \$56,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

College Programs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): College programs, \$118,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$235,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legislative Assembly

Clerk Of The Legislative Assembly, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Legislative Assembly. Capital, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, \$97,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$97,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation

NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): NWT Housing Corporation. Capital, NWT Housing Corporation, \$1,100,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$1,100,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Information

Directorate, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Information. Capital, directorate, \$56,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$56,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Staff Relations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Personnel. Staff relations, \$360,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I might use this opportunity to return to a question that occurred during the debate on Bill 10-84(5) on the supps and the government promised to distribute a written explanation of the \$14.5 million liability for employee benefits. That explanation is now available to the committee and if Members would wish it it could be distributed by the Pages, sir.

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Total department, \$360,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services

Office Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Government Services. Capital, office services, \$400,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

System And Computer Services, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): System and computer services, \$2,150,000. Agreed? Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I wonder if I could have an explanation from the Minister responsible on this regional computer upgrades. What is happening, are we buying new computers? Historically I understand that we bought our computers rather than leased them, but I see every year a lot of money is being spent upgrading our system. I am not against progress and this modernization of the system, but I wonder what sort of controls are on it, with all the money we are spending are we getting value for dollar. So maybe you can just explain to me what are we doing here to upgrade these regional computers.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I am no computer expert but experts in our government have advised me thusly: The five year electronic data processing plan was recently approved by the Financial Management Board. The plan included a number of initiatives by departments for the development of information systems which had a regional component. As a result it will be necessary to move forward the plan, upgrade of regional computing equipment, from 1986-87 to 1985-86. The upgrade of computing equipment serving the five regions was originally planned for the current fiscal year. This date was skipped by one year as the government restraint measure. The regional computers require upgrading because the current applications require more processing than can be provided using existing staff and equipment. Some FIS processing cycles require 14 or more hours to complete. Existing computer hardware has exceeded its planned five year life and the manufacturer has indicated the support such as maintenance, software, upgrades and consulting services for the Hewlett Packard 3000 Series 33 processor will gradually be phased out.

The departments which have indicated plans to introduce information systems with regional components are as follows: DPW, Social Services, Economic Development and Tourism, Justice and Public Services, Government Services, Local Government. We will be establishing funds for the acquisition of microcomputers where equivalent operations and maintenance saving can be identified and removed from the current years appropriation. As Members appreciate, there is an explosion on the use of microcomputers in the last couple of years.

The Financial Management Board, through its approval of the five year electronic data processing plan, also approved purchases of microcomputers and word processors, where the acquisition will result in saving greater than the cost and where the purchase can be funded through an O and M reduction to the acquiring department's budget in the year of acquisition. The anticipated requirement for 50 small systems, small microcomputers or word processors at an estimated cost of \$13,000 for installation, requires a capital fund of \$650,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): System and computer services. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I realize that it is very costly, but just think of all the man years that have been saved so.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, I will not get into it now, I know that people are busy, but I -- everyone wants to leave -- people are not busy, that is the problem -- but, I have some problems. I think in many ways this government has overcomplicated its system and we are probably overcomputerized. But, I just want to leave the committee with one thought, and Mr. Butters in particular, beware of computer salesmen with big smiles and white teeth. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the honourable Member left me with that thought in the winter session, as I recall, it was his last word of advice.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad that Mr. Ballantyne gave us his thoughts. After we are finished he can publish his finance committee report and call it, "The thoughts of Chairman Mike". Thank you.

System And Computer Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): System and computer services, \$2,150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$2,550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works And Highways

Highways/Design And Construction, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Public Works and Highways, highways/design and construction, \$5,558,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$5,558,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Community Planning And Development, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Local Government, community planning and development, \$1,444,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Just for Members' information, there is a letter from Mr. Sibbeston in the back of the briefing book explaining what communities this is happening in and where this money will be spent, in the Keewatin, in the Baffin.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Community planning and development, \$1,444,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Recreation, \$685,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$2,129,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services

Family And Children's Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Social Services, family and children's services, \$1,083,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Services To Aged And Handicapped, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Services to the aged and handicapped, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$1,223,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Expo '86, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Expo '86, \$1,030,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$1,030,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Schools, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Education, schools, \$550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total department, \$550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Do you want to go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule, total operations and maintenance, \$8,374,550. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule, total capital, \$12,453,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total supplementary appropriations, \$20,827,850. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Ready to report this for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 5-85(2), Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Now we will go to Bill 5-85(2). Bill 5-85(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am open to any questions Members might have on this bill now. I should maybe for the record read the purpose of the bill. The purpose of this bill 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 March 10, 1975; to reduce the amount of service needed by a Member as Speaker, Deputy Speaker or Minister to be eligible for an allowance; to include 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.

