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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Monday, February 17th. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Curley's Reply

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to talk about my constituency. Around Aivilik, I have four communities, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour and Daly Bay. Mr. Speaker, I would like to elaborate to you as to how progress is going in those communities. Last summer and last fall they had a lot of concerns regarding unemployment. I am going to talk about this, about health care problems and especially I would like to talk about the dealings of the government. We have to inform the public about the progress of the government. There are a lot of communities who would like to get further information about devolution.

A few days ago I visited some of the communities and I also would like to thank Dennis Patterson as I had the opportunity to travel to the communities with him. A lot of the communities had expressed their concerns about education, along with these four communities, and also about compulsory education. He had elaborated on these things to the communities. He also mentioned as to why the college is not going to be in those communities -- I am sorry. They need a high school urgently in my region and there are a lot of students who would like to get into high school and finish their grade 12. This is evident now and this was further expressed by the public. If it is possible they would like to see this prioritized in the communities.

Chesterfield Inlet School

In Chesterfield Inlet as Dennis Patterson is aware, they will be getting a new school in 1990. The school will be completed by 1990 in Chesterfield Inlet. It was originally built in 1947. Perhaps some of the communities get new schools even though their old ones are not as old as the ones we have. The electrical system in that school is not too good and there were a lot of concerns expressed in Chesterfield Inlet. I feel sorry for the Chesterfield Inlet people because they have this old school that was built a long time ago and the new school will be built in 1990, if it is possible. I feel it is possible to defer some of the other projects so that this community could get that new school built. Also in Repulse Bay I think there are six different classrooms. The heating system in those schools is not adequate and the Repulse Bay people are requesting that the Minister of Education go and visit them. They will not be able to get their school facility in 1990. In my view, I see some of the government projects that can be deferred, so that we can prioritize the education facilities in the Northwest Territories.

Public Service Concerns

Also in my community, in Rankin Inlet there are some concerns. There are a lot of government employees but there are not enough native people working within the government. A few days ago I had a meeting with my colleague, the Minister of the Department of Public Works and some of his employees. They wanted to meet with us. The public service over there had a lot of concerns. Also, they would like to get further support from the government staff because they are native employees and they feel that they are not getting support for the development of native staff. I had a meeting with the regional director and this was expressed as a concern and he wanted to support the public service. Within the private sector of the Northwest Territories we have to treat them equally and support them. For example, if there is housing construction or anything else for that matter, they have to have authority and this is felt very strongly in Rankin Inlet. We have to treat everybody as an equal. I can say for myself, I support equal opportunities while I have only a few jurisdictions to my mandate.

I know a lot of communities have many concerns since they have come out with the privatization policy. If we can privatize some of the government departments to eligible people -- some people have misunderstood this. The PSA union had a meeting and I know the staff employees are having concerns. They were worried about losing their jobs, I have heard this but I would also like to express, the government does not want to do this and if we are going to be giving up our departments' responsibilities because of privatization we would not be supporting the government. However, we would be supporting the departments that could be privatized. I would also express my feeling to the staff, that they are not going to lose their jobs. So if they are going to have big concerns I would like to make this clear. (Translation ends)

I have had some communications from some of the business representatives in my constituency. As I explained, they are concerned that the government seems to be, in their view, not giving all the companies, the small business operators, an equal opportunity and equal chance to take advantage of the government projects and government-related contracts and so on. I just wanted to indicate that I am in full support of expanding their opportunities within my department and, as an MLA, I surely am in full support of balancing and equalizing opportunities for various programs and projects that this government operates. Because they felt that we were not giving equal opportunities to some of the small business operators, I just for the record would like to indicate to my constituents that we will be fair and that we are going to give each company that is attempting to survive in these difficult times, an opportunity to put forward their proposals for government consideration. I am not in full control of all the departments and the government spending but I think the Minister of Finance would agree that he is in full support of the value-for-money concept and that we will be abiding by these principles.

Health Care And Medical Services, Keewatin Region

Mr. Speaker, I indicated earlier in my Inuktitut remarks that I have a tremendous concern and I think not only myself, but all of the residents of the Keewatin Region, with respect to the health care and medical services in the region. I think the people in my region have shown patience for a long time and they have been not only patient but surely they have been more than respectful to the kind of services that they have received for a long time. I wanted to make some remarks in that regard. Before I do, I would like to acknowledge the presence of the members from the Churchill health board. Mark Inglebridsen who is the chairman of the health board is here; Dr. Postl from the northern medical unit of the University of Manitoba, as well as other members of the medical services of National Health and Welfare.

As MLA for Aivilik, Mr. Speaker, I will no longer tolerate the gross disparities that exist between southern Canada, other regions of the North and the Keewatin. These people deserve the same rights to services as everyone and I am committed to ensuring that they receive them.

You may recall Mr. Speaker, last summer when the Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, spoke to the Inuit in Fort Chimo. He referred to their situation and I will quote: "It is a national moral obligation to do infinitely better than we have done in the past to achieve minimum requirements and standards of fairness and justice for Canadian citizens. We have not reached these, we have not begun to reach them but I give you the commitment that we shall in an orderly and progressive way seek to achieve them on your behalf and on behalf of all Canadians."

I intend to challenge the federal government and to insist that our own government commit every resource possible in working with the community groups in the Keewatin to bring health care to

those residents up to the standard to which they are entitled as Canadian citizens. I am determined that the character of health care will be immensely improved and that the process begin immediately.

I will tell you how serious the disparities are. For instance the Keewatin which has a population of over 4000 in my estimate, Mr. Speaker, has only one doctor in the region, located at Rankin Inlet. Now, I will be careful to state that pointedly because there are three other doctors based in Churchill, Manitoba, who are supposedly responsible to serve all the health care medical requirements of the people of the Keewatin.

It is so difficult to receive the necessary care that on February 13th I personally paid for one of those people to come to Yellowknife so that he could receive some minor surgery that he has desperately tried for six months to have done. Mr. Speaker, there are some illnesses in my view that are urgent and serious but I think anyone who has whatever minor cut -- this may have been minor. He cut the tendon and muscle on his little finger completely, a 100 per cent cut. On September 13th he went to the nursing station with his mother. He is of age but in order to get fair treatment for him, she went with him.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that this individual has never received treatment. He went to the nursing station more than once and I find this totally amazing because if it were me I would probably have been sent down for surgery and have my finger repaired by surgery. This young individual went to a doctor today again, to have it confirmed at the hospital. The doctors are now making arrangements to have him sent down to Edmonton for major surgery because they would have to take a major part because it has already healed. Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate, we have a policy and the Health and Welfare will agree that there is no way that this young gentleman could be sent down to Edmonton because the policy does not allow and our arrangement does not allow that it be paid for by Health and Welfare and by this government. So the only question I have is, how much longer are we going to wait until fair treatment is given to that young Canadian, an individual for whom Mr. Mulroney indicated that he wanted fair treatment and justice.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I say, Mr. Speaker, we can no longer wait. Mr. Speaker, it is so difficult to receive the necessary care that I did on that occasion send that young individual -- for the information of the medical people, he will be going back to Rankin Inlet to wait for further confirmation of the specialists in Edmonton. I will probably be talking to my friends from the northern medical unit and medical services about the matter.

Request For Second Doctor Denied

Mr. Speaker, my colleague, the Minister of Health and Social Services, requested on my behalf that Health and Welfare Canada provide resources for another doctor in the Keewatin. I was extremely upset when the federal government responded that they did not feel that a second physician is required and that they have no funds to enhance the northern medical unit contract for the Keewatin. The note that I have received from Health and Welfare indicates that my request, even with the support of my colleagues for a second physician, does not seem to carry the strength of my request. I do not know what it takes for approval, Mr. Speaker, to try and provide decent and fair, even the minimum requirement for health care in the region. Mr. Speaker, this typical reaction from a government which is responsible for the delivery and provision of health care is no longer acceptable and is no longer acceptable to me and the people of the region and they are asking for a fair chance to see that we, as a responsible government, send that message to the federal Minister. I appreciate the fact that he was here recently.

But I do not think it is enough, Mr. Speaker, for this government to be negotiating transfer of health responsibility by April 1, 1987, because I think we should begin right now to try and see what types of improvements we could envision in that region. The federal government has already adopted that policy that they are exercising, cost cutting measures to the federal budget and the federal deficit. And therefore they are anxious to either privatize or transfer programs to the provinces in order to show that the federal government has cut their deficit.

What I am afraid of, Mr. Speaker, is that in haste to transfer that problem-related medical unit, medical services, from the federal government to territorial government, we may be acquiring more problems than we think we are really getting ourselves into. Therefore I would hope that we as a government will be wise enough to see that the program and the planning is actually in place in the

Keewatin Region, that we are setting up a proper mechanism, with involvement of the people in the region, to ensure that what we are acquiring will not be just problems transferred. Therefore I am advocating that involvement of the people take place.

Health Co-ordinator For Keewatin Region

Mr. Speaker, I may at this point indicate to the House that we have been fortunate that this government has acquired the services of a very capable individual with respect to the health co-ordination in the region and I am very pleased to see that Jo MacQuarrie is sitting in the gallery and listening to these remarks. I can assure the House that in that position, whatever shortage of staff she may have, because she is one person trying to co-ordinate all the frustrations and concerns of the people and the patients in the region, her role by the fact that she is there available to listen to the individuals, is making tremendous impact and respect for her and the government. I am glad that she is committed to that mandate.

Mr. Speaker, the objective of this government must be to provide the Keewatin with health services and facilities directly ourselves, and we must insist that the federal government allow this devolution to happen and to provide the funding and resources required. Currently the Keewatin Region residents have health care provided, as you know, Mr. Speaker, by the federal government through a series of nursing stations and contracts through the northern medical unit of the University of Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Keewatin residents, I would like to say that the arrangement is unsatisfactory for medical referrals to have to travel to Winnipeg, Churchill or Edmonton, both emotionally for the patient and economically for the government. There is a high turnover of health staff which inhibits continuity and knowledge of the people. There are communication problems in the organizational level between the residents of the Keewatin and the board of Churchill health centre and northern medical unit, as well as medical services branch of Health and Welfare.

Nursing Staff Doing Administration And Management

Mr. Speaker, I can give you one example where I got involved as an MLA on behalf of my constituents, trying to ensure that the person at least get access to the nursing station. Communication problems do exist, not only because the native people are not bilingual but because with these facilities, somehow there is a fear involved in native people to openly walk to the nursing station to try and get certain illnesses diagnosed. That is one part. The other real problem, in my view, is that the nurses have been put into a position that they not only have to deal with the management problems, the administrative problems that the northern medical unit should really be taking care of in the region, but there are also the extremely busy requirements of nursing so that they do not have adequate time to have a social life as well as to try and learn more about the communities and the leaders that are involved.

One example is that right after New Year's I was told by my constituent that a very sick lady had been trying to get fair treatment since summer and it went through the fall, through the winter and into the New Year. Although she was sent out for a very short time to Winnipeg she was sent back equally fast because probably there was not much the doctors could do in Winnipeg. Right after New Year's I was phoned by this lady and fortunately my friend, Dr. Postl, happened to arrive that night and I phoned him and indicated that this lady did not belong in the settlement with that kind of illness. He agreed; he looked her up and sent her out immediately. I am happy to say, Mr. Speaker, that this is one happy example where this lady has recovered. She is now able to walk about the community and was even seen riding a snowmobile the other day.

Letters From Constituents Regarding Medical Care

Mr. Speaker, there are many, many examples that I could give. I think at this moment, Mr. Speaker, in order to bring out the other frustrations that my constituents experience with communications and so on, I would like to read a letter from a constituent who wrote to me, "To whom it may concern." I think, Mr. Speaker, that says a lot if you do not know where to address your problems.

