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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Friday, October 25th. Item 2, Members' Replies. Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Erkloo's Reply

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will give a short reply. I am very happy that we can sit again this fall. There have been two problems that have been raised in the communities: alcohol problems in the community and also the fact that the elders and the young people are not communicating well. Since there is a youth conference in Yellowknife, and the alcohol and drug committees were meeting in Yellowknife, I think those two groups will be helpful to us and communities. We will be meeting with the young people on Monday, October 28th. I think we will get a lot of useful information from them. We will be getting new Ministers in the future, and I hope we will see these new Ministers doing better next time, and also I hope we will be getting a lot of support from them.

I would like to mention something about the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, which I am very concerned and unhappy about. They have a head office in Frobisher Bay and also they have outreach workers in the communities. I have been thinking a lot about these concerns. For example, in Frobisher Bay, they write letters to Inuit who only speak Inuktitut in the community who go for further training for employment, and they have not written any Inuktitut letters at all because of the fact that there are only two official languages in Canada, that is English and French. The reason being that if they write Inuktitut letters, whoever translates the Inuktitut letter might be mistaken when they translate it to English. I really disagree with that. Also the same thing happens here in Yellowknife with the UIC head office. There are a lot of Inuit people who have worked and also paid UIC. When they stop working a lot of them do not receive UIC benefits.

For example, I was told that a person in Hall Beach went up to Nanisivik to work in the mine. He started working in 1976 and quit in 1981. When he applied for UIC benefits he did not know what to do with his application and they kept sending it back and forth to the other offices. When he was asked if he was going to look for other employment -- being an Inuk and too honest, he said he was not going to be looking for a few months as it was springtime but he would be looking for a job in the fall. That was why he could not get UIC benefits. If he had been a Kabloona, even if he was not going to look for a job he would still say that he was looking for a job; then he would have received UIC benefits. Being a real Inuk, he is not aware of this problem that he could get into.

That was why he could not get any other benefit up to now. Another thing is that all UIC benefits are looked after by head office in Yellowknife. There are a lot of people in the Inuit communities that have this same problem. I will go back to this person. When they started communicating through letters this person was told he had to go to CEIC office in person each month in order to show that he was looking for a job. He did not have any money and it is very expensive to fly from Hall Beach to Frobisher Bay. Their operation is not running smoothly. For this reason I think we have to look into this and make it better. I think the only way to do that is to invite CEIC officials like we did in Rankin with Canada Post officials.

#### Support For Hall Beach Residents

I will go on to another subject regarding Hall Beach. They would like to see the Ministers visit their community and also they would like to see the Commissioner visit them in the future. Hall Beach seems to be neglected by the GNWT for some reason or other. I do not know what it is and it is very difficult to put your finger on. Perhaps the government of the NWT is trying somehow to make Hall Beach people move to Igloolik, I do not know. You can really feel the problems when you are in Hall Beach. They hardly have anything that the other communities have. I am going to try working harder to help Hall Beach residents. It has to be done. I have mentioned this to the new Minister that I am really hoping that they will do better work and work harder in the future. However, I am also hoping that an ordinary MLA will work harder with the Executive Council. I know that there are times when we are going to come into disagreements in some parts and also we will keep on questioning them anytime we want. As ordinary MLAs we have to support them too and start communicating with them better than in the past. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. Item 2, Members' replies. Members' replies will not be on the orders of the day for Tuesday. It will be for Monday, but not for Tuesday. I take it there are no further Members' replies for today.

Item 3, Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

#### ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

##### Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. The Minister's predecessor, Mr. Patterson, on March 21st of this year, indicated that the government was keenly aware of strong public concern in the communities in the Northwest Territories about the problem of spousal assault and at that time Mr. Patterson said that our government is committed to respond soon to the crisis situation which must be the first priority. He also said that they intended to develop co-operative approaches with major departments and agencies to find new solutions and approaches to the problem of spousal assault. At that time, Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that the Executive Council had decided on an action plan that would involve the Departments of Health, Social Services, Justice and Public Services, Information and Education and that those departments were to recommend three year programs to a ministerial committee and that that ministerial committee would then, in turn, recommend a three year plan with budget to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women who would seek the support and approval of the Executive Council. Well, Mr. Speaker, it is now the better part of a year that has passed since that time, seven months ago in fact, and I would ask the Minister now responsible if he would tell this House, where is the ministerial committee's three year plan with budget? We have not seen anything or heard anything about the initiative since that time.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

##### Return To Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to indicate to the honourable Member that the Executive Council has not received the report yet which we should be, or the Executive Council I should say, should be receiving the report within the next week at which time the Executive Council will review the report and make the appropriate recommendations of expenditure for the 1986-87 year.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I note, Mr. Speaker, that in the priority summary for the 1985-86 budget year that in fact, again, the problem of spousal assault was noted as a serious problem that ought to have priority status in the budget, and such things as improved counselling and the funding of safe homes for spousal assault victims were mentioned. I know as well, Mr. Speaker, that the government does have some financial reserve and I would like to ask the Minister, other than the committee having worked on a three year plan, what concrete action has been taken to date or is contemplated out of reserve funds if necessary to respond soon? I am quoting the previous Minister's words "to respond soon to the crisis situation" which the previous Minister said must be the first priority.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that a week is soon enough because we have not yet received the report. I had the opportunity to meet with the YWCA and other members of the group on Thanksgiving Monday to discuss a proposal that they had submitted which I personally believe is a credible project that requires the support of this government. However, the Member is also aware that I cannot carry that particular project to its conclusion. None the less we will be questioning the government. I do say that there was a commitment made by this government a year ago, that there were priority funds allocated to the whole question of spousal assault. That commitment will carry on for the next two years. I believe we can respond knowing that we had those funds available to us. The government can respond within those dollars that have been allocated.

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

Supplementary To Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just a final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the crisis situation which was recognized by the government even before the report of the task force of spousal assault, I would have thought that the government would not have to have waited until the departmental committee finished its review before taking some actions in order to address the problem. I would hope that they would yet. So, my final question then. There are many people concerned, many of my constituents and many in other communities. Can the Minister say when people will know clearly what this government is doing about the problem? Is it one week from now, two weeks or three weeks from now?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 85-85(3): Status Of Action Plan On Spousal Assault Problem

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to indicate I have to apologize to the people of Yellowknife with regard to the presentation that they made. I unfortunately cannot carry the project to its conclusion. I had had the opportunity to meet with the members of the YWCA and those people in the community that had been supportive of the submission made, considering the idea of other alternatives or other ways in which we could present the project so as to begin the implementation of that particular project. My belief is that they have found ways, which I must commend them on, of implementing the particular project. I must say their arguments have been very credible. It was my intention over the last two weeks to meet with them and to deal with that particular issue. As I indicated, there is money in the budget for this particular issue. My belief is that it can be dealt with by the incoming government. I would also hope that any decisions would be reflective also in the regions, but we have to deal with the question in Frobisher Bay, we have to deal with the question up in the Inuvik Region as well and in other regional centres.

The situation and the case of the Yellowknife project is very, very credible. It is responsive to the needs of other regions and as such my feeling is that it requires some very serious thought by the Executive Council to begin as quickly as they can to implement that particular program.

--Applause

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

Question 86-85(3): Spousal Assault Program Proposal, YWCA, Yellowknife

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services. It concerns the very, very credible proposal that the honourable Minister responsible for the Status of Women Secretariat just referred to. The Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Speaker, is in receipt of that proposal, a very detailed proposal, from the YWCA of Yellowknife for the establishment of a transition house and related services. The proposal, Mr. Speaker, is a direct response to the recommendations of the task force on spousal assault that has been referred to. A copy of the proposal, as Mr. Nerysoo has mentioned, has gone to his office as well in that he at the moment is responsible for the Status of Women Secretariat.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen a copy of this proposal and I agree with Mr. Nerysoo that it is an excellent proposal and it is a credit to the many volunteers in this community from numerous agencies and organizations who have worked together on the proposal. Mr. Speaker, many of these volunteers are in the gallery today. Many of these people were also in the gallery last March, Mr. Speaker, when virtually all of the MLAs present were discussing the recommendations contained in the interim report of the Bayly task force.