In essence, Mr. Chairman, the intent is to allow Members who were Members on October 1, 1979, when a plan was brought into effect, to claim past years back to 1975 when the Legislative Assembly was first fully elected, as pensionable years. And, also to take into consideration the fact that Members have sources of income in the Assembly such as Speaker, chairman, etc., that could also be included in the amounts that Members use to calculate their pension. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Any general comments? Mr. Richard.

Neutral Body Should Arbitrate Salary And Allowances

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have just a few brief comments on this act which amends the existing pension scheme. Firstly, Mr. Chairman, I have a difficulty in my role as a legislator passing legislation that benefits legislators. I would like to make a suggestion. I will not make a motion today, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to make a suggestion to the Management and Services Board. That is, they should investigate the possibility of having matters like our indemnities, our allowances, our expense accounts, our pension schemes -- these things I feel should be dealt with by a body that is outside of the Assembly, independent of it. It is my recollection that this has been discussed, if not done, in other jurisdictions. I personally have some discomfort in sitting in judgment of one's own salary, if you will. I know it has been discussed in other jurisdictions and I am sure that jurisdictions who have been in existence longer than us must have come to grips with this matter. I would ask that the Management and Services Board consider looking into some sort of scheme that we could adopt, that we would refer these issues to that outside body and agree now that when their recommendation comes back as to an increase or a change that we would accept what they determined. That is by way of a general comment, Mr. Chairman.

My second comment is that I have some difficulty in agreeing to retroactive benefits. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: In regard to Mr. Richard's general comment, the Management and Services Board is aware of the sort of atmosphere the Member refers to when legislators legislate their own salary. We have discussed this before but we felt that to be up front and clearly before the people, that the salaries we get paid and any retirement allowance scheme the government has, should be in legislation. And the amount should be in legislation and therefore it should be brought to the House so that people can see clearly what we are being paid and what amounts. We have discussed other ways of doing that but always the majority of us on the Management and Services Board felt that when we are getting paid a salary, whether it is a per diem or an annual salary or a retiring benefit, that the amounts and the formula for calculating that should be clearly in the legislation so that people can find it and know what we are doing. And not have it in regulations, etc. I do understand Mr. Richard's concern that a neutral body might better and

more fairly arbitrate, so to speak, what is a fair amount that should be set for expenses and salaries, etc., in relation to other jurisdictions. I will take it upon myself to raise this at the next Management and Services Board and have the secretary to that committee see what is done in other jurisdictions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Any further general comments? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Since this bill is a bill that has to do with the Legislative Assembly, the standing committee on legislation followed the similar policy here and feels that it is more appropriate for caucus to review the bill where all Members are present. The reason is that the standing committee on legislation always feels that merely a committee review where there is only a fraction of the total numbers present is not very effective by way of recommending things because when you bring it back to the total membership then you need agreement of the majority of Members and too often the work that is done in making recommendations is changed at that point.

I have one question myself. Initially there was a bill in our books and the Management and Services Board I believe had agreed to make a change with respect to the retroactive date. The Minister, when he introduced the bill, in fact used the new date, that is 1975. But the bill that I have in the book does not say that. So was another bill distributed in the meantime? What copy are we dealing with, Mr. Minister?

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, the government has an amendment to change the date he is referring to, July 4, 1967, as the back service date -- to change that to March 10, 1975. So that is why I interjected the new date when I introduced the bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McLaughlin, if you want to make a motion you can go ahead now.

