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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Hon. Tagak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Richard, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Monday, October 21st.

Item 2, Members' replies. There do not appear to be any Members' replies for today.

Item 3, Ministers' statements. No statements for today. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 24-85(3): Dene And Metis Transient Centre, Yellowknife

MR. WAH-SHEE: My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Some time ago I did bring up the issue of the need for a centre for Dene, particularly for those patients who do not reside in Yellowknife but do come to Yellowknife for health treatment, and recently there was a proposal made by the Dene Nation in regard to a medical centre, I believe, for Dene and Metis, particularly the transient patients. I would like the Minister at the present time to respond as to what the reaction of his department is to this particular proposal because I know a similar request has been made in the past by the Inuit in the Eastern Arctic and I believe it was supported by his department, so I would like to see what the response is to the needs indicated by the Dene and Metis, particularly patients.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 24-85(3): Dene And Metis Transient Centre, Yellowknife

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health officials have always been supportive of attempting to do something so that people travelling could be assured of living in a facility which gave adequate services to medical patients. In the situation in Yellowknife my department put forward papers to the Executive to seek their approval in this area. We have spent the last several months attempting to see what Health and Welfare Canada would do in this area but they are unwilling to take care of the capital costs of any facilities. As the Members know, in both the Winnipeg boarding home and in Montreal, our government had to come up with the capital money. However, I went to the Executive in this situation and wanted to acknowledge the entrepreneurship being taken forward by both the Dene and the Kitikmeot groups and the Executive Council has given me approval in principle to establish a medical boarding home in Yellowknife

under which we cover the capital and/or lease costs. We will be, as a department, going forward to the Financial Management Board -- in fact I signed some of the papers this morning -- with a full submission for the detailed amounts of money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Supplementary To Question 24-85(3): Dene And Metis Transient Centre, Yellowknife

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, supplementary to the question. Am I correct in my understanding in the discussion in regard to the financial allocation for the treaty Indians and the Metis, that the proposal does contain that if a facility of this nature is built that National Health and Welfare will be committed to provide funds on behalf of the treaty Indians? What was apparently being negotiated or to be considered is that GNWT would be asked to provide funds for the Metis people. As I understand it the care that is being provided by National Health and Welfare is clearly more or less understood in terms of responsibility for treaty Indians. Am I correct in assuming that that was the proposal?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Further Return To Question 24-85(3): Dene And Metis Transient Centre, Yellowknife

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The proposal from the Dene Nation involved both capital provision of the facility, through a lease actually in this particular case, and also requests that non-status Indians would also be covered, as well as Metis, under that. That decision has not yet been considered by the Executive. However, I will be taking that issue to the Executive for discussion shortly. The part that has been approved is that we will cover the lease of buildings in order that these two facilities can be established.

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

Question 25-85(3): Adult Educator For Hall Beach

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Last February, in Question 78-85(1), I asked if Hall Beach could get an adult educator. He replied saying that they were seeking funds through the economic development agreement. I was wondering what is happening with this. I would like a response to this question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 25-85(3): Adult Educator For Hall Beach

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am well aware that the community of Hall Beach has been petitioning for a community adult educator. One problem, Mr. Speaker, in moving quickly to answer this need is that we have not been able to identify a housing unit in Hall Beach, nor is there an adult centre. In the meantime I can tell the Member that we have made arrangements this school year that the school principal will deliver an adult program. I have budgeted for a full-time adult educator in the Education budget for the coming year, still to be approved by the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 26-85(3): Provision Of Country Food, Ukkivik Residence

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Education. Last year I used to mention that the students in Ukkivik should have native food. This summer I was told by the students that there is no native food there any more. I do not think they should forget about this. I cannot eat just any kind of food all year long. I have to eat some native food. In Ukkivik there are students from Sanikiluaq and they get so homesick because they get hungry for their native food and twice when I went through Frobisher I had to buy them native food from the country food store. I think we should not forget about this so I would like to ask the Minister if he could do something about this as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 26-85(3): Provision Of Country Food, Ukkivik Residence