The YWCA, Mr. Speaker, has approached CMHC for the capital funding for this proposal and is asking the Minister's department for the O and M funding. It follows the very specific recommendations of the Bayly report in that it proposes to use an existing facility. It proposes that existing community resources and expertise are utilized. It has the widespread support of the community and organizations such as the Dene Nation.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is to Mr. McLaughlin. Although Mr. Nerysoo has indicated that he will not be able, personally, to carry support for the proposal, can the Minister of Health and Social Services, assuming that he has had an opportunity to review the proposal, undertake to seek the funding from the Financial Management Board, if he has not already done so? When I ask that, Mr. Speaker, I trust that the Minister is satisfied from the remarks around this Assembly last March that this Assembly supports such an endeavour as indicated in this proposal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 86-85(3): Spousal Assault Program Proposal, YWCA, Yellowknife

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I have not at this time taken anything forward to the Financial Management Board in relation to this proposed project and program. The department has requests from other regions to address spousal assault, as well as in some smaller individual communities. What the department is hoping to do is to be able to provide at least a safe place in each community for family life situations, not just spousal assault but also for youth, and we are hoping that that will be an initial thing in each community.

I have discussed with my officials the possibility of making arrangements for private accommodation in communities, to look at this and what the costs will be and it will be part of the package that will eventually be taken forward to the government to look at to determine what the costs are going to be for the whole response that we have to make to the task force on spousal assault. In addition to this, there are already some commitments made, for example, in Frobisher Bay for a facility there for which, since the initial commitment was made, the price has nearly doubled and so we are having difficulties with that one as well. I have advised that group that some other way of responding may have to be considered.

One of the largest difficulties is that though the Yellowknife proposal is excellent and well written and well documented, it does address services into other regions, while at the same time other regions are requesting to have those services there. So the government is going to have to deal with that issue as well. There is no doubt that the government realizes the importance of this and we also realize that individual larger communities in the regions will not be able to respond fully with the professional counselling that is needed in severe cases and that an enhanced facility in one or two or possibly three locations in NWT will be necessary to provide professional counselling, etc., for those suffering from spousal assault as well as those who initiate the assault itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 87-85(3): Translation Services For Spousal Assault Program

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services on basically the same topic. The Minister indicated that spousal assault is a problem in all the regions. I do not think any of us would disagree with that. However, the resources of this government to address this problem are somewhat limited because other issues have to be addressed. However, I think that when you do have a proposal coming forth from a region that is well prepared to address the problem, then I think that the administration should give it consideration. As I understand it right now, other regions have not come forward with their proposal in addressing this problem.

The Minister is aware that the centre here in Yellowknife also provides services for other regions particularly mine. So, I would like to ask the Minister if in considering this particular proposal they are also addressing the problem of the Dene and Metis women as well. I would like to ask the Minister whether in considering this particular proposal the needs of native women will also be addressed in terms of translation services because some of these women that do come in for shelter have English as their second language. If we are going to adequately address this problem then obviously the question of communication also has to be addressed. I would like to know whether in dealing with this particular proposal, and those not only coming from Yellowknife, but in other regions where that the question of language is a problem -- I would like to know whether the Minister will be able to address this particular problem in co-operation with one of his other colleagues that deal with the question of translation services?

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

Return To Question 87-85(3): Translation Services For Spousal Assault Program

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the proposal which we have submitted to us I believe approximately \$320,000 operation and maintenance per year is the proposed budget. In that proposal is a request to have a staff position, I believe it was contracted with the Native Women's Association or some other group. I think they mentioned the name of that women's association as being the people we would use to supply translation services or a staff person. I believe something like 33 per cent of the spousal assault victims who use the Yellowknife services, do come from other communities and most of those people are native people and do require that service. The government is aware of that need and should such a service be approved that would be one of the areas that we would want guaranteed as part of the service if the service is going to be extended into other areas around Yellowknife. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Supplementary, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Supplementary To Question 87-85(3): Translation Services For Spousal Assault Program

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister whether, to date, he has received other proposals from other regions? In other words, how many proposals has the Minister received in regard to providing services for spousal assault to date?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 87-85(3): Translation Services For Spousal Assault Program

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Personally, I have received proposals and read them from Yellowknife and from Frobisher Bay. In addition to that, the department at the regional level has proposals from communities, some of them just trying to deal with their own problems, some trying to deal with regional and area problems. In addition to that, Inuvik has a program in operation already, not to the degree that Yellowknife has, and they are interested in enhancing that existing program. Personally, I have only been involved with two of the major proposals but there are proponents and organizations in several communities in the NWT, in all the regions, which are requesting help. We are, in fact, in Coppermine, involved in the reconstruction of an existing building, providing for spousal assault victims as well as young offenders in the same facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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



Question 88-85(3): Frobisher Bay Graduate And College Qualifications

MR. PUDLUK: Finally, you saw my arm. This question is directed to the Minister of Education. I had a phone call yesterday from Arctic Bay. The man's name is Bill Hughes. He sent his kid down to Frobisher Bay for higher education, I believe grades nine to 12. That child finished school and graduated from the high school in Frobisher Bay and after that they found out he is not qualified for the college. Now we would like to know what does graduation in Frobisher Bay do for a child who has graduated from Frobisher Bay but is then not qualified to go to college? Also, the teachers' kids are qualified to go to the college. What is wrong? If you cannot reply to me right now, I sure would like to discuss this matter more with you and so would the people concerned in the communities. Thank you.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, we have had graduates from the high school in Frobisher Bay who have gone on to colleges and universities. I am not aware of the circumstances of this particular case. I will look into it and should be able to reply to the honourable Member before this session ends. Thank you.

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

Question 89-85(3): Gas Station, Igloolik

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. When we were in Igloolik last year you might be aware that they were discussing a gas station in Igloolik. They were asking for assistance to put up this gas station in Igloolik because the location was not appropriate where they put the gas station. I was told to ask you again if they can relocate the gas station closer to the shore line? I would appreciate it if you could look into this problem. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that as notice and provide an answer on Monday, if I can.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You are taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question 90-85(3): Emergency Aid For Grise Fiord

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an urgent question for the Government Leader. In my constituency, in Grise Fiord, they are having a high wind and I think it is going up to over 100 miles an hour. We just heard that the new recreation facility there has been destroyed and more than one house destroyed and the hotel is also going. I would like to know if the government will try and replace these facilities as soon as possible. I would like to know, can they be replaced? It would be okay as long as nobody gets hurt. I think we will have to replace these facilities as soon as possible. Could you take this as an urgent matter? Thank you.

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

Return To Question 90-85(3): Emergency Aid For Grise Fiord

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the honourable Member for giving me notice of the question. The Member is correct that the storm is a result of high winds, approximately 100 miles per hour and there has been extensive property damage. We understand the roofs of the hotel and three other houses have blown off and there is extensive damage to the community recreation complex which is presently under construction. There is a great deal of debris being blown around and the satellite dish has also been blown off. Fortunately, there are no major injuries. At the last report one person had received minor injuries. In the past few hours the winds have lessened slightly and it is hoped that the weather will improve sufficiently enough to allow supplies and help to reach them by this afternoon. The community is in touch with the regional office through the RCM Police and the hunters and trappers association radio telephone communications. The situation is being closely monitored and the emergency planning section personnel are involved in the matter.

I must say that it would be difficult at this time to indicate to the Member whether or not the government would respond quickly to the damages. I believe that there is a need to do an assessment once the winds have quietened down and people have been able to go in and assess. I believe that without question the appropriate Ministers will respond as quickly and as appropriately as necessary to conclude and improve the situation in Grise Fiord.

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

Supplementary To Question 90-85(3): Emergency Aid For Grise Fiord

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say, can you also keep me informed about what is happening in Grise Fiord?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 90-85(3): Emergency Aid For Grise Fiord

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I will undertake to keep you informed about the situation in Grise Fiord.