Motion To Amend Statement Of Purpose, Bill 5-85(2), Carried

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 5-85(2) be amended by deleting the word and numbers "July 4, 1967" in line three of the statement of purpose and substituting the word and numbers "March 10, 1975".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Are you ready to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 6. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 7. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 8. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 9. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 10. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 11. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 12, revocation of election. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 13, retiring allowance based on service. Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion To Amend Clause 13, Bill 5-85(2), Carried

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I have an amendment on page three, relevant to clause 13. I move that Bill 5-85(2) be amended by deleting the word and numbers "July 4, 1967" on line 31 of page three and substituting the word and numbers "March 10, 1975".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 13, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion To Amend Clause 14, Bill 5-85(2), Carried

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On clause 14 I have an amendment: I move that Bill 5-85(2) be amended by deleting the word and numbers "July 4, 1967" on line 15 of page four and substituting the word and numbers "March 10, 1975". Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 14, retiring allowance based on earnings, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 15, withdrawal allowance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 16. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 17. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 18, report to Legislative Assembly. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 19, transfer of Council retiring allowances account. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Do you wish to report Bill 5-85(2) ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): That concludes all the bills in committee of the whole. I will now report progress.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Erkloo.

REVERT TO ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-85(2), INTERPRETATION ACT; BILL 4-85(2), LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACT; FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING; BILL 6-85(2), MENTAL HEALTH ACT; BILL 10-85(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 4, 1984-85; BILL 11-85(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 1, 1985-86; BILL 5-85(2), LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing and 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). I wish to report that the Final Report of the Special Committee on Housing has been concluded with a motion being adopted. Mr. Speaker, also Bill 10-85(2), Bill 11-85(2) and Bill 1-85(2) are now ready for third reading and Bill 6-85(2), Bill 4-85(2) and Bill 5-85(2) are now ready for third reading as amended.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Do you agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Third reading of bills, Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 17: THIRD READING OF BILLS

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I move, on behalf of the Government Leader, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 1-85(2), An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, be read for the third time. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 1-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 3-85(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 4-85(2), An Act Respecting the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 4-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. McLaughlin.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: 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 third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 5-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. McLaughlin.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 6-85(2), An Act Respecting Mentally Disordered Persons, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 6-85(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Curley.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 8-85(2), An Act to Amend the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act, be read for the third time, on behalf of the Minister of Renewable Resources.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 8-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 7-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-85(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 10-85(2), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 10-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 11-85(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1985-86

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 11-85(2), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1985-86 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 11-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. Patterson.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 12-85(2), An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 12-85(2) has had third reading. Mr. McLaughlin.

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

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 13-85(2) has had third reading.

For the record, Bill 6-85(2), Mental Health Act -- the correct title is An Act Respecting Mentally Disordered Persons. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In connection with a proposed amendment to the Education Act, I wonder if the House would permit me to request consent to go back to Ministers' statements and tabling of documents, in order to make a statement with respect to that proposed bill.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Any nays? We will go back to Ministers' statements, Item 3. Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Draft Bill To Enforce Compulsory School Attendance

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to make a brief statement concerning compulsory attendance. The present Education Act states that students shall attend school but contains no effective measures for enforcement of compulsory attendance. This is of grave concern to me. I believe the lack of compulsory attendance provisions is one of the biggest factors in the high drop-out rate in our schools.

I cite the conclusions of the Keewatin youth survey which was tabled in this Assembly, which interviewed some 690 young persons from this region. One fifth of the youth gave no response at all to the question asking why they quit school. We cannot guess why they quit or whether they had a reason at all. Quite a number stated that they quit to help at home or were told by their parents to quit. About 40 per cent of the youth surveyed had dropped out of elementary school. This also is very alarming to me. The surveyors concluded that even though most persons like school, there is no pressure to stay. For those who left school the pressure seemed to work the other way around, to push or pull young people to stay out of school.

Mr. Speaker, in the past year or so, a number of communities have asked that compulsory attendance be implemented in their school districts. Accordingly, I did prepare legislation to implement compulsory attendance in a certain number of communities only. The legislation intended that compulsory attendance should be implemented only with the approval of the Minister of Education and that prosecution should only be a last resort, where all other means fail, to persuade a parent of his or her duty and responsibility to send their children to school. The bill provided for a process for improving attendance, which assigned responsibilities to the student, teacher, principal, parent, local education authorities and an attendance counsellor. If that process failed, it recommended that before prosecution was initiated, the local education authority must approve that step.

I believe that since the matter of compulsory attendance is perhaps regrettably still a controversial matter in some communities, the scheme should best be implemented only where it has full community support. Any prosecution should be approved first by the local education authority. I have received advice from some honourable Members that this requirement may present a heavy burden on local education authorities. Based on advice from Members and considering that this is a very sensitive issue, I have decided that it would be appropriate to table the draft bill at this time. I propose to do so today with the permission of the House. I will forward copies of this bill as well, to local education authorities which have requested compulsory attendance and will seek the views of Members of this House, including the standing committee on legislation, so that local education authorities, Members of this House and the general public will have an adequate opportunity to consider and comment on this bill.

