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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1986

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Tagak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Richard, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Hon. Gordon Wray

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): We have a problem this morning, there is not a quorum. Your rule states if at the time of the meeting there is not a quorum the Speaker may take the chair and adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day. Do you wish to take a 10 minute coffee break and try it again or are we going to abide by the rules and adjourn?

AN HON. MEMBER: We have a quorum now.

MR. SPEAKER: We are fortunate that we have a quorum. To allay any doubts in the minds of any honourable Members, the next time this occurs we will have an adjournment. We will go by the book. So I would ask Members to be here on time.

Item 2, orders of the day for Friday, February 14th. Members' replies. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Angottitauruq's Reply

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I will make my reply today but I look to my right and there are not too many Ministers in the House but I believe my words will be put down on paper.

Extension, Spence Bay Airstrip

I would just like to say at the beginning that I was impressed with the Commissioner's opening remarks but I would like to bring out a few items for my constituency. In my constituency I have three main communities. Last year I made some comments about the NWT Air and since that time I have learned a great deal. NWT Air wishes to service Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Pelly Bay with the Electra. The only problem they have now is the Spence Bay airstrip and that is quite important for the three communities. It would make the airline service faster and it would also put the prices down on freight. It would be beneficial to Pelly Bay as they could get more orders for their store as they are only serviced by airlift.

My constituency is trying to tell me to work very hard to have the Spence Bay airstrip extension speeded up. I will be trying to work hard on that and I am hoping that this government would also look for and seek ways of finding some funding for the airstrip for Spence Bay. They have all the equipment in Gjoa Haven and it is sitting there. It is not a good sight for all this equipment to be sitting in Gjoa Haven while the community only 80 miles away requires an extension. They have

done it already but for some reason they have not fully extended it to the proper length. It was a waste of someone's time one time while they were in Spence Bay and they were doing the airstrip. They should have done it at that time. Pelly Bay needs upgrading. I believe the federal government will have to focus more closely on Pelly Bay's airstrip.

#### Support For More Native Language Instruction In Schools

Education is also the next concern of my people and I guess of a lot of people across the Territories. They say that English and French are the official languages. A native language is also very dear to some of us natives and to a lot of natives across the Territories. So I guess a lot of the communities in the Northwest Territories, including my constituents, wish that the native language, the first language, would be recognized to be taught more in a classroom. I really do not support it when classes are taken for 10 or 15 minutes a day in another language because the longer you study on one subject, on one matter, the more you tend to go by it. I am not opposing the English language being taught so much but you see a lot of young people, including the older people, losing their native language. I guess more time, more concentration is needed for this native language so that it should not be forgotten. There is a great change in some meanings today in that language.

#### Request For Return To Grade System

The other thing I have heard time and time again is that a grade system instead of levels would be more acceptable to a lot of parents. They are saying that it is understandable that the system in the smaller communities does not seem to be educating the students in the same way as when they had the grade system. Since they have started using the levels, the material they used for their ages seems to have gone down three steps lower than if you were using a grade system. And it seems quite true because I am getting a lot of students into Akaitcho Hall. I will not say the numbers now, but whenever they are going there they say they have to take grade eight or nine to prepare themselves for grade 10. That could be a proper step, but it would be a lot better if they could leave home with a proper grade. I do not think that is a really big request, to go back to the grade system for my communities and for some of the communities in the Northwest Territories. A lot more families might wish to have their kids marked in grades rather than in levels.

#### Housing Rental Scale

On housing, I do not have too much to say. But I know it is recognized across the Territories by housing associations that a rent scale should be looked at very closely. It affects a lot of smaller communities. There are some settlement allowances for some employees and what have you, to increase their pay. But the way they do the rent scale is not acceptable to a lot of communities, because in a lot of communities there is approximately 45 to 50 per cent higher cost of living than the capital, Yellowknife. For a lot of those workers that are outside in the smaller communities, their pay is not as high, or it seems not to be so high or as regular, as the other larger communities.

#### Local Co-ops

Local co-ops in the Northwest Territories. In my constituency, mostly every community has one. And their advisers -- I should say the federation -- are members in those communities and are members of the co-op. The co-ops in the Northwest Territories are a good source of job creation but a lot of them are not exactly doing the right kind of business for the members, which they were to do when they opened. They are there to serve the members. They are serving the members who are the carvers in the community but not all who are really in need of income can do a good carving, only a few can. A lot of them operate hotels and a lot of the people who become members hope that they get some service from the co-ops. I might say they are not qualified to be cooks, hotel managers.

A lot of these co-ops run stores. That is good competition for the Bay stores that makes some of the stock in each of the stores a little lower, rather than having no competition at all. That is one good service. I think what should be recognized is that a more native style of business should be looked at. In those communities where they were established it would mean they have some economy to keep them going. It is not only in hotels and not only in stores. I think I am looking more closely at the natural educated people; that should be studied closely by Economic Development, by the federation and by the people of those communities so that more job creation can

be made. I could name a few I guess but there are all kinds and a lot of us know. I guess one thing they can hope to think of, just for a little guidance if they wish, is maybe country food production. Some co-ops in the Northwest Territories have fishing plants and things like that. But other things to deal with the land that could be beneficial to job creation are not looked after by either the communities or those who are able to do something about them.

#### Position Of Youth Of The NWT

At the last session we had youth coming from all over the Territories. At that time I did not make any comments. They were mentioned in the newspapers and on radio. I have respect for the youth of the Territories. They want to be more involved, you might say, in running or be recognized. I just do not have the words to really express what they think is lacking in the politicians and in the communities.

When youth got into the elected bodies of the communities earlier they seemed to be forgotten by the people. The old people are just as important as they are but when they get old they are ignored, just the same as the youth are. The elected bodies of the communities and the Members of the Assembly should just not only deal with all kinds of other matters, the youth, were trying to say, but should look more closely on the human side of the people of the NWT instead of figuring out words and writing letters or papers. I guess they want more recognition so that their needs are attended more closely. The old people are just as important as they are. They have great needs and they really cannot be involved in politics or elected bodies in the communities or recreation of some kind when they get old. They are just as important as the youth. Any people are just as important as the other. That means that you just have to work more closely with each other.

#### Regional Offices Based On Electoral Boundaries

I would like to say a little about the regional offices and regional directors. I have no complaints whatsoever for the regional offices and the regional directors but there is all kinds of work for the regional directors in the Northwest Territories. I think the function of the regional director would be more satisfying for travel and for this work if they were put on the basis of the Northwest Territories electoral boundaries. That might have to be studied more closely. I do not think any of my constituents are lacking service from the regional director at this time. There has never been any complaint but I hope that identification of the needs might be more closely identified by the regional office for that. I think it would be more acceptable to the communities if they had regional directors for each of the MLAs' electoral boundaries.

#### Eastern And Western Forums

Division of the Northwest Territories is always a good subject to discuss. I would not make very many comments about this. I would only try to make my words acceptable to the Members. But there are some things you have to say when you are not satisfied about one thing. I guess all the Members know that I would belong to the eastern caucus, they would say. There are a lot of people who are working for division. There are a few things that I do not understand. I would like to give credit to the WCF...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: ...for reasons. I get more correspondence from WCF on what they are trying to do.

---Laughter

They mark their meetings and they send me more correspondence.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: They get a lot more money too.