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

Question 91-85(3): Cancellation Of Housing Units, Clyde River

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I am not too aware of the question that I will be asking. I was informed this morning by the local housing association in the community. The hamlet of Clyde River received a letter and the housing association board of directors did not receive this letter, stating that the houses that were supposed to be built in 1986 are not going to be built any more. I was wondering if this is true. Are the houses that were supposed to be built in 1986 not going to be built in that year? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question under notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being taken as notice. Mrs. Lawrence, oral questions.

Question 92-85(3): Funding For Spousal Assault Services

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask this question of Mr. McLaughlin or Mr. Nerysoo regarding spousal assault. I know the task force has made strong recommendations on shelters being made available in every community. Since everything takes so much funding and time I am supporting a shelter in Yellowknife mainly because of its position and because many communities are close to Yellowknife. It just seems that we have to act only when there is a death then everybody starts running around and acting.

Before I get to the question I just want to comment that if we had such a shelter the people that are coming in especially from smaller communities -- I know of an incident where someone came into Yellowknife and there was no accommodation for her. She had to go back and got assaulted again and had to be medically evacuated to Yellowknife. The next time she may not be so lucky. I would like to ask the question, will there be money in the budget when we sit in the winter session? I would like someone to respond to that question. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 92-85(3): Funding For Spousal Assault Services

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, thank you. It is my intention as Minister of Social Services to advise the Financial Management Board of the government what the cost would be to respond to spousal assault across the Territories as part of the full response of the government to the task force on spousal assault. Though I cannot promise the Member that there will be money for spousal assault, I as the Minister in Social Services will certainly be advising the Financial Management Board of the requirements and their cost. I can say that there will be some money in the budget

because we have already made a commitment in the capital plan for a crisis centre in Frobisher Bay. There will be money in the budget. However, I have advised -- I should tell Members -- the group in Frobisher Bay may have to relook at their proposal for funding. They may have to realign their proposal to put more than one service under the same roof because there may not be enough clients to justify the cost of the facility as it is now proposed. In addition to that I have also advised them that they may have to look at CMHC funding on a two per cent loan similar to what the YACCS group in Yellowknife did and the YWCA group here is proposing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mrs. Lawrence.

Supplementary To Question 92-85(3): Funding For Spousal Assault Services

MRS. LAWRENCE: Mr. Speaker, am I hearing correctly then that Frobisher Bay will be getting the centre and Yellowknife will come second?

AN HON. MEMBER: Be careful.

AN HON. MEMBER: They were there first.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Why should I be careful?

MR. SPEAKER: The answer appeared to be that there was money in the budget for such a facility at Frobisher Bay and that recommendations would be made for similar facilities in other places. They could not give you a guarantee on what places these would be or how many.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Find out if he will give that guarantee, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Further To Question 92-85(3): Funding For Spousal Assault Services

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you. Just to supplement my colleague's response. There was money in the 1985-86 budget to deal with the question of spousal assault. Now that money has not been removed and the commitment that was made was for a three year period. So there is an additional two year period of commitment by the government as to what projects they are going to respond to. It will be clearly the decision of the Executive Council. Hopefully that particular project will be one of the projects that are responded to.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 93-85(3): Spousal Assault Facilities Should Be Spread Throughout The North

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask this question of the Leader of the Government. From time to time issues are raised in this House, cases of where we are trying to address problems that exist right across the NWT. It seems to me that spousal assault is not necessarily only confined to Frobisher Bay. In the future I hope that the new Executive will take into consideration that when facilities are required they should not only go to one direction. In other words, East. There are problems in the West and I would like to see that addressed and I would like to have some assurance from the Leader of the Government.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 93-85(3): Spousal Assault Facilities Should Be Spread Throughout The North

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you. I do not know if my assurances are any good any more.

---Laughter

However, I do say one thing. I must say that having had the opportunity to meet with the proponents of the proposal for the Yellowknife spousal assault house, I indicated to them that clearly there would be some questions with the regional concerns and certainly that proved itself today. But even more so, my belief is that those people that have been involved, particularly here in Yellowknife, and the program that they have run to date to provide a valuable expertise to the regions -- I think that we should take advantage of that particular expertise. The other thing that I can say to the honourable Member is that, as a government, previously we have not necessarily judged projects on the basis of whether it has been East or West but rather on their merit and their credibility.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: ...and my belief...

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Shame, shame!

AN HON. MEMBER: I hope that is not on the record.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: ...but I do again...

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Nobody complained about the Rae complex.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker....

HON. GORDON WRAY: The five million dollar Rae complex. Remember that one?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Nobody is complaining about that one.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

HON. GORDON WRAY: You should, eh?

MR. WAH-SHEE: You've got all the bloody housing.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The House will stand adjourned for 15 minutes until order is restored.

---SHORT RECESS

If the honourable Members would take their places we have a quorum.

Item 4, oral questions.

Item 5, written questions. Item 6, returns. Are there any returns for today? Mr. Wray.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to oral Question 31-85(3) asked by Mr. Erkloo on October 21st with regard to the community granular program in Pond Inlet. The community granular materials program is one of Public Works and Highways priority programs. For Pond Inlet, work this year involved the transportation of a portable screening plant to Pond Inlet and a study of the granular materials available in the vicinity of the hamlet. The screening plant was transported on the Canadian icebreaker "Pierre Radisson", which departed Frobisher Bay on July 15th and arrived at Pond Inlet on September 5th. The plant is now situated in a hamlet gravel pit in readiness for the processing of material during the summer of 1986. A complement of spare parts and additional screen sizes are on order from the manufacturer of the screener.

The granular study is under way with all field work and samples completed. The final report will include a summary of material quality and quantity available and materials best suited for processing by screening and material types producible by screening. This report will be completed by March 1986. The schedule of work for 1986-87 consists of the training and orientation of hamlet heavy equipment operators for the operation and maintenance of the screening plant and the screening and stockpiling of approximately 5000 cubic metres of well-graded materials. This volume of stockpiled material is intended to meet community needs of surface material for the next five years. We plan to relocate the plant to another Baffin Island community in the fall of 1986. Thank you.

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

Return To Question 73-85(3): Economic Development Co-ordinator, Gjoa Haven

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral Question 73-85(3), asked by Mr. Angottitauruq on October 24, 1985. I would like to thank the honourable Member for Natilikmiot for his question yesterday. I fully recognize the need to stimulate economic development opportunities in the Kitikmeot Region. There is a need for my department to provide support to initiatives in Gjoa Haven as there are presently few economic activities.

I am pleased to tell the Member that an amount of \$63,464 was approved by EDA to hire an economic planner to serve both the community of Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay. The regional superintendent of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Peter Scott, will be contacting the communities to provide them with any assistance required with the hiring of an economic planner. Once an economic planner is in place a number of projects such as a fish cannery will receive the necessary attention to verify their viability. Again, I reiterate my support to the Member that economic opportunities must be identified and supported by my department. Thank you.

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

Return To Question 77-85(3): Policy Re Housing Designs

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a return to oral Question 77-85(3), asked by the honourable Mr. Pudluk on October 24, 1985 regarding the employee house purchase plan. The government has an employee house purchase plan which allows for the purchase of detached houses from employees who transfer or leave government service, providing the house cannot be sold at a fair price on the private market. All houses must conform to National Housing Act standards. However, any design is acceptable providing the house meets National Housing Act standards. Further, when employees transfer to another community they are normally provided with government accommodation at the new community and after they have sold their house at the old community, they are reimbursed for real estate, legal, and notarial fees incurred in the sale of the residence.

Currently we have one situation in Frobisher Bay where an employee was not able to sell his house in the community he lived in and applied for the house purchase plan. However, his house did not conform to National Housing Act standards and as a result he has suffered some financial hardships. We are reviewing the situation with a view of identifying an alternative that will resolve the problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, another return.