I would then hope to proceed with a bill in the fall session, which will have the support of all Members and the public. Mr. Speaker, passage early this fall would also still permit local education authorities who wish to proceed, to have programs in place early in the school year, before attendance begins to erode. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. We will now go to Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

REVERT TO ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 21-85(2): Bill 2-85(2), An Act to Amend the Education Act. The purpose of this bill is to implement compulsory attendance. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley, Item 9, tabling of documents.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr Speaker, I overlooked Item 6. I have a couple of returns and I would like to have unanimous consent to proceed with them if I can.

AN HON. MEMBER: Proceed.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Are there any nays? Proceed, please, Mr. Curley.

REVERT TO ITEM 6: RETURNS

Further Return To Question 65-85(2): Powers Of Northern Frontier Visitors Association

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to oral Question 65-85(2), asked by Mr. Wah-Shee on June 12, 1985, with respect to Northern Frontier Visitors Association funding.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism makes a total contribution of \$280,000 to the tourist associations across the NWT. The following is a list of the contributions that have been made to the Northern Frontier Visitors Association: core funding 1984-85, \$35,000; core funding 1985-86, \$35,000. Also under the EDA marketing program for 1985-86, \$15,000 has already been advanced. The total marketing program will be \$61,000, to be paid out by December, 1985.

Mr. Speaker, if you would allow, I have one more.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please proceed, Mr. Curley.

Further Return To Question 64-85(2): Proposed Move Of Arctic Co-operatives Limited

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to oral Question 64-85(2) asked by Mr. Richard on June 12, 1985, with respect to Arctic Co-operatives Limited. It is the understanding of my department that the management of Arctic Co-operatives Limited is recommending to its board of directors that a significant number of Yellowknife employees be transferred to Ottawa. It is also understood that a number of Yellowknife employees were advised of the management decision on May 31, 1985.

The decision is apparently subject to ratification by the ACL board of directors at its next meeting in Ottawa this month. The apparent justification for this move is to reduce ACL overhead costs. The co-op movement throughout the NWT is experiencing financial difficulties. My department is aware that ACL must take steps to improve its financial position. However, it has not taken a position with respect to the wisdom of ACL management's decision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Item 6, returns. Mr. Wray.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Paniloo of the Minister of Education with regard to the fire alarm system in Pangnirtung. I do not have the question number, I am sorry. Just to briefly reply that the Member is correct. The fire alarm system is old and not operable at this time. However, a contract has been recently let to install a new fire alarm system in the school and this fire alarm system will be installed and operative before school starts in the fall.

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

Return To Question 70-85(2): Costs Of Out-Of-Town Sessions And Ceremonial Functions

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 1985, Mr. Richard asked Question 70-85(2), regarding costs of sessions and ceremonial functions of this House. In response to the honourable Member's question on expenditures incurred by the Legislative Assembly for sessions and ceremonial functions, I have attached a comparative analysis of costs to this return for distribution to Members. So I will give this to the Clerk and he can see that Members acquire this document.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Are there any further returns? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, the orders of the day were changed around in order to facilitate government business and that was done on the understanding that there would be an opportunity to return to oral questions. So I would ask for unanimous consent to return to Item 4, oral questions.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to return to Item 4, oral questions. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. MacQuarrie.

REVERT TO ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 71-85(2): Government Funding For Child Care

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have an urgent one but I had already given notice to a Minister yesterday that I would ask the question so I just wanted the opportunity to do it.

It is for the Minister of Social Services. I was interested yesterday that Mr. Curley tabled a petition from Rankin Inlet people here expressing the desire for the establishment of an adequate day care facility. That is an issue right across the Territories, adequate child care. I remember remarking at the budget session or lamenting the rather small amount that this government commits to child care. Mr. Minister, I am aware that you have had some discussions recently with other Ministers on this topic. Could you tell me what government positions or plans are for moving further in the area of child care?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 71-85(2): Government Funding For Child Care