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: I am quite worried. Why? Am I forgotten? Am I being told to stay away from NCF by not getting enough correspondence? That I find very hard...

referred to a ministerial task force that has been established to conduct a review of government programs. I would like to ask the Minister who is on the task force, as well as whether or not he could file with us the terms of reference of the task force.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 13-86(1): Ministerial Task Force

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The membership of the task force, as constituted by Executive Council directive, is Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Pedersen and myself. With regard to the second question, when I met with the standing committee on finance of which the honourable Member is a Member, I indicated at that time I would provide them with the terms of reference. I will do that for the House as well. We have not firmed up our terms of reference yet but I will make it available to the House as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Then you are taking the question as notice as well. Oral questions.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, sir. The answer is I can provide the names that were requested. The answer is yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The question also was with regard to the terms of reference. You are going to supply that later so you are taking that section as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Question 14-86(1): Funding For Extensions To Airstrips In NWT

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. I would like to know if there is any hope for funding for some form of extension of the airstrips in the Northwest Territories in the very near future.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 14-86(1): Funding For Extensions To Airstrips In NWT

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am afraid I cannot hold out any comfort whatsoever. We have been unable to secure any type of agreement with Transport Canada under the arctic airports policy. They just do not have any money so I do not see any funding being made available over the next couple of years for that type of work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 15-86(1): MOT Equipment In Gjoa Haven

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Mr. Speaker, it is not exactly a supplementary to the question. It is a similar form but it is another question. There is a lot of equipment for building airstrips and a great deal of it in Gjoa Haven. It is not a wonderful sight to see the equipment sitting there. The community itself requires some similar equipment. What is going to be done with this equipment in Gjoa Haven? We believe a lot of it is going to require maintenance just for rust, or whatever, as it is just sitting there and it is wonderful equipment. I would like to know if there is any plan of doing something with this equipment. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 15-86(1): MOT Equipment In Gjoa Haven

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, Gjoa Haven is in the Winnipeg region for Transport Canada and as Members of this House know it is probably the most unco-operative of all Transport Canada regions. We have a great amount of difficulty in attempting to deal with those people. The equipment belongs to MOT and we are trying to negotiate with them. However, the demands to this point have been totally unreasonable. I really cannot provide the Member with an answer as to what is going to happen to the equipment. It is not entirely in our control to be quite honest. It is Transport Canada equipment so I suppose I will have to take the question under advisement and at some point in time when negotiations are either concluded or whatever then I will advise the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 16-86(1): Polar Bear Survey, Foxe Basin

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I think for about two years now I have raised this question. It was directed to Nellie Cournoyea at that time. After I asked this question the reply was that they were able to get some funding from the federal government to do some type of survey in the Foxe Basin area but up to now I do not think a survey has been done. This is a polar bear survey and I would like to find out when this will be taking place, if it will be taking place at all. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this question under advisement and provide Mr. Erklou with up-to-date information within a week.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you; You are taking the question as notice. Mr. T'Seleie.

Question 17-86(1): Task Force Review Of Budget Process

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I had a supplementary question to my earlier question to Mr. Butters. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he would consider as a review of this task force, whether or not he would consider taking a look at the budget process and to find ways of simplifying the process. That is my question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question or advice, I am not sure which. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 17-86(1): Task Force Review Of Budget Process

The answer was yes. Mr. T'Seleie.

Question 18-86(1): Employee Incentive Awards

MR. T'SELEIE: Well, we have a lot of those "yes" answers. But anyway, I have another question I would like to ask the Minister. Yesterday in his statement, he announced that there was, what he referred to as, an incentive award program that is being put into place. This program, he says, is to foster creative thinking and innovation in developing and implementing cost saving proposals made by employees. I would like to ask the Minister, whether or not any awards have been awarded under this program and what are the awards for creative thinking and innovation, etc.?

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 18-86(1): Employee Incentive Awards

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, there have been no awards made to date and awards would be in the form of a cash award.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Do MLAs qualify?

---Laughter

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

Question 19-86(1): Wildlife Officer For Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was requested by the community of Lake Harbour. In 1984 they wanted a wildlife officer in Lake Harbour. Someone was going to look into this and see if they could be provided with a wildlife officer. I would like to find out if something has been done regarding this wildlife officer position in Lake Harbour. Thank you.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker, as I did not get any advance notice of the question, I will take it under advisement.



MR. SPEAKER: Question is being taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 20-86(1): Response To Letter Re Sewage Truck, Hay River Reserve

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Local Government. I have written a letter eight months ago, in July, concerning an issue and I have not received any response, so I thought maybe it would be appropriate for the Minister to perhaps respond at this time. It is with regard to a letter that I have written concerning a sewage truck for the Hay River Reserve. I have requested the Minister at that time to consider perhaps whether they might be able to get some sort of second-hand truck that they might be able to utilize because presently there is a contractor that is doing that and he also has the Hay River side that he has contracts for. So I guess there is some attention but not as much as required and that is for the school, the stores, the community hall, the band office and some of the residents on the reserve. I would like to ask the Minister, first of all, whether he responded to that letter, and if not what is his response now?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of a response ever given and I will take the question under advisement and will provide the Member with an answer at a later date. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being taken as notice. Mr. Gargan.

Question 21-86(1): Settlement Status For Kakisa

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another question for the Minister of Local Government. This is with regard to a petition dated January of last year for the establishment of settlement status for the community of Kakisa. The superintendent of Local Government, I believe in Fort Simpson, has been working quite closely with the band in Kakisa. I am just wondering if there is a requirement, Mr. Speaker, as to whether or not it is declared a settlement. What is the procedure on that? I believe Snare Lake is a good example. I believe it was declared a settlement. But I am just anxious to find out how soon or if the Minister intends to do that or is that the procedure? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 21-86(1): Settlement Status For Kakisa

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe there is a formal process for declaring a community a settlement. We have actually been treating Kakisa as a settlement for the past several months with the provision of the money that we would normally give to a settlement council and all the other resources. So, I guess really Kakisa is a settlement, as we have been treating it that way for the last few months. I will check with my officials. Perhaps the Member wants a letter and I can tell him that it is a settlement, but I will check into it and get back to him.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 22-86(1): Executive Council Policy On Decentralization

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Leader of our Government. Mr. Government Leader, in recent weeks we have heard rumours about decentralization that may occur in our government. I recall a news report in which the mayor of Cambridge Bay expressed surprise when he heard that some facilities in his community may be moved elsewhere. Of course, where programs are established, communities come to rely on the economy that is established along with those programs. So it is fairly significant and I do not recall that there has been discussion in the Assembly. Apparently there has not been consultation with communities. So could I ask the Government Leader if on Monday he will table the Executive Council policy which is governing the process of decentralization so that it can be discussed in this Assembly?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 22-86(1): Executive Council Policy On Decentralization

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I should say to the Member that I will table and provide the Member with all the information that we feel, as an Executive, can be provided to the Member at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

MR. SPEAKER: Are you gentlemen finished down there?

---Laughter

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 23-86(1): Airstrip, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand what is going on here but I have a similar kind of question to raise. It is directed to the Minister of Local Government. We have been requesting an airstrip in Lake Harbour for quite some time. There was a survey done this summer. I would like to find out what the situation is up to date and what is planned for the airstrip in Lake Harbour. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 23-86(1): Airstrip, Lake Harbour

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my reply to the Member is the same as to the Member for Kitikmeot East. We are now hung up with the suspension of the northern airports policy by Transport Canada. No funding whatsoever is available for major airstrip improvements. In fact there are 11 yet uncompleted airports which take priority over everything else. When the money comes through, if the money ever does come through, those 11 airports would be priority. If my recollection serves me correct, Lake Harbour is not one of those 11 airports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 24-86(1): Dock Construction

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Local Government Minister. There is a rumour going around that in Baker Lake they will be receiving a dock, perhaps when we pass the main estimates. I have heard that in Baker Lake, it is a lake and they do not have any tidal movements. I would like to find out two things. Which communities were requesting the docks? How many other communities will be receiving docks this summer? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I would remind the people with these oral questions that with an oral question it must be assumed that the information would be readily available to the Minister that is being asked. Some of these questions are getting to a point where it is difficult to be able to assume that the Minister would have that type of information at his fingertips. So that is why there are written questions so you can write your questions and give him time to gather the information. Now undoubtedly the Minister will be able to answer this particular question just to prove that I am wrong. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 24-86(1): Dock Construction

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, it is not a rumour. It is fact. There is a dock going into Baker Lake this summer. It costs \$70,000. The community is in dire need of a dock. It has no dock whatsoever. It needs a dock for resupply purposes for the barges. There was an old push-out that was once maintained by MOT. However when MOT stopped supplying the community with drum fuel they stopped maintaining the dock and the dock was taken away by ice two years ago. While Baker Lake might be a lake, it is a very big lake. There is a lot of tidal action and that community needs a dock as much as any other community needs a dock.

