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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1986

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 11th. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. McCallum's Reply

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to reply to the Commissioner's opening Address.

National Curling Honour To Mr. John Moss

First of all I would like to draw attention if I may, to an announcement a couple of weeks ago by Curl Canada at the opening of this recently completed Brier playdowns. I am not too sure that it has received very much attention except from the point of view of people involved with the sport of curling and other particular activities of people who contribute in the North. It was announced at that time that a resident of the Northwest Territories, in fact a resident of Yellowknife, and a public servant of this particular government, Mr. John Moss, was selected as the coach of the year by Curl Canada. I think that is a very singular honour to a person who has given quite a bit of his time to the sport of curling. I would like to draw attention to that and I know the curling fraternity of the Northwest Territories, especially the senior and junior curlers of the Territories take great pride in that particular achievement.

I want to move into parts of the Commissioner's Address, Mr. Speaker, and I want to extend congratulations to the Executive Council, the other MLAs and especially the Government Leader, Mr. Sibbeston, on the assumption of the chair at the Executive Council meetings. Though I may have some concerns with the move I want to assure the Executive Council and Mr. Sibbeston that I agree with the principle that now we take over, as it were, all parts of the running of the government.

It seems such a long time ago, Mr. Speaker, that not only could we not use the term Legislative Assembly but most assuredly we could not call our Executive Council Members "Ministers". I treasure that particular directive from a former federal cabinet Minister.

On another note I am gratified and most thankful that a previous Assembly took the initiative in recommending that a good friend, Mr. Parker, would assume the role of Commissioner back in 1978. In my opinion, no other person could have served the role of Commissioner and filled that particular post these past close to 10 years. My hope is that the Executive Council will continue

to seek and use Mr. Parker's wise counsel. I would like to credit the work of the former Commissioner and former Ministers of this government on the quest to take full responsibility for the operation of the Executive Council. I take some pleasure in having had a small role in that particular transition, phase two.

---Applause

The other parts that I would like to deal with, of course, within the Commissioner's Address, Mr. Speaker, deal with the progress and the concerns and reconciliation of those problems, if you like, in the whole aspect of devolution; the problems that are associated with forestry, health, highways and the takeover of NCPC. I would hope as well that the government does not stop there, that there are other functions of the federal government that can be turned over to this particular territorial government, such as prosecutorial functions. I would hope that the efforts that have been put forward now in relation to those previously mentioned responsibilities will continue to look at other particular functions that can be transferred to this government.

Member's Views On Takeover Of NCPC

With regard to NCPC I support the idea of this government setting up its own energy corporation. I believe that it has to be a decision of this government to accept it if the government wants it, but I would be concerned about how the government would accept it. That is in relation to the financial terms; not just with the operation and maintenance of the existing federal crown corporation, but as well as with the capital requirements that will be required down the road. I would not want this government to get into a position similar to what NCPC is in now, say six or seven years down the road. All these things have to be taken into consideration, Mr. Speaker, and hopefully an arrangement can be worked out. If not, then I suggest we pull our punches and wash our hands of it.

There is a concern as to the role, what kind of corporation will be set up. I have a concern about that and of course the distribution of energy, of the power that is generated. I am pleased that the Minister, Mr. Curley, indicated that the present NCPC employees need not concern themselves about whether they are going to be able to retain a particular role in a power corporation and I would certainly welcome these federal employees to come onto the territorial bureaucracy so that there can be continuity in what goes on.

Obviously the location is going to be a problem. I need not go into any great detail on that. It has been talked about for a number of years. I want to again reiterate what I had said previously, that it should be the result of a hard look by the Executive Council at the economic basis. Some will say that the location should be a central location because of communication. But in the year 1986, communications are not the same as they would be 20 years ago, even 10 years ago. All economic factors have to be looked at before this particular decision is made. I do not presuppose to indicate to the Executive Council, where they set up the headquarters, I simply want to merely endorse the proposal put forth by the town of Fort Smith. I do not think it is good enough to say that it should come to Yellowknife because, as things go on, other particular communities can get their share of things. My concern is not whether we will get them but when we would get our particular share.

Information Paper On Protection Of Public Interest

In the Commissioner's Address, Mr. Speaker, mention was made that there would be a public information paper produced by the government to help quell, if you like, public reaction to devolution and to other particular matters that are now to the forefront, on how this government intends to protect the public interest. This was raised with the issue of the subagreement that caused some concern amongst a number of people of this House. I believe that the Nunavut government, when it comes about, should work for all people of Nunavut with regard to opportunities and I know full well that it will. I do not believe it should be an organization outside of government that would protect the interest of Nunavut citizens. That is the crux of the problem, in my opinion, with the subagreement.

Land claims are the business of native organizations and the federal government. The public interest is a concern of northern government and the federal government. The devolution of particular programs is, of course, the public interest of all northerners. However, if I raise a concern over a principle that I do not agree with, I do not think anyone can tell me that if I do

not like it that I should take off. I am a Canadian citizen, maybe not as lucky as other people because I was born here; I did not make the choice to come here. I sometimes have a little bit of jealousy in me when I see that people have come to Canada and have chosen Canada to be their country, whereas I, because I was born in Canada, I am a Canadian citizen. I think those who have made the choice to come to Canada should recognize that there are others who have been born here. As far as I know the Northwest Territories is part of Canada and one of the things in our constitution, like it or not, is the mobility of Canadians, anywhere in Canada. I can live where I like, where I please, in Canada. Thank God for that. Thank God for the Canadian Constitution.

Since I can own land nearly anywhere in Canada, I can have a say in how government operates. I think that the concerns that were raised by Members in this House about particular subagreements made the point that the government was ready and prepared to come back to answer those concerns. A motion that was made in this House in the past week to resurrect that particular problem, I saw no need for. I do not say that because the Member who put forth the motion is not here.