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for giving me notice of the question. The Minister responsible for the Status of Women and myself have frequent meetings, as the day care issue is one which he is involved with too. As well, officials from our department have had contact with the Minister of Economic Development's department as well as the Minister of DPW and Highways' department. They are involved in a somewhat ancillary way with some of the issues as well. I am pleased to be able to tell the Member that the Executive Council, through the Financial Management Board, has approved an extra person year from my department; a term position. This person will be contracted to deal with day care issues in the NWT, in particular to advise as to what type of standards day care should have, where programs exist and where associations are operating day care programs. As well, the person will be charged with the responsibility of advising the government and my department, in particular, as to what the needs are and what expectations are from the several communities in the NWT who asked for this service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 72-85(2): Funding For Aboriginal Language Program, St. Pat's School

MR. BALLANTYNE: I have a very short oral question and I too would ask the Government Leader -- yesterday I had given him notice of this question. Perhaps Mr. Patterson could take it under advisement.

The Government Leader yesterday stated that there were some \$2.7 million that will be available this year for aboriginal languages. He mentioned a list of priority projects. I brought to his attention that in St. Pat's school of School District No. 2, there was a project started last year and I do not know if the Minister is aware of it. They developed materials in Dogrib and they have run out of money. I asked the Government Leader privately if he could put that project on that list of priorities. I wonder if Mr. Patterson could convey that to him officially, if he could consider putting the aboriginal language program at St. Pat's in School District No. 2 on that list of priorities.

MR. RICHARD: Hear, hear!

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 72-85(1): Funding For Aboriginal Language Program, St. Pat's School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the House that the allocations announced by the Government Leader yesterday also include appropriations to the Department of Education in the amount of \$100,000 of additional funds over our existing budget, to permit the publication and production of materials that have already been developed. I will certainly undertake not only to pass the Member's request on to the Government Leader but also to inform the Member that I am aware of the request that has been received from St. Pat's. I would hope that if we cannot identify it as an additional project, that the Department of Education could assist them to implement the results of their work. We have some flexibility in the Department of Education, and I will certainly take into account that particular request which has just been received, as well as the request from the Dogrib people in the constituency of Rae-Lac la Martre, which I also recently received. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 73-85(2): Funding For Park In Pangnirtung

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. The tourism committee of Pangnirtung have informed me that they have applied for funds from the federal government to improve the facilities for tourism in Pangnirtung. They have received about half of what the federal government promised them. I would like to know now from the Minister if they will be receiving the rest of the funds that the federal government promised them. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 73-85(2): Funding For Park In Pangnirtung

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question was brought forward to me from the Pang committee. I believe they were given some money from the Canadian national parks. My understanding was that they would go ahead and continue with their committee. My understanding was that they would no longer receive funding from the national parks, and I did reply to the chairman of the tourism committee in Pangnirtung, and I also informed him that I would inquire a little further with the Canadian government to see if there would be further funding made available to that committee in Pangnirtung. I think that it was the tour guide association or something in Pangnirtung.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any further oral questions? Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 74-85(2): Freezing Of Rental Scales

MR. BALLANTYNE: It is another question that I brought to the attention of Mr. Wray yesterday, having to do with the rental scale, and Mr. Wray informed this House that the rental scale was frozen. I had a letter from a constituent stating that although they might have frozen the rental scale, they have said now that they would raise some of the ceilings, and that the fact is there is an increase in rent requested by the Housing Corporation. I will make the details available to Mr. Wray, but does he have a general response to that?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 74-85(2): Freezing Of Rental Scales

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The maximum rent for public housing on northern rental units located in home-ownership communities, is set at the break-even point or what is commonly called the economic rent. These maximums are adjusted yearly after the annual budget is set. Recently this adjustment was done in the Yellowknife district and several families were affected. In these cases, a three month notice is given and the rental increases do not come into effect until September the 1st. Only high income families who are paying economic rent, face the possibility of a rent increase. In Detah for example, the cost of operating a public housing unit rose from \$476 to \$653. There were three families in the community whose incomes were sufficient to be assessed at the old maximum, \$476. Using the rental scale on the new maximum, \$653, only two families are now assessed at maximum rent and one at \$530. In order to be assessed at the new maximum, gross income must be at least \$32,000 a year. Families who can afford fuel costs, based on the rental scale, should be encouraged to seek home-ownership.

I should add, however, that because I had made a commitment in this House that no rental increases would be incurred, I have ordered that these increases be rescinded immediately. It is my opinion that all rental increases should be stopped until we take a look at the rental scale. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Erkloo.