Return to Question 21-85(3): Effect Of DIAND Announcement Of Job Cutting

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to oral Question 21-85(3), asked by Mr. T'Seleie on October 18, 1985. This is with regard to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs cutbacks. The announced cutbacks for the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs affect only the Indian Affairs' component of the department. The Minister, David Crombie, has however indicated on several occasions that the move is being taken to increase control by Indian people over their own affairs and that rather than resources being cut, they will be redirected to Indian communities or reserves.

On October 7th, Girve Fretz, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, gave a reply to a similar question in the House stating, "that the Minister is concerned about ensuring that Indian people manage programs which affect their community. As a result the department will have to downsize but it will be done in partnership with the Indian people on a timetable that agrees to them". -- Commons Debate, October 7, 1985.

Therefore, there should be no effect on the GNWT and if there are to be any changes on those programs or services provided directly to native people by the federal government, they will only be made in consultation and by agreement of those affected.

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

Return To Question 71-85(3): Licence To Sell Tobacco

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I have a return for oral Question 71-85(3), asked by Mr. Paniloo yesterday with regard to the licence to sell tobacco and cigarettes. The Tobacco Tax Act requires that a person or business wishing to sell tobacco or cigarettes must have a tobacco retail dealers permit. The tobacco retail dealers permit is obtainable from the Department of Finance, Taxation Division, GNWT, P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9. Or by phoning 403-873-7939. Upon providing the name and address of the business to the Department of Finance, a permit will be sent to the applicant at no cost. The permit is required to be displayed at the location where the tobacco products are sold.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. Mr. Wray. Sorry, returns, Mr. Wray.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was hoping I could get a question in. This is return to oral Question 34-85(3), asked by Mr. Erkloo on October 21, 1985 with regard to the community wharf program, Pond Inlet. At the initiation of the Department of Public Works and Highways community wharves program, my department solicited information from all NWT communities regarding whether the community had a wharf and if so, what its condition was and which agency owned it. Our preliminary information indicated that 38 communities had no useable public wharf. Of these, 13 were eliminated from our program for the time being because the responsibilities for wharves in these communities rest with federal Transport Canada. The remaining 25 communities were grouped into three priority categories.

Based on the preliminary field information received, Pond Inlet was placed in the "third priority" category according to community need and desire as well as suitability for wharf construction. This means wharf facilities in Pond Inlet are scheduled to be reviewed in 1987-88. However, I wish to emphasize that these priorities are not inflexible and if the need in Pond Inlet for a wharf is more than was initially indicated, it could be placed in the second priority group which is to be reviewed in 1986-87. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question 48-85(3): Birth Certificates For Elders In Fort Resolution

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to written Question 48-85(3), asked by Mrs. Lawrence on October 22nd, 1985, with regard to birth certificates for elders in Fort Resolution. I would like to address the question raised by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe on the subject of determining age on birth certificates for elders in Fort Resolution. My response will apply, though, to all persons born in the Northwest Territories who are encountering difficulties in obtaining old age pension benefits.

Registration of vital events in the Northwest Territories began in 1925. At that time it was handled by the RCM Police with the assistance of Indian agents and clergymen. However, as we know, not all births were registered in those early years. Some native people were registered long after their birth and some not at all.

Those people who did not have their birth registered can still have this done but must provide vital statistics with the right sort of proof of when the birth took place. The best and most acceptable form of proof is a certificate of baptism. In some cases this is not available so the

vital statistics staff looks at census records, disc lists, marriage records and records of birth for the person's children. When all this information is compiled, provided it proves a person's date of birth, a birth certificate can be issued. The same types of information are looked at when a person whose birth is already registered disagrees with the date of birth shown. Also, statutory declarations from people claiming to have knowledge of the birth can be used in these cases. Of course, they would have to prove that they, themselves, were around at the time and were old enough to remember such a thing. Ideally, the statutory declaration should be from mothers who gave birth about the same time as the person who is seeking to have the date of their birth certificate amended but this seldom happens now because such a mother would be probably about 80 or 90 years old.

If proof of the date of birth submitted still leaves vital statistics unable to change their records they will let the person know this and then the person or someone representing that person can contact Income Security Programs or Old Age Pension at Edmonton for a tribunal to be held in their own community. A representative of Old Age Pension would attend the tribunal and a decision would be made whether or not the pension could be given to that person. Regarding dates of birth which differ on health care cards, hunting licences and birth certificates, the information given to Departments of Health and Renewable Resources is accepted as the person gives it and is not checked with vital statistics records.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns for today?

Item 7, petitions. There do not appear to be any petitions today. Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### ITEM 8: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two short reports from the standing committee on finance to present today, but before I do that I would like to announce to this House, I am very pleased to announce that the standing committee on finance has chosen their chairman and they have chosen Richard Nerysoo, unanimously to be the new chairman of the standing committee.

---Applause

Mr. Nerysoo has asked me as he completes his duties as Government Leader, if I would give these reports today, so I agreed to do so.

Before I go into the reports, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the standing committee on finance for their support and encouragement over the last two years. I think we provided an effective function in the House and without the help of all the other Members of the committee, we would not have been able to do our job. I would also like publicly to thank Toni Wells, our research assistant, who has done just an amazing job for us providing all the details, going through the onerous task of looking at the budget in detail. Without her and without Titus Allooloo, who has also been most helpful, the committee would not have been able to perform its function. So, to them and to the committee I say, thank you, and it was an honour for me to have been chairman for two years.

#### Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance

Now, if I could read these two short reports. Mr. Speaker, the standing committee on finance met in August in Sanikiluaq to consider three matters: the procedure, timing and requirements for the 1986-87 budget review, an analysis of the provisions of the Financial Administration Act and review of internal research reports on flexible working hours and the implications of this concept for the GNWT. The purpose of our meeting was primarily to offer Members an opportunity for internal discussions of these issues. With respect to the conduct of the 1986-87 budget review, the committee agreed that the review should take place during a three week period in November and December and that translated documents should be provided. The committee also examined the government's proposal to table the capital budget for the fall session and agreed to defer this item at a later date when the Minister of Finance could be present to explain the process.

The committee undertook a clause by clause review of the Financial Administration Act. The review permitted committee Members to familiarize themselves with the legislation, to identify areas of concern for future consideration. The committee agreed that research was required on a number of specific matters and a further discussion of some items was warranted.

The committee concluded its meeting with a discussion concerning flexible working hours and the taxation of northern allowances. No further committee action was initiated on either of these two issues but it is the committee's hope that a short report will be available to Members on flexible working hours.

My second report deals with Bill 11-85(3), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1984-85 and Bill 12-85(3), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1985-86. Prior to the meeting, the committee chairman by letter to the Minister of Finance identified three concerns with respect to the drafting of the legislation in relation to the actual authority which was being requested. The committee indicated to the Minister that we had the following concerns of a technical nature involving 1) the use of the term "expenditures" in the title of the bill and the statement of purpose; 2) the use of Supplementary Appropriation Acts to authorize expenditures for items which would not involve the payment of funds in the current fiscal year; and 3) the intent and purpose of clause 4.

The committee indicated to the Minister that it recognized that because these issues were of a very technical nature it may not be possible to address them at the present session but that it may be in order for the government to consider amending future legislation. The Minister of Finance responded to the issues identified by this committee in a letter to the chairman of the standing committee. The Minister indicated to the committee in part that "while you have raised legitimate technical concerns, these concerns relate to extremely complex matters involving law, policy and public finance. I do not believe that it would be prudent to attempt to rework our legislative precedents and redraft the two supplementary appropriation bills for this session in the short time available to us. In order to address your concerns properly and resolve these complex issues, the government needs sufficient time to thoroughly examine the practices in other jurisdictions and to assess alternatives such as amendments and new legislation."