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do understand what the honourable Member is saying. I am very pleased there are, I believe, seven students from Sanikiluaq at Ukkivik this year. On the matter of country food, Mr. Speaker, we do now provide country food in the form of snacks at night at Ukkivik but I recognize and respect the honourable Member's view that this is not enough. I would like to say that I am now looking at an offer that has been made to supply the residences with country food and I have asked my department to build in a requirement in catering contracts when they are renewed -- the one in Ukkivik will be up for renewal within the year -- so that when those contracts are up for renewal we strengthen the references to country food and in fact require the contractor to deliver country food as part of the daily fare and not just as a snack at night. So, I have plans under way to improve the situation, Mr. Speaker. In the meantime, I will see if, even before amending the catering contract, there are other means by which we can see that students who wish country food can have it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 27-85(3): Gymnasium For Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. On October 3, when I was in Arctic Bay I was told that Lake Harbour will be getting a gym in the school. When Arctic Bay's is completed they would get the Lake Harbour school gym. I was wondering if this was true, that they were going to build a gymnasium in the school in Lake Harbour. I know there was a motion that gyms in other schools be a priority but I would like to see that this Lake Harbour gym does not get delayed. I would like to hear if Lake Harbour is going to get a gym first. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 27-85(3): Gymnasium For Lake Harbour

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, what I said in Arctic Bay still stands. I have advised the Member that the design for the gym as part of the school in Lake Harbour would begin this coming year and the construction the following year. Since I have not changed it, it is still that way.

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

Question 28-85(3): Construction Of New School, Pelly Bay

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. At the budget session last year we approved a school for Pelly Bay. I was supposed to ask at this sitting where that stands, if it has been delayed. I want to know if construction of this school has been delayed.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 28-85(3): Construction Of New School, Pelly Bay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, there are considerable pressures on the government's capital plan and the capital plan of the Department of Education. These pressures have forced me to consider whether or not some school projects might have to be delayed. I have met with the mayor and secretary manager of the hamlet of Pelly Bay and I have met with the Kitikmeot regional education committee and I have heard their very strong requests that the school in Pelly Bay is so old and in such poor shape that construction cannot be delayed even for one more year. I assured the Kitikmeot regional education committee and the mayor that I would do my very best to ensure that construction does proceed as had been planned for 1986-87. To that end, I did instruct persons responsible for capital planning that they should continue to plan the school as if it was going to be built in 1986-87 and recently I have been to Pelly Bay to consult with the community on that school design.

Quite frankly, although there has been some consideration given to the need to cancel that school for a year, I am also making a very serious effort to find a way of keeping it on schedule. This is a matter that has not been resolved as of today. I realize how urgent it is that the matter be

resolved quickly and I respect the community's concern. I do expect to have an answer in the near future, perhaps within a month or so, and I will do my best to accommodate the Member's concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Oral questions. Mr. T'Seleie.

Question 29-85(3): Housing For Colville Lake

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Housing, Mr. Wray. About a month ago I wrote to the Minister indicating the need for some housing in the community of Colville Lake. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me whether he is willing to consider housing in Colville Lake.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Member knows I am willing to consider anything. I have not made a decision on the capital plan. It has not been seen by the board of directors of the Housing Corporation. It has not been seen by the Executive and I still have to have discussions with the MLAs. I wrote to you with the initial first year plan but I would like an opportunity to talk to the MLAs individually first before I take any recommendations forward. I will consider it and I will be talking to the Member in the not too distant future about housing for his area in general.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Then I take it you are taking the question under advisement. Oral questions. Mr. Appaqaq.

Question 30-85(3): Economic Development Funding, Lake Harbour And Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development. The money that was allocated to the communities of Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset -- I was wondering if the money has been allocated already to those communities, or to the regional office in Frobisher Bay? I am not quite sure exactly where the money has been allocated. I would like to get a response. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 30-85(3): Economic Development Funding, Lake Harbour And Cape Dorset

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wrote to all the eastern MLAs informing them of how the money has been allocated to their constituencies from Economic Development; of all the grants and benefits to all the communities. Bigger communities are getting larger grants. I was not able to indicate in the letter exactly what the money was supposed to be used for because I did not want to name the businessmen in the communities. So we had to allocate funding to each of the communities. If you want to get some detailed information I am sure you can try and get some information.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Supplementary To Question 30-85(3): Economic Development Funding, Lake Harbour And Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is not a problem but I was just wondering if the money that was supposed to be allocated to the communities is still sitting in the regional offices in Frobisher Bay. That is all I wanted to know. Perhaps the economic development officer can be visiting the communities and doing his job in that area. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 30-85(3): Economic Development Funding, Lake Harbour And Cape Dorset

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to inform you that the grants or the funding has been approved. I am sure it will be allocated to the communities.