Question 75-85(2): Problems With Inuit Surnames

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two questions, but the people that I was going to direct these questions to are not present. My first question, I am not sure who to direct it to. Perhaps to the Government Leader. In the past the Inuit people used to have different names, surnames or last names. In the early 1970s, they started having to go by their family names. For example, all my children would have the same last name as I do. I think that there has to be some sort of study conducted to ensure that all relatives or all people who have the right to a proper surname, have the proper surname because some people who may be members of the same family have different surnames. I would really appreciate it if there would be some sort of study conducted with respect to the surnames of some of the people or Inuit in this part of the Territories.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader, I will certainly take the question as notice and present the relevant question to him. But, I think that I should respond in Inuktitut, because there are some facts involving changes of names and so on.

(Translation) Just for a point of clarification, Elijah, that is exactly true. I will pass on the statements that you made to the Government Leader. It is true that there are differences in names of people who belong to the same family, where they do not have the same surname. By law, they could have their names changed to the appropriate one, whether it is through the JP or through vital statistics. There is no problem in changing the surname. I just wanted to make that clarification. Perhaps if we were to arrange for you to receive some sort of clarification in writing, then you will be able to understand it. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Erkloo.

Question 76-85(2): Welfare Assistance In Igloolik

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) My other question is to the Minister of Health and Social Services who is presently not here. There has been a concern by the residents of Igloolik with respect to welfare assistance provided to some of the people. Some of the people in Igloolik feel that the welfare assistance that they receive is not enough to survive on. Based on the fact that they have to buy food, the increase in cost of food may have something to do with their request to increase welfare assistance provided to them.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I regret that the Minister had to catch a plane a few moments ago, but I will take the question as notice and ask the Minister if he will reply directly to the honourable Member.

Resignation Of Mr. Albert Canadien

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. We will now return to Item 18, but before we do I would like to make some remarks on behalf of the Speaker. On behalf of the Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the Speaker received and accepted the resignation of our Clerk Assistant, Albert Canadien. Mr. Canadien has served the Legislative Assembly and its committees well in the past few years and I am sure that Members wish Mr. Canadien success in his future endeavours.

---Applause

Mr. Curley.



Member's Remarks To Assembly

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege I would just like to make a short remark just before we assent to bills. Mainly because the Members of the Assembly have been well-appreciated for their interest in the community and the Keewatin, particularly Rankin Inlet here, I have received many comments. I know many of my constituents taking part have learned a lot of how the government operates and how their representatives represent their ridings throughout the NWT. So on behalf of my constituents, I would like to give you, Mr. Speaker, and the Members of the Assembly a well-earned appreciation for the contact you have had and the enthusiastic response that you have given, particularly those who travelled with us to Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet. Mr. Speaker, if you would allow me, I would like to make a couple of remarks in Inuktitut as well because the members of the community would like you to come more regularly. I know that there are many other places in the NWT who would like us to visit them and some of us Ministers will do this, as well as Members of the special committee.

I was particularly very pleased to see many of the Assembly Members taking part yesterday during the presentation of the Commissioner's Award to Mr. Norman Ford. Norman Ford was very touched by the award and I have been very happy to have been able to take part in nominating him for the award. He was very touched because when he was given that award, he looked back, after, throughout his life. It made him think of the past and the many friends and associates who had helped him and were associated with him and they are no longer around. He was sentimental about the fact that he would have liked to have shared the award with them. So if you would accept his gratefulness to the government and he indicated that today on the local radio. So I am just passing along these feelings because it meant a lot to the guy who is really an historic document as far as I am concerned. I would like to urge those members in the community to document some of his experiences because they are fascinating. Mr. Ford has always been able to perform public service with tremendous enthusiasm. Also with such a sense of humour that he had when he was younger, he was always able to change circumstances that were desperate in some ways, to a very positive and warm event. I know he is ageing now but I would just like to make that remark.

(Translation) I would like to thank everybody who has participated and listened to the proceedings of the Assembly. I would like to thank the mayor of the hamlet council and the private sector when they welcomed us and ensured that there were activities for the Assembly in this community. I know that the Legislative Assembly would like to travel to other communities in the NWT to ensure that the people in those communities see how the government operates. I can see us doing that in the future. I would like to thank the people of Rankin Inlet for their input and I think that it is important that the people of the NWT see who the government is and what the government is. Moses, I understand that Sanikiluaq is quite a distance away from this community but I would like to thank your constituency for the input that they provide to the government. I would just like to thank my colleagues for providing such a great contribution to this community. I would also like to thank the interpreters who have provided the best service they could and I thank them all. Perhaps we should give them some kind of recognition some time in the future as a memento. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak.