The committee accepts the Minister's response to our concerns and we agreed that the legislation should proceed without amendment at the present session. I would like to end off, Mr. Speaker, if I could with my very sincere and warm thanks to Mr. Butters as Minister of Finance and to his officials, who gave us the utmost co-operation over the last two years and made it possible again for our committee to undertake their tasks. So, thank you very much on behalf of the committee, Mr. Butters.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take pleasure today in tabling Tabled Document 16-85(3) a letter from the YWCA in response to Mr. Bayly's Task Force on Spousal Assault. This document gives specific proposals to establish a transition house in Yellowknife which meets the recommendations of the task force. There is also a very brief proposal summary and I think it will make it easier for all Members to understand exactly what is being proposed. I know right now I cannot speak more but to say that I support it. I support transition houses, east and west, and ultimately in all regions of the NWT. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Richard.

#### ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

##### Notice Of Motion 15-85(3): Appointments To The Management And Services Board

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 28th, 1985, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Mr. Michael Ballantyne, honourable Member for Yellowknife North; Mr. Gordon Wray, honourable Member for Kivallivik; Mr. Nerysoo, honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta and Mr. Bob MacQuarrie, honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, be appointed to the Management and Services Board of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Richard. Notices of motion, Mr. Gargan.



Notice Of Motion 16-85(3): Regional And Territorial Economic Development Conference

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, October 28th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Council that it consider sponsoring a regional economic development conference before the end of this fiscal year and a major territorial economic development conference early in the new fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, I will also request unanimous consent to deal with this motion at an appropriate time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Notices of motion. Mr. Wray.

Notice Of Motion 17-85(3): Appointments To The Board Of Directors Of The NWT Housing Corporation

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, October 28th, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that this House recommend the appointment of Ms Esther Lazore and the reappointment of Mr. Thomas Owljoot and Mr. Henry Ohokannoak to the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation; and further that the appointments be for a period of three years. Mr. Speaker, I will ask for unanimous consent at the appropriate time, to deal with this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Notices of motion. That appears to conclude this item.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Motion 8-85(3). Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 8-85(3): Air Tax

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the federal air transportation tax has been increased from a maximum of \$30 to nine per cent of the trip cost;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories relies on air transportation as its primary mode of transport;

AND WHEREAS the demographics, distances, environment, and other factors in the Northwest Territories create an operating cost structure for northern air lines which is higher than that of air lines in southern Canada, resulting in higher air fares per mile flown;

AND WHEREAS the new passenger tax structure has a disproportionately greater impact on northern residents than on southern Canadians, notwithstanding the fact northerners require air transport as a public utility as there are no alternatives, as is the case in southern Canada;

AND WHEREAS the resultant tax structure unduly discriminates against northern Canadians;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories hereby requests the federal government to rescind the nine per cent tax as it applies to air travel to, from, and within the Northwest Territories and to reinstate the \$30 maximum for this region of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the main problem that we have now in the North. Last year the air fares were set up and from my constituency to Montreal, it is \$1209. Using this nine per cent, \$108.81 is the tax now. We all know that from Pond Inlet to Yellowknife for the MLA for Amittuq, if he had to pay, or for somebody from Arctic Bay, it would be over \$2000 air fare. It is almost up to \$200 tax. For people who have their own businesses, it is going to be really hard for them. They are really going to be affected by the tax. People with their own businesses have to travel to southern Canada and back. If you have your own business it is really going to be hard to travel back and forth. Also for those people who visit their relatives for Christmas holidays, if they are going to go ahead with the nine per cent, it is going to affect all the people who want to visit the relatives in the northern route.

Also the air fare is going up all the time.

For this reason air tax should be dealt with by the Canadian government for us people who already pay a lot of taxes. On top of these we have to pay another tax on air fares. How come they are doing this to us? It is mostly for northern people who are already paying a high percentage of taxes. I do not think it has really affected those people who live down south. I would like to get support on this motion regarding my concerns about the northern people. I am appealing to you on my behalf for this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Richard, as seconder.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to second the motion of Mr. Pudluk. I do not believe, Mr. Speaker, that Members in this Assembly need any convincing of the hardship that this change in federal tax has on northern residents. Shortly after the change, the \$30 ceiling was lifted on September 1st. I do not travel that much but I did travel to Ottawa and I noticed on the bottom of that ticket the tax was \$96, whereas prior to September 1st it was \$30. That increase, of course, is not as drastic as some of the examples that Mr. Pudluk gave for those who have to travel to and from his area of the NWT.

The more onerous effect of this tax on northerners is evident and that is what I believe is undesirable about this decision of Mr. Mazankowski and his colleagues in the federal cabinet. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that all of us in this Assembly have a responsibility to draw this to the attention of the federal government. I know that other Members, some Members, as myself, have written to Mr. Mazankowski about this change.

#### Minister's Position On Decisions About The North

This honourable fellow, Mr. Mazankowski, just three years ago at the last northern development conference in Edmonton, was one of the main speakers. It is perhaps significant that in 1982 he was not in the federal cabinet but in opposition. He spoke about the North at that conference and I had an opportunity recently to look at his speech and I have picked two excerpts from his good words about the North. He was very critical, of course, of the then federal Liberal government when he stated that the current attitude of the government with regard to the North is simply as a resource store house to be raided at will. Mr. Mazankowski also stated at that time that the history of northern development has been one of benign neglect by the federal government. If that honourable Minister of the federal government is of that view, or if he is still of that view, he is now in a position to make decisions about the North. He has made one very bad decision last month in the lifting of this \$30 ceiling. Just this morning, Mr. Speaker, I heard again this fellow Mazankowski on the radio being critical of the northern carriers, the cost of air transportation in the North. He is in effect compounding that situation by removing this \$30 ceiling on the air transportation tax.

Mr. Nickerson, who is one of the Members of Parliament from the North, has raised this in the House of Commons on behalf of northerners. This question has been deflected. One of the responses he received was that the federal standing committee on transportation was going to be in the North shortly. Mr. Nickerson was himself urged, and another northerner, to appear before the standing committee when they came in the North to press this viewpoint on the standing committee. I hear more recently, Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the standing committee is not now going to be coming to the North in the near future. So, I would ask if they do, whenever they come north, that all Members make an effort to make a presentation to the federal standing committee on transportation and perhaps to write to Mr. Mazankowski. But I would clearly urge Members to support Mr. Pudluk's motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I obviously support the motion. Mr. Richard and others and I wrote to federal ministers and I wrote to the federal Minister of Finance. I have a response that I just got yesterday and I will not read it all, Mr. Speaker. Basically it thanks me for the letter and gives an attempt on a rationale that the revenue collected from these levies are allocated to the Department of Transport to apply against costs incurred in the provision of airport facilities and air navigation aids. The purpose of this decision was to increase the level of cost recovery from the users of the air transport system in Canada. He goes on to say that Mr. Mazankowski made the decision. He has forwarded my letter on to Mr. Mazankowski and asked him to

reply directly to me, which he has not done to this point. It closes, giving some rationale, which I find unacceptable, for why they made this decision. So, I think it is very important at this point in time for this Assembly to unanimously support Mr. Pudluk's motion and for the Executive Council to make more representation to the federal government to try to get this changed. Thank you.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Mr. Pudluk's motion will be adopted unanimously by the House. I congratulate and commend both the honourable mover and his seconder for the strong justification that has been made for the acceptance of this motion. The speaker who just commented, suggested that the territorial government make more representation. I would like to indicate just what has been done in the past with regard to this particular item. I will try to do as briefly as I am able.

#### Government Action With Regard To Change In Tax

There was no reference to the removal of this ceiling in Mr. Wilson's budgetary papers earlier in the year. That is unless you suggest that a user-pay reference was the basis on which the determination to remove the cap was made. Mr. Mazankowski made the announcement I believe July 22nd. It was to become effective on September 1st. So there was very, very little time to respond to the particular initiative of the federal Minister.