MR. RICHARD: You would have said it anyway.

MR. McCALLUM: I would have said it anyway.

---Laughter

But I was satisfied after raising the concerns that they were going to be clarified by the government in a public paper and by the statements that were made by the Government Leader and by Members opposite. I want to assure the government that as a Canadian citizen and a citizen of the Northwest Territories who wants a say in how the government operates, that I will continue to press for that kind of satisfaction. When I raise an issue I hope that I would get that kind of satisfaction that I believe was given to us. And so I saw no need to resurrect the whole thing with a motion made by the Member for Nunakput.

Constituents Concerned With Operation Of Affirmative Action Program

On another issue, Mr. Speaker, there has been talk during the discussion in committee of the whole on Personnel and I think the points were made again with the affirmative action program of the government. I have no difficulty with affirmative action if it is used in the proper way. I have had many constituents in my particular constituency voice their concerns over the affirmative action program as it operates in the regions. That is not just with non-native people but with native people, Metis people, and those, of course, who were born in the Northwest Territories. Those for whom this government has spent a lot of money in education, now find when they come back that they have a difficult time getting into government. They have a hard time getting into the labour market. For example, nearly every time an apprenticeship becomes vacant, somebody already in the government service wants to try another career, and so the door is shut. It is very difficult for people. People give up trying to get in the service of the government, which I consider to be an honourable profession, because they have difficulty in getting work with the government. Not all can play a role in shaping government but a lot of people can fill a role in working for government. There has to be some way, Mr. Speaker, for this government to equate opportunities for all northerners.

On the issue of the aboriginal languages, I listen with great interest to the plans of the government and individual departments. The work that is going on with the aboriginal languages, we will have an opportunity to discuss at a later time. I think it is high time that it occurred and I applaud the government for taking the action they did.

With regard to other departments and their plans for the coming year, I applaud Justice and its direction with special constables, having native people get into the RCMP not only as special constables, but also getting into the RCMP as full-fledged constables. The Economic Development and Tourism department with its new regional economic development agreement and the proposed regional conferences as set up through a motion, I think, by one of the Members of this House, I think shows a very positive reaction to concerns raised here on business, employment. Even Expo '86, how well I remember that one starting. In Social Services, day care, the alcohol and drug programs, spousal assault, child abuse, these programs are all responses to what has been said in the House over a number of years, Mr. Speaker. In Housing, I am pleased to see that there are more home-ownership programs going out, although I have a concern about the federal involvement and the influence that that particular group might have through CMHC on the shipping, designing and the construction of the houses. I am concerned that at this time we are not going to see some kind of legislation that we thought we were going to get at this session, but maybe next time.

Deficit Budget With Formula Financing

I knew first-hand, Mr. Speaker, when Finance Minister Butters put forth his budget, that if I used the wrong term he would be the first one to correct me. He has been around a long time. The fact of the matter is, previously when there were deficit budgets, this government could always go back and get additional funding but now on a formula financing arrangement, that is no longer possible. I still do not like deficit budgeting, and I do not care whether it is the first, second, third or fifth time we have had it.

I recognize that the government has responded in a way and has had to increase programs as a result of issues that were brought here, but I do not endorse or go along with the idea fully that the housing committee report was one of the contributing parts to it. As I said, you have new home-ownership programs, but that is only funded on a 50-50 deal with CMHC. I was going to say a 50 cent dollar but at the present time it may be only a 35 cent dollar. So we use federal money for labour. We use federal money for housing as well. It is not all money that is coming from this government. What was required through housing was to get the base adjustment for the maintenance program. This special committee endorsed that particular direction. We support the efforts of the government in getting increased RRAP, rural rehabilitation assistance program, money from the feds for maintenance. There was a Treasury Board proposal going on, but we do not know what the answer to that one is.

In Education, Mr. Speaker, the language program again is great, but again we are using federal money. The training programs are ideal, especially the ones with the new north warning system but again we are talking about shared money, shared costs. Adult training is necessary but again you have federal funding involved here as well. The Expo '86 money obviously was necessary if we are going to make our mark at Expo, but we are going to come out of that pretty good, so the Minister says, financially. There were new programs, expenditures made necessary by demands of this House. I admit that and I applaud the government for its quick reaction to those particular requests. I applaud the government for not initiating new taxation programs for already heavily-taxed northerners. Again, as I said before, the Finance Minister deserves a great deal of credit for the work on the transportation tax relief and the housing allowance.

Reduction In Overall Spending Does Not Appear In Budget

But what concerns me with the budget, Mr. Speaker, is the other aspect of what Mr. Butters said. That is the principle of reducing overall government expenditures. That is what I do not see in our budget. I look at the increase in new government positions over the last two years, 557 person years. In two years, 557 person years. That is not a reduction in government expenditures, looking at programs. I look at the increase in the O and M only -- only O and M since 1984-85 -- and see an increase of \$105 million. I heartily endorse and welcome the move to reduce expenditures but I do not see any reduction of expenditures in the budget. I see a build-up of personnel at headquarters. I hear requests for further person years in headquarters. I know of requests of senior government personnel who are now involved with the exercise of devolution. I know of those requests or demands, if you like, and directives of people who are now in the federal employment in areas outside of headquarters, who are being told they are coming to Yellowknife.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Shame, shame!

MR. McCALLUM: ...to headquarters to build up a headquarters function, whereas the role of getting particular people to provide that service is in the field. I am not casting aspersions on the city of Yellowknife.

AN HON. MEMBER: I hope not!

MR. McCALLUM: What I am saying is that I am concerned with the build-up of personnel at the headquarters level...