There are two communities where dock construction was completed this year. One was in Snowdrift, one was in Lac la Martre. Two other communities, Baker Lake and Broughton Island, will be funded for docks; and pre-engineering studies have been undertaken in Chesterfield Inlet, Igloolik, Nahanni, Repulse Bay, Trout Lake, Cape Dorset, Detah, Fort Liard, Eskimo Point. Construction of a dock will commence in Arctic Bay this year for completion in 1987. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER: Well, I shall not attempt again to protect the honourable Ministers from questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question 25-86(1): Devolution Of Programs And Services

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was intending to ask this as a written question after hearing your remarks, however it is directed as a supplementary question to Mr. MacQuarrie's question, to the Government Leader. Could the Government Leader include in his response to this House with regard to the devolution of programs and services to communities other than the regional centres, what departments are affected? What programs and services are affected? What communities are these programs and services being transferred to?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the information requested will be provided.

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

Question 26-86(1): Problems For Organizations With Devolution

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) My question is to the Government Leader. I would like to know if the MLAs would like to progress within the government and become a more responsible government. There is a problem arising for the organizations and for the Tungavik Federation. I would like to know how this has been handled. I do not know who is going to respond to that, Government Services or the Government Leader.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 26-86(1): Problems For Organizations With Devolution

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I will do my best. I think if the Member is asking about the current situation between some of the native organizations and our government with respect to the whole question of devolution, I can tell the Member that the TFN had written to our government before Christmas indicating concerns about some of the things that the federal government had wanted to transfer to our government. I can tell the Member that we have written back to TFN and we have had correspondence and I have had meetings with members of TFN. We do plan to have a meeting with all the major native organizations at the end of February to deal with devolution matters, land claims, even things that impact on division. So I feel as a government that we are dealing with the concerns of TFN and such organizations and as a government we look forward very much to the meeting which will happen here in Yellowknife at the end of February. Hopefully, as a result of this meeting, that question of devolution, land claims and things of that sort will be agreed upon and help set the agenda for our government for the next two years in these matters.

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

Question 27-86(1): Health Care Plan Registration

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health. You might like to rule me out of order on this but I cannot ask my question without a little bit of detail on the question. It concerns the registration for the health care plan of the Northwest Territories. I just recently received my own registration and it is a relatively complicated process to register. First of all, you have to learn how to read and write to register. I do not have the registration form here but it says something about if you do not register by the 31st of March, that you may not be covered under the NWT health care plan.

Mr. Speaker, the reason that I bring this up is that so many of us here are repeatedly talking about translations into native languages -- we bring out our concerns. As this government becomes more and more complicated especially for those people that cannot read or write, which is quite a few people at least in my constituency, they have no means or ways to keep up with more of the complications of this government. So I would like to ask the Minister of Health what is in place for those people that cannot read this health care plan reregistration form to enable them to register for health care?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the past I know that advertising or making use of CBC in native languages to explain that you have to reregister and fill the forms out has been done. Some of the posters have been put in the community to remind people to renew their health care registrations. I will come back with a full answer later as to exactly what was done this year to advertise the renewals in native languages, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 28-86(1): Additional Moneys For Health Care Transfer

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the month of January when we sat on the finance committee this was not mentioned, but on February 5th -- my question is directed to the Minister of Health. There was a discussion of health care transfer and this was not discussed at the finance meeting. I would like to ask the Minister with regard to the transfer whether there are going to be new moneys involved with this transfer. It does say here that they have met with the native organizations but as far as moneys being made available for positions by native organizations or communities, have there been new moneys identified with regard to the transfer of health to the NWT? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 28-86(1): Additional Moneys For Health Care Transfer

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I talked at great length in fact at the standing committee on finance about the transfer. I think it involved about half the time that I was there. The specific question the Member is asking is if there is going to be funding available for native organizations in communities to participate in the discussion about the transfer. We are going to, myself and Mr. Epp, involve the native organizations in the discussions and there has been some commitment made by both the federal Minister and myself to funding of some meetings so that information can be given to the leadership of the Dene Nation and other organizations. We have not laid out any funds to have detailed meetings in communities on the subject. However, the plan is, Mr. Speaker, for Members to know this, that once the transfer takes place the idea is that each hospital would have a board of directors. It would govern that hospital as well as other nursing stations feeding into it. So there will have to be some community consultation in the process of the transfer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. That appears to conclude oral questions for today.

Item 5, written questions.

Item 6, returns.

Item 7, petitions.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table three different documents. Tabled Document 3-86(i). I would like to bring it up to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It has to do with my constituency, Clyde River. The polar bears have done damage to some properties and meat caches. I would like to table this first.

The second one, Tabled Document 4-86(1), Financial Needs to Train HTA Secretaries, has to do with the training of the HTA secretaries. The communities have hunters and trappers associations and we are trying to identify some funding for the training of these secretaries.

The third one, Tabled Document 5-86(1). In my constituency they are requesting a recreation facility. I would like to table this after the first reading. I would like to make a motion on February 18th so that it will be approved and seconded by Elijah Erkloo. I will elaborate on this when the time comes. These are the three documents I am tabling at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, if you would get a name so that those could be officially entered as documents either a number or name so they would have an order and please provide me with that before we get out of this particular section so there will be a matter for the record. Documents usually have a name. The motion does not stand of course. With regard, Mr. Paniloo, to the motion, you will have to do that under a different section so we are just accepting at this time your documentation and we will get a number or name for them. On tabling of documents. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 6-86(1), Canada-Yukon-Northwest Territories, Northern Canada Power Commission Devolution Memorandum of Understanding, and a letter of transmittal from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have three documents I would like tabled, addressing the same issue, with your permission.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Can you tell us what they are about?

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are two letters, one from the band, Tabled Document 7-86(1), and one from the principal of the school concerning the multi-purpose hall, Tabled Document 8-86(1). I also would like to table Tabled Document 9-86(1), a copy from Hansard showing support for the motion that was passed in 1984 regarding the multi-purpose hall.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Tabling of documents. I wish to inform the House that I have in accordance with section 22 of the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act laid on the table, Tabled document 10-86(1), a report of the Auditor General of Canada on the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Fund for the year ended March 31, 1985. Tabling of documents. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table some documents that were directed to me. Tabled Document 11-86(1), a letter which has to do with housing. Johnny Joanas is requesting a house. I cannot deal with this person or the letter as there is no number and I would like to direct this to the Minister of Housing. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Paniloo. They are numbered three, four and five and they are in order. Tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Notices of motion. Mr. Paniloo.

#### ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

##### Motion 3-86(1): Recreational Complex For Clyde River

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on February 18th I would like to move a motion. I will move this motion, a proposal for a recreational facility so that this motion can be supported by this Legislative Assembly. The seconder is Elijah Erkloo. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The location of the recreation centre, Mr. Paniloo? The community hall development in Clyde River. Is that correct? We will accept that as notice of motion. Thank you. Notices of motion.

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

Item 12, motions.

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-86(1), Appropriation Act, 1986-87, with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-86(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1986-87

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will take a 10 minute coffee break.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I call this House to order. Are there any general comments? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say a few words while we are still on the budget as a whole. It concerns the address of the Minister of Finance yesterday. One of the concerns I have with regard to increases or no increase is that the regional councils and the regions are getting an increase of approximately three per cent but they are also taking on more responsibility. The problem that we are now having is that a lot of times when regional councils meet they address particular issues that are of concern to the regions, yet there is really no money to take on that added concern. That is one of the reasons. The other thing that there is is that the devolution that is occurring within the bureaucracy, for example, in 1985-86 there were 3852.9 person years. This year it is estimated at 4051.1 person years so there is approximately an increase of 200. On the basis of ratio employment versus the public, the GNWT total number of employees at present is 3660. The population is a little over 50,000. The ratio is one government employee for 13 people. At the federal level there are 2625 government employees and the ratio of employees in the North is one for every 19 people. If you put all the civil servants together the total amount of public servants is 6285 which means that for every public servant there are eight people that they provide services for.