I did, on the request of the Executive Council, make representations to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and to Mr. Mazankowski. The representation was along the lines that Mr. Pudluk indicated but I would just like to put these remarks in the record at this time, which form part of the letter which I sent to Mr. Mazankowski. "As you are aware many northern communities have no alternative to the air travel mode for transportation and resupply. The long distances and high operating costs make travel in the North expensive. The tax increase and the increases in fuel concession fees will be passed on to the consumer, making the cost of travel prohibitive for many residents and exorbitant for those who travel. No doubt this increased cost to the business community will also be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices for goods and services retailed."

I added, too, another comment which I had hoped was going to be very productive for the North. That was related to Mr. Suluk's initiative to have the standing committee of the federal House come north and look specifically at high costs that northerners pay for air transportation and I noted: "It is regrettable that the recommendations of Mr. Suluk, Member of Parliament for Nunatsiak, that northern transportation costs be relieved through subsidies in order to improve professional business and tourism development and improved community development have not yet had time for consideration."

I am very optimistic that when the parliamentary committee assigned to look into the northern transportation resupply costs has reported, we will have concrete arguments to strengthen the case that the Government of the Northwest Territories has long advanced, that air travel in the Canadian north requires special consideration and exceptions from the application of southern taxation and fuel imposts. I have received strong support and, in turn, have supported Mr. Suluk and Mr. Nickerson on representations they have made to the Minister. I have been in oral communication with Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Mazankowski and, again, made the same case as appears in these letters.

One of the problems that occurred with regard to communications getting to Mr. Mazankowski was the fact the decision was made, as I say, late in July. A number of representations were sent to the Ministry of Transport from the North and from individuals. These representations I found did not get to the Minister. He had been travelling through the summer and did not examine them himself. As a result of that omission, in the last week in August, I travelled to Vegreville with copies of those representations and delivered them to the Minister's residence when he was coming back from Japan, to ensure that he would have those documents in his hand before the decision was made to lift the cap on the nine per cent tax on air transportation. So, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to mention that in the southern provinces status Indians are exempt from provincial tax. In the Northwest Territories, that is not the case. All northerners do pay tax on air travel but they also pay tax on Pacific Western which is an Edmonton-based company, so we also pay provincial tax in those areas too. I am just wondering whether this government will be able to explore whether we should be paying those taxes for other provincially-based companies. But I just want to say that I do support Mr. Pudluk's motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. To the motion. Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that I am going to be in support of the motion. Up in Baffin Region the 747 from First Air travels in the Baffin area and they usually have a lot of passengers and as everybody is aware they pay for their own air fares. While we are talking about this passenger tax we are hoping that it will be decreased. I think it does not just apply to the passengers, I think it also applies to the transportation companies. So, for the reasons I have mentioned, I believe we have to support Mr. Pudluk's motion. I do not even have to talk about this because everybody supports this. We all realize that is the only form of transportation that we have in Baffin area. For example, in Yellowknife you can travel by vehicles because of the highway and there are also trains or railroads around this area. We do not have railroads in Baffin and High Arctic, although we have tankers or ships once a year, but those are the only means of transportation in Baffin and part of the North. So, I am just saying that I am in support of the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. To the motion. Mr. Pedersen.

#### Travel Budget Of Government Increased Significantly

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, of course, support the motion. I would like to point out a couple of items on it. By removing the \$30 ceiling on the air transportation tax, just by some quick calculations over the average of distances and prices paid, it would appear that it would increase the travel budget of this government by some eight per cent as well. Most of the distances, and this would be right across the board, not just for government staff travel but for such travel as evacuation of patients, etc., would create a very, very significant increase in this budget, an increase over which we have no control and which I believe that, in addition to the public sector, we as a government certainly do not deserve.

I think we should perhaps try to point out to the federal Minister, I will fondly refer to as that fellow, that the removal of the ceiling and this whole air transportation taxation system is contrary to the development in transportation that we are trying to encourage, which is the introduction of more efficient and more cost-effective, cheaper forms of transportation. We can only achieve cheaper air transportation by going into larger and more efficient aircraft and filling them up. We still have the situation where aircraft, smaller aircraft in the category, I believe, under 12,500 pounds gross weight are not subject to this tax. This was bad enough when we had the \$30 limit but now that the limit has been removed it would seem to me that we are almost going to encourage our air operators to go away from larger, efficient equipment and back into the smaller and cost-inefficient equipment. As I say, if you fly in a small aircraft there is no tax at all applied. Now, if you fly on a larger one, more efficient, not only do we have to struggle with the \$30 tax previously but now we are really going to get thumped to the extent of taxes going into the hundreds of dollars. Just having pointed out these other two aspects, I would like to state that I completely support the motion and I welcome Mr. Pudluk's initiative. Thank you.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to speak briefly to this motion, mainly because it is a major problem in our area in the North. I think we all have to understand that we do not have any other means of transportation. We do not have any trains, and we do not have a plane that is paid by the federal government. We do not have a plane that is available to us more than one time in a day. Air Canada does not come to the North because it is owned by the federal government. I will be in support of this motion because of my reasoning and sometimes people cannot always come up with -- I do not like the idea of removing the \$30 ceiling. (Translation ends)

### Heavy Burden Of Tax On Tourists

I give full support to the motion. I think it is important that we acknowledge also the tremendous lobby that the travel industry has been taking on this issue in trying to convince the federal Minister to do away with this proposed increase on air tax on all the tickets throughout the country. Particularly, I think the message is that I think the honourable Members also have tremendous support for the tourist industry. We are going to impose quite a heavy burden on these individuals and groups of travellers who would like to come up here if this air tax continues. I certainly could not believe that we could be successfully promoting increases in tours to the North. I will give one example; not many tourists will likely travel between Spence Bay and Holman Island for the distance of 1520 miles. The new tax on the ticket would be \$131 and that is for the basic air fare of \$1456. Most of our return fares, for mileage over 1000 to 2000 miles, are about roughly one dollar a mile and therefore we are asking our travelers to pay in excess of \$100 when the air fare is roughly \$1400 to \$1500 per ticket. Therefore, I think we have a legitimate complaint. I think it is about time that the federal government at least take note that we do have a special problem. We do not have all kinds of subsidized travel in southern Canada where Air Canada can shuttle between the cities at regular intervals, and as well, private sector alternatives, in terms of transportation. So, therefore, I am in full support and I think if we are going to succeed in promoting visitors to come up that we must have incentives to bring them up North. By having a surtax, a nine per cent tax, on all tickets, I do not think we are going to get anywhere. So, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to register my support to the motion. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion. Mr. Wray.

### Bulk Of Travel In North Is By Government

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a very few brief comments. I think that one of the things we have to point out on the ludicrous situation that we are all in is that the vast bulk of the expense is going to be borne by the federal and territorial governments in the North over this tax increase. The federal government is taxing themselves, essentially. The large majority of travel, particularly from the small communities is, I think it is something like 90 per cent government travel. The only people that really get hurt in this whole situation will be tourists and the private sector, and even the private sector is going to come back to the government. I know that next year when we have the go-around in contracts for public works and housing, the first thing I am going to see reflected in the bids is higher transportation costs. Our money comes from the federal government. So, there is no point really to raising that kind of tax in the North because they are only taxing themselves and I think we have got to point that out. It is ludicrous. The few people that do try and maintain an independent lifestyle up here and the small businesses are the people who are going to be really hurt by this tax and I think we have to make very strenuous efforts with the federal government to try and stop this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

### Medical Charters

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that the honourable Member for High Arctic has brought this important motion forward and I am sure that this is one motion in which we will have entire unanimity in this House. I would just like to underscore what Mr. Wray has said. The federal government is shooting themselves in the foot. I will also give the example of charters for medical evacuation. This tax is going to apply to medical charters over the size of Twin Otter which is occasionally required. I know that a few years ago the federal government was paying as much as \$18,000 to charter in an emergency situation, a large aircraft from points in Baffin Island to Montreal. With this tax they have just increased the charge of those kinds of costs enormously.