"I am writing this letter in hopes that it will help the people of Rankin Inlet and other communities. The topic that I am most concerned with is health and welfare of many residents, including myself, of Rankin Inlet. First of all, I would like to say that I realize that most of the complaints are not through the fault of any particular nurse or doctor but the fault of

guidelines they have to go by." In fact I would think that is the management. "My husband and I have lived in Rankin Inlet for almost five years." Mr. Speaker, I am going to skip part of the references. "For example, on January 7, 1986" and I will modify the statement. This lady had a miscarriage -- on January 2nd it was confirmed. The date that I found out that she was pregnant was November 22, 1985. The events went on and on. When she realized she had a problem the answer she received was: "This is normal for some people but prepare yourself for a miscarriage."

"The number of visits between these dates was six times. I went there six different times and in these visits I saw four different nurses. I also phoned there a few times to let them know that the bleeding was worse each time. The information that I received about my problem was: 1) 'This is normal for some people but prepare yourself for a miscarriage.' 2) 'Everything looks fine, this sometimes happens right through to the end of the pregnancy.' 3) 'I honestly do not know what the problem is.' 4) 'Call me if the cramps get worse.' 5) 'Call me when the pad is saturated.'"

Mr. Speaker, there are a series of events when the problem finally reached a climax, to a point where she had to be evacuated on January 6th to Churchill and then finally it was too late. In the concluding part of her letter she stated "I realize there are many miscarriages for no known reason." Because this was her first pregnancy she was not aware of these particular kinds of experiences. I will continue. "They just often happen, but I also realize that they are also due to the fact that emotional stress can also cause a miscarriage. I believe that the past two months, the problems that I have had, trying to get some kind of an answer, was enough to make anyone be emotionally upset. I would like to end this letter in saying that I am a northern resident of five years. I am not a native but I have made my home in Rankin Inlet. Each time that I have to be sent to Churchill or Winnipeg for medical services, I still have to pay a percentage of the tickets and hotel. I would like to have a reason for this. I thought that Canadians were equal."

"I do feel lucky in the way that I have a second choice when it comes to medical services. I can move my home from Rankin Inlet to my birth home, anytime, to get proper medical attention. I feel sorry for the people whose only home is a settlement like this one when you cannot trust the medical supervision. I have made many native friends who have everything they could ask for living here, except for medical treatment. This is their only choice for medical services. This is their home."

"Would you want to leave your homeland, because in many ways when it comes to medical treatment here, you just cannot trust it with your life?"

Mr. Speaker, I am going on a bit in expressing some of these points because I think they are important to get the sense of frustration that my constituents are experiencing in the region. I do have one more letter which I have received where this young individual has experienced a case of her one year old daughter who recently had been diagnosed by the southern physician. While she was living in Rankin Inlet she was unable to get a fair analysis of the problem her one year old daughter was experiencing. Another saga of events happened until finally they moved to Yellowknife. A physician diagnosed her to have an iron deficiency, and both a heart murmur and a hole in her heart. The mother claims this condition went undiagnosed in Rankin Inlet because access to a doctor is limited, medical check-ups are difficult to accommodate due to apparent lack of resources and the lack of familiarity between clients and medical staff.

Mr. Speaker, we do have a doctor in Keewatin Region with whom my constituents indicate they have difficulty with access. This particular letter which I have received from my colleague explains the way in which a Keewatin resident -- if you are planning to move to Rankin, I would like you to be aware that he states that Dr. Brian Postl indicates that the northern medical unit is capable of providing a second physician to the Keewatin but would require additional funding, probably in the neighbourhood of \$100,000. He indicated that this would be, in general, perhaps a change in the pattern of practice in Keewatin. No big deal. I think it should be changed too, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what I wanted to say regarding this letter is, presently the doctor in Rankin Inlet does provide advice to the nurses and that the doctor acts as a consultant to the nurse. If you have a major illness and hope that you can have access to treatment with the doctor -- forget it. Leave Rankin and make an appointment somewhere else.

Community Health A Collective Responsibility

Ideally, Mr. Speaker, individual community health should be a collective responsibility. But to date, people have become alienated from their own well-being and health, and resources are controlled by outsiders and by a system that relocates the sick to the southern centres where

particularly the native people are isolated as individuals, because their traditional ways cannot be accommodated. I must admit this trend is being challenged but we need to do more, we need to do a lot more. We need to mount a territorial effort and I say that, because the region is now shaping up to communicate its concerns to the government. And if we have not heard, I do not know what it takes to respond to the call for improvements in the region, to secure equality in the provision of health in the areas of both physical and mental care. Mr. Speaker, I can go on and expose some of the frustrations that our regional officials, with particularly the health services, social services, have experienced with the problems of mental health care in Keewatin. I will be reading some of these incidents.

Local Initiatives In Health Planning

The Government of the Northwest Territories now has a health liaison officer in the Keewatin who is doing much to generate interest in health issues at the community level. As well, new community health initiatives have been developed by the Keewatin Inuit Association. Mr. Patterson and I had an opportunity to take part, recently on January 8th and 9th during the health planning meeting and it was unfortunate that our own Health Minister was unable to come because of his other commitments. Its president, Mr. Ernerk, sent the Executive Council a letter on January 9th which outlines some principles and recommendations for improved health services based on extensive examination of the problems.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell you some of their ideas because they are innovative and would be so effective if we could follow through with them. These are the fundamental principles of provision of health care. 1) Residents of the Keewatin Region should be provided with health care services equal to that provided other Canadians in terms of quality and accessibility. 2) Basic health care services should be managed and directed by residents of the territory and the region and to the extent possible, provided. 3) Language and cultural differences must be considered and should not be allowed to interfere with proper health care. Put another way, any language or cultural differences which complicate the provision of health care, individually or collectively, must be overcome. 4) The private practice of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, etc., should be encouraged. 5) Where feasible, integration of health and social services operations should take place.

There were specific recommendations to some of their points: 1) That Inuit people be trained as mental health workers and that they be allowed to function on site. 2) That health related positions be based in the Keewatin Region as opposed to Churchill or Winnipeg. 3) That local midwives be trained and birthing centres be provided to accommodate the needs of expectant mothers. 4) That there be a fair representation system of having Keewatin residents in the Churchill and University Hospital health care boards. 5) That ideally a separate health commission be established to direct and manage the devolution of services to the region and that it be representative of the organizations and agencies in the region which are associated with health care. 6) That privatization be supported for the establishment of medical and dental clinics and pharmaceutical services.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote some of the objectives which I think are important and compare them with the present agreement with the Health and Welfare Canada and northern medical unit. I think it is pretty clear, first, that they are to provide professional and administrative direction to the program and so on. I would like to point out to you that one of the requirements of the agreement that the federal government has signed and extended until 1987, is to provide medical services. This particular agreement actually also calls for the establishment of the local regional board. My question, Mr. Speaker, is how often has the northern medical unit met with the medical services committee, which was supposed to consist of the Minister's representative, the contractor and the residents of the Keewatin zone? I believe that although this particular requirement is there to establish these medical services community committees, as far as my experience is concerned, not one of them has formally been established until very lately. I know that there have been some that have been formed but I believe that if the northern medical unit had implemented this particular requirement, the profound problems that we have experienced would have been minimized and therefore probably the situation would have improved. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, if we can influence the federal government to improve those committees formally, I think that this government should at least try to make sure that it does take advantage of that opportunity. Otherwise we are going to carry on with the real problems that I have outlined.

Mr. Speaker, I did want to comment on some of the real experiences that I have seen during the last five years since I became the MLA. There have been a number of individuals and very important

individuals that have died as a result of cancer. I appreciate the fact that my colleague, Bruce McLaughlin, has hired a specialist in his department and has appointed a doctor to keep track of this particular epidemic that is going on. There are good statistics that are now being compiled.

Deaths Caused By Cancer

Mr. Speaker, this very fatal disease I think must be known by the people in the region. I know that the causes of them should be known and one of them is smoking. Cigarettes are obviously a factor with that disease and then there are other factors. But I believe people in the regions should be made aware of what causes this terminal disease. This disease in my view degrades an individual from the status of a proud individual to away down to however low you can get the individual to.

I wanted to let you know I have seen a number of people whose dignity has not been respected by cancer and by, in my view, medical services. Their dignity requires better acknowledgement that they were important to the community and that they require fair and just treatment at least. Many of them have died, after being diagnosed of that disease, in a very short time. I think as a Canadian I feel embarrassed. I can feel embarrassed as a native but I do not think that is a good enough argument, because there are many friends of mine -- relatives and loved ones of many of these people.

I can tell you that one young lady came over to me last spring in Rankin Inlet. Before she even approached me -- this is a grown lady whose mother had recently died of cancer -- the minute she shook my hand without even explaining what happened, she just started crying. I let her cry for a few minutes until finally she had built up enough composure and courage to tell me her mother had just died of cancer a few weeks ago. This lady's mother was a very important lady, the wife of the internationally-known artist, Mark Tungilik, of Repulse Bay. I was very sorry to see that happen because this lady was a dedicated wife and mother of a number of very brilliant young ladies and men many of whom are now involved in the government and carrying on a service to the public. I wanted to indicate her name and her place because she deserved better treatment than cancer has given her and the medical services have given her. She was not able to get it diagnosed. She was, for many years, just given aspirin by the nurses.

Mr. Speaker, another individual that I know, who died with cancer, was Mr. Tootoo, well-known in the region. He was originally from the Repulse area, Rankin Inlet and Churchill. A great man that I know personally, who was a tremendous encouragement to me when I was living in Churchill. He was my hunting companion and adviser as far as the environment and the land were concerned. He too died of cancer; again, too late to receive any treatment.

Mr. Speaker, another individual in Repulse Bay was the wife of a very important and again, another brilliant man that I know, Mrs. Aqutinguaq. Aqutinguaq is still living today. I am sure he is probably about 80 years old but a very brilliant man. His wife died a few years ago -- another cancer victim. Mr. Speaker, another gentleman in Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Komaksiutiksak, a respected hunter and civil servant for many years who has been the father of a number of children, again, was diagnosed too late with cancer. This man was my personal friend whom I learned to trust very much and he, in turn, did give me the confidence to be able to associate with him. I am saying this, Mr. Speaker, because these individuals required better treatment than they received so that they did not have to die undignified. The relatives felt very ashamed of not being able to get fair treatment, at least a chance for early diagnosis.

Mr. Speaker, I am not advocating that we find a solution to cancer; that problem is here to stay. I learned from the report of Mr. McLaughlin's specialist that this cancer is likely going to spread into the younger generation because at present those affected that we have identified so far are people around the ages of 50 and up to 60 range and it is going up.

Mr. Speaker, in my own home town right now, Rankin Inlet, Mr. Siksik, respected hunter and friend of many geologists and wildlife officials and mining officials of the early development of Rankin Inlet nickel mine, again is too late to be treated. The fatal disease -- cancer. Mr. Speaker, I and my relatives have compassion for the sick and underprivileged. My relatives paid a visit to this man and it was sad because there was nothing that could be done about it medically at Rankin Inlet. It was sad to see such a great man, who had been the pillar of our community and our pride when I was a young guy, to see that there was no chance to at least have an early diagnosis of that disease.

His brother, Mr. Speaker, Leo Kaludjak, a true man of land and sea of all the Keewatin Region, older brother of Mr. Siksik, again a husband and father of many daughters and sons, a man of his own right because he was courageous -- people often referred to him that he knew the land and the bottom of the sea inside out when he travelled and navigated that area -- I indicated to the House, last fall, of his death. Again another victim. This man, I want to indicate again, was truly a man of himself and he was known as a fearless man because his knowledge of the land was profound, very profound, very different and I think a good example to many young hunters and trappers. In spite of all the attempts by some of us to jump and support development and so on, resource development, this man continued to advocate environmental protection, protection of wildlife and game. I am proud to have known him and I would like to encourage his many sons, that are there in Rankin today, to continue his spirit of commitment to the Inuit world, Inuit culture and Inuit tradition.