In your main estimates, the salary increase for the Ministers is eight per cent. There is no increase in the base salary for MLAs. The increase is going to be the same this year. Although we have to start taking on more issues and more responsibility there is no indication that there is going to be an increase for ordinary MLAs. That is another concern I have.

With the devolution of health services, for example, there are going to be more person years so the ratio base would also be a lot less. Perhaps maybe for every civil servant there will be only six people provided with services. This has been a concern since I became an MLA and I like what the Government Leader is doing, the initiative that he is taking to perhaps cut down on people that really have no type of responsibility or accountability and these people should retire or go on early retirement or whatever. I like the initiative the Government Leader has taken in that area but at the same time he is also hiring other people that are political advisers, etc. I guess the end result is still that the bureaucracy is flourishing and perhaps the amount of service is not improving. This is one area that perhaps the regional councils could play a lot better and major role in the movement as Dennis Patterson put it, toward self-government. I would like to think that the direction that the Government Leader has taken, to cut down on the amount of public servants, is a good step and he has my full support in that direction but also at the same time I would like to think that a lot of the PYs that are being eliminated are being designated perhaps to the regions or to the communities so that they, in turn, have the control over some of the programs they feel they could take on. Mr. Chairman, I also wanted to say that regarding the services and the delivery of services there is a balance and I mean the delivery services to the community have not improved that much although the bureaucracy is flourishing and that is a concern I have with regard to this particular budget session. I am not going to act ignorant but every time there is money that is better spent elsewhere we certainly would be addressing that and I am sure other Members of this House would be addressing those issues too. I just wanted to say that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Any more general comments? Does the committee wish to go into detail?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Renewable Resources

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkkloo): Main estimates on page 12.03. Mr. Minister, do you have an opening statement?

Minister's Opening Statement

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Mr. Chairman, I address you today for the first time as Minister of Renewable Resources. I think you have all known that for a very long time I have been interested in and involved in the work of this department. The wise use and conservation of the northern environment is of fundamental importance to all of us. Our northern environment has shaped us and it will continue to be our most important asset in the future.

The Department of Renewable Resources is responsible for several different aspects of environmental management. The major land use planning initiative has now begun to bear fruit. My colleague, the Hon. David Crombie, and I recently announced the appointment of a land use planning commission for the North. This process has the active support and participation of the four major native organizations in the North and serves as an excellent example of the sort of co-operative ventures that are possible working within northern consensus-style government.

The Department of Renewable Resources has established a fine record of involving northern residents in the programs and decisions affecting the renewable resources that we all value. HTAs, DIZ groups and other representative groups have participated in a variety of departmental programs including wildlife management and monitoring the impacts of development on renewable resources. The department is developing a public involvement policy to ensure that the public has input to development and review of departmental programs and policies. Our regional organization is set up to listen to the concerns of residents in northern communities and to make sure that they are attended to. We have committed \$675,000 from our priorities funding to be made available to HTAs and local wildlife committees enabling the hiring of administrative support and more active communications and working relationships between the users and the department.

The caribou management boards are becoming more and more an effective forum in which users and administrators can discuss issues and solutions. The Porcupine caribou management agreement has recently been signed and constitutes an important step in managing international wildlife in conjunction with users in other jurisdictions.

Over the past few years the department has emphasized conservation education programs including the preparation of audio-visual and written materials that reflect our northern situation. Our staff have been active in the schools and in the public. We will continue to stress education over enforcement, co-operation over confrontation. Our emphasis for the future will be twofold. We will continue to promote personal contact between all members of our staff and the public and we will emphasize production of more audio-visual materials especially in northern languages.

Significant Achievements Over The Past Year

I will mention some significant achievements over the past year. During the past year in addition to our regular programs we have had many significant achievements. We have remained committed to and have instituted a program to achieve equal opportunities in employment which we are told is one of the best programs put forward. You will see this commitment reflected in the department's budget. We are also using in-service training to train northerners for employment with the department. We are preparing a planned framework for renewable resource development in the Northwest Territories. It is intended to develop a strategic approach to the development of the resources and enhance possible commercial opportunities. Assistance to hunters and trappers has continued through the successful application and administration of the fur advance program, the trappers incentive program, the trappers assistance loan program, the outpost camp program and the Special ARDA program.

Conservation principles, goals and a broad strategy outlined in the report of the task force on northern conservation have been endorsed in principle by the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Yukon government and the federal Departments of Indian and Northern Affairs and Environment. The Government of the Northwest Territories has taken the lead to develop details of the conservation strategy for the Northwest Territories. The conservation policy will be available for public discussion within the next few months. Discussions have also been undertaken to develop

an international narwhal agreement scheme which will protect the rights of northern residents to harvest and use narwhal products. To help achieve the protection of all marine mammals the department is working with the federal government to develop an arctic marine policy. In the South Slave area, the department is in active discussion with a number of groups regarding possible means of managing bison.

The transfer of forestry from the federal government is proceeding on schedule and I am confident we can meet our current October 1, 1986, transfer deadline. Coinciding with the transfer is the development of a Northwest Territories forest policy. This will ensure that the GNWT has the proper mechanism in place to manage forest resources and forest fire suppression.

In the field of pollution control we have developed the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act. Our renewable resource officers will be trained to enforce this and other pieces of environmental protection legislation which will be proposed later this year.

#### Promotion Of Renewable Resource Economy

The department is actively promoting the renewable resource economy and the importance it has for northern peoples. We are promoting this for the World Conservation Strategy Conference and the World Commission on Environment and Development. The department will make strong statements about the value which we place on renewable resource use and development. Because we are dealing with groups or interests which are concerned about animal welfare and conservation we must be able to prove that the renewable resources of the NWT are managed well and used wisely. Each of these conferences is concerned with sustainable development and we will be there arguing that renewable resource use and development can provide a stable long-term source of income to northern residents, but that we need the support of national and international markets to be able to succeed. The department will be fully involved in the plans for the meeting of the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species and will be co-ordinating the federal/provincial meeting of wildlife Ministers for 1987 which will be held in the NWT. The last time the CITES meeting was held there were serious threats made to the northern harvesting of wildlife, particularly narwhal and gyrfalcon. In 1987 we will be there to protect the right of northerners to harvest renewable resources and to maintain their chosen lifestyle.

You have before you the details of our budget for your consideration. This budget is designed to enhance renewable resource use and to maintain environmental quality in the NWT. The final point that I would like to make is that we have now developed a management information and program evaluation system which is important to the ongoing effectiveness and efficiency of departmental programs. Proper management information and program evaluation will allow our senior managers to make decisions and the best use of the financial and people resources which are directed to achieving natural resource management goals. With this, Mr. Chairman, I submit our budget for the examination by the committee. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any questions before we go on to page 12.07? Are there any general comments on the Department of Renewable Resources? Mr. McCallum.

#### Proposal To Strengthen Resource Management Capability

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to try to relate the direction of the government in respect to this department. One of the things that the Finance Minister had indicated that would be a pressing issue, that the government in itself through this department would be addressing in this coming year, would be the \$1.3 million increase provided to strengthen the resource management capability and to expand the resource information which the Minister, I think, just referred to. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to us what he is planning in order to strengthen the resource management capability for the department in this coming year. I heard him in his opening remarks referring to the resource information but I wonder if he could expand a little bit on what part of that \$1.3 million will be dedicated to that particular aspect.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder, with the permission of the committee, if I may bring my witnesses to the table and perhaps I would be able to more fully and better answer Mr. McCallum's questions.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is this agreed by the committee?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Pedersen, your witness. For the record, Mr. Minister, could you introduce your witness?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The deputy minister of the Department of Renewable Resources, Mr. Jim Bourque.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. To respond to Mr. McCallum's question, Mr. Bourque.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I will ask Mr. Bourque to respond to the details of that question.