I would also like to cite specifically the route from Frobisher Bay to Yellowknife which I use extensively and which is also used by other Members of this Assembly travelling on public business. That fare currently with the \$30 tax, is \$1518. You can be sure it is extremely difficult for a private businessman or an ordinary lay person to visit the seat of government with that kind of fare, which amounts to over 50 cents a mile, even for such a long route of just under 3000 miles where one would expect the economies of scale on the air fare. With the new tax regime

the tax amounts to \$133.92 and the fare has now soared to \$1621. Now, this is an increase, Mr. Speaker, of over \$100 and I know that I kept track of my travels a few years ago and found that I made this trip 22 times. So it is going to cost the public another \$2000 to \$2500 for my travel on public business alone in a year just to get to the capital.

The price from Frobisher Bay to Montreal has also increased \$47.40. It is already \$890 for my constituents to go to the nearest southern connection, which is Montreal. Now it is \$937. This tax really distresses me, Mr. Speaker, because northerners are already in most routes paying the maximum \$30. I think we are contributing our fair share to the federal government already. It is especially distressing because this is coming at a time when the northern airports program, which is vitally needed for safety in many communities in all parts of the NWT, is threatened. We are not certain of its continuation and yet we are being hit at the same time with this disincentive to tourism. I would like to just underscore what Mr. Curley said about the tourism industry.

#### Economic Development Through Tourism In Baffin Region

Mr. Speaker, in the Baffin Region we do not have many prospects for economic development. We are not as fortunate as other regions in the NWT. Tourism, I believe, is our best prospect for economic development and it is an ideal prospect because it provides employment appropriate to communities. It is pollution-free and it allows native people to pursue their traditional lifestyles and profit from visitors being able to participate as well. Yet these kinds of tax regimes are going to provide a significant disincentive to tourism just at a time when our communities and our regions are getting organized and are starting to promote tourism. It could not have come at a worse time, Mr. Speaker. I endorse the motion and I would ask that if the motion is unanimous that the Speaker would note that on the record. I would hope that although some of us have spoken at some length I would hope that this transcript could be directed to the Minister of Transport so that he is made aware that it is not in the national interest nor in the public interest that this regime be continued.

Mr. Speaker, we are not interested, in the North, in being recipients of federal grants. We are not interested in depending on southern Canadians forever for supporting ourselves. We are trying to do our best to become self-sufficient, through tourism in particular. I am afraid, Mr. Speaker, that this tax regime is going to take us backwards in that progress toward self-sufficiency. So, I support the motion whole-heartedly, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Mr. Pudluk, if you would close debate.

MR. PUDLUK: I thought the mover always had the right to close debate. He was saying question has been called. In conclusion about my motion I would like to say again about the air fare -- I am using last year's figures not this year's figures because the air fares have been increased since last year but I do not have that information.

If a Pond Inlet person wants to visit Grise Fiord he has to pay air fare from Pond Inlet to Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay and then to Grise Fiord. It is about \$1000 one way when he wants to go to Grise Fiord. There is no direct air fare from Grise Fiord to Pond Inlet. They have to go around and I will mention the figures. I already mentioned Resolute to Montreal about \$181 tax, which comes to \$1317 -- the whole ticket to go down to Montreal and back. One way is \$55.44 tax. Excursion return is \$70.40 tax. Non-excursion return is \$77.67. Those things are too high for people trying to make a home in the North especially in the High Arctic. It is the highest air fare almost. From Edmonton to Resolute Bay is a little lower. Those excursion rates vary according to the time of the year. It can be changed higher any day.

Again, from Resolute to Edmonton return it is \$833 -- that is last year's figures. Again, the tax is \$74.97. Those businessmen in the private sector always have to travel to the nearest southern community. How are they going to survive, because of high costs including air fare and tax? I do not think they will. It does not matter about the government employees or myself because my expenses are always paid by the government. And I am looking after those people who want to go and see their relatives and parents, whatever. Every time somebody gets sick they have to be flown away to towns farther north, Frobisher, Yellowknife, even further. If my relative is dying I have to go and see him. How am I going to afford to pay that air fare to see my dying relative? That

is really my concern. I am not really concerned about government employees travelling on business because they are paid by the government. I am talking about myself sometimes. Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask you to record this vote. Thank you.

Motion 8-85(3), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. A recorded vote has been requested, Mr. Clerk. All those in favour, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Paniloo, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Richard, Mr. Wray, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Curley, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Butters, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Angottitauruq and Mr. Pedersen.

---Applause

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

---Carried

Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: I would like unanimous consent to proceed with my motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Richard would like unanimous consent to proceed with the motion that he has given notice of today. Are there any nays? Mr. Richard, you have unanimous consent.

Motion 15-85(3): Appointments To The Management And Services Board, Carried

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there are vacancies on the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill those vacancies;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Mr. Michael Ballantyne, honourable Member for Yellowknife North; Mr. Gordon Wray, honourable Member for Kivallivik; Mr. Richard Nerysoo, honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta; and Mr. Bob MacQuarrie, the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, be appointed to the Management and Services Board of this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I would like unanimous consent to proceed with Motion 17-85(3).

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray would like unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Wray, you have unanimous consent.

Motion 17-85(3): Appointments To The Board Of Directors Of The NWT Housing Corporation, Carried

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS vacancies have occurred on the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that these vacancies be filled;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that this House recommend the appointment of Ms Esther Lazore, and the reappointment of Mr. Thomas Owljoot and Mr. Henry Ohokannoak to the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation;

AND FURTHER, that the appointments be for a period of three years.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

I understand, Mr. Gargan, that you are requesting unanimous consent for a motion. To Mr. Gargan's motion, do we hear any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Gargan.

Motion 16-85(3): Regional And Territorial Economic Development Conferences

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS it is the desire of northern people to participate in economic development in a meaningful way;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the Canada Oil and Gas Act provides for active participation, on an equity basis, for aboriginal peoples in exploration agreements;

AND WHEREAS NWT residents have not had the opportunity to adequately express their views on their participation in economic development in the NWT;

AND WHEREAS this government has committed itself to providing full participation to northern residents in the planning and development of the northern economy;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Council that it consider sponsoring a regional economic development conference before the end of this fiscal year and a major territorial economic conference early in the new fiscal year.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to put my support toward the motion. I think my colleagues expressed yesterday that there was a very good chance of holding such a regional and territorial-wide conference with respect to the economic development of the North.

I would like to invite MLAs to make some suggestions. Appropriately I think it would likely be co-ordinated by the Minister responsible for Economic Development. I know that the Executive and the new Leader have not finalized the portfolios but I know that we would be receptive as a whole to receive such ideas and suggestions who should take part in these meetings. I know the easiest thing to do is to invite the major corporations and the presidents of the major companies and so on, but I think we want a cross-section on the membership and involvement of the people in the North. We would welcome your suggestions and I would like to suggest now and ensure your constituents that if you have some ideas I think it would be very important that we co-ordinate those ideas through the Department of Economic Development. I think it would also be important to



state right now that to maximize the involvement of the ordinary MLA they might wish to talk about the possibility of chairing and being major participants in chairing regional meetings so that MLAs who are familiar with the region are there to make some suggestions as well as to receive input from the region.

Challenge Of Finding Funds

I, as the present Minister of Economic Development, am prepared to make my staff in all the regions available to the MLAs in the event these regional meetings are shaping up. I know we have quite a challenge now to try and find appropriate funding for the conferences and I will be recommending to my Executive colleagues that we at least seek some assistance from the federal government, as well as from other funding programs in place within the government and federally. For instance I think the native economic development fund is one area that I think we could probably ask to contribute for the native contingent, because they are certainly interested in receiving such an invitation. I had a preliminary discussion with the chairman of that organization last night. So, I would just like to let you know as you go back to your constituencies, if you have some ideas, feel free to communicate with us. I think this particular exercise should involve you MLAs as much as possible and not so much the officials and those who work for the government. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to say that I think this motion expresses the wishes and the concerns of this Assembly so I very strongly support the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 16-85(3), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Are there any abstentions? Let the record show it was passed unanimously.

---Carried

Item 12, motions. That appears to conclude motions for today.