HON. GORDON WRAY: Share the wealth.

MR. McCALLUM: ...and if the government is going to get on with the redeployment of personnel and resources from regional centres, then I suggest you start at the top, that you get somewhere along...

AN HON. MEMBER: Ottawa.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. RICHARD: Ministers. One in each region.

MR. McCALLUM: ...put one of the Ministers in each region.

MR. RICHARD: That's right.

---Laughter

---Applause

HON. GORDON WRAY: Share the wealth. Right, Arnie?

MR. RICHARD: Gordon can go to Alberta.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Which one gets...

MR. McCALLUM: I know that the government is beginning to look at the idea of decentralizing regional person years to areas but I never hear very much of PYs and programs being decentralized to the regions or to the areas from headquarters.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame, shame!

AN HON. MEMBER: Right on!

HON GORDON WRAY: It's called...

MR. McCALLUM: I believe that government has to work properly but if you are going to start providing goods and services to people in the communities, you have to get people out there. You cannot put them all under the dome.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. McCALLUM: Otherwise we might as well all come in here and I am not too sure I want to come back.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

MR. McCALLUM: Lots of room. I would not say it, Mr. Speaker, in relation to concerns that maybe have been taken or given to the Executive Council in the area of trying to help particular communities to develop economic bases, to utilize the resources that are there, non-government as well as government. I must say, Mr. Speaker, that the Executive Council has reacted very positively in this instance. I do not think that my constituency has ever had such a construction year as it has this past year and it will continue on. Certainly it has not had in the 20 odd years that I have lived there. It may very well have had something like it back in the early 1950s when more construction was done at that time.

MR. NERYSOO: And you were the capital.

MR. McCALLUM: Pseudo capital.

---Laughter

In name only.

MR. RICHARD: There is no dome there?

MR. McCALLUM: The government and specifically the departments of Education, Housing, Public Works -- to name a few and not to chastise others -- have reacted very positively in seeing that things were done properly to maximize the use of local resources.

Constituency Concerns

In effect it has been a pretty good year in Fort Smith, better than that. We have had our share of ministerial visits and I thank each and all the Ministers for coming to Fort Smith to listen to our wish list as they must listen to a wish list in any community they go to.

I am most pleased as I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, to hear the new training program for the Thebacha College, with the Department of Education, announced by Minister Patterson. I would hope as well that his particular efforts will be realized in training of these northern people to take a job that will not only do them -- well, under the new north warning system, but maybe in other endeavours as well. I would want to say to Personnel and Education, I am very pleased to see that a long-time resident of the Northwest Territories and a graduate of our schools here has now been named as the new vice-president for Thebacha College, Mr. Ron Holtorf. I think that was an excellent choice and I applaud the Departments of Education and Personnel for choosing him. I really did not want the job.

Society status is put forward by the Department of Education for our local education authority and that is very welcome news and I applaud the Minister for making that decision as well.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Should I take a bow?

MR. McCALLUM: Well, if you would like to stand up. I will get around to giving the bad part later.

MR. RICHARD: He is not finished -- there is more.

MR. MacQUARRIE: ...might take a blow...

MR. McCALLUM: I have some concerns about maybe some possible changes in the way in which Education may be moving but once we get an idea of what they are, and as the Minister said, he would let us know about them, then I am sure that those pseudos that I threw may turn the opposite way.

Development Of Access Roads

My constituency, Mr. Speaker, has a concern about what can be done in terms of promoting long-term economic development. I hope that the particular economic development plans that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism are developing are going to be applicable to a number of areas, not the least of which would be my particular community. I know that one of the concerns that is there, and always has been of course, is to get new kinds of access in and out of the area. Not just for Fort Smith but, of course, for other particular communities around. Our tourism will never develop to its potential until we get more access roads into particular areas. I do not think that simply establishing areas, communities, and expecting them to grow on their own is enough. There has to be some kind of access in and out of these communities.

As with other Members south of the lake, there is a concern about the proposed new federal park on the East Arm of the big lake. Again, I think the concern is that there are those people at the federal level who would want to keep and retain parks as a pristine wilderness for the use of park wardens and the animals and I think parks should have a little more use than that. People should have access in and out of them. If our tax dollars are used in some way to do it, we should have a way to get in to use the park. Access roads around those areas will develop tourism. One of the largest parks in the world borders on the NWT and not only is it very difficult to get into the park but you have to come back out the same way and it is very difficult to take advantage of what is in the park.

I indicated that a concern in Fort Smith, of course, is the location of the new energy corporation. I know that the Minister and all Members of the Executive Council have the proposal that Fort Smith put forward. As I had indicated before, I do not believe that Fort Smith is owed anything by the government. We believe that that is the best location for that headquarters based on good economic sense. I have nothing negative to say about the aspirations of other communities, Yellowknife, Inuvik, Pine Point, Hay River, wherever...

HON. GORDON WRAY: Baker Lake.

MR. McCALLUM: ...suffice it is to say that I would hope -- no, except for the dead centre of the Territories, Baker Lake.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

MR. NERYSOO: There you go.

MR. McCALLUM: ...suffice it is to say again that the government will examine all the factors involved before the decision is made.

Alcohol And Drug Programs

During the discussion on social services I raised issues about the alcohol and drug programs and the possible reduction in programs that already exist in my community if cutbacks were made. I heard the Minister then say that he intends to have somebody go down there to attempt to straighten out the difficulties. I would hate to see cutbacks in these particular programs that have been going on and have met with a great deal of success in bringing about an awareness of the abuse of alcohol and drugs and I hope that the Minister's personnel will be able to reconcile that situation because there is a very pressing need there.