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

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, in response to the honourable Member's question, the capability that we were trying to develop in the department is a side of management that we have not to date been able to develop. And that is to monitor and come up with some idea of resource use. For years we have been involved in one side of management, that is monitoring the number of animals that are on the land. In order to come up with a decisive and accurate management plan, you also have to understand what is being utilized. In three regions of the Northwest Territories we have that information, that is, the Baffin, the Kitikmeot and the Keewatin. The reason we have that information is that industry and our government urged that harvest study programs be initiated in each of those regions before development occurs. Industry has now pulled out, the federal government has pulled out and the responsibility is ours to continue with those programs. That is in general what the growth is for in this budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Bourque. General comments for that objective? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That \$1.3 million. As I read it, it is directed to particular aspects, the resource management capability, which Mr. Bourque just referred to and the resource information system that Mr. Minister had indicated. Is there a breakdown of funding for each of these two activities?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is in harvest studies, \$350,000; important wildlife areas, \$50,000; management information studies, \$165,000; north Baffin caribou study, \$25,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: I do not want to get into such individual details but if there is a certain amount of funding as a whole to resource management, the harvest studies, because that is what I understand you are going to do, rather than going into each particular resource itself -- I do not mean to ask the Minister to put it by each resource, whether it is caribou, whether it is bison or whatever it is, but I just wondered if there is not a particular division of the \$1.3 million, if there was a breakdown between the resource management using the resource as opposed to simply getting information of what is there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, no, there is no breakdown in that we consider the two to be interrelated and more or less one of the same.

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

### Increase In Person Years

MR. McCALLUM: I just have a general question dealing within the last couple of years, that is, from the 1984-85 actuals of your department to what you are now asking for in terms of person years. You are looking for an increase of approximately 24-25 PYs over those two years. This time last year, we were asked to approve about 10 total person years for the department. Some of them were continuing; you reduced the casual. Now, in this year, casual go up as well as do the continuing person years. I wonder if I could get some indication as to the disposition of those 24-25 person years? How many of them have gone into the communities? How many have been put into the headquarters? Along with it, of course is the fact that the Executive Council approved a native employment policy, Equal Employment Directorate. Could I get some idea of that increase in person years? How many are involved with the equal employment aspect?

I guess the question is twofold. Of the total increase in person years, what is the difference between headquarters people and regional people? And what are the plans of the department in the area of equal employment?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have that information right here. We can very shortly provide it and if Mr. McCallum would like it over, I believe he said a two year period, we will do so. We will provide that. The equal employment component for this year is four positions and of course just to comment on the reason, percentagewise a fairly large increase in the past two years is the department's attempt in response to the political direction to raise the level of acceptability, honourableness of the profession of a renewable resource harvester and also to compile through proper scientific studies the data which we need to combat the international forces that are weakening the position of the renewable resource industry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments to the objectives. Mr. Richard.

### Transfer Of Forestry Responsibilities

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask the Minister a question regarding the transfer of responsibility for forest fire-fighting and forestry management. I understand that the Minister's department is leading the government's negotiations in this area. We had been told in the meetings of the finance committee, Mr. Chairman, that although the target date had been set at April 1st, 1986, just a matter of weeks away, that perhaps that target may not be met. In any event, Mr. Chairman, my question is directed to the financial side of this transfer. Will the Assembly be seeing a supplementary estimate request for appropriations either in the spring session or the fall session and I take it, coupled with whatever money the department or the government is going to ask the Assembly for appropriations, there is going to be on the other side of the ledger a transfer from the federal government of those financial resources? We were told in the finance committee, Mr. Chairman, that we are looking at transferring roughly 130 person years which if they go to this department almost doubles the size of the department and that the budget dollars necessary for those programs would in all likelihood double the budget of this department as well. I am wondering if the Minister, Mr. Chairman, could advise this committee of the plans for finalizing this transfer in the coming months. Thank you.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do have some information for the honourable Member. As I stated in my opening remarks we feel that the transfer is quite on schedule. We were behind schedule as you know and there was a target date of April 1st of this year which has been put forward to October, 1986. However, the final transfer of all programs which originally was scheduled for April 1st, 1987, and as well the whole package, we are now seeing as being complete in October, 1986 so we may be a little behind in one but we feel we are actually ahead of schedule for the total transfer.

On the financial implications, Mr. Chairman, we have still not concluded the final negotiations with the federal government. There are some points regarding staff housing, the transfer of adequate capital funds to go with the operational funding and the state of repair of the capital facilities that the federal government is proposing to transfer to us. The negotiations are going

well and when the final negotiated package is complete it will, of course, be presented to the Executive Council. Whether or not it goes forward in the spring or the fall session, I do not know now. We have no knowledge when the session would be. I would be pleased to give, if asked, specific answers to specific financial items within the transfer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

#### Programs Needed To Enhance Resources, Mackenzie Delta

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Part of the objectives of the department is to determine the habitat requirements of key species and identifying areas. Another objective is to conduct wildlife inventories, as well as to monitor the use of the resources. I have a concern about the department doing studies for the sake of doing studies. I think there is a use for those studies; in particular, improving or enhancing certain types of wildlife.

I guess I can speak from the perspective of the Mackenzie Delta. Over the past few years we have had extreme difficulty with the amount of muskrats and beaver in the Delta region. There has been no attempt by the department to utilize financial resources that would be available to enhance the resource in that particular region with the communities that utilize that area. I think we have the financial resources to take advantage of Special ARDA for instance but it requires the initiative of the department, along with the hunters and trappers associations of Aklavik, McPherson and Arctic Red River, to sit down and develop a plan of action so that we can utilize those financial resources.

I will give you an example. Strangely enough this morning, I picked up the Financial Post. In the section called Business Abroad, it says Canadian beavers are gnawing their way into the Soviet economy and the valuable fur-bearing creatures have been introduced in the Leningrad region and zoologists say their numbers now top 30,000. I would have hoped that that could have said Canadian beavers or this valuable resource has been introduced into the Mackenzie Delta and their numbers have increased. I am not criticizing the idea of transplanting our resource but it would be a good idea, I believe, to also encourage the development of our resources in the particular regions as well, particularly in the North here. I know the department is probably going to attempt to do that.

Also, one of the objectives is to determine habitat requirements. I know that one of the problems we have had in the Mackenzie Delta for instance has been problems with the water levels, particularly the spring thaw not providing enough water into the lakes that do provide the habitat. But you also have the financial resources to find ways of encouraging or developing the necessary habitat either by working with a particular hunter or trapper to build dams so that he retains water or that sort of thing. My belief is that that can be done and I would hope that the Minister and his departmental officials will encourage that along with encouraging of course -- and I know that the Minister previously was involved in encouraging -- the support and understanding of the value of the renewable resources throughout the world. So my support goes to the Minister for his continued work in that particular area.

#### Definition Of Wildlife Preserve

There are also some serious questions about I guess particularly an area between Fort McPherson and Arctic Red. It has been identified previously as a preserve and there has never been a clear interpretation of the word or the legality of the preserve itself and the authority that was given under the establishment of that particular area that was set aside for use for wildlife purposes. That particular area in fact was set aside during the signing of Treaty 11 as an area that would be utilized specifically for the purposes of the residents of Arctic Red and Fort McPherson for hunting and trapping and that nobody else would be allowed -- or at least that is the interpretation -- that no one else would be allowed to hunt and trap and fish in that particular region. I would hope that at some time maybe the Minister might lay before this House a legal interpretation of that particular preserve. Also the Minister or his officials might provide that information to the hunters and trappers association and the chief and band councils as well. My belief is that the Inuvialuit Game Council requires some of that interpretation, but more importantly the communities of Fort McPherson and Arctic Red.

### Administration Of Group Trapping Area

There is also some confusion about the authority the hunters and trappers associations have with regard to their registered trapping area -- the group trapping area, particularly as it pertains to the area within the Yukon. There has to be some clarification of the authority they have, as well as the rules or the legislated obligations they have to the Government of the Yukon, if there are any obligations at all.