Mr. Speaker, in Eskimo Point, most memorable to me is this individual and friend of many individuals, particularly a friend of early merchants and federal officials in the early 50s and so on and in particular the RCMP, Mr. Jimmy Gibbons, well-known special constable, who took part and was a pillar of the evacuation and relocation of the starvation period of Eskimo Point. Underrated, underrecognized. But I can tell you that the RCMP at that time in that region would not have been able to get to where he did take them, to meet these people. Jimmy Gibbons was a well-known friend of many people and in my view he deserves a great recognition. Again he was a cancer victim. Friendly gentleman. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gibbons was a special constable for over 25 years, going on 30 years, when he died.

Mr. Speaker, I have two of his brothers, again recent, this summer. His brother Sam, we call him Sammy -- I had the privilege of talking to him this summer at his home. He was bedridden then by that time. He was up to a point on wage economy with the local hamlet, then he was finally sent out for diagnosis. One day he just choked up while eating, so he went to the nursing station. He was sent back home because they thought he had just had food stuck in his throat. But a few days later it did not go away, so he was sent out and diagnosed -- cancer. A month later he died.

His brother, William Kidlapiuk. This man was the most dedicated worker. Mr. Butters may know him from Churchill days, a federal civil servant, territorial civil servant, again joined the hamlet council when the transfer took place, another great worker of DPW. He was working until the last minute, even though he was sick. Mrs. Tootoo in Churchill finally recognized, "This man is sick", when he went and visited her friends. They took him to the nursing station, physically. He was sent out. A few weeks later he died. Another cancer victim.

More Dignified Treatment Deserved

Mr. Speaker, I think these gentlemen and women require more dignified treatment than they have been given. I know that cancer is not going to be respectful of any dignified or respected individual but I want to say, I think as a government, we should be doing something else. I know that the money, the resources, are difficult but I think that if we made a commitment to improve the profound problem, I bet you we can find enough resources to deal with the problems that we have right now.

Mr. Speaker, one last individual that I want to talk about is somebody that I knew as a boy growing up in Coral Harbour, Mr. Bobby Eetuk, presently in Winnipeg, -- another cancer related case. He is still alive but I do not know how much longer he is going to be living. His wife and relatives have now joined him in Winnipeg. Mr. Speaker, this one is a sad story to me because on January 9, 1986, I went to visit my constituents in Coral Harbour and I was asked by my friend, Louie Bruce, to go and see this sick man right away because they could not seem to get the message over to the nurses to send him out. I did see him and he was barely able to shake my hand, lying down in bed. He could not talk; he recognized me but he could not talk. So immediately I was convinced that this man belonged in the hospital, not at his home.

When I phoned the nurse who was then acting supervisor because the permanent nurse was on holidays just about that time, I got into a tremendous exchange, trying to persuade her to send this sick man out. She was interested in where I was calling from, who I was and what number I was at and what my name was. I said that was not important, the most important thing is that this man needs to be sent out to hospital right away. I had a tremendous time trying to not get into an argument. I went to the medical services people who were there. I did not want to argue with the nurse. I told my friend "This man belongs in the hospital and he should be sent out right away." If not, I was going to order the plane to send him out. But she did send him out that night, a medical evacuation. A few days later in Winnipeg he was diagnosed -- cancer.

So Mr. Speaker, I do not know how long this individual is going to be living, but I know that there are many more that have not been diagnosed, right now in my own constituency. Are we going to wait until it is too late before they begin to see a doctor? I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I am going on a bit long but I do have a couple of points that I do want to clear up. If I am going too long you many want to break.

People In The Region Are Prepared To Become Involved

Mr. Speaker, my question is: Who is the next victim? How much longer are we going to wait until we finally get enough courage to commit funds for enough doctors to try and get around to dealing with the real problem? I know that the medical unit of the University of Manitoba has a direct responsibility right now to deliver health care in the region. But I say that they alone should not be attempting to carry the ball. People in the region are prepared to get involved because it is easy to try and identify problems. There is never a problem unless it is a cancer big enough to discourage anybody from sharing the medical problem in the region. I think we are big enough and strong enough to collectively prepare and establish objectives that would be fair and challenging and encouraging to people. So far all we have received is discouraging.

I can read some of the other letters that profoundly affected me in terms of mental health problems. I will only want to read one letter which attempts to try to identify mental health problems in the Keewatin Region. Particularly our regional superintendent of Health attempted to get more information and identify people with mental health problems in Baker Lake. I know my colleague here, Gordon, has a number of horror stories and I am sure he will identify some of them directly himself, later.

The correspondence went between Churchill health board and himself when he attempted to get more information on mental health related problems, to see if they would establish certain programs. This particular correspondence was between Winnipeg and Churchill and back to Rankin Inlet. I will only read the one sent to the Churchill zone director: "The attached correspondence for the nursing station indicates there may be a community mental health problem. I sincerely request a review take place to identify the need and suggest how medical services and social services could better serve the community of Baker Lake." So, so and so, that went on. The response which was very positive, from the Churchill health board, from the former chairman, Ben Warden: "Further to the letters received by Mr. So-and-so, regional superintendent, Social Services, with regard to mental health needs in Baker Lake." Response that an assessment of this community be organized to identify the immediate need of mental health programs. "I would like to express our support of Mr. So-and-so's request in having this much-needed assessment done for both the mental health needs and any related services that are or could be provided in the community of Baker Lake."

Response Regarding Assessment Of Mental Health Needs In Baker Lake

Okay, the response from the zone director: "Thank you so much for your letter of January 17th regarding mental health needs in Baker Lake." I believe they know what they are talking about. "I have today replied to Mr. So-and-so, copy to you, respecting my interpretation of the original request made by the nurse in charge, Baker Lake, that is, for an additional social worker in the community. Since this is not a mental health issue, I do not feel that a mental health needs assessment is appropriate. I have accordingly turned the matter back to the government, Department of Social Services." I say that is cute. That is all it is -- cute. Pass the buck. Pass the buck back to somebody else. As far as I am concerned these kinds of individuals, with all due respect to their qualifications or training, whatever he is he should be out somewhere else.

---Applause

Again, Mr. Speaker, there is no good justification for the zone director and his staff, who are to manage the medical services and health requirements of the Keewatin, Northwest Territories, to be based in Churchill -- the administration. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that the government should not wait until the date April 1, 1987. That is too late to transfer that provision of management for health operations from the medical services unit -- too late. We should take action now to transfer it to Rankin Inlet. We do have the facilities. There are enough business people in the community that are able to provide facilities and so on. These are not a problem. We should be transferring that situation over there.

So, Mr. Speaker, when I read some of these things I was amused. I can go on and read some of the correspondence between my friend there Brian Postl and Dr. Rogers. They listed some of the real cases -- I counted a number of cases -- there were four different individuals with mental health problems and the runaround that these people are getting.

At one point, Mr. Speaker, I only want to quote this because there is a tremendous problem associated with that which I do not identify clearly enough to be able to point it out. There is one quote from Dr. Rogers' note where he says, "Even though there are a number of professionals here in Winnipeg who are sensitive to Inuit ways, we find that there is a southern environment, especially in hospitals, which is often more traumatic in presenting a natural picture to the examiner and often leads to errors in assessment, which do not occur if they are seen back home. In addition, some adolescents have gone wild even in the protective care of such a facility in Winnipeg."

So, Mr. Speaker, I do not think we can wait any longer and I think we should get on with the responsibility of making resources available and listen to the people in the region right now and try and improve the requirements of my constituents and involve them. Not only should the federal government, medical services branch and the territorial government's health people be planning right now as to how the new regime should be providing the service, I think we are ready and we want to. I hope that in future we will be carrying on more improved services even if it takes improving our attitude.

So, Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to my friends listening out here I will conclude. I will be continuing to bring up the concerns of my constituents as they arise. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 2, Members' replies. That appears to conclude Members' replies for today.

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

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 29-86(1): Letters Of Authority For Transfer Of Responsibilities

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Government Leader. Much has been made of the Government Leader assuming the responsibilities as chairman of the Executive Council. Could the Government Leader indicate to this House when approval was given by the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs that such a change of chairmanship should take place?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 29-86(1): Letters Of Authority For Transfer Of Responsibilities

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the letter of instruction was received from Mr. Crombie I believe on December 22nd. In that letter clear direction is given to the Commissioner to transfer the responsibility of chairmanship of the Executive Council to the Elected Leader and also that the Commissioner is able to transfer the responsibility for Personnel to an elected Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Nerysoo.

Supplementary To Question 29-86(1): Letters Of Authority For Transfer Of Responsibilities

MR. NERYSOO: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I would suggest that a review of the letters of instruction be considered again because I believe that the actual instruction or approval was given in October. And if the Government Leader could in fact rectify the answer given, there were two letters that were sent because I think it is important for us to know whether or not the actual approvals were given prior to or after the Executive Council review took place.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, do you have an answer to that? That was really not a direct question.

Further Return To Question 29-86(1): Letters Of Authority For Transfer Of Responsibilities

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I will say I guess nothing is impossible in terms of anything being missed but I am certainly not cognizant of anything else and Mr. Parker has also indicated to me confirming that there was no letter concerning the transfer of chairmanship to the Leader prior to the December letter which I indicated. So, I am certainly not cognizant of any, but I will ask my officials to look through our correspondence in the event that we may have missed it inadvertently.

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

Question 30-86(1): Additional HAP Unit, Baffin Central

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Housing. I will make a clarification first, then my question. In my constituency people are in the home-ownership housing program. The Housing Corporation will be giving eight units to our constituency and there are going to be eight home-ownership programs going on. In Clyde River there are four. I had agreed with the regional superintendent of the Housing Corporation that we were satisfied with that number of units. But on January 23, we had a letter, Tabled Document 11-86(1), from Johnny, my younger brother. Perhaps you can come up with additional funding for a single housing unit that will be built and this single housing unit is estimated at about \$50,000. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 30-86(1): Additional HAP Unit, Baffin Central

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Paniloo, the problem is that at this point in time all our housing units for the coming fiscal year have been allocated. So we will take your request under advisement and see if it is possible in the following year to respond to your request.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Paniloo? Or a new question. I believe there was Mr. Pudluk.

Question 31-86(1): Delayed Implementation Of Settlement Status, Nanisivik

MR. PUDLUK: I have a question to the Minister of Local Government. It was brought to my attention about the Nanisivik settlement status. I believe there was a six month deferral for the settlement status. Nanisivik would like to know the reason for the deferral for six months. I just received a letter and they do not give any explanation for the delay. Would the Minister like to explain it to me please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 31-86(1): Delayed Implementation Of Settlement Status, Nanisivik

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member is indeed correct. I have written to Nanisivik advising them that we have delayed implementation of settlement status for six months. The reason, and the sole reason for this, is that we are having an extremely difficult time identifying who owns the buildings in Nanisivik. There is a complex arrangement of documents and leases and ownership papers that we have to go through to determine what arrangements were made and who owns what and who leases what. We are just having a very, very difficult time identifying ownership of buildings and other arrangements that were made there. As soon as we can straighten that end out then we can proceed with the settlement status, but that is the reason for the delay. Thank you.

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

Question 32-86(1): Compensation For Damage By Polar Bears

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In my constituency a lot of materials are being torn up by polar bears and the cost of these damages is not reimbursed by the government. This has been a major problem within the communities. Perhaps you will be able to supply some financing that would reimburse the hunters. You have the document I tabled and I am sure you made some consideration of whether you have the funding available for reimbursements. Thank you. I have a further question later on.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have studied Tabled Document 3-86(1) that the honourable Member provided and my department will be providing a full response to him shortly. I will take it as advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: You are taking the question as notice. Thank you. I would like to at this time recognize within the gallery, our MP for the Western Arctic, Dave Nickerson.

---Applause

Oral questions. Mr. Richard.