In the area of health, Mr. Speaker, there is a need to set up a chronic care facility. I do not think it is proper and certainly it does not make economic sense to have chronic care patients in a hospital at the rate that it is costing in that particular facility. There are facilities in areas that can be used. I would hope that the Minister would seriously look at those facilities and try to set up chronic care institutions where the facilities are available.

In relation to education too, if I may. A few years ago a number of students came to Fort Smith for their education. The fact is that two or three years ago we had some students from Fort Providence who worked very well within the education system -- so well in fact that they were both awarded scholarships to the Lester B. Pearson College in British Columbia. If the Minister and the Education people are having difficulty finding facilities in the city of Yellowknife then I suggest maybe they would look at the residence that is available in Fort Smith and we could take some of those students in there. We may then not have difficulty with pupil/teacher ratios. Students would be going to school as they had been doing in years gone by and doing very well. I would recommend to the Minister of Education that he look at that particular aspect of it.

This may be one of the few chances that I have to say different things and I would simply want to say, Mr. Speaker, that this particular session has been a long one for a number of us. In some cases, much longer than others. But I would hope that we would be able to do the work that we are here to do without any great amount of acrimony going back and forth but, nevertheless, with the realization that we on the other side who are not Members of the government will utilize the question period in order to find out how government is working. It is done in a particular manner and way simply to find out what direction the government is taking on a number of issues. That is our particular role, to find out how you are utilizing public funds to achieve those particular goals and objectives you have.

I want to thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to reply to the Commissioner's Address and we will go on to other things in the next year and a half of the life of this particular Assembly. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mrs. Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence's Reply

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to congratulate the Government Leader, Mr. Sibbeston, for taking over more responsibility of government. I would like to begin my reply on a positive note by thanking the Members of the Executive Council for some of the improvements in the communities in my constituency. I am not sure what our priorities should be because everything seems to be urgent.

One of my biggest concerns is the social problems amongst our young people both in Yellowknife and in the small communities. Some of our young people seem to be encountering many problems often involving drugs and alcohol. At one time I felt Yellowknife had all the recreation facilities we need but now I realize many of these are for organized sport and the average family with several children cannot afford to send their children to these facilities.

Help And Facilities For Young Offenders

I find that the Young Offenders Act is very confusing. When it was introduced two years ago I thought it would be a better program but the situation has become worse. Even the RCMP do not seem to know how to handle young offenders. Some feel a 16 year old is old enough to be responsible while others still think their parents should be responsible. The Young Offenders Act protects the rights of young people but it does not really solve the problem. It is now harder to punish or discipline a young offender. We are busy extending the Yellowknife Correctional Centre and the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre in Hay River. I strongly believe that a preventive program at the community level would be of far greater benefit to the young people. As it now stands, people at the community level do not have access to resources that would be of immediate benefit to them. Our young people get involved in alcohol and drugs and end up confused with nowhere to turn.

I understand that a new building was to be constructed in Fort Smith but that has been postponed indefinitely. With all the problems some of our youth are encountering, new facilities should have been planned and built at the same time as the Young Offenders Act was introduced. Now our young offenders are sent to treatment centres in the South at a cost of \$200 per day. If we had the facilities in the North that money would have been spent in the North on good programs instead.

(Translation) We need a good facility so we can help our young people before they get into serious trouble. Maybe then we would not have to extend the Yellowknife and Hay River correctional centres. There must be something we can do to help them.

A group of concerned parents will be meeting soon to try and develop some ideas to help their children succeed in the education system. When students are expelled, they have nowhere else to go so they hang around aimlessly. With the right kind of programs and concerned officials we can guide them in the right direction. If we do not help them now, more extensions to the correctional institutions will be needed. In many cases officials say the only time a young person can get help is after they have committed a crime, by then it is too late. We have to help them before they commit suicide or die in accidents. In church one Sunday, the priest described the death of a young person in a car accident as suicide in disguise. Our children are our future and we as leaders and parents must do our part to give them something to look forward to.

I would like to speak on housing. I am pleased to see that changes will be made in the Housing Corporation. Just recently with the help of the Minister a housing authority board was established in Fort Resolution. The board is now in the process of getting organized. However, I still feel that certain program officers of the Housing Corporation are somewhat confused about the responsibilities and who they report to. I am aware that advertising was placed in newspapers across Canada for the position of president at a cost of approximately \$15,000. Was this really necessary? I do not believe we should underestimate our northerners and their capabilities. There are many times that I feel that the powers would sooner go for high-priced help rather than place someone in a job who is a known quantity and give them the opportunity to realize their potential. (Translation ends)

I would like now to thank the Minister of Local Government for his assistance in getting a bridge at Little Buffalo River this summer. I hope you do not change your mind on that.

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As well we will be getting lights and a beacon at Snowdrift. I understand that we are still waiting for a design for upgrading the access road to Nagal Channel near Fort Resolution. I would like to emphasize that this is really important to the hunters and trappers in the community.

I feel that the South Slave Regional Council is very valuable in bringing together the small communities to share ideas and work toward common goals. For example, at a meeting last summer in Snowdrift, the South Slave Regional Council voted to support the relocation of the NCPC head office to Fort Smith. The more we work together, the better our chances of achieving our goals for the betterment of our communities.

Education Concerns

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Minister of Education for the support that he has provided me regarding any issues and concerns that I have brought to his attention. This does not mean, however, that every need is met. I have some real concerns regarding the

curriculum that is in place for schools across the Territories. I am aware that many of our students who come from the smaller communities to attend regional high school are not at the required grade level. Something is wrong somewhere. Has the education of our children suffered with the inclusion of language and culture in the school? I am not saying that language and culture are not important but that a review of the education system is perhaps overdue.