The other point would be there has to be some clarification of the obligations that the Yukon government has with regard to the rights to hunting and trapping and harvesting in the Yukon. In the past we have had some differences of opinion with regard to what those rights might be. My belief is if there is clarification of those rights, particularly since the Yukon native people are negotiating their own claims, of acceding certain rights it could affect the rights that the people of McPherson and Arctic Red might have in the Yukon area, particularly as it pertains to the group trapping area. They have already previously withdrawn certain particular areas -- a large tract of land in fact -- from the original group trapping area because an individual moved from Fort McPherson to Dawson and took along with him a large section. But there has never been any resolution to that particular issue; that area was withdrawn from the Fort McPherson group but nothing was ever given back in return and it has caused some serious questions and problems. It is not to suggest that the individual was wrong in suggesting he trap in that area because he still does. It only reduces the area that the people of McPherson can utilize if they do wish to continue or to move in that particular region.

### Co-ordinated Approach Needed

One other concern at some time has to be addressed by the Minister but also, I believe, by government and that is the number of groups that are being established to deal with land use and wildlife and wildlife use. The reality is that when you are developing land use plans or wildlife use plans or strategies they are very important and an integral part of one another. The more organizations you develop to deal with specific responsibilities the more problems you are going to have in trying to address what might be the overall use of the resources. Whether it is the land itself or the resource on the land. That is just a concern I have.

Also you could have a situation where you have various hunting and trapping associations competing with one another as opposed to trying to develop a joint plan for the resources that they utilize and also regional organizations may have a situation where a resource, for instance caribou -- I will give you a good example of caribou. In our particular region the Inuvialuit Game Council has a certain responsibility in one area and yet you have the regional hunters and trappers group from Aklavik, McPherson and Arctic Red having another responsibility but having to deal with the same resource. At some time we are going to have to address, the government is going to have to address along with the organizations, how do we try to develop a co-ordinated approach of the use of the resources that overlap particular areas? Those are just some comments. I am not being critical or anything I am just trying to give some advice on some of the issues and raising a couple of concerns I have.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the honourable Member for his positive comments. The department itself shares many of the views that he expressed. I would like to comment on just a few of them starting from the one immediately mentioned, the number of groups involved. This is a very definite concern. We do have plans to alleviate this problem with a renewable resource management board. The plan is quite well-formulated already, but we would like to wait, to not introduce it until such time as forestry has been transferred. We feel that it is very important that we do not fragment the renewable resource totality. In line with this, it can be noticed that wildlife officers have been renamed renewable resource officers, to indicate their total responsibility. The habitat that wildlife occupies is every bit as important as wildlife itself. Without proper habitat management, we are not going to have any wildlife management either. So, I want to assure the honourable Member and the committee that we are very much aware of that and we support the comments made. Once forestry has been transferred, the plan will be laid on the table for the House to consider.

I also want to point out that the formulation of this plan is not something that is going on strictly in-house with the department. It is being done in constant and full consultation with all the appropriate aboriginal groups and other users of wildlife. Those who after a claim settlement, for instance would be referred to us as non-beneficiaries. We are in constant contact with all users in that.

Regarding the Member's comments on beavers, I do not believe they were NWT beavers, but I certainly see the point that the honourable Member is making. And I think it illustrates the importance and the significance of the problem that the department has. That is on the one hand to try to increase the sustainable yield by enhancing the population, the health of the populations, the size of them and therefore the yield from these populations. But that in itself is not sufficient unless we also in co-operation with other government departments, notably Economic Development, make the most serious attempt at creating a market for the product which we catch.

#### Importance Of Scientific Data

Now this is where we feel that we cannot stress enough the importance of the gathering of scientific data acceptable and recognized in the international scientific community as being the best there is, because in the long run we are convinced that we will not win the battle -- the fur issue battle, if we want to term it that -- on the basis of emotional appeals to anyone. We will win it on the approach that shows the world that we are indeed wisely harvesting a resource on a sustainable basis.

I would like to get back to the Member with some comments at some other time on the area between McPherson and Arctic Red River, which he referred to. And again I want to thank the Member for his very positive comments.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, if the Minister could table in the House the terms of reference for the land use commission and as well as the members that have been selected for the information of Members in the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we would be pleased to do that.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to make a few comments and say that I for one am pleased to see a significant increase in the budget of Renewable Resources. I know that some honourable Members questioned the growth of government yesterday, but I must say I hope everyone agrees that increases in this department and in this area of fostering the renewable resource economy is a good investment in self-sufficiency and pride and affirming a way of life that we should recognize and support wherever possible. I think there should be just as much dignity to being a person who survives off the land and lives off the land as there is to having a job in the wage economy. So, I would generally like to say that I am happy to see increases and I think they are well worth while and that in fact they will reduce social costs in other areas.

#### Support For Hunters And Trappers

Also, Mr. Chairman, I welcome the additional attention being paid to renewable resources because the industry, as the honourable Minister has mentioned, is under question in some quarters now. I see the devastating effects of the decline in seal prices in my constituency and therefore I am very pleased that there was enhanced support to outpost camps put in the budget, which has been continued in the estimates presented today. I am pleased to see that more support has been given to hunters and trappers associations because I think they are excellent ways of encouraging the development of hunting and trapping as a profession and as a way of survival. I would like to say that, as well, I am particularly pleased that the department has made a commercial quota available on caribou for south Baffin. I know this already has helped the lives of that portion of my constituents who are hunters and who depend for a large measure for their livelihood on the land -- this has given them some hope that this government is willing to support their endeavours, as well as other areas of economic development.

I must say, Mr. Chairman, that I am not convinced that the funds available through another department, Economic Development and Tourism, in either EDA, the economic development agreement, or the Special ARDA agreement do necessarily assist this class of people that I will call hunters, who I think we must support increasingly. I recently tried to assist a hunter in my community who wished assistance in obtaining equipment from Special ARDA and I found that in my view there are some barriers there for the person of little income and the person without a full-time wage economy job in that Special ARDA, for example, requires that an applicant contribute a fairly significant amount of the equity in a purchase. And even 10 or 15 per cent of the cost of a boat or motor -- and I am just talking about even canoes or Lake Winnipeg boats rather than longliners -- is quite a substantial investment for someone who does not have a big cash flow. So this may be something that we can address when we discuss the estimates of the Department of Economic Development. But I just wanted to mention that these people are having a very tough life and I know that the Minister understands this class of people and will do whatever can be done to help them to survive.

I would like to say that I was pleased that the Minister did go to the trouble of going to Chisasibi, Quebec, recently to attend the Indigenous Survival International sponsored meeting and represent us there. I think from what I know it was a significant event. I would like maybe the Minister to comment if he wishes a little further in that a message was received from Greenpeace through Patrick Moore, the president of Greenpeace Canada saying basically that Greenpeace is going to lay off on aboriginal subsistence hunters harvesting fur and that they have apparently finally recognized that aboriginal rights and conservation are not necessarily mutually exclusive; that a properly managed resource conservation program and preservation of species can in fact be enhanced. So, Mr. Chairman, I think that maybe things are looking up a little bit in that regard. I know it has been a very tough battle. I think Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Pedersen's predecessor, worked hard on that.

#### Marketing Of Sealskins

One of the things I would like to mention is that I have been speaking to some members of the Fur Institute of Canada who are here I understand at the Minister's invitation at the moment. I have heard encouraging comments from some of them as well, that in fact new markets may be opening up for seal leather, hairless seal, which is a product I have seen. I know that Mr. Curley's department did some test tannings of that product and it looks as fine as the finest leather. So I was very encouraged that this market seems to be opening up and that now perhaps sealskin may be able to take a corner of the leather market as it is losing some ground in the traditional sealskin market.

So I would like to just inform the House that I would hope very much that the Ministers of Renewable Resources and Economic Development would be pursuing any possible new markets in that area for seal as well as other species in the coming year. I would hope in fact that we can look very seriously at the economic viability of establishing a seal tannery in the Northwest Territories so that we can reduce the costs of tanning and make the product even more attractive in these markets which I understand are developing. I would appreciate any comments the honourable Minister might have on that subject as well.