Question 33-86(1): GNWT Response To Landlord And Tenant Act Review

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Justice. Last year, the government contracted an individual to do a review of the Landlord and Tenant Act and to hold public hearings. I understand that that report was given to the government in May of last year. In any event, the Minister's predecessor tabled the report in the Assembly in the fall session and I believe the indication, Mr. Speaker, at the time was that the government would be bringing in its proposed changes in the legislation this session. The Minister has indicated to me privately that that would not be done but that the government would consider, at this session, tabling a response to that report done by Ms McMillan. Many of my constituents, both tenants and landlords, Mr. Speaker, are anxious to see what the government is going to do about the report so I wonder if the Minister could indicate to the Assembly when we might expect to receive the government's response to the McMillan report and any proposed changes to the current legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 33-86(1): GNWT Response To Landlord And Tenant Act Review

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it is an appropriate question. What I intended to do is bring a discussion paper in front of the Executive Council within the next week, distribute and table it here and over the next few weeks receive comments from MLAs and from interested parties. Sometime, hopefully in the summer or early fall, it would go in front of Mr. MacQuarrie's committee. Mr. MacQuarrie would have the option then, if he wanted, to bring interested people in front of his committee with a view toward introducing legislation in the fall session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to address a question to the Minister of Health, the Hon. Bruce McLaughlin. Has the Minister had the opportunity to address or resolve the concerns expressed by non-status Indians and Metis with regard to their inability to utilize the medical transient centre at the Inuvik General Hospital?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The problem of people in the Territories who are not status Indians or Inuit has been discussed with Health and Welfare Canada officials and by ourselves, the Executive Council, on occasion. The difficulty is that until such time as the federal government recognizes Metis people as having the same status as treaty Indians and Inuit, there is no funding forthcoming to my department or the Government of the NWT through the Department of Health and Welfare Canada in order to pay for the costs of those individuals, as there is for status Indians and Inuit. So until such time as the federal government would possibly change its recognition to acknowledge Metis and non-status Indians as having the same benefits as status Indians and Inuit, our government is not in a position to do anything about that as we do not have the funding to do that ourselves unless the Department of Health and Welfare Canada changes its policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. While I realize that there is a certain responsibility for status Indians by the federal government, we as a government are receiving certain funds from the federal government to take care of the particular responsibility for

non-status and Metis people. Could the Minister assure me and Members of this House, that he will try to resolve the concerns that are being expressed by the non-status Indian and Metis people with regard to their inability to utilize the medical transient centre at the Inuvik General Hospital and in fact report back to me during this session with regard to his efforts?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can make that undertaking but I must also make the Member aware that the facility could be made available possibly to Metis and non-status Indians, but the government still has to have revenue from some place, if not Health and Welfare Canada, then from the individuals themselves as they use the facility. But I will look into seeing if that access could be provided, if the people are willing to pay a per diem rate while they stay there.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Nerysoo.

Supplementary To Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Further supplementary to the response. My own concern with regard to the response is that there are people, Metis and non-status Indians, who are unable to provide any revenues to this government. In fact, they would probably come under the programs of Social Services. So I would hope, if the Minister could assure me, that he would consider in the response or his efforts, those particular people as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 34-86(1): Medical Transient Centre, Inuvik General Hospital

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will take that into consideration.

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

Question 35-86(1): Funding For Igutaq Ltd., Clyde River

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. In my constituency there is an organization called Igutaq Limited and they do arts and crafts. They make tablecloths and other materials like that. On February 10th they had written a document to me requesting additional funding. I could not do much about it after I got the letter. I just want to ask the Minister to see if he would help with additional funding to support them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) We are looking into the document you gave me and perhaps if I get the information I will let you know tomorrow.

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

Question 36-86(1): Status Of Bill 3-85(3), An Act To Amend The Education Act

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Education regarding Bill 3-85(3), the amendment to the Education Act. My constituents would like to know when it is coming into force or is it already in force?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 36-86(1): Status Of Bill 3-85(3), An Act To Amend The Education Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The information on the proposed compulsory attendance regimes which could be available in a community, should have been by now sent out to all local education authorities. I have in that information invited all the LEAs to consider whether they would like to take advantage of this scheme if they have poor attendance in their

communities. To my knowledge the bill has not been proclaimed, only because we are busy getting ready to implement it probably in the new school year. However, I suspect that once we start hearing back from local education authorities, if there are LEAs that want to move right away even before the end of this school year, it would be possible to do so. But I am mainly gearing up for implementing this new scheme at the beginning of the next school year and preparing it properly, including training for the proposed school counsellors who would be assisting the LEAs in ensuring that attendance improves. Short answer -- no, it has not been proclaimed but likely will be soon.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Richard.

Question 37-86(1): Amendment To Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Act

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Local Government and it concerns, Mr. Speaker, the home-owners' property tax rebate legislation. There was an amendment requested to the legislation, Mr. Speaker, because the technical wording did not provide for members of a co-op housing project to receive the benefit of the rebate under the legislation. The Minister's predecessor, however, last year went out on a limb and directed his people to pay the benefits anyway and undertook to bring forward an amendment last year. However, that was not done. Will the Minister be bringing forward an amendment to rectify that deficiency in the legislation in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question under advisement and provide the Member with a reply tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You are taking the question as notice. Oral questions. That appears to conclude this section for today. Item 5, written questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 5: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question 38-86(1): Official Languages Of The NWT

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a written question to the Government Leader. The Government Leader has stated that the territorial government will be recognizing aboriginal languages as official languages of the Northwest Territories. Does this mean that any request made by the people of the Northwest Territories for government services and programs to be delivered in the aboriginal languages will be guaranteed by the Leader and Ministers of the government?

The Leader indicated that the federal Minister, Secretary of State, has approved such direction. Is there guarantee from the federal Minister, that the federal government is prepared to abide by the direction of the Leader and the Government of the Northwest Territories and recognize the aboriginal languages as official languages, including implementing such direction within the federal public service in the Northwest Territories?

In recognizing the aboriginal languages as official languages, are there certain obligations that must be met by the business community and other organizations, including aboriginal organizations, in order for the government to fulfil its obligation in recognizing aboriginal languages and English as official languages?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Written questions. That appears to conclude written questions for today. Returns. Do we have any returns? Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

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

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, this is the response to a question asked by Mr. MacQuarrie and referred to by Mr. Nerysoo. On Friday, February 14, 1986, I undertook to provide information in response to a question by Mr. MacQuarrie about what he referred to as decentralization. I will today be tabling a document describing the events which led to the Executive Council's decision about the fair allocation of new resources. As Members will see there is no policy document per se, but a series of principles which we have agreed will guide us in the allocation of new resources in the regions.

In his question, Mr. MacQuarrie described the case of Cambridge Bay. Before examination by the subcommittee, planned growth over the next three years was around 31 person years. The Executive determined that self-contained units of Renewable Resources, Social Services, Education and the NWT Housing Corporation could be moved to Coppermine. This does not decrease the government presence in Cambridge Bay. In fact over the three year period, it will increase by about four person years. These moves would however increase job and business opportunities in Coppermine and in other communities through a fairer allocation of government presence in the Kitikmeot Region.

Also, on Friday, Mr. Nerysoo asked what departments, programs and services and communities will be affected by our planned allocations. I am today, unable to provide him with all of that information. The Executive Council has not yet finalized all implementation details, although this will be done shortly. I undertake to make that information available before the end of this session. I would remind Members that the question being raised is not whether we plan to implement the new growth but where it will be allocated. Thank you.

MR. MACQUARRIE: (Inaudible comment)

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: I told you.

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

Return To Question 12-86(1): Deadline For Payment Of Power Bills

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was a question asked by Elijah Erkloo on February 14, 1986. It is regarding the NCPC. I am going to read it in English. I think you can understand it in both languages. (Translation ends)

This is with respect to power bill payment deadlines. NCPC allows 21 days from the time of billing to the receipt of payment. It is the practice to air express the power bills to the nearest major centre from where the bills are sent by standard mail to the local communities. In most situations, the person receiving the power bill has between one and two weeks to make payment. Payment can be made to the local plant supervisor in each community. A receipt for payment should be issued by the supervisor. This receipt proves payment was made in case of dispute. In those cases where power bills have not been received in reasonable time for payment, NCPC would take this into account.

I can think of many situations where the one to two weeks available for power bill payment would be insufficient in some regions of the North. For example, the lack of banking facilities means that a household may not have the cash readily available to pay a power bill. Further, hunters and trappers are often on the land for extended periods and may therefore be unaware or unable to pay their power bills.

I will bring the Member's concerns to the attention of NCPC to ask that their policies recognize these things. When we take the responsibility for NCPC on March 31, 1987, we as a government will have the authority to make policy changes, should they be required, to maintain fair and equitable utility practices which meet the regional needs of northerners. Thank you.

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

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to oral Question 15-86(1) asked by Mr. Angottitauruq, on February 14th, with regard to mobile equipment in Gjoa Haven. This equipment is owned by Transport Canada under control of their central region office in Winnipeg. If there is a need for the use of equipment other than airport work in Gjoa Haven, there should be a detailed description of the work to be done and proof that there is no equipment available within the private sector to do this work. Then the Department of Local Government could pursue with Transport Canada, the possibility of equipment utilization.

Transport Canada have stated that the Government of the Northwest Territories could use this equipment for airport construction at Spence Bay, as long as there was no charge to Transport Canada. If the GNWT should decide to use this equipment, the construction specifications would have to be to Transport Canada airport standards and the equipment returned to its original condition.

Preliminary cost estimates as prepared by DPW and Highways in the fall of 1984, indicate a requirement of about \$375,000 for this project. Transport Canada encourage the improvements to the Spence Bay airport but are not in the position to offer any financial support at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns? That appears to conclude returns for today. Item 7, petitions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition coming from the Spence Bay hamlet council. That is for the airstrip at Spence Bay. Should I read it or just pass it on?

MR. SPEAKER: Just give a brief description and the number of signatures if you have it and table it, please.

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: This is Petition 3-86(1), coming in from Spence Bay hamlet requesting that the airstrip be extended in Spence Bay. The main detail of it is so that these three communities that are served by NWT Air, would be serviced by Electra all the way from Yellowknife. This would make it faster and would make the air fares less and freight costs less. I have 143 signatures on it.

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

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: I think these communities that I have are ganging up on the government. I have a petition, Petition 4-86(1), from the hamlet of Gjoa Haven. This is in support of the same subject, the airstrip in Spence Bay. I have from Gjoa Haven, 123 signatures.

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

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I could not really speak for them, I guess they are speaking for themselves. This is another petition, Petition 5-86(1), coming in from the hamlet of Pelly Bay. It is also about the same subject, supporting the Spence Bay airstrip to be extended in the same manner. It has 72 signatures. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further petitions? That appears to conclude petitions for today.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 12-86(1), Regional Decentralization, the Fair Allocation of Resources in Regions.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table Tabled Document 13-86(1), Standing Committee on Finance, Ninth Report, its review of the main estimates and the capital estimates of the Government of the Northwest Territories for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Fair expenditure of government funds -- no, but Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to read the report at this time but will respond as the departments are dealt with individually. Thank you.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 14-86(1), Beaufort/Delta Regional Conference, January 14-16, 1986, Resolutions. I do not intend to read all the resolutions. There are 24.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tabled Document 15-86(1): I have a letter from Pudloo Mingeriak, chairman of Lake Harbour housing association, dated 31 January, 1986, and I am going to table it. I am going to give it to Mike Ballantyne too. It is concerning Lake Harbour's housing. It is dangerous because of the weather. These buildings in Lake Harbour can be hazardous when there is a blizzard. Also within this letter the Lake Harbour housing association does not have much authority. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Tabling of documents. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tabled Document 16-86(1): This is written to me by the Lake Harbour people concerning outpost camps. There are some outpost camps that were abandoned and were not cleaned up. It talks about the outpost camps and mining areas that need cleaning up. I would like to direct this to Red Pedersen, Minister of Renewable Resources. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there any further tabling of documents? That appears to conclude tabling of documents.

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Motion 1-86(1), Hay River Reserve Senior Citizen Facility and Community Gym. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to defer Motion 1-86(1) until tomorrow. I do not have the necessary support documents.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, you will note the request and the item will appear on tomorrow's orders of the day. Motion 2-86(1), Trapper Incentive Grants. Mr. T'Seleie.