---Applause

Appreciation To Community Of Rankin Inlet

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. On behalf of the Speaker, I would like to make a few comments at this time. The Speaker has asked me to convey our deep appreciation to the community of Rankin Inlet, the people of Rankin Inlet, who were so kind as to give us the type of hospitality that the North is very famous for...

---Applause

...and for the many social and cultural functions that the people in Rankin Inlet have put on for our enjoyment. We have certainly enjoyed participating in these social functions. On behalf of the House we would like to indicate that to the community, to the various organizations that have made a contribution to make our stay in your community very enjoyable and comfortable.

As well, we would like to express our appreciation to the honourable Member who is representing this community and I am sure on behalf of all the Members, we, in turn would like to return this type of hospitality in other parts of the Territories as well. So thank you very much.

---Applause

I would say that in Inuktitut if I could speak it. At this time, Mr. Butters, did you want to say something?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well, sir, the Speaker's words were words that I would have said but as I am on my feet I think that on behalf of all Members I would thank our two Keewatin colleagues for their assistance and support. And to the people in the Keewatin for the warm way in which they welcomed us and made us part of their family. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say thanks on behalf of the special committee on housing. The staff has worked hard on this final report. I would like to thank the committee co-ordinator, Penny Aumond. The research officer, Dick Bushey, secretaries and the transcript staff and the interpreters, Inuktitut, Inuvialuktun, Slavey, Dogrib, South Slavey, Chipewyan. And also the staff of the Legislative Assembly who have given us a lot of support. Also some of the departments like Department of Information, language bureau, government library, vital statistics, Regional Operations Secretariat, Department of Education, Department of Local Government, Department of Personnel, and the Energy and Resource Development Secretariat. Those are the departments and the other staff we would like to thank on behalf of the special committee on housing.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. I forgot to mention that we also appreciate very much the hard work and assistance that was given by the Pages from Rankin Inlet.

---Applause

For the information of the Members I will just read some of the names of the Pages here. Gloria Anawak, John Ayaruak -- you will have to excuse my pronunciation. Clara Airut, Sandra Tulugak, Roy Manitok, Sky Wah-Shee, who is my daughter. Willie Okpatauyak, Brahm Taylor, and my son, Jason Wah-Shee. So thank you very much.

We will now turn to Item 18, assent to bills. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner of the NWT is prepared to assent to bills and prorogue this session?

Tribute To Mr. Al Bourque

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my tribute to Al Bourque whose tragic death occurred last week. Mr. Bourque was a valued and long-time member of the territorial service. He had just been appointed regional director. In accepting this position he told me that he would do his very best to fulfil his duties and I advised him that he had the full confidence of the Executive Council and had been identified as one of our most valued senior managers. His qualities of honesty, integrity, self-discipline and his wonderfully straightforward way of dealing with people endeared Mr. Bourque to all northern people. My personal condolences and the sympathy of this House, already expressed through the Speaker, are extended to Mrs. Bourque and all members of their family.

ITEM 18: ASSENT TO BILLS

Mr. Speaker, I assent to the following bills: Bill 1-85(2), Bill 3-85(2), Bill 4-85(2), Bill 5-85(2), Bill 6-85(2), Bill 7-85(2), Bill 8-85(2), Bill 10-85(2), Bill 11-85(2), Bill 12-85(2) and Bill 13-85(2).

I was pleased to hear the expressions from you, Mr. Speaker, and from other Members concerning the hospitality and warmth of the reception with which all of us have been received here in the Keewatin. I would simply add my own very special thanks to his worship, Mayor Jack Anawak and to all of the people of Rankin. The visits which many of us were able to make to the communities of Repulse Bay and to Chesterfield Inlet were also highlights of our visit to this area.

I would like to say that we have been very well-treated and I would now simply say to the people of Rankin Inlet, qujannamiik and tagvauvusi.

Time And Place Of Next Session

One of my functions is to announce the time and place of the next session. The next session of this Legislative Assembly will open on October 16, 1985 in Yellowknife.

As Commissioner of the NWT, I prorogue this fifth session of the 10th Assembly.

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