Item 13, first reading of bills. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 11-85(3): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 11-85(3), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year, be read for the second time. The purpose of the bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for additional expenditures for the public service for the 1984-85 financial year.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

The bill has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 12-85(3): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1985-86

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 12-85(3), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1985-86 Financial Year, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for additional expenditures for the public service for the 1985-86 financial year and to authorize adjustments to the public stores revolving funds.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. I have a motion on the floor.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I was just going to ask your indulgence, sir, to have Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3) moved into committee of the whole for consideration today if time permits. While I am on my feet I apologize to you, sir, and to our honourable Clerk for believing that Bill 6-85(3) was not put on the order paper. I realize that it was not in the books and therefore that was the reason it was not on the order paper. I thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, I am a little leery of what is in the book and what is not in the book. We will certainly put Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3) on the order paper today if it is in the book.

---Laughter

Is it in the book, Mr. Clerk? It is in the book. Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3) are ready for third reading. Mr. Clerk, will you enter them in the orders of the day for today? Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 6-85(3), Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3), with Mr. Wah-Shee in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 6-85(3), LIQUOR ACT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Bill 6-85(3), An Act to Amend the Liquor Act. I would like to ask Mr. Nerysoo if he would be prepared to introduce this to the committee.

Remarks From Minister

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the intent of this particular bill, as has been indicated, is to provide for the establishment of a Liquor Commission; also to provide that the Liquor Licensing Board would report annually on its activities to the Legislative Assembly; further, that there would be an appropriation for the board and also to indicate and to specify that the board and the commission have employees and officers for the proper conduct of the business of the board or the commission.

As well, it is our intention to clarify the responsibilities of Ministers, the board and the commission, to clarify provisions respecting local options and also to reorganize the Liquor Act into Parts I, II and III which would also allow for the clarification of the responsibilities of Ministers, the board and the commission. Also, it is our intention, through this particular legislation to amend in subsection 62(1) of the Vehicles Act, the references made to the provisions of the Liquor Act. Those, Mr. Chairman, are my brief introductory remarks. I believe that the chairman of the standing committee on legislation has a few comments to make.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McQuarrie, would you like to comment on behalf of your committee, please?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes. The standing committee on legislation has reviewed this bill fully and there was really only an issue at one point in it. I will comment when we reach that point. Other than that, the committee recognized that the government was bringing in a bill that would provide for the establishment of the Liquor Commission and there were other amendments that had to do with local alcohol education committees and so on but none of these were at issue in the committee and the committee recommended the bill to this committee as it is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No, thank you. If there are no other comments I would certainly like to go clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 1, agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 2, commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 3, container. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 4, liquor store. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 6, permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 7. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 8. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 9, sale. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 10, vendor. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 11, alcohol content. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 12, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 13, executive secretary. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 14, dealing in liquor prohibited. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 15. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 16. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 17, appointment of officers and employees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 18. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 19. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 20. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 21. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 22. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 23, classes of licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 24, transitional. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 25, quantities for off-premises. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 26. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 27, dual licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 28, delegation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 29, idem. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 30, authority of permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 31, length of suspension. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 32, proceedings to follow report. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 33, exemption from liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 34, stay of execution. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 35. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 36. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 37. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 38, hearings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 39, public hearings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 40, publication of notice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 41, proceedings before board for cancellation of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 42, proceedings before board for suspension of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 43, notice to commission or Minister. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 44, delivery of forfeited liquor. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 45. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 46, issue of transfer of shares of company. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 47, duties of Minister. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 48, expense of plebiscite. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 49. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 50, ranking of licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 51, prohibition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 52, result in favour of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 53, granting of licence without a plebiscite. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 54. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 55. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 56, possible systems that may be chosen by plebiscite. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 57. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 58, exception. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 59. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 60, unregulated or restricted area. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 61, powers of an alcohol education committee. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 62. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 63. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 64. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 65. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 66. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 67. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 68. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 69. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 70. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 71. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 72. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 73, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 74. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 75, duties of Minister. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 76, refund of cost of liquor. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 77, annual report of Commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 78. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 79, agents. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was at this point with respect to agents that there was considerable discussion in the committee about a change that had been proposed by the government and that is the revocation of agents. It was recognized in the committee that in the past the Minister had the right in his absolute discretion to revoke the licences of agents and to demand that liquor that was in control of the agent be returned to the government and there were some Members who expressed concern at the wording that existed in the bill that my committee was reviewing. It stated that the Minister "for any reason" could revoke an agent's licence and that the liquor that was held by him was to be returned at his own expense to the government. Ensuing that discussion, the government indicated that they were certainly satisfied to return to the original wording, the wording that exists in the present legislation and that has been done and the committee accepts the change the government has made and which is reflected in the bill at the present time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 79, agents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 80. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 81. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 82. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 83. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 84. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 85. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 86, previous regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 87. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 88, eligibility. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 90, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 91, exemption. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 92, principles of natural justice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 93, notification of order. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 94, forfeiture. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 95, forfeiture on conviction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 96, report of seizure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 97. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 98, Vehicles Act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The bill as a whole? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does committee agree that this bill is ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): We are now dealing with Bill 11-85(3), An Act Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for 1984-85 Financial Year. Mr. Butters, would you like to introduce this bill?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, my motion to follow will be strange after asking the bills be put on the order paper for today. In view of the fact that the two Supps have not had full consideration of the standing committee on finance and I know that committee Members wish to ask the questions they have in committee of the whole. As you notice some of the Ministers have been called away to various meetings at the present time, and in view of the fact that our agenda for the remainder of the session is narrowing to an end, I would move we report progress and that we discuss the Supps as the first item of business on Monday afternoon.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Motion to report progress. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Motion is carried.

---Carried

We will report progress.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 6-85(3), LIQUOR ACT

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 6-85(3), Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3) and wish to report that Bill 6-85(3) is recommended for third reading.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Members have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek unanimous consent to return to Ministers' statements. I want to give you an update on the situation in Grise Fiord for the honourable Member's information.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 4-85(3): Storm Damage In Grise Fiord

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you to the Members for giving me the opportunity to speak. This is a situation update with regard to the Grise Fiord storm and it was received at 11:00 a.m. this morning from Frobisher Bay time. All residents have been accounted for. There is only one leg injury and it is not serious. Property damage to the air terminal; it is completely gone. The hotel is a total write-off. The cold storage building roof is gone. The new multipurpose hall may be salvaged. There is minor damage to the school below the floor. The school is being used as a holding area. The storm front is moving and gusting at 45-50 knots. We have been advised by the Montana weather centre which is the hub for the North America weather services, the winds will rise to full gale force in one hour. All the community residents except five families and the construction crew are in the school. The construction crew is spread between the RCM Police and the housing facility; 13 of the construction crew were in the hotel but had to be evacuated late last night. The new co-op store is a write-off. One house privately owned is a write-off. Three other houses have major roof damage. The northwest side of the community suffered the most damage. The storm could blow for another 12 hours.

Frobisher emergency crew are on standby and waiting for weather to clear. Will use Nordair to Resolute Bay. Alternate is 748 charter from Frobisher Bay. Narwhal Resources in Resolute Bay have two portable 12 bed, comes with furnaces, temporary quarters are standby to be flown in for repair crews. Approximately five hours of good daylight is available. The telephone system is still operating but on batteries. Telestar satellite power still on. Most radio antennae are down. Further situation reports will be provided from Frobisher Bay later this afternoon. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are on Ministers' statements. Are there any other Ministers' statements? Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on legislation tomorrow morning, Saturday at 1:30 p.m. There will be a special session of the Assembly with the Youth Forum at 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning. There will be a caucus meeting on Monday morning at 11:30 a.m.

ITEM 19: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Monday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
2. Members' Replies
3. Ministers' Statements
4. Oral Questions
5. Written Questions
6. Returns
7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 11-85(3) and Bill 12-85(3)
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Third Reading of Bills
18. Assent to Bills
19. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m.

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