Motion 2-86(1), Withdrawn

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I am withdrawing that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. T'Seleie, you are requesting to withdraw your motion. Does the seconder of this motion agree to it being withdrawn?

MR. GARGAN: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 2-86(1) then has been withdrawn.

--- Withdrawn

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

ITEM 13: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 3-86(1): Institute Of Chartered Accountants Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 3-86(1), An Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-86(1) has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Butters, are you not going to give first reading to the Income Tax Act today?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of bills which have fiscal connotations and I probably will be discussing these, I imagine, with the standing committee on finance in the near future.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That appears to conclude first reading of bills for today. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 7-86(1): Official Languages Act

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 7-86(1), An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to amend the Official Languages Act to extend dates for implementation of the French language provisions by three years.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the principle of the bill. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in the House not necessarily to oppose what the Government Leader is intending to do but I rise because I made a commitment, when I first introduced the Official Languages Act, to the French speaking communities of the Northwest Territories. I also recognized that there were certain obligations on me as a Member of the Legislature in recognizing the Constitution of Canada. In that constitution there are a number of sections in the Charter of Rights; recognition of language, recognition of aboriginal rights in fact. I cannot put myself in a position of having first led a government to recognizing official languages including French and English and aboriginal languages and now of rising and voting on a bill that negates the commitment I made as Government Leader and as a Member of this Legislature.

Now, I recognize all elements of the constitution and I cannot sit knowing that I should be obligated to only parts of the constitution. Every element of the constitution is important to me. I feel that I cannot in all sincere conscience vote in support of what I consider it to be, a deferral of some very fundamental rights that are guaranteed to people in the Northwest Territories or in this country. I commend the Leader for his efforts in trying to accomplish what he has accomplished but I find it very difficult to support a deferral of providing services and in fact not recognizing services that we constitutionally are obligated to. So I think that I have to rise to make you aware of that. It is not my opposition to what you have accomplished but I think there is a clear need on our part to recognize what I consider the very fundamental laws of our country. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. To the principle of the bill. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Could I have a recorded vote please?

MR. SPEAKER: Recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour of the second reading, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. McCallum, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Wray, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Curley, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Butters, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Angottitauruq.

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed to the second reading of the bill. Abstentions.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Paniloo, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Richard.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 7-86(1) has now had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole. Second reading of bills. That appears to conclude this section for today. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-86(1), Appropriation Act, 1986-87, with Mr. Wah-Shee in the chair.

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

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): We will take a 10 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

Would the committee come to order, please?

Department Of Renewable Resources

HON. RED PEDERSEN: I would like to have two witnesses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Please have your witnesses appear before us. Would you please identify your witnesses for the record, please?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is deputy minister, Jim Bourque. On my right, the acting assistant deputy minister, David Brackett.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other day when we were on general comments, quite a few of the Members expressed some concern on the anti-trapping and I would like to add my comments to that. I was in Chisasibi and the Minister was there as well. I think that at least I had my eyes opened to the real threat of this anti-trapping, anti-harvesting lobby, the threat that it poses to those peoples that depend on hunting and trapping for subsistence for their lives. I guess the reason that I feel that governments could be doing more is that I know for sure that there are a whole lot of people that cannot go to work for the oil companies or they cannot go to work for the government or the mining companies, simply because they do not have the right level of education, etc. I know Esso Resources in Norman Wells requires a grade 12 even for labourer jobs.

So it seems clear to me anyway, that is part of the northern economy which is keeping quite a few people off social assistance and other forms of government assistance. The Department of Education, as well, places a lot of emphasis on teaching the people's way of life in the schools so that support for that way of life is tied into the educational system as well in the long term. My concern in that regard is if it is no longer a viable way of life, if it has been killed or put away or whatever, then it would mean that the school curriculums should change. In the long run I do not see that everyone is going to be working for government or for oil companies or for mining companies or for private business. I think that the renewable resource industry is something that needs to have, just generally, more attention from government. So Mr. Chairman, those are the general comments that I have on this department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. If there are no further general comments, does committee agree that we go into detail at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Directorate, Total O and M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Total O and M, \$1,043,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, just to ask the Minister and his deputy minister and assistant deputy minister, what have been identified as major priorities for the department for 1986-87?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The major objectives of the department are listed on page 12.03. Do you want me to go through them, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, I do not think that will be necessary. Everybody has had copies of the objectives of the directorate, unless there are any questions with regard to the objectives themselves. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. No, I did not necessarily mean the general overall objectives but some of the program objectives that you might be financing. You know, where were the priorities with regard to additional dollars? Maybe at some time the government might clarify that. The other issue happens to be the question of departmental program evaluation. I realize that you have identified that as an objective. What areas have been identified for evaluation for the 1986-87 year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I would have my deputy minister answer that.

Changes To Grant And Contribution Programs

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, as most of the Members know, we just concluded, last spring, extensive travel to all the communities in the NWT. During these travels we asked the different communities to give us some kind of indication as to the kind of changes that were required in our grant and contribution programs, programs for hunters and trappers and also policy initiatives. Some of these changes have already begun to be instituted in the form of the way we handle grants and contributions. In fact, what we are doing, for instance in the Baffin, is just transferring funds to the Baffin Region. Our regional office, along with the regional hunters and trappers association, is developing its own programs within the policy guidelines. So these are the kinds of initiatives that we are involved in and it will probably take us another year to fully assess the kinds of requests or the kinds of recommendations that were made by the communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been much discussion with regard to the concerns by the native groups over the question of devolution. I know that the department had worked hard on the question of the forestry transfer. What effect does the concern that has been expressed have on the process and on the discussions?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I brought Mr. Brackett to the table today to give you the best possible information available on forestry transfer. I will turn it over to him.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Brackett.

Forestry Transfer Discussions With Native Groups

MR. BRACKETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The questions raised by the Dene and Metis with respect to the forestry transfer have been dealt with through a number of direct meetings in discussions with those groups. Mr. Bourque and I had the opportunity to spend an hour or so with the Dene national leadership meeting in Fort Smith about a month ago and discussed thoroughly the way in which we were proceeding on the discussions for the transfer of fire management and forest management. We are right now discussing, with the associations, the types of structures that will be in place for

management of those programs after the transfer takes place. The discussions are proceeding with a clear understanding of how they relate to the land claims table so that there is no conflict on the part of any party with any potential discussions that are proceeding at the land claims table.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. In your discussions, have you addressed the issue of federal funding? I guess the concern that I have in particular, and I believe that the standing committee on finance has, is the issue of federal funding for fire management, given the indeterminate high cost of fire-fighting and the cyclical nature of fire years. The reason I raise that is one year you may have a bad year, the next year you may have a good year in the sense of not as many fires. The other thing is what effect would the cost of fighting those fires have on government expenditures? Have the discussions and negotiations taken into consideration those possible scenarios?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will answer part of that before I turn it over. Yes, the discussions have most certainly taken that into account. We have the actual figures for fire suppression, both suppression and pre-suppression back to 1970, available to us. We have chosen the bases for negotiation as being the average worst year. Now, we are taking the worst seven out of 10, so we can eliminate a couple of particularly good years where the expenditure was minimal. In addition to that we feel that the federal government should provide us with an opening balance and we do have some start-up figures on that one. Our start-up figure on that we feel should be seven million dollars.

There is always a risk when you negotiate a fixed figure but the choice was made. We had to negotiate a figure rather than go back to the federal government asking for actual expenditures because if we are using their money we would also be controlled by their fire suppression policies and that would defeat the purpose of the transfer of the activity. Okay, if you have any supplementaries, Mr. Nerysoo.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Directorate. Mr. Nerysoo.

Takeover Of Forest Management

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your discussions and negotiations have you talked about the possibility of taking over other forest management activities? What is the status of these discussions, for instance the possibility of taking over timber rights, forestry management in general? Have you had any discussions with regard to those other elements of the forestry responsibility?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, these items the honourable Member raises are all part of the negotiations right now. It is forest fire suppression and forest management but all the other elements are part and parcel of the negotiations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Do the other elements also include the issue of economic utilization of the forest? For instance our lumber industry or utilizing our forests in our sawmills for construction, that sort of thing?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, this is under consideration but it is something which we are considering in conjunction with Economic Development and Tourism. It is not at the moment quite as high a priority with us as the suppression but it is being considered in the negotiations, how to handle the package that we may take over.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another further concern that the standing committee on finance had was with regard to the location of positions and also the impact that such location would have on the housing shortage. As you know, as a government we have had some questions about housing shortages with people that we have at the moment. We do have a major concern with regard to the number of individuals that will be recruited, to ensure that we provide a good service to the people with regard to forest fire-fighting. We do have some concern with regard to two elements, location and also housing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Housing Still Being Negotiated

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The housing issue is still very much under negotiation. We have not been satisfied with the federal government in that yet. Our current negotiating position is that we require the transfer of sufficient units to house all those people that will be transferred to us and who are now in government housing at the date of the transfer. Plus we should also have a unit for each vacant position. The current federal position is not completely clear on this. There is, however, a recognition by the federal government that at least some housing will have to be transferred, but they have not come forward with any specific counterproposals as yet. They have indicated that they may wish to look at it on a community by community basis. It would appear from our discussions that the city of Yellowknife and Norman Wells would be the two communities that we might have the greatest difficulties with. I would like to state that of course we are dealing with DIAND in the negotiations but when housing comes in then DIAND must deal with Public Works Canada on the housing question. It is our impression that Public Works Canada have not given this transfer the serious attention that we feel it requires. We have tentatively set ourselves a goal that if there is not significant progress made by the end of this month then we will be seeking some intervention at the political level to resolve that housing issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate, \$1,043,000. Mr. T'Seleie.

Renewable Resources Compensation

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister about the renewable resources compensation policy. I would like to know, since the beginning of this policy, whether or not there have been any claims settled under that policy. I guess I am asking whether or not renewable resource harvesters have used this policy. That is my first question. I would also like to know if the department or the Minister is considering maybe putting some teeth in that policy somehow, so that renewable resource harvesters would have more of a chance to have their claims settled equitably.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to questions asked in general by Mr. T'Seleie, we are collecting the statistics and will be providing a list to him later. I had hoped that it would be here now but it probably will be later on this afternoon. In the meantime, I would ask my deputy minister to respond to the general questions he raised.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, there have been several claims by hunters and trappers settled over the past two or three years and every one of these claims has been settled before they reached the government level. They have been settled between the proponent and the hunter and trapper. Of course this is probably the most satisfying way to get an agreement settled, if the trapper agrees with the company. So there have been, while we have not been involved except to act as resource people, there have been claims settled.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate, \$1,043,000. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is a Northwest Territories hunters and trappers federation or whatever you call it and whether or not the department funds this? I guess I ask that because I am not aware that there is such a body and yet from time to time you see pieces of correspondence with that group being referred to. I guess I

would just like to know who elects or picks this body. My concern is that their representation be at least territorial-wide. By that I mean that it should have representation from the Eastern Arctic and Western Arctic communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do not fund any territorial-wide hunters and trappers associations or wildlife groups. We do fund community hunters and trappers associations and have done for some time and we have funds in the budget that we are considering right now for certain regional hunters and trappers associations. We did, in the past apparently, fund a territorial hunters and trappers group, a couple of meetings, to see if it was feasible to set it up, but it did not appear so and it was not successful.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record, I would like to ask one question. This NWT Wildlife Federation, I understand is not affiliated with the national wildlife federation. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, that is correct. They are not affiliated with the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Directorate. Mr. Richard.