I support the disciplinary measures taken by the Minister with the teachers at Sir John Franklin High School. We must remember that the teachers are here for the benefit of the students and not the students for the benefit of the teachers. Our youth are already confused and should not be subjected to further abuse.

(Translation) My understanding was that when the federal government transferred responsibility and funding for education to the territorial government, funding was specifically provided for native people. It appears the emphasis has been placed on the development of facilities in larger communities, while smaller communities are expected to get by on less than the bare minimum in too many cases. It is only recently that facilities in communities have improved, thanks to the community leaders and responsible government. However, it is apparent that school counsellors are sorely lacking at the community level to deal with the special needs of students and to assist communities. What is needed in one community, may not be the best thing for the next community. We should concentrate our efforts on these needs rather than on the ratio calculated by personnel in headquarters. We cannot base our education requirements on formulas, which is the method now utilized by the Department of Education. (Translation ends)

Improvements Needed In Department Of Personnel

I agree with the Government Leader that there has to be improvement in the Department of Personnel. However, we must realize and appreciate the fact that contrary to what many of us think, work being done and performed by present and past employees in the Department of Personnel, must be given some worth. They, after all were performing work under the direction provided to them by the government. I would like some indication as to the department's action plan in light of the development and implementation of the action plan program. I would like to remind the Government Leader that it should be kept in mind that the Minister is not beyond reproach and is still accountable for his actions.

As a Member of the finance committee, I am very concerned about the amount of money being spent on retiring senior personnel from the territorial government. Is this necessary? If I may say, Mr. Speaker, in private enterprise, if an employee is not performing satisfactorily, you let them go and if an employee is performing well, then they have nothing to worry about. Nobody should feel threatened if they are doing their job. Does this mean that anyone in a senior position who is not performing well will be paid off to take an early retirement?

The more qualified person is not necessarily the best person for the job. Too often people who meet the minimum job requirements lose out to an individual whose qualifications supersede job requirements. This is where many of our northerners, native and non-native, have lost out on jobs with the government. The day that managers realize and accept the fact that these individuals who meet the minimum job requirements can perform just as well as the more qualified individuals and should be given the opportunity to prove themselves, on that day our northerners will truly be given the equality that they so rightly deserve. Earlier in the session Mr. Richard referred to a case where a native person was hired in preference to a non-native. I can relate to that incident. Our native people have been overlooked, they were not considered for jobs they are qualified for. Mr. Speaker, this is a fact and it has been going on for years. It is only just recently that it has been changing, due to our native employment policy and affirmative action plan. I consider this long overdue.

In Economic Development, my constituency is in dire need of assistance from the government to develop programs to promote economic growth. I am extremely disappointed that more native personnel have not been selected as members of Expo '86 administrative support group, particularly at the senior level. This would surely have been good exposure for native northerners to gain much needed experience and expertise in management. My observation has been that rejects from various territorial government departments were selected for these senior management positions. This action in itself did not provide the opportunity for native northerners to fairly compete for these positions even if they wanted to. Believe me, there are many native northerners who are qualified to perform these jobs regardless of what the Minister and his advisers may think. I realize my

comments are negative on the subject of Expo '86. While I appreciate there are many positive things to be gained from the NWT participation, I feel a better job should have been done in the selection of the management personnel.

Transfer Of Health Services To GNWT

Regarding health, if we do not have good physical and mental health, how can we work toward improving our situation in the North? Another of my concerns is the transfer of health services to the territorial government. When the headquarters of Health and Welfare Canada moved to Yellowknife from Edmonton, I thought health services would be better. Would you believe the result was chaos and worse service? The two governments sat back and tried to push the responsibility onto the other. The transfer confused officials in the department as well as the people in the communities. I also thought that with the move to Yellowknife, northerners would have a better chance of the jobs in the health field. Instead people stuck in their jobs and came north. I realize it is not easy to fill vacancies because there are not enough qualified northerners in the health field. Therefore, we spend a lot of money recruiting from the South. A big disappointment to me is that even with the talk of transfer responsibilities, very little training and preparation of northerners has been done.

Concern was brought to me by many status residents of the NWT. This concern is about the guarantees that can be provided to them regarding health care coverage if the transfer services proceed. It appears that the rights to adequate health care for status people is a designated federal responsibility through the signing of treaties. My understanding is that the transfer is taking place in April, 1987. What consultations have occurred in the community level groups to include their concerns and address their needs? What training is being carried out for northerners to allow them the opportunity to be employed in the health field if they chose to do so? I do not believe that the two governments should plough ahead with the transfer and settle for a band-aid solution to the health care needs of our status residents.

Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

With the new hospital being built, how are they going to improve the communications with our native elders who do not speak English? I do not believe that part-time interpretation can address the needs of our people from the communities. We have to review the board of directors for the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital to see that communities are equally represented and management positions are not being merely rubber-stamped.

I would also like to compliment the Department of Social Services on the youth conference, and the youth forum on its recommendations. I hope these will not be shelved and forgotten.

Renewable Resources

I appreciate the full-time officer placed in Fort Resolution and hopefully an officer will be placed in Snowdrift as well in the near future. I am pleased to meet the members from the Fur Institute of Canada. I often wondered about the NWT Wildlife Federation and I really do not know what the make-up of those members are, but they are screaming for their rights. I found out that they are not affiliated with the Canadian Wildlife Federation. If I had the time and money like the NWT Wildlife Federation, I would form my federation and ensure there was representation of elders from the communities. Most of our elders cannot survive on store-bought food and in many instances cannot eat this food. They have to have fish, caribou, moose, etc., in order to survive.