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

Question 31-85(3): Gravel Crusher For Pond Inlet

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure who this question should be directed to, perhaps to the Minister of Local Government or Public Works or Finance. Those Ministers who were in Pond Inlet in the summertime may have noticed that there is a lot of gravel in Pond Inlet. In the summer they always have to work on the roads and they use a lot of money every time they try to upgrade the roads. The residents of Pond Inlet have heard about the gravel crusher and they heard a rumour that the residents of Pond Inlet may be getting a gravel crusher sometime in the future. So I would like this to be considered in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister. Who will field this question? Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Public Works is currently investigating the gravel supplies in every community and a way of combining our forces with MOT to provide crushed gravel and the provision of gravel crushers. I will take the question under advisement because I do not know if Pond Inlet is one of the communities under investigation right now or is one of those communities where we are looking at joint venturing with MOT but I will take the question under advisement and provide the Member with an answer. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. You are taking it as notice. Are there any further oral questions? Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 32-85(3): Status Of Arctic Air Facilities Policy

MR. WAH-SHEE: My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. As the Minister knows the issue of the air facilities agreement has been raised a number of times in this House. On each time the matter was raised we have not received a report of any positive progress from the Minister. Now, I wonder if the Minister can indicate what is the status of the discussion between the GNWT and the federal government, particularly the Ministry of Transport, in regard to the need for capital expenditure to be transferred to this department. Also why wasn't that identified as one of those areas that should have been transferred to this administration?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the question is such a good one, it is one for which I should take time to prepare a proper response. I will be pleased to provide the Member with a response tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: You are taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Question 33-85(3): Community Consultation On Construction Of School, Pelly Bay

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an oral question to the Minister of Education and it is still regarding the same subject as the one I asked before. It is regarding the school in Pelly Bay. As the MLA for that region I too have pressures almost the same as a Minister. Since I am the first available person reporting to the Assembly and representing these people, I certainly do have pressure regardless if I do not approve any budgets -- I have some ways and means to communicate. When the Pelly Bay education society and the hamlet council found out that the plan for that school was put from A to B it was not easy for them. After this winter's budget session I thought everything was going okay until it seemed a little late. But 1986 is coming on pretty soon and we are still on 1985 and the school for Pelly Bay I believe was for the year 1985-86. Now the new plan I believe is 1986-87. If the Minister is going to make or expect to make any changes -- I guess before announcing it or anything it should be the communities that have a peaceful say of "Yes, it can be changed".

So I am asking the Minister if he is going to make any changes, changing a big plan from A to B, before going on to the public or changing the names or the figures in the budget, I would wish that he would communicate with the communities and the MLAs in the future so that everyone would be in agreement. Would he do that in the future? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Angottitauruq, you certainly are learning the rules very quickly. That was quite a long drawn-out question. The politics were quite obvious. Mr. Minister, do you have an answer for Mr. Angottitauruq?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is always difficult to fully consult the public in connection with capital planning because there are changes that occur that are beyond our control. Sometimes projects cost more than were planned. Sometimes delays occur, sometimes there are construction problems and this means that it is not always possible to inform the public when capital planning changes are being considered. I believe we can do a better job of letting the public know where they stand. I will attempt to do a better job in the future of informing communities where their school plans are sitting.

With respect to Pelly Bay I feel that having met with the mayor and the education society they are now very currently aware of the present situation which I do anticipate I will be able to resolve in the near future -- by the end of October if I can. I can assure the honourable Member that within the next short while the question of the construction date for the school in Pelly Bay will be resolved because if we are going to build the school next year as had been originally planned then a decision must take place. It must be reinstated quite soon in order that tendering can occur. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. I take it then that you are going to take this question as notice and will advise our friend of the decision when and if it is available.

---Laughter

I just wanted to get this section of politicking over for this afternoon. Are there any further oral questions? Mr. Erkloo.