Request For Funding From NWT Wildlife Federation

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just following up on Mrs. Lawrence's and Mr. T'Seleie's questions. When the Minister and his officials appeared before the standing committee last month, the Minister was asked similar questions, whether the NWT Wildlife Federation that was on the news recently was in receipt of government funds. The response was, no, indeed the department was not funding or contributing funds to the wildlife federation. I understand, Mr. Chairman, that since that time the NWT Wildlife Federation has indeed submitted a request to the department to assist the federation with its funding requirements and included in the request or submission I understand was a representation that the federation, among its chores, wanted to represent its member bodies in national organizations such as the Canadian Wildlife Federation. So Mr. Chairman, I guess my question today would be, if the Minister is able to advise this committee if this request has been received and how it is being handled within the department. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I can confirm that the request has been received by the department. The department has put together a decision paper, which will be going to the Executive Council for their consideration shortly. It contains some options, and when the Executive Council have considered and decided, it will be in for public information, I guess.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to clarify what I am talking about here. I am talking about the Northwest Territories hunters and trappers federation and not the wildlife federation. That is another outfit altogether, but I am aware that there is, I guess, such a body called the hunters and trappers NWT federation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, would you like to respond to the clarification?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I was aware from Mr. T'Seleie's questions, and the answer that I gave him before, that we had funded two meetings to explore, was in connection with that organization.

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

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Minister what plans are anticipated regarding parks, the creation of parks? I believe there is one that is going to be created in Mrs. Lawrence's constituency. Whether that park is going to be established and I believe that there are other parks that will be established in the Deh Cho area, so I would like to ask the Minister what is anticipated for the creation of parks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister, I assume this is under federal jurisdiction, but perhaps -- what does your administration have in regard to creation of national parks in the Northwest Territories?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, you are correct in that we do not have any direct input. It comes under the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also wanted to ask the Minister, with regard to park rangers or wildlife officers. Is there going to be any plan to have training in the area of wildlife preservation? Is there any training toward having park rangers or something similar to that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

Representatives In Each Community

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, in response to the honourable Member's question, we recently looked at the cost of putting a wildlife officer in each community and the cost is really prohibitive. So, I am putting together a proposal for our Minister's consideration that will allow us to have representatives in each community and this is a proposal that would enhance our present game guardian set-up. So, I think that we would be able to get representatives in each community under a system that would be less expensive than having a fully qualified bona fide wildlife officer in each community.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When Nellie Cournoyea was the Minister, she indicated that the new position that was created in Fort Providence, the wildlife officer there, was supported at that time too because we thought that we were going to get someone to train with this wildlife officer. But that has not happened yet. I am just wondering, maybe Mr. Bourque might have some answers to that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister. Would you press your mike, please? I am sorry. Jim, would you press your mike, please?

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, we would very strongly encourage each community to encourage their people to take training. There is training available in Fort Smith through the course, though I am told this particular term that there are very few people actually from the North, that lived a long, long time in the North, or native people involved in the course. This is kind of disappointing to us. On the other hand, if we follow through with the game guardian concept, you would be able to choose somebody from your community to take that opportunity, and receive training at the ground level, at the community.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. I would like to remind Members that some of the general questions might be appropriate under other sections at the end of the department. Right now we are on general questions under directorate. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I just wanted to find out from the Minister what the population of that bison herd in Providence is. A guesstimate, I guess.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: I am told, Mr. Chairman, 1200.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Directorate, \$1,043,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Wildlife management. Total O and M, \$2,825,000. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question of the Minister in light of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut having some problems with the federal Department of Environment, or the federal Minister of the Environment, about acceptance of the agreement for wildlife management that was signed back some four or five years ago. It is my understanding that the territorial government initialled or was part of that agreement as well, but now there seems to be some difficulty between the TFN and the federal Minister. I guess my question would be, what is the Government of the Northwest Territories plan, that is, through your department? What is your plan if things go wrong, or there is a change in that agreement brought about by the federal Minister? Now, I know that this particular topic has implications with other departments, specifically federal parks. I just wonder if there is any particular plan of action on your part, Mr. Minister, to see if something can be done to bring this to a head.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Curley, on your point of order.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would think that the question should be addressed to my department where we have the legislative responsibility for the park issue at the moment. I would be prepared to gather the necessary update on the issue and prepare an appropriate response because initially the negotiations were conducted with my department and therefore the federal Minister, I think, has been dealing with us on that matter. This is not at all to try and convince my colleague to not respond but I just want it to be clear that Tourism will be dealing with that issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McCallum, would you like to comment on the point of order that has been raised?

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I raised the issue under this particular activity of the Department of Renewable Resources -- maybe I should raise it under the directorate. It seems to me that one of the goals -- it does not seem to me -- it is. One of the goals of the wildlife management of this department is to represent the GNWT in the negotiation of agreements with other agencies and governments respecting the management of shared wildlife populations.

Now, I recognize, Mr. Chairman, that there is a difficulty because it has arisen over the establishment or proposed establishment of the national park in Ellesmere Island, but it is the federal Department of Environment, the Minister of the Environment that is having some difficulty with it. Environment concerns come under this particular department so I raised it in relation to the agreement. I may raise the question with the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism as to what he is going to do in relation to the parks. That is an altogether different matter, I suggest to you. So I think I am well within my right to ask the Minister of Renewable Resources, who has responsibility for representing the territorial government in the negotiation of agreements and dealing with the Environment Minister.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. McCALLUM: Copacetic.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Honourable Member, in regard to the point of order raised, I do believe that the responsibility does fall within the Department of Renewable Resources. As well I believe that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism also are involved in that process. Therefore, it is still within the responsibility of Renewable Resources if the Minister wishes to respond to the question raised by the honourable Member representing Fort Smith.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The honourable Member read the responsibility quite correctly. We do not as a department have the responsibility in the negotiations. Our responsibility within the negotiating procedure is for the management of the species. We therefore accept the negotiations as they are presented to us, give advice on management. If there are changes in the negotiations that affect management we will have input but it is on the management that our input comes in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Wildlife management. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Perhaps I could ask the Minister, Mr. Chairman, a question then. Does he have any idea what the difficulty is with the federal Minister of the Environment not approving this particular agreement that was reached back some four or five years ago?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: No, Mr. Chairman, I do not know, nor do my officials.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Wildlife management. Mr. Nerysoo.

Meeting Of Caribou Management Board

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question with regard to the caribou management board and in particular the management board that was established for the Porcupine caribou herd. Is there any intention on the part of the Minister to bring together in the near future the representatives of the NWT to discuss what their approach might be as territorial representatives? If so, at what time and what place might that be?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, there is a meeting of the board scheduled for the beginning of March at which time hopefully a chairman will be selected and then they will set their agenda for further work.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Wildlife management. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: I was just wondering if the Minister could also indicate at what location was the meeting intended to occur? Has it been decided yet?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the location has not yet been decided.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Wildlife management. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Just a question to the Minister. Is the caribou management board going to have any discussions with regard to the recent announcement with regard to the land use commission? Particularly since the agreement, I believe, and some of the responsibilities that are within the mandate of the caribou management board also include a certain element on habitat management and land use management. I am wondering if there might be an overlap of jurisdiction and if that issue might be one of the agenda items to resolve some of the responsibilities that might be assigned to the caribou management board and the land use planning commission.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, thank you. One of the purposes of setting up the land use planning commission is to reconcile any differences between user groups, say caribou management, forestry interests, etc. All the groups including the caribou management group will be consulted in this process when they attempt to reconcile if there are any differences.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only concern I have is that under the agreement that was signed there is an element in there that has to do with habitat management, which is in fact part of the mandate of the land use commission as well. I would hope that we could try to resolve the extent that each has its jurisdiction and its responsibility. I do not want to carry on a debate. I am just raising it as a concern that I have, that you might have an overlap of jurisdiction there and I am hoping that it does not occur. There were during the discussions leading up to the agreement some major concerns about land, land use habitat, habitat management, and so that is an issue I think that has to be resolved. I am hoping that we put it on the agenda, to try to resolve it from the NWT representatives' perspective. That is all I was raising.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Minister, do you wish to respond?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very short. Both organizations will be having their first meetings in the early part of March and we certainly will take the honourable Member's note of caution and make sure if there are any conflicts that they will be resolved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Wildlife management. Mr. McCallum.

Changes In Bag Limit For Caribou

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the review by the standing committee of this department, I asked a question about the change to the bag limit for resident hunters in regard to caribou. It was indicated to us then that the department is making a change. In the past a resident hunter was allowed two, but could purchase, I think for \$40, a third. It was indicated to me at that time that this additional tag or licence, I am not sure of the terminology, would be removed. That really isn't a change in the bag limit. If you were a resident hunter for five years in the Territories, you were allowed to get two and you could purchase a third one. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me whether in fact there will be any substantial change in the bag limit for which resident hunters would qualify?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the bag limits are under continuous review and the changes that have been made this year -- the Member is quite right -- it does not constitute any increase in the bag limit providing you were willing to purchase a third tag. The changes that were made are that the bag limit has simply gone from two to three without any requirement to purchase that third one; it is automatically in there. The herds will be monitored continually and if we are able to raise the bag limit in the future, we will do so as soon as we feel it is biologically sound to do so.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the new arrangement, have you removed the concept of buying an additional tag or is it now possible, with it raised to three, to buy an additional tag so you are eligible to get four?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we have removed the requirement to buy the third one and you are not eligible to buy a fourth.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that with the amount of data that has been collected on this particular species over the past number of years that the department must have enough information now to determine, for particular herds, whether it is okay, that you are not going to deplete it, if resident hunters do get an additional number. I do not think that simply removing the idea of having to purchase one does anything to increase the amount or the bag limit. For most people who are resident hunters or who are long-time residents of the Territories who use it to supplement their particular diet, I think that the department should have enough information to increase that.

Motion To Increase Bag Limit For Caribou For Resident Hunters, Bill 1-86(1)

I would like to move a motion, Mr. Chairman, that the bag limit for resident hunters for caribou be increased to five.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Can I have a copy of your motion, Mr. McCallum?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Point of order. Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the present time there is no quorum in the House. The motion is out of order, it cannot be made.

MR. McCALLUM: The motion can be made, we just cannot vote on it.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Okay, I am not sure whether we can vote on it or not but there is no quorum to vote.

MR. McCALLUM: That was not the reason I made it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Wray, your point of order of no quorum has been noted. We will ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the bells. Okay, we do have a Member making himself available to the activities of this committee. Mr. McCallum, would you make that motion again, please?

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recommend to the Department of Renewable Resources that the bag limit for resident hunters on caribou be increased from three to five.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. McCallum, your motion is in order. Do you wish to speak to your motion at this time? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems to me that since this quota was moved back from five to three in the late 1970s, there is enough information that the department must have for caribou herds to be able to give it to resident hunters, to have the bag limit increased. The initiative taken by the department this year is simply to remove the idea of purchasing a third tag. It was always in there that they could get three but you had to purchase the third, I think for \$40. I could be wrong. They have simply removed the business of buying a third tag, totally, so that the bag limit now is three. But that is not a change at all, it is a change in the mechanism by which one could get the third one. But one was always able, if you were a resident hunter, to get the third tag. So I am simply recommending to the department that they increase the bag limit from three to five. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I have spoken on this subject before in this House and I just feel obliged to make a few comments because a number of my constituents are quite concerned about it. As I recall, what happened previously is that out of fear that the Kaminuriak herd was declining, the then-Minister of Renewable Resources decided to take these measures against resident hunters. I must say that I have always wondered about that decision in that first, the resident hunters have a very small portion of the take of caribou in the NWT and second, if there were allegations about waste, I do not think they applied to that class of hunters who were dealt with in the change in regulations.