The proposed national park on the East Arm recently under discussion would be hard on the elders as this would be near the community and therefore make hunting harder. I am disappointed with several accounts of the public hearings that are proceeding at this time. The booklets say that submissions must be received before March, 1986. I think the holding of public hearings before all submissions have been received, is not acceptable. I believe that all affected people should be consulted before the public hearings are conducted but it seems that affected people are the last to be informed of development. Parks Canada has said that affected people will be given the final say even if it means no park. If this is really the case, then the public hearings need not be held until affected people have approved the establishment of the park.

I would like to thank the Minister responsible for Culture and Communications for providing interpreters at last week's drug and alcohol workshop in Fort Resolution. Because of such services more elders were able to participate. Thank you to Leona Poitras and Sabet Biscaye. Now that the agreement for funding aboriginal languages has been signed by our Government Leader and the Secretary of State of Canada, I am wondering if more booths will be installed for interpreters in the aboriginal languages.

Regarding the status of women, when the report was submitted I did not fully participate due to constituency work. It does not mean that I overlooked their action. I would like to comment on their task force report and recommendations. Certainly I will be monitoring some of these recommendations very closely and make sure proper follow-up is carried out.

(Translation) Last summer there was a great deal of publicity and controversy surrounding the appearance of the US icebreaker Polar Sea in Canadian Arctic waters. The US felt it was perfectly within its rights to be there and the government stated that these waters were designated as international waters. I was very disappointed with the Canadian government's lack of initiatives in intervention in dealing with this matter. I felt they should have stepped in and claimed sovereignty over these waters, thereby ensuring that further access to these waters by anyone other than Canadians would require permission from Canadian authorities.

The cruise missile is also of deep concern to me in view of the problems encountered in the last two flights. The safety of this program has certainly not been guaranteed. I feel that anything that has been man made cannot be guaranteed safe regardless of the millions of dollars that have been spent. Look at the billions of dollars spent on the US space shuttle, space Challenger, and within a few seconds the craft was reduced to ashes claiming seven lives. While millions of dollars are being spent on the cruise missile program, our people at the grass-roots level are dying slow deaths because of lack of funding and resources they sorely need. (Translation ends)

I feel that the media too often neglect to get both sides of the story and report on issues that way...

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MRS. LAWRENCE: ...rather than the way it is.

---Applause

I refer to the Doug Holmes article in Friday's newspaper and I would like to comment. However, I feel I would be wasting my time and will not allow myself to be lowered to his level. But for his information, the one and only day that I was away from the House was due to my participation in an alcohol and drug workshop in my constituency of Tu Nedhe.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to pat some officials on the back and say what a great job they did but I was told "We are paid to do the job." I still have many concerns that I would have liked to bring to the attention of the responsible government but I do not wish to stand up here and spend any more time. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Members' replies. Are there any further Members' replies for today?

Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 14-86(1): On Appointment Of Deputy Minister Of Social Services

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time it is my pleasure to announce that Mr. Robert Cowcill has been selected as deputy minister for the Department of Social Services. Mr. Cowcill, who is presently serving as regional director for the Kitikmeot Region has been in the public service of the Government of the Northwest Territories since 1970. I am sure that Members will agree that Mr. Cowcill's previous work with the Departments of Education, Social Services and Executive will enable him to well serve residents of the NWT as he takes up his new duties.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Curley.

Minister's Statement 13-86(1): On Expo '86 Cultural Program

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to briefly talk about Expo '86, the aboriginal people and the culture. I will be briefly talking about what is happening at Expo '86. I will read what they are going to be doing in the NWT pavilion. (Translation ends)

In my remarks this afternoon, I want to provide the Legislature with a brief overview of our Expo '86 cultural program and acknowledge those who have made it possible for us to assemble such a diverse and unique package of northern talent.

Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the NWT pavilion is one of the few at Expo '86 which will present a variety of presentations and demonstrations. Our approach has naturally generated interest from other pavilions including Canada which are interested in booking performances by northerners. In addition to the Canadian pavilion, our entertainers will be performing at the Kodak Pacific Bowl, Xerox International Amphitheatre and the Expo Folklife pavilion. The NWT Expo '86 cultural program represents a major commitment by the government and the Expo '86 project to the North's performing and visual arts. We are not just providing entertainment. Rather, we have a fully integrated program which increases the profile of northerners and provides them with the opportunity to further develop their skills and talents before an international audience. These people will be ambassadors for the North, demonstrating and explaining what makes our territory and its cultures unique to Canada and the world.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would like to identify just a few of the quality performers who will be travelling to Vancouver for Expo '86. The Delta Drummers and other groups and individuals from Fort Good Hope, Fort Rae, Baker Lake, Eskimo Point and Arctic Bay will be performing at the NWT pavilion. Further, arrangements are being concluded to have our best drummers participate in the Expo '86 World Drum Festival which will include performers from Canada and around the world.

Our second exterior demonstration stage will include presentations by Manisee Akpaliapik and a group of elders from Arctic Bay; Jane Dragon and Elizabeth Burke from Fort Smith; the Alfred Lennie family from the Inuvik Region; Looti Pijamini from Grise Fiord; a reconstruction of the Baker Lake traditional camp; and the Fort Rae Dene heritage project.

Third, our interior producers stage will feature print-making demonstrations from Holman, Baker Lake, renowned artist David Reubin, moosehair tufting by Bernice and Carol Bonnetrouge, northern sewing by Mrs. Pootoogoo from Cape Dorset, arts and craft demonstrations by Celine Ningark from Pelly Bay and several carvers from the Baffin and Keewatin Regions.