Question 34-85(3): Wharf For Pond Inlet

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of DPW, the honourable Mr. Wray. Supplementary to my question earlier concerning too much gravel in Pond Inlet, the beach is starting to wear away because there are huge chunks of rocks on the beach now. The residents of Pond Inlet are increasing each year and there are a lot of boats that are being used and there is hardly any room left for the boats to be put ashore because of the rocks. As I heard before, your department is starting to implement the wharf program in the communities. I would like to get clarification on whether Pond Inlet will be getting a wharf in the future. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 34-85(3): Wharf For Pond Inlet

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The community wharf program -- we went to every community this year to do a study on every community's needs, on what was there and how much it was going to cost. This has just been completed and the information is now being processed to establish priority lists, cost, etc., so I cannot provide the Member with an answer, at least in this session, on whether or not Pond Inlet is going to get a dock because the decision will not be made until sometime in November or December.

Return To Question 31-85(3): Gravel Crusher For Pond Inlet

On his previous question -- I thought this was a supplementary -- a DPW screener was taken to Pond Inlet this fall and will be used to screen gravel for next summer. That was an answer to the previous question and on this one I will not be able to provide an answer until later on this winter. Probably in November I will know more about the dock problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You are taking the question as notice and will reply at our next session. Are there any further oral questions? Mr. McCallum.

Question 35-85(3): Transfer Of Forestry Operations

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, since you were critique in the questions and possibly the responses, perhaps I should ask you first as to whom I should direct this question. But I would like to ask a question of the government regarding the federal transfer of forestry operations for the NWT. I would like to know whether letters of employment have been sent out to federal employees or employees of forestry now involved with the responsibility of forestry. I would like to get some

idea as to how many have accepted employment now, are transferred to the territorial government from the federal and how many are rejected. I would like to have some idea from the government just what are the plans for setting up either a department of forestry or a division of a particular department within the territorial government now, and its location. So I am not too sure, Mr. Speaker, as to where or to whom I should address the question at the present time but perhaps you could help me in directing me the right way.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 35-85(3): Transfer Of Forestry Operations

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the responsibility for the transfer of forest fire suppression and forest management is under the Department of Renewable Resources. To the first part of the question, there have been no letters of offer put out for employment at this time, as the process has just got under way. The intent is that that would be done in the near future, so I could not say at this time who would be willing to work under the territorial direction or who would not be. The process has just been established and the work program is to be completed by April 1, 1986, so therefore a committee with the Department of Renewable Resources has been set up to deal with these issues with the Department of Indian Affairs. As to where the particular functions of forestry will be set up, this is also under consideration and negotiation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. That appears to conclude oral questions.

I would like to recognize in the gallery, Mr. Braden and Billy Lyall, former Members of this House.

---Applause

Item 6, returns. Are there any returns for today? Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 9-85(3): Permit To Export Walrus

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have two returns. A question asked by Mr. Erkloo on October 17, 1985, regarding fermented walrus meat. The Department of Renewable Resources made representations to the federal Department of Health on behalf of the Igloodik and Hall Beach people who wish to market walrus meat. The Department of Health ruled that the meat could not be sold to the public. However, it could be given away for human consumption.

Return To Question 14-85(3): Trapper Incentive Grants

Mr. Speaker, I have another reply, to Mr. T'Seleie, on a question he asked October 17, 1985, regarding trapper incentive grants. For the 1984-85 hunting year, 1192 trappers received incentive grants totalling \$404,210. This total includes the gasoline subsidy, fur subsidy and sealskin subsidy. Eligibility for an incentive grant is based on recorded fur sales, by an individual hunter or trapper, of up to \$3000. Persons earning less than \$600 are not eligible. The subsidy for gasoline is five per cent and the fur subsidy is 15 per cent of sales. The sealskin subsidy is five dollars per skin.

Mr. Speaker, I also acknowledge that Mr. T'Seleie also asked who exactly were the people receiving those grants. However, since 1192 trappers received grants, if he wishes to ask specific questions to the department I am sure the names could be made available to him. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Are there any further returns? Mr. Sibbeston.

Return To Question 18-85(3): Recreational Facility For Hall Beach

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Erkloo asked a question of me on October 18th. The answer is, Hall Beach was originally scheduled to receive a multipurpose hall in 1986-87. This project had to be delayed by two years due to the high construction costs of the Pangnirtung reservoir project, which resulted in a shortfall in the capital plan. Since that time the Executive Council adopted a new policy on basic recreation facilities so that inconsistency and

duplication, in providing facilities to communities, could be eliminated. Under this new policy Hall Beach recreation facility is now classified as a community gym and this will be built by the Department of Education as part of the new school which is planned for Hall Beach. I understand that it is now scheduled in the Department of Education's plan for 1988-89.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns? Item 7, petitions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Petition 2-85(3), from Kugaardjuk Education Society, that is Pelly Bay, NWT. The good thing about it is that the petition is sent directly to me but I do wish to share it with the Assembly. The petition is asking that construction of the Pelly Bay school be on schedule, the way it was stated in the budget. This petition has 40 names and that is almost half of the voters in Pelly Bay. I would like to share this with the MLAs of the Legislative Assembly of the NWT. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Petitions. Are there any further petitions?