So I would just like to say that in principle I do support the motion. I believe evidence later arose which showed that indeed the Kaminuriak herd was, in fact, expanding rather than declining, which also caused me to reflect on the wisdom of that initial decision. However, I would like to point out one concern or omission in the motion and that is that I think, and perhaps the honourable Member intended it to be so, that these decisions should be considered in the context of the numbers of caribou. I am certain that if he has not contemplated it in this motion that the Minister will consider it in responding to the motion. That would be my only additional comment on the motion, that I would expect that it does refer to situations where the herd is healthy. From what I know, generally, caribou herds are healthy in most parts of the NWT and I would say that the small percentage of take that is accounted for by the resident hunters, compared to the much larger proportion accounted for by the general hunting licence holders, should merit some consideration. So, I would just like to make those comments, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Thorough Consultation With Hunters and Trappers And Native Organizations

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I have difficulty with the motion...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WAH-SHEE: ...because I think for some time we have had the quota of three caribou for residents in the Northwest Territories, but I do believe that before we embark on increasing the quota, we have to look at the existing population of various herds in the Northwest Territories. At the same time, I would like to see a thorough consultation take place with the various hunters and trappers groups as well as with the native organizations, because I do have a concern that if you are talking about buffalo herds, that is one thing, they are confined to a national park, but if you are talking about a species that migrates, I believe that perhaps it will have some implications on the whole question of aboriginal claims. As you know, some of the elements within the aboriginal claims do involve the wildlife elements within the claim, and I do not see at this point in time where the Department of Renewable Resources has adequately consulted the native organizations, nor the various organizations that deal with hunters and trappers. So therefore, I do have difficulty in supporting this particular motion to increase the quotas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The arguments that Mr. Wah-Shee made were well-made, I will not go back on those. I do support them. I would like to state that if it is raised from three to five, I will be one of the beneficiaries. But I would like to caution the committee on this motion. I think that it is a very dangerous precedent if we start managing wildlife populations and setting quotas by motions in committee.

MR. McCALLUM: ...by previous experience.

Management By Political Pressure Unacceptable

HON. RED PEDERSEN: It may have been done before, but we are in a situation where our whole traditional way of life in renewable resource harvesting is being threatened by international forces. And I do not believe that we can afford, with the next CITES meeting being hosted by Canada in 1987, to be accused of anything but the best management based on the best available biological data. If we are seen internationally, regardless of what species we are talking about, if we are managing by political pressure through motions in committees such as this, I feel very strongly that we will lose our credibility in wildlife management right across the board, not just on the species of caribou that may be quite plentiful.

Also, to respond to one comment Mr. McCallum made, that surely we would have sufficient data. We do have very good data now and that data would indicate that the herds could not take an across-the-board increase from three to five. That would not be wise management of the herds. Certain herds can sustain five per resident hunter, but others cannot. So the blanket motion as it stands is, to me, personally quite unacceptable.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make this very brief. Concerning the motion, raising the quota from three to five. In the Baffin Region, as you are aware, we are from an island and if we start shooting too many caribou, I am sure that we would decrease the population of the caribou. I know that the population is adequate today. Also, somebody touched upon this item, I will not be able to support this without consultation with the Baffin Region hunters and trappers association and the Baffin Regional Council. I would just like you to be aware of this. I would not support this without them knowing this. I am not trying to be against the white people on their bag quota. However, I think that it is better to consult with these bodies before we approve any sort of motion. We have to consult with the Baffin Regional Council. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not support the motion. These individuals already have a quota of three and if we raise it to five, knowing some of these people, they will want more, and we will just have a problem on our hands. I just will not support the motion.

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

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the motion, I also would not support this motion at this time. To try and have a good wildlife management, at this time it is hard to accept the motion from three caribou to five. To me, I believe that if that motion was pushed to pass, I would only support it if the other users of these caribou also had a quota. That is the only way that I feel that good management will be seen. I have a feeling that I should support the motion, but for that number, I just cannot support it at this time, because it does not seem to be good management. I just find it hard to support, so I will just leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

Advice From Management Boards

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am finding it difficult as well to support across the board the increase. The other issue that is very important is that we now have a management board, for instance in the case of the Kaminuriak/Beverly herd, that provides advice to our government, and it has representation from various jurisdictions and various provinces and also from various communities. It is also important to note the advice that they give. If their suggestion to our government, from the advice that they have received, is to increase then obviously that is with the support of the communities that are affected and the people in those communities that are affected.

Regarding the suggestion that was made earlier about sound advice, my belief is that if there is any government in Canada that has very good sound advice with regard to caribou it happens to be our government. I think we ought to be proud of that. Further, in certain instances, that option is open to us of increasing, but my belief is not every herd can sustain an increase from three to five. So it makes it somewhat difficult to support an across-the-board increase. The other thing is to be able to allow for a consultation process with the communities or those management boards that are now involved in providing advice and reviewing the species such as caribou and recommending to our governments whether or not there is an opportunity to increase the numbers to our residents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: I would like to say first of all that I very much support the principle that the Minister enunciated a little while ago and that is that quotas should not be established in the political arena. Sound wildlife management demands other decisions than that. I remember saying that on several occasions when there were motions in the House to increase polar bear quotas, for example. I really felt that it is important that decisions be made on scientific fact, or at least to the extent that that is determinable. But I also realize that in this case where you are dealing with a very small portion of the entire take that it is possible to overlook changes in quotas at all. Before we vote I would just like to ask the Minister for a little more information. He indicated that an across-the-board increase could not be managed but that it appeared that in some cases with respect to some herds there may be a possibility of some increase. So I would just ask the Minister, was some thought actually being given to this? Because that is what I fear. I would be tempted to support a motion that urged the Minister to think about increasing it and take into account the kinds of concerns that Members had, but if it is already being thought about I will accept that and let it go at that.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Either would be most acceptable to the department and it is being considered by the department at the moment but a motion directing us to do so based on the scientific data available for each herd would also be acceptable to us. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I just feel that it is a matter that ought not to be forgotten and that if in fact in some areas there could be a slight increase I would like to see that considered because I think that we should be taking the maximum yield that is sustainable.

Amendment To Motion To Increase Bag Limit For Caribou For Resident Hunters, Bill 1-86(1), Ruled Out Of Order

So I will amend Mr. McCallum's motion and recommend that the Executive Council consider increasing the take that is available to resident hunters based on the scientific evidence available and in consultation with appropriate organizations and individuals.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I understand your amendment is almost complete -- apparently it is not in order. It is out of order. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, to make sure things are done the proper way, I will withdraw my motion if you allow Mr....

MR. RICHARD: No conditions.

MR. McCALLUM: I will withdraw my motion and he can make his.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Do we have unanimous consent to throw out the motion? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motion To Increase Bag Limit For Caribou For Resident Hunters, Bill 1-86(1), Withdrawn

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is withdrawn. Mr. MacQuarrie.

---Withdrawn

Motion To Consider Increase In Caribou Take For Resident Hunters Where Possible, Bill 1-86(1), Carried

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will move that this committee recommend to the Executive that it consider increasing the caribou take for resident hunters where possible based on scientific evidence available and after consultation with appropriate institutions and individuals. That is nearly what I said the first time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Do you have a question? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just a point of clarification from the Minister then. In the business of talking to people and getting some input, could he indicate to me how a resident hunter gets input into this? There is no area or arena for it.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Point of order, Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, before we start addressing the motion, could you please read the proposed new motion that has been put on the floor so we can understand the exact wording of the motion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. MacQuarrie, could we have a copy of your motion? Then we will have a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is to recommend to the Executive Council that it consider increasing the take of caribou for resident hunters, where possible, based on scientific evidence and after consultation with the appropriate organizations and individuals. To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Just one question of the Minister. Can the Minister indicate to me as to how resident hunters can get an input into any decision that would be made? What is the arena or forum whereby they can make this known? How is it made known?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are a number of ways that resident hunters can get representation. Those connected with the herds where management boards are, can make representation through the management boards and in the smaller communities the representation is commonly made through hunters and trappers associations. In fact, I might state here that many long-term resident hunters in the smaller communities in fact hold general hunting licences where these limits do not apply and those are granted through the HTAs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

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Wildlife management, total O and M, \$2,825,000. Agreed? Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the vote on the previous motion. Could we have the numbers of votes for and against because we have not got the indication from the Chair with regard to how the motion was disposed of.

MR. McCALLUM: He said it was carried.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The Chair does not have to but it was seven to five. Seven in favour and five opposed. Wildlife management, total O and M, \$2,825,000. Mr. T'Seleie.

Harvest Studies

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question. On the wildlife population management, there is an increase in the budget from last year of \$450,000 and in the SCOF document it says that this is for harvest studies. I guess I would like to know what kind of plans the department has for making use of these additional moneys and whether or not these harvest studies are going to be territorial-wide and just exactly what department will carry out work in the field. Will they do it through hunters and trappers associations or band councils or people in the communities? I would like to know all of that.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The increase in the harvest studies, the majority of that money will be spent on a contract basis with regional organizations and community organizations carrying out the harvest studies for the department. The species that will be surveyed include some not paid much attention to previously, like moose, Woodland caribou, Dall sheep, grizzly, musk-ox. I am sorry I did not catch the other question.

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

MR. T'SELEIE: Well, I guess I would like to know, are these harvest studies mostly going to concentrate on the Eastern Arctic or are we going to see some of that done in the Western Arctic?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, these studies will take place throughout the NWT on a fairly equal basis. I do not have the figures but they are spread through the Eastern Arctic, through the Central Arctic, the Mackenzie Delta and down the river.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Wildlife management, total O and M, \$2,825,000. Mr. T'Seleie.

Changes In Bluenose Migration Routes

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask about caribou. There is another task in here listed as a group or division in a department that participates in the management of land use activities to ensure minimal impact on wildlife, wildlife habitat and the users of the resource. I would like to ask the Minister -- I guess there is no way the Minister could tell me -- but I know that the Bluenose herd used to come within 30 miles of the community of Good Hope and in the last three years the people have had to go past Colville Lake which is about 100 miles north to hunt these caribou in the winter. Many of the people are blaming the increased exploration in the region for the change in the migration of this herd. A couple of years ago the caribou came almost right into the settlement. I know most of the people that I talked to were pretty surprised at why a big part of this herd was doing that and really at least in my experience too, it was a pretty big change. I guess part of it too is that the people are the ones that lived with the caribou for many thousands of years. In North America, pretty much only in the NWT and northern Quebec do we still have herds of wild caribou, herds of wild animals that are in the hundreds of thousands. You know, people have written books on it and have put out pictures of it, you know, very nice picture books of it. I have seen some of those, and it just seems to me an incredible part of the richness of the North. There is no other place, at least in Canada anyway, where you have these wild animals. The people that know most about them are the aboriginal people, the people who depend on them for food. This is why I am against any kind of sort of government rules for resident hunters who can kill moose anyway if they need meat. They do not really need an increase in their tag or whatever it is. I would like to ask the Minister what happened to the Bluenose herd and why is it changing like this? Does he know anything about the impact of this seismic exploration on caribou?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I do not know anything definitive. None of us really do I guess. We do know that caribou migration patterns change, and to the best of our knowledge and with the best data we have available, it does not appear to change on the basis of activities such as seismic activity, etc. I could give some examples of that.

Some 10 years ago there were no caribou around Tuk, now there are lots, and they have in fact migrated to Tuk when there was a period of very high activity in exploration-related activities. In my home town of Coppermine, the situation there was much as Mr. T'Seleie just mentioned in Fort Good Hope. In fact at times, we share the same herds. I would hope that you do not think that we have tethered it over to our place, because we have not.

But, about 10 years -- no, it is a little more, it is about 12 years ago we had the largest-ever influx of caribou. Migrating caribou came sort of right into the community, and they kept there for six months. It was a herd of about 20,000 or 30,000 animals, and that coincided with the construction of our airstrip then, which was very noisy and they were quite a nuisance in fact. We had to shoo them off the construction site of the airstrip all the time.

Another pattern change that I can think of, and it does go a little further back to the 1950s, the people living at Garry Lakes back inland down from Perry River and west of Baker Lake, the caribou migration missed that particular area. There were no exploration activities there and that caused the last of the major starvations when 22 people starved to death.