Finally, northern entertainers, singers and musicians like Colin Adjun, Frank Cockney, the NWT Metis Reelers -- I believe my honourable colleague is a member of that group and I would now like to offer her if she wishes to defer that or exchange with the community grass-roots representatives, she is welcome to do so -- Pat Burke from Fort Smith, the Angalik family from Eskimo Point, Ernie Constant, Charlie Panagoniak, David Gon, John Landry, Donald and Alice Suluk, Jim and Nellie Mikok from Coppermine, and throat singers from Resolute Bay will appear at our pavilion.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to brief the Legislature on this important element of our Expo '86 project. In combination with our magnificent pavilion, its audio-visual features, exhibits and country food, cultural programs such as I have described will further highlight our presence at Expo '86.

I would like to acknowledge those who have made it possible for us to develop this unique and entertaining cultural program. Firstly, our Government Leader and the Department of Personnel have assisted in arranging leave for NWT government staff hired for cultural presentations. The Department of Renewable Resources has been especially helpful in assisting our Expo '86 staff with cultural demonstrations relating to our renewable resources harvest. My colleague, Mr. Patterson and his Department of Education have been most supportive particularly in terms of involving our students in the Expo project including a program which will have 20 schools sending students to visit the world's fair this summer.

A number of corporations are also deserving of recognition for their contribution to our Expo '86 cultural programming. For example, Nordair, Calm Air, First Air and in particular, NWT Air have all generously contributed transportation to and from Vancouver. Others, including Polar Gas,

Strathcona Mineral Services, Interprovincial Pipe Lines, the Toronto Dominion Bank, Roland Canada Music and Yamaha Canada are targeting for specific cultural performances. I see this as a good precedent for corporations to follow in the future for they are becoming patrons of northern arts and crafts by supporting projects which preserve our heritage.

With less than two months to go before opening day, preparations are well in hand for all aspects of the project. I will be pleased to provide further detail during examination of my department's main estimates. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Ministers' statements.

Item 3, Ministers' statements. This appears to conclude Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Yesterday, we had a point of privilege raised by Mr. Wray and at that time I had indicated that I would be giving a ruling today. However, when I studied the matter it became apparent to me that one of the companies involved in questions raised in this House by a Member, is Igloo Building Supplies group. Igloo was second low bidder after Arctic Star Limited in a contract that was awarded by the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. Igloo is owned by members of my family and I am a part-time employee of the company. I have sought legal advice from the Law Clerk on this matter and have been advised that I am not in a legal conflict of interest position. Nevertheless I feel that it is imperative that the Office of Speaker not only be absolutely unbiased but be seen as being unbiased. There must be no apprehension by the Members of this Assembly or the public that the Speaker would be anything less than completely objective in his rulings. Therefore, to protect the integrity of this Office from any possible claim of bias I will ask the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Wah-Shee, to rule on the point of privilege raised by Mr. Wray on Monday, March 10th, 1986. Unfortunately, Mr. Wah-Shee is travelling in his constituency with the honourable Mr. Bouchard at this time and will be unable to give his ruling until tomorrow. For today, Mr. Gargan will take the question period. Tomorrow and until the matter is concluded, Mr. Wah-Shee will take the question period. Mr. Gargan.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I regret making your job difficult immediately. But the question arises when oral questions are taken as notice and will be replied to on the following day. The rules indicate that the replies should be given during this item on the order paper and not later as replies to written questions. So could I just ask, Mr. Speaker, whether that in fact is the procedure today and if so, whether the Ministers who took those oral questions as notice yesterday, would reply now during the period of oral questions?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie, you are correct. Under oral questions, if a question is taken as notice, it has to be replied to under oral questions. Are there any oral questions? Mr. Appaqaq.

Question 173-86(1): Availability Of Aircraft Fuel, Sanikiluaq

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Hon. Tom Butters. I tabled Document 24-86(1) concerning the aircraft that have been chartered by Health and Welfare Canada and the complications in getting fuel and you have received a letter from Health and Welfare. I would like to know if you have already taken this into consideration or not.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 173-86(1): Availability Of Aircraft Fuel, Sanikiluaq

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Member is referring to the amount of fuel available in Sanikiluaq for emergency evacuations should such be required. The agency there, I believe, is handled by Shell. We did investigate and learned that there is a shortage of fuel. As I recollect, a request was made that we would fly some in and have it available for those types of evacuations where emergency is required to evacuate a patient.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 174-86(1): Election In Frobisher Bay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask a question of Mr. Wray respecting a matter of great concern in my constituency. On March 7th in response to a petition from Harry Kilabuk and Leslie Allen, two of my constituents, Mr. Justice de Weerd of the Supreme Court of the NWT, ruled that the December 1985 municipal election in Frobisher Bay was void, with respect to four councillors and four members of the Iqaluit education council. Yesterday the town council of Frobisher Bay unanimously moved that the council request the Commissioner of the NWT to call an election at his earliest convenience pursuant to section 357 of the NWT Municipal Act. The mayor of Frobisher Bay has asked me to let the council know what is going to happen. So my question is, Mr. Speaker, will the government call an election in Frobisher Bay and how soon could it be done? Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 174-86(1): Election In Frobisher Bay

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for notice. The government, Mr. Speaker, will be calling a new election in Frobisher Bay for both the town council and the Iqaluit education council. My departmental officials have been working closely with the Department of Justice and it is confirmed that a new election is the only option to filling vacancies in this situation. Legal counsel has recommended that as a minimum, we should provide for new nominations to allow those previously nominated to withdraw, should they wish, and to provide for newly interested persons to be nominated. The following schedule has been suggested: the town will appoint a returning officer; the notice of election and open nominations on day one; close of nominations, one week later; advance poll, two weeks later; polling day, one week later; a swearing in within two weeks. This means, and the target and the dates we are shooting for is that nominations could be called on March 17th and an election day would be held in Frobisher Bay on April 14th, 1986. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Oral questions. Mrs. Lawrence.