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to get all these documents out of my desk and pass them on to the MLAs. Tabled Document 9-85(3). It is a letter to me which was written September 23, 1985, and the nice letterhead is still the same "Kugaardjuk Education Society, Pelly Bay". The letter says, "Re: Capital planning financial board and Pelly Bay school".

AN HON. MEMBER: Hang in there, Mike.

---Laughter

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: I do not think I would like to read all of this since I am going to table it. A copy will be on each Member's desk. It is quite a lengthy one so I will table it and pass it on to the Members. It is still the same thing about the Pelly Bay school but the wording is better than the petition. Thank you.

---Laughter

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Angottitauruq, the more often you do it, the better you get at it.

---Laughter

Is there any further tabling of documents? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 10-85(3), Northwest Territories Landlord and Tenant Act Review, Residential Tenancies. Mr. Speaker, this particular document does not have the appropriate number of copies available and I would ask the indulgence of the public to allow the government to produce for the Members of the Legislature and for public distribution the approved number of copies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 4-85(3): Appointment Of Government Leader

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be bringing forward a motion with regard to the appointment of the Government Leader and will ask at the appropriate time unanimous consent from all Members of this House to introduce the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion 5-85(3): Appointment Of Executive Council Members

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that at an appropriate time I will request unanimous consent to put the following motion before the House. Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that Mr. Michael Ballantyne and Mr. Red Pedersen be appointed to the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, effective three days after prorogation of this sixth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 2-85(3). Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have permission to retain this motion on the orders of the day but I do not wish to proceed with it today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? There is agreement.

---Agreed

Motion 3-85(3), Position on the Anti-Trapping Movement. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to stand down my motion until tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any disagreement? Fine, we will leave your motion on the order paper for tomorrow.

---Agreed

Item 13, first reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to return to motions, please. I would like to seek unanimous consent to present a motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo is asking for unanimous consent to deal with a motion. Are there any nays? Mr. Nerysoo, you have the floor.

Motion 4-85(3): Appointment Of Government Leader

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council Act requires that a Government Leader be chosen by this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS this Assembly has chosen a Government Leader;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that the honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Nick Sibbeston, be named Government Leader, effective three days after prorogation of this sixth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I realize that I should speak directly to the motion but I would like to say a few comments before I get to the motion itself. Firstly, without question, clearly to the public and to the public service of the Northwest Territories and to the Members of this Legislature, it has been an honour for me to have served the public for the last two years as Government Leader and it has been an honour for me to have the services of all the public servants of the Government of the Northwest Territories in support of my leadership. I believe and I have to believe that the decision of the Legislative Assembly Members is a reflection of the wishes of the general public for a change in leadership and as such I accept the changes and I accept the decision made by the Members of the Legislature.

However, I wish to give to Mr. Sibbeston my public support for his leadership and I will do everything in my power and in my own personal support to ensure that he provides the same type of leadership that I supported or provided, as one of fairness, one of recognizing the best interests of all the people of the Northwest Territories, and as such I believe that Mr. Sibbeston is capable of doing that.

I will no doubt take my seat in opposition and without question provide the necessary leadership in questioning the policies of this government and always questioning on the basis that the policies are to improve the well-being of all the people of the Northwest Territories politically, economically and socially, and as such I believe that I can serve in that particular role. To the public and to the Members of the Legislature, I will not fade away into the shadows. I will be back and without question hopefully assuming the same role that I am now leaving in the good hands of my colleague, Mr. Sibbeston. I do thank again all the people of the Northwest Territories. It has been an honour for me to have served you and hopefully the policies and the direction we have begun will be a reflection of the relationship that all the people of the Northwest Territories will have in future. Again, my best wishes to Mr. Nick Sibbeston. You have my support, either personally or politically, and to all Members, again, thank you very much.