There does not, to the best of the information that we have compiled within the department, seem to be any relationship between foreign activities on the land and the caribou migrations. I do not know what causes it, but it does not seem to relate to that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Wildlife management, Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: I guess I could ask the Minister if he thinks that it might be possible for him to find out, for me, why the caribou migration is changing.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we will be happy to make that attempt.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Wildlife management. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. I am just wondering with regard to some of the surveys that you are conducting, is the department conducting Dall sheep surveys at the moment in the Aklavik area?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, could I have Mr. Bourque answer that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: We have been working in conjunction with the Government of the Yukon on a shared type of a study in that particular area.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am wondering if maybe I could ask the Minister if he could provide me with the terms of reference of the study and the region in which that study is taking place, so that I could make that information available to the hunters and trappers association in McPherson and in Aklavik. As well, if he could provide me with the amount of money that is being utilized by both governments and being spent in that particular area.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we will be pleased to do so.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Wildlife management, total O and M, \$2,825,000. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Policy Regarding Increases In Quotas

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, what is the departmental policy in regard to increasing quotas on various species? I wonder if there is a different process within the department in terms of increasing quotas on caribou versus polar bear and other species. In other words, what is the process? In other words, is it a case of where an MLA brings up the issue in this House, or is it based on some other well-established developmental policy in regard to increasing quotas?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the basis for recommending quotas, to my knowledge, has been and it certainly will be in the future, based on scientific data gathered and only that. I would like to respond to committee and individual MLAs and the Assembly as a whole regarding the motion we just approved. I do not have the motion here, but I did pick out four words from it -- "recommend" to the Executive to "consider" where "possible" and after "consultation" with the proper groups. That is the kind of direction that I would like to take, but as to the decision then, I intend it to be based on scientific data.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, a supplementary. I would like to ask the Minister if this process does apply to all species, that is, where an increase of quotas is requested?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, all species will be managed under the same criteria. I cannot comment on the past, but it will be.

Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Wildlife management, total O and M, \$2,825,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Field Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Field services. Total O and M, \$8,552,000. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not really understand. I would like to get clarification on field services, about what it means, Mr. Minister. It says in here there are different community programs -- the wildlife officers and the HTAs. I was wondering which area does this cover?

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, to get a quicker overall view of it, I will ask Mr. Bourque to answer that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, our field services portion of our budget covers all our regional operations. The O and M and the salaries are for our wildlife officers, for contributions to HTAs, money for outpost camps -- it all comes all under field services. That is probably the briefest answer I can give.

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

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question. In my community there are three HTAs that have secretary managers and they want to get training. If they could get training, where would they get the funding from?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, we recognize that several HTAs across the Northwest Territories are interested in getting training for the people that they hired as secretary managers. We have not identified any funds to this point to provide this training. What we have done though is put together a manual that would assist secretary managers from HTAs. This manual includes a clear description of how you seek outside funding from this government such as Special ARDA and other existing programs. So this manual should be in the communities very soon.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Field services. Total O and M, \$8,552,000. Agreed? Mr. Nerysoo.

Responsibilities Of Wildlife Officers In Other Jurisdictions

MR. NERYSOO: I have one particular concern with regard to the enforcement area. I know that the renewable resources officers are responsible for basically enforcing laws of the wildlife regulations and the Wildlife Act. However, there seems to be some confusion about reciprocal arrangements with other jurisdictions on enforcement of their laws. I will give you an example, our situation of enforcing Yukon laws or the responsibility of our officers for enforcement. I raise this point because I think that there are hunters and trappers in the NWT, in my particular area anyway, who are not certain that these people have that particular jurisdiction and that responsibility. I am wondering if the Minister could provide me with information of the authority that has been given to our officers in enforcing the wildlife laws, legislation and regulations of the Yukon and those people that have the authority to do so. It does not necessarily have to be right now but it could be at a later date.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we can provide an answer for you right now. I will ask Mr. Brackett to.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Brackett.

MR. BRACKETT: Mr. Chairman, some of our officers who work in communities that border on other jurisdictions do in fact hold appointments under the legislation of the neighbouring jurisdictions. It has been our practice to have a renewable resource officer, in Fort McPherson in particular, to hold an appointment under the Yukon Wildlife Act for the purposes of dealing with their legislation when he is in fact in the Yukon and only at that time. Our current officer, Mr. Snowshoe, to the best of my knowledge does in fact hold an appointment under that act.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Does this appointment also apply to the officer in Aklavik?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I will check that out and advise the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Field services. Total O and M, \$8,552,000. Agreed? Mr. McCallum.

Community Harvester Assistance Program

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a question on the grants and contributions under field services. I recognize that under contributions you have reduced the amount of money to the outpost camp program by just roughly over \$300,000, but you have initiated a new program, a community harvester assistance program of just under \$400,000. Could you give me just an idea of why you have started this new program rather than continue on with what used to be an outpost camp program? There must be a difference between the two.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Yes, there is a difference. It is intended primarily for the same use but the new program, the community harvester assistance program, allows local HTAs the full authority for the expenditure of the funds.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Field services. Total O and M. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, just along with this, do I take it here as well that you are saying that the HTAs then determine whether there will be organized community hunts? Money in this program is for that as well and that is why there is a reduction in that contribution. Are you still, Mr. Minister, putting out grants? You still have roughly \$500,000 within grants -- these are non-accountable. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, that is correct to both. It does cover the organized hunts and also trappers assistance loans if the local organization should so desire it, and yes, we are giving out grants.

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

Taxation Of Trappers

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For a number of years now there has been some question that the federal government, possibly and in fact, has in the past taxed trappers. I have a major concern with regard to the incentive subsidy because if I recollect properly or rightly, some of the incentive grants that were given were considered as part of the income and were taxable under the Income Tax Act of Canada. I am wondering if that is going to be taxable, whether or not the government might have to consider another option for grant moneys. I guess I raise this because I recall it being considered as part of income. I am wondering if in fact that could be the case in the future?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, it could indeed be the case. The amounts generally are very low that we issue and we do not issue T4s. I think the whole issue of taxation of trappers could probably be addressed much more adequately by the Minister of Finance who has been negotiating with federal Ministers on the subject. I do not know if you would wish to redirect the question or direct it to the Minister of Finance when he is at the witness table.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. I will address it to him when he comes up. I also would like to maybe address some of the other assistance programs because you do not want him to have a situation where the hunters and trappers are assessed according to the support that we give them as a government. I am wondering if through you, Mr. Chairman, and through the Minister to the Minister of Finance, maybe we could get an updated analysis and an assessment of whether or not that could be taxable, because we could be putting hunters and trappers in a position of being taxed for funds which was not intended to occur and that we might have to find other ways of providing assistance to the hunters and trappers that would be non-taxable.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I suppose that ideally we would all wish to be in that position, that the income level would get so high that it would indeed be taxable, but I think it is a very wise word of caution and we will provide you with that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Field services. Mr. McCallum.

Regional Wildlife Committees

MR. McCALLUM: I just have a further question on the business of contributions and grants within the field services. I know that there is an increase of \$56,000 under the local wildlife committees. I take it that you are talking here about new HTAs forming. In addition to that there is approximately \$285,000 increase for regional wildlife organizations. How many regional organizations are there?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the increase under local wildlife committees reflects the fact that there are four new HTAs in existence this year that were not in existence last year. The regional wildlife organizations, we have three in the East. Mr. Bourque can give more precise information on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Regarding regional wildlife committees, we have three operational now. That is the Kitikmeot, Baffin and Keewatin and we are also anticipating the development of a wildlife management board in the Great Slave Lake area. And that is the same concept; they do the same kind of work. This is what the funds are requested for.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would these be committees out of regional councils? For example, would there be a South Slave regional wildlife organization? Would there be a Dogrib regional council? If you are only contemplating one I guess it would be in the Sahtu Region. Is there a regional council -- it is \$284,000 and if you are only contemplating one more coming on stream -- or are you contemplating some coming from other regional areas as well?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry. In actual fact, in response to the honourable Member's question, there is only one regional council funded at this present time. The Kitikmeot and the Baffin are not funded.

Field Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Field services. Total O and M, \$8,552,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Policy and planning. Total O and M, \$679,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Pollution Control, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Pollution control. Total O and M, \$777,000. Agreed? Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: I wanted to ask the Minister if his department has anything to do with fuel spills on seismic exploration, whether it is this part of the department that is responsible for watching seismic companies and whether or not they are allowed to spill fuel on the land. I would like to know that, please.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the responsibility for oil spills in these situations is a very complex one. If the oil spill occurs on a project that is under a land use permit, it is a federal responsibility. If the spill happens on what we know today as Commissioner's land, then it is the responsibility of our department under the pollution controls division.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Pollution control. Total O and M, \$777,000. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: I am still not clear on who is responsible for that because I thought that the territorial government is responsible for land use permits which cover the surface. I wonder if the Minister could explain a little further for our information here.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, land use permits on crown land are a federal responsibility. The federal government issues them and the federal government polices them. So this department in fact does not have a responsibility on land use permits issued by the federal government on crown land.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, then my question is, I guess, what is this pollution control department responsible for? If it is not responsible for say, pollution from seismic exploration, if it is not responsible for a lot of these places that could be polluted, then what is this department about? I still do not understand it.

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, this division is responsible for the things that Mr. T'Seleie refers to on Commissioner's land, and also on the highway system within the NWT. It is also the plan that eventually we would take over the total responsibility for pollution control within the NWT and the mechanisms for doing this are slowly being set up within this division.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Pollution control. Total O and M, \$777,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Science Institute Of The NWT, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Science Institute of the NWT. Total 0 and M, \$369,000. Agreed? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could give the committee an indication of where the Science Institute is at in terms of producing the report for the Assembly on the SLOWPOKE reactors?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I am embarrassed to say that the gentleman from the Science Institute has left the room. I will provide the Member with the answer as soon as he is back.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Science Institute of the NWT. Total 0 and M, \$369,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Land Use Planning, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Land use planning. Total 0 and M, \$589,000. Agreed? Land use planning. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding land use planning, any development that is taking place in the Northwest Territories, do they have to get permission from this land use planning program that is supposed to be jointly involved with the federal and territorial governments? I would like to know how the territorial government is involved in this land use planning, especially when it comes to developing and mining? How do they issue these licences or permits?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Bourque will answer that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The land use planning program was one of the first programs in the Northwest Territories which was negotiated and agreement was reached by all groups in the Northwest Territories including the Dene and the Inuit. The land use planning program, its main purpose is to develop plans for land use in the Northwest Territories. The land use planning commission, that was recently appointed, will have their first meeting in Inuvik on March 5th. Basically the commission is set up to make decisions on competing interests for land. So, they are not authorized, at this stage of the game, to issue permits. As far as land activity in the Northwest Territories is concerned, it is a federal government responsibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not too clear on your answer. Does that mean then that even though they have a land use planning commission in the Territories, the federal government will issue permits for land use for development?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister. Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Mr. Chairman, that is right. On the recommendation of the commission. The commission reports to the Hon. Mr. Crombie and our Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Pedersen.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: On the recommendation of the planning commission, then, the federal government will issue this permit? Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Bourque. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Only if the land use planning commission recommends; but if they do not recommend, then they do not issue any permits. Is that correct then?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Bourque.

MR. BOURQUE: Well, I would suggest that that is correct, Mr. Chairman. Of course there is always ministerial prerogative.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Land use planning. Total O and M, \$589,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Detail of grants and contributions. Total grants, \$495,000. Agreed? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to indicate that we had requested copies of the policies with regard to grants and contributions as a standing committee. We have not received them yet. I wonder if the department could provide us with the copies of those policies?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we will undertake to have them in your hand by tomorrow morning.

Total Grants, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Detail of grants and contributions. Grants. Total grants, \$495,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Contributions. Total contributions, \$2,318,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Grants And Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Total grants and contributions, \$2,813,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Information item, fur marketing service revolving fund. Any questions? Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Any questions? Department of Renewable Resources. Total O and M, \$14,834,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I had wanted to ask a question about the NOGAP section.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Go ahead.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. What year are we in with regard to the agreement on NOGAP? Is this the second year of a third year agreement?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, we are in the second year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Is that a three year agreement that we have signed or is it a five year agreement?

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

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, that is a five year agreement.

Detail Of Work Performed On Behalf Of Third Parties, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Okay. Members can go to page 12.20. Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties, \$840,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Department of Renewable Resources. Total O and M, \$14,834,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I want to thank the witnesses and I will recognize the clock now.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-86(1) and wishes to report progress with one motion being adopted and I request leave to sit again.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

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

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m.

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