Finally, I would just like to mention that while I understand that regional associations are not necessarily able to be fully funded under the department's present budget, I would encourage the department, and I am sure I do not need to say this, to take full advantage of the HTAs in getting advice on how priorities should be set within the communities and within the regions. Particularly I might mention that I was very pleased to have recently met with some regional representatives of hunters and trappers associations in Baffin who have, I think, through the superintendent's budget been able to meet at least once a year. I was encouraged to be able to present them with a problem that has been nagging me for some years in my constituency, namely, the problem of an outpost camp that seems to be within the jurisdiction or within the hunting areas of more than one community. In this case it is a camp that is between Lake Harbour and Cape Dorset that is established by a constituent of mine out of Frobisher Bay. It has been hard to know up until now which HTA needs to actually be consulted with and dealt with with respect to that particular camp. So I was pleased that the superintendent was able to put that question to regional representatives of HTAs and I am happy to see them deal with it. I am sure that they will straighten out that situation for Mr. Evaluarjuk. So those are my comments, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Minister.

### Indigenous Survival International Meeting, Chisasibi

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make some comments. Mr. Patterson is correct, I was able to attend the ISI, Indigeneous Survival International meeting in Chisasibi in James Bay and it was indeed a very significant and important meeting. Communication from the Greenpeace organization was received. As Mr. Patterson indicates they in fact apologized for any damage they might have done to the aboriginal lifestyles through their anti-fur campaign. They have pledged that they will drop this. However, we should not think that that is the end of it. We must realize the precise implications of it. What Greenpeace have said is that they will no longer oppose the subsistence harvesting of aboriginal people. They will still continue to oppose the fur industry from ranched furs, etc. This cannot help but impact on our fur industry. We all realize of course that the subsistence harvesting of animals, be they fur bearers or not, is not the only goal we have. Even when our sealskin industry was totally ruined by the European ban on importation and incidentally also by the unilateral American ban on the importation of products made from any sea mammal, this in fact did not stop the traditional aboriginal subsistence use of the resource. No one is stopping anybody from taking the seals. They are merely stopping us from selling them and getting an economic gain from it so we should not be too complacent and too comfortable with Greenpeace's statement. It does mean that they are supporting us in our endeavours to get maximum utilization from the resource, not only from a food point of view but also from a cash income point of view.

As I say, I went to the Chisasibi meeting. I did not participate in it for a very particular reason. There was a great deal of press present and it is a grass-roots organization, as the name indicates and I did not want the press to in any way interpret that there was political interference in the decisions of organizations such as the aboriginal trappers organization, the AFN and the other organizations that are involved in this.

The meeting did indicate to me that there is not a total unified approach in the battle to combat the anti-harvesting forces. I think it is important that all of us strive to co-ordinate the efforts of the various organizations involved. The membership of ISI is conspicuously lacking membership from the Canadian Inuit organizations. There is nothing in itself wrong with that as long as delegations from both do not go to the same market with the same goal but do it in ways that conflict with each other. As I said, I did not personally actively participate in it, but I do want to state that our department is involved in supporting these efforts and a conference such as Chisasibi. We contributed, through the Dene Nation, funds which allowed up to 10 people to attend the conference from the NWT. We will also be contributing funds shortly for the next trip to Europe sponsored by ISI to combat the anti-harvesting forces.

### New Markets For Sealskins

A few comments on Mr. Patterson's observations on markets. It is indeed important that we explore alternate markets and alternate products. The potential for leather is very great. It is, incidentally, not a new thing, it is just that we have not done it before. The majority of the Canadian harvest of sealskins in the past has always been purchased by West Germany. The majority of the skins they purchased always ended up as leather. It is nothing new. Canadian seals have provided the raw material for the very finest and expensive leather for a number of decades now. It has gone primarily into the shoe industry, the glove industry and the handbag industry. We have not done so ourselves and it is important that we do.

There are other potential markets. The market that is known as the hide market which goes basically into fine garments, into the upholstery of fine furniture and of expensive and high class automobiles. There is a good demand for quality hides in this market. Alternative markets have to be explored too. I do not think we can afford to look exclusively at Europe. We must look to the Far East as well, Japan and China. The potential number of customers is vast there and we certainly have to explore that.

### Market Strategy Must Change

The other thing that we must do, I think, is to change the image of fur. We have to get away from the illustration, the marketing strategy where fur is perceived to be the ultimate, frivolous, luxurious frill. It is very easy for the anti-forces to make us a target when that is the way we advertise our product and that unfortunately is the way it is being advertised to this day. You

generally see the most gorgeous looking lady in a contortionist pose, wearing these furs and standing with her hand on a Rolls Royce. That is not the image that is going to sell in the long run for us. At least we do not feel that.

MR. RICHARD: No, but you'll sell a lot of Rolls Royce!

---Laughter

HON. RED PEDERSEN: But we can't trap them.

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We feel we have to emphasize that fur is a good product. It is economical because it wears well. It is warm, it is light. It is a good thing to wear fur. We should aim at a different market, perhaps a younger market. We have to change the market strategy. There is no doubt about that.

#### Potential For Establishment Of Tannery

A very short comment on Mr. Patterson's suggestion to establish a tannery for sealskin. It has been a personal pet project of mine for several decades now. I think the potential now is better than it has ever been. I think we should realize that the aboriginal trappers' and hunters' share of the total market of the final fur product over the years, I do not believe has ever exceeded five per cent. So there is tremendous room to improve the share of the final market which we could have in the NWT. I would like to say that this would not just be for an item like sealskins but if indeed we had a tannery available or one in the East and one in the West possibly, we would be able to take advantage of skins which up until now have been waste product and those of course are all the winter harvested caribou skins. They make, like any other product, excellent leather, but without a tannery we cannot use them and we have not used them in the past years. So with Mr. Curley's department we would like to explore the very real possibilities of doing so, so we could raise the income in the NWT from just the trapping of the raw materials to the processing and possibly even the manufacturing into finished products.

A final short comment in response as to the importance of consulting with HTAs. We do realize that. We do, I feel, consult very much. In fact, I think, of all government departments we probably get more input from local and regional levels than others do. Having said that does not mean that we are satisfied with what we do and what we get. We are always striving to get better consultation, better co-operation between community level, regional level and the headquarters level ourselves. I had the pleasure when I was in Baffin just the other week, to meet with the regional executive of the HTAs. It was a cordial and very informative meeting. If they get even one tenth out of it that I did, it would have been beneficial. So I think with that, Mr. Chairman, I will cut off.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any other general comments? Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I do not have general comments but I would like to ask the Minister some questions on some of the policies of Renewable Resources. I know the Department of Renewable Resources has what is called a renewable resource compensation policy. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there have been any claims under this policy by renewable resource harvesters? How many claims have been settled under this policy?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I am not trying to dodge the question but I wonder if we may deal with that when we get into the budget in detail under directorate when I have that information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: I wanted to also ask the Minister about the NWT Hunters and Trappers Association and I guess I can do that under the directorate as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Are there any other general comments? Mr. McCallum.



### Housing In Forestry Transfer Negotiations

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to just go back to the business of the wildlife and the forestry and fire suppression transfer. I recognize in the beginning by putting forth maybe a multiple choice question of the Minister, I will likely get the answer "all of the above" but I will pre-empt if I ask something else along with it.