---Standing Ovation

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise to second this motion and give it my fullest endorsement. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I put my name forward as candidate for the very important job of Government Leader. I feel quite privileged to have had that opportunity and for the encouragement I was given to do so. It caused me to think a great deal about the job of Government Leader and I recognized especially over the last couple of days that it will be a very challenging difficult job. It requires someone who is a conciliator, someone who will represent all the interests of all the people of the NWT fairly, by listening to all sides.

More important, this job will require someone who can bring people together and reconcile conflicts as we face challenging issues in the coming years: devolution, which requires seeking the support of the public and native organizations; land claims, which we have good reason to believe can be proceeded to early settlement if the new federal government improves the present policy and political development in the North which now depends in large measure on the important work of the Constitutional Alliance. At the same time as having to steer these initiatives in those areas, the new Government Leader will be responsible for carrying on the business of good government which I believe, under Mr. Nerysoo's leadership, we have seen in the previous two years. I think we have excellent precedents to follow from the examples of Mr. Braden and Mr. Nerysoo for the difficult job of maintaining a middle course and you, too, if I may say, Mr. Speaker, have shown us another model for impartiality and fairness. Mr. Speaker, although changes to Executive Council membership have inevitably produced some disappointments and misunderstanding, I think it is now time to reconcile, to work together. The new Leader will need support from all quarters in this very difficult and challenging job and I am very pleased to pledge my support to this motion and to Mr. Sibbeston and to wish him the very best in his new job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 4-85(3), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Abstentions? Are there any abstentions? Let the record show that the vote was unanimous.

---Carried

---Applause

Mr. Sibbeston.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mahsi. Mr. Speaker, as Leader I will try to enhance the position of the Leader. I pledge myself initially to go to all regions of the North to show people that it is you, the MLAs, along with the Executive Council and I, as Leader, that are the government of the people of the North. I will be meeting in the next few days with the Executive Council and I will propose that we continue to increase our responsibilities, to move a few steps closer to responsible government.

On the matter of division, I will no longer be involved on the WCF. I will try to be neutral and impartial. I will trust in the good will and compromising ability of all Members and leaders of the North to come to a northern solution to this matter before us.

Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago, I first was elected into what was then a territorial Council. At that time, in 1970, there were nine elected Members and four appointed and the Executive then consisted of the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner. Never in my wildest imagination did I think I could someday be a Minister, let alone the Leader.

Mr. Speaker, the events of the past few days I think have been unexpected and have caused some disappointments. However, I encourage all MLAs to support the new Executive Council. I also encourage all of the people of the North, native and non-native, to support our government. As a new Executive Council we will try to provide the best government to the peoples of the North. With this, I want to say simply, thank you very much. I look forward to working on your behalf in the next two years.

(Translation) Here, today, they made me Leader. I want to thank everybody. It will be a difficult job but I feel capable of it. I feel that I can work with all these people, the white people, the Dene and the Inuit. When you work with the public like this you work for the good of the people. My wife has helped me throughout this difficult time and I want to thank her for that. In the next two years I will be working for you. I know that I will be successful working with the people on the Executive. In the Northwest Territories all people, Inuit, Dene and white people, I want them to all work together. I want the territorial government to do a good job and involve the public. At this time this is all I have to say so I thank you with all my heart.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Motions. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent of the House to put the motion that I gave notice of a few moments ago?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? You have unanimous consent, Mr. Butters.

---Agreed

Motion 5-85(3): Appointment Of Executive Council Members, Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories shall include eight Members of this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS there will be two vacancies on the Executive Council;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council Act requires this Assembly to recommend to the Commissioner Members for appointment to the Executive Council;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that Mr. Michael Ballantyne and Mr. Red Pedersen be appointed to the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, effective three days after prorogation of this sixth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Are there any abstentions? Opposed, if any? Let the record show that the vote was unanimous.

---Carried

---Applause

Are there any further motions for today?

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills.

Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Report of the standing committee on legislation on the NWT Elections Act. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, if I may. I will move that we recognize the clock.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie, I am going to take that as a motion to adjourn the House. Is there a seconder? Mr. McCallum. The matter is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed, if any? The House is adjourned until we get the orders of the day. Just one moment, please. Announcements and orders of the day, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a caucus meeting at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, October 22nd.

1. Prayer
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16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

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