I can understand full well that there are some difficulties in this actual takeover, that is, in trying to acquire or get the proper work space and staff housing. At the present time I am not concerned, only at the present time, about the location once the transfer has been accomplished. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me what is the problem as far as staff housing is concerned and again in Mr. Butters' opening remarks on his budget this is one of the things the government has not been able to address yet. I recognize with the demand that is going to be on it, it will take some time planning. What are the problems here? Is it acquiring the actual staff units from the federal government -- that is, the cost? Is it determining where the units are available, if they are available? Or is it having the federal employees come over to the territorial government and then have to work within the territorial government housing policy? That is, after one year in the employ they have to acquire their own units. The same thing I guess could be asked of work space. Are we talking of the cost of this? Is it leasing, building or buying present facilities, the location of where this work space is available? Again, as I said I will have to pre-empt the possible response, Mr. Chairman. How far are you along with these negotiations? If any one or all of those problems are involved, what are the plans to overcome these problems? Where do we sit in this business of getting this transfer of responsibilities that I wholeheartedly endorse? Again as to the final location, the number of people -- that is something else. I would just like to know since this is a problem as I understand it, how are you overcoming it and what is being done? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On staff housing, Mr. Chairman, our current negotiating position is that we want to see the transfer of sufficient housing units to house all the employees that will be transferred who are now in government housing. Plus we want a unit for each vacant position eligible for staff housing which will be transferred. Now, that is our opening position and the response to that, the current federal position, is at the moment essentially unknown. There is a recognition by the federal government that at least some housing will have to be transferred but they have not given us a specific count or proposal as of today. What they have indicated is that they will be addressing the question on a community by community basis and of the communities we are talking about it would appear to us right now that Norman Wells and Yellowknife probably would give the most difficulty.

### Request For Political Intervention

One of the problems is that Northern Affairs must deal with Public Works Canada on this question and now the indication is that Public Works Canada have not given the forestry transfer the kind of serious attention which we feel it should have or the Department of Northern Affairs feels. If we do not have significant progress by the end of February 1986 we will be requesting some intervention in this through the political level.

On staff housing I do not know if there is much else I could say. As mentioned earlier our Department of Public Works and Highways have completed some studies of the stock that we would perhaps be inheriting. In an assessment of these major capital assets we have identified capital deficiencies which would cost an estimated \$850,000 to repair. So the preliminary estimate from that report from our Department of Public Works is that we must negotiate an increase of just over one million dollars per year to the capital and maintenance funds already identified. There are a lot of problems but we do feel that by the end of this month, if we do not have some movement in it, then we must take some political intervention.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was interested in hearing the Minister's comments about the marketing strategy with respect to furs. The Minister seemed to indicate that they would be emphasizing I guess what you could call the more practical reasons for the purchasing of fur garments -- light, warm, durable and so on. However, I feel that the Minister will probably have

problems mounting that kind of marketing strategy because in fact one of the outstanding features of fur garments is that they are stunningly attractive on both men and women, particularly those that have proportions that are somewhat different from my own.

---Laughter

Not just that I am short and portly but when I say proportions different from my own I mean people who are a little thicker in the area of the hip pocket as well.

---Laughter

I guess it is not a serious matter but I just believe that without question we should not ever apologize for the fact that they are stunningly attractive and that that is one of the selling points. You could have a marketing strategy that backfires if you only base it on the practical aspects, light, warm, durable. Somebody will point out that there are all sorts of other synthetic fabrics that would provide you with each of those and maybe better and more economically. So I would just urge the Minister not to get carried away on that other kind of marketing strategy. I think you will not be able to anyway because whenever you show a picture, when you are trying to sell furs, you have to put it on someone and I submit that it will automatically look attractive. That is all there is to it. You are not going to get around it.

#### Designations For Hunters In NWT

I wish to raise just one matter which is pretty small in the overall scheme of things, yet sometimes small things are very important to those they impact. That is the matter of designations for hunters in the NWT. We have of course general hunting licence holders. We also have other resident hunters who are limited in the hunting that they can do and I certainly understand the reasons why. But the designation that is given to these other hunters is sports hunters. I am aware that that term is in a sense offensive to some of the other resident hunters. When you use the words "sports hunter", immediately there are implications that seem to arise from that use because the term seems to mean someone who hunts for amusement or for trophies or for the challenge of hunting. But in fact none of those describe the kinds of hunters that I am raising this concern on behalf of. That is, hunters who have families and who, faced with the high cost of living, hunt in order to put a little bit of meat on the table. Yet when they are described as sports hunters in the law, that is a colour kind of word. It colours the way in which they are viewed generally, and their interests are viewed. And in the end it may colour the way they are treated under the law.

So I would ask the Minister if he would seriously consider looking for another designation. It is possible that that designation could still remain because in fact there are some sports hunters. But for all of those who are not hunting for sport, but to put a little meat on the table, is it not possible to replace the designation "sports hunter" with "resident hunter" or something else?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Weekend hunters.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, they are labouring the rest of the week and the only opportunity they have to put a little extra meat on the table is perhaps to go out on a weekend to hunt. But it is not done merely for amusement or whatever. So could I ask the Minister whether he could consider altering in the law and regulations that particular designation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: The short answer, Mr. Chairman, is yes indeed. It will please the Member to know that we have already done so. In all literature, the reference to "sports" in connection to hunting, has been eliminated. We have general hunting licence holders, resident hunters and non-resident hunters. We agree wholeheartedly with the approach that "sport" is a bad word. It is very easy to attack and we are in a position of not being able to defend it.

On a similar note, I might pre-empt a question from Mr. T'Seleie. I do not know but we have the same feelings perhaps on something like humane traps. There is nothing particularly humane about killing or trapping. I think we may well decide to drop that word from our vocabulary as well and refer to it strictly as trapping and defend it on that because it is difficult to defend "sports" or "humane" in relationship to what we do.

I would like to also assure the honourable Member regarding my suggestion for a change in marketing strategy. Of course we do not do the marketing, as he is well aware. We would merely try to encourage our friends from organizations, such as the fur people that we will be having lunch with today, to do so. Of course that would not be a 100 per cent turn but merely to illustrate that there is another market as well and I think the honourable Member would be pleased to know that the response to such a change in certain furs, to, for instance, fur lined garments, has been extremely good in some European markets particularly when aimed at the younger generation. So it is not to be taken that we are going to put all our eggs in one basket but merely that we would like to diversify and not concentrate on one thing only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I was quite pleased with the Minister's response. I take it then that if the literature coming out from the department is using the new terminology, that at some point there will be a change in the law and regulations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we will be advancing those changes.

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

Qualifications For Renewable Resource Officer Positions

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question should have been dealt with at another time but I would like to raise it now. I am going to ask about the people that are originally from the Renewable Resource department, the aboriginal people. I have raised this question earlier with the previous Minister. A lot of native people when they were being trained to be enforcement officers have to take academic courses to become official officers. In the communities the wildlife officers have equipment for doing research on animal parts. For that reason I would like to raise a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources, will the Inuit and Dene have to continue academic courses in order to become wildlife officers?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The answer to Mr. Erkloo is no. Inuit and Dene do not necessarily have to have the academic levels to become game officers. There are some specific fields within the renewable resource officer positions where it is of great benefit to have academic qualifications. Some it is in fact even a necessity and we would of course encourage, in conjunction with the Minister of Education, young people to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered them to gain the best possible academic qualifications they can get. However, having said that we do within the department have a program of game guardians which is a position that we intend to institute in the smaller communities where basically the requirements would be a thorough knowledge of the area, the region that you serve, of the animals that are within it, the environment they are in, the total habitat and population of wildlife. In other words, obviously a local native person.

In addition to the other qualifications they should of course be fluent in the native language of the area they serve. We do now have in Cambridge Bay for example a very mature individual, David Kommiuk who is a fully qualified renewable resource officer. In lieu of the academic qualifications he has many other qualifications that we would find in most communities. So the short answer is no, you do not necessarily need to have the academic qualifications referred to but with the younger people we would most certainly encourage them to get it and would expect the Members of this committee to support such a position.

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

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I am not at all against native people having grade 12 or university to become qualified game officers. The only thing is I brought this up a few years ago and it seemed to me in order to become a qualified game officer you have to become some sort of a doctor. That is the only thing I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Erkloo. The Chair will now recognize the clock and report progress. I would like to thank Mr. Minister and Mr. Bourque.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-86(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1986-87

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-86(1) and wishes to report progress.

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. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. Members are reminded of the caucus meeting with the Fur Institute of Canada immediately after adjournment today. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on legislation on Monday morning, February 17th at 9:30 in the caucus room.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Monday, February 17th 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: Motion 1-86(1); Motion 2-86(1)
13. First reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 1-86(1)

16. Report of Committee of the Whole

17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m.

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