Question 175-86(1): Purchase Of Material From Fort Resolution Sawmill

MRS. LAWRENCE: (Translation) Thank you. Under the contract that he gave to Igloo Building Supplies, they bought all the boards from Resolution. Now he awarded it to someone else. Are they still going to buy boards from the Fort Resolution sawmill as before? I would appreciate him telling me how it is going to be done.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I assume the question was directed toward me. I will take it under notice because we do not actually buy those supplies directly. The contractor does. But I will have an answer for the honourable Member tomorrow.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Richard.

Question 176-86(1): Closing Of Borealis School

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education regarding a grave concern in my constituency. This is the planned closing of the Borealis School. A number of concerns about the closing were raised and spoken at a recent public meeting that the Minister very kindly agreed to attend. Having heard the concerns expressed at the meeting, Mr. Speaker, can the Minister advise whether he will be now reconsidering or reviewing the decision to close this particular facility? Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 176-86(1): Closing Of Borealis School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, as I said in this House in answer to a question about space required at Akaitcho Hall for the use of resident students, space presently being used by the Borealis School which occupies the basement of the Akaitcho Hall, I am proceeding with a plan to

reallocate the resources of that school in such a way as would provide community-based education services for the special needs of each child presently in that school. So, rather than describing it as a closure as such, which implies that the whole program is going to be eliminated and the money is going to be diverted elsewhere, I would prefer to characterize it as a reallocation of the resources within this city and to regions where some of the present students' families live.

To answer the Member's question, Mr. Speaker, I was certainly pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with the community Education District No. 4 with the honourable Member recently and to hear first-hand the concerns of parents and educators about these plans. I have since that time taken steps to direct my department to provide me with assurance that plans for each individual student will be in place and will be adequate before any finalization of this proposed change with respect to the present school and its premises and staff is complete. I will here undertake that I will not proceed in this direction until I am satisfied that there is an adequate alternative planned for each child and for anticipated future needs which will ensure that they get the special attention and program they require. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Are there any further oral questions? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 177-86(1): Iligiittut Ltd. Applying For EDA Grant

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I had a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Question 164-86(1). I had asked yesterday whether the Minister would confirm that Iligiittut Ltd. had applied for a grant under EDA for a feasibility study to develop accommodation for lease to the Government of the Northwest Territories, but that the grant was applied for after the contract was negotiated and piles were in the ground. Is the Minister prepared to answer today?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 177-86(1): Iligiittut Ltd. Applying For EDA Grant

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to assure the Member the response is being prepared but I do not think I will be able to announce it today. I would hope by tomorrow I will probably have a response for him. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 178-86(1): Change In Government Contract Regulations

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. The question was raised by my colleague for Yellowknife South in the House yesterday in Question 160-86(1), as to the matter of a change in government contract regulations. I view that matter of the utmost importance. I view it with very serious concern. Can I ask the Minister when the House will receive answers to the questions that were raised by my colleague?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 178-86(1): Change In Government Contract Regulations

HON. TOM BUTTERS: As I indicated to the Member's colleague a few minutes ago, tomorrow.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 179-86(1): Replacement Of Houses In Clyde River

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is directed to the Minister of Housing. I realize that he will be making his statement later on on Housing. In my area of Clyde River I received a letter. There are 11 of these small houses and these are not adequate. They are in very bad shape and are very cold in the winter. My question is, when will these houses be replaced? I was informed by Housing that single housing units will be renovated. My question is when are you planning to replace these 11 houses? Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The replacement of houses and the allocation of new housing for the Territories is a matter that is based on the needs assessment study. I will look at this specific community and look at what our plans are and take the question under advisement and get back to the Member tomorrow on it. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 180-86(1): Low Bid On Rehab Contract, Hay River

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Public Works. I asked yesterday in Question 168-86(1), whether the Minister would disclose to the public through this House his reasons for bringing to the Executive Council the matter of not accepting a low bid on a rehab contract f.o.b. Hay River. The Minister said that he would take it as notice and I ask now whether he is prepared to respond?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 180-86(1): Low Bid On Rehab Contract, Hay River And Question 168-86(1): Reason For Referring Contract Bid To Executive Council

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am prepared to respond. No, I will not. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 180-86(1): Low Bid On Rehab Contract, Hay River And Question 168-86(1): Reason For Referring Contract Bid To Executive Council

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just so I am absolutely clear, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister saying that he will not disclose the reasons that he brought it to the Executive Council?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question 180-86(1): Low Bid On Rehab Contract, Hay River And Question 168-86(1): Reason For Referring Contract Bid To Executive Council

HON. GORDON WRAY: Just so there is no problem with the Members hearing it. No, I will not. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 181-86(1): Iligiittut Ltd., Ex-Business Associates

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Public Works who at one point indicated quite correctly, and I do not say that cynically, that it would be impossible not to do business with friends in the Northwest Territories. However, in the matter of the contract with respect to Iligiittut Ltd., could I ask the Minister to confirm that in the case of three out of the four initial shareholders, at least, that these were more than friends. That Guy Alikut of Eskimo Point, president of Iligiittut Ltd., was Mr. Wray's constituency assistant until at least May 1985 and that David Simailak of Baker Lake and John Todd of Rankin Inlet have, at one time or another, been business associates of the Minister?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 181-86(1): Iligiittut Ltd., Ex-Business Associates

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What can I say? I suspect that 50 or 60 per cent of the businesses in the Keewatin Region are ex-business associates of mine and probably about 90 per cent of the businessmen are very close personal friends of mine.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: That is how he got elected.

HON. GORDON WRAY: How do you think I got elected? What is the problem? Am I not supposed to do business with people in the Keewatin any more? There are only 4000 people there. It is pretty hard not to have friends and pretty hard not to have close personal friends. Thank you.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 181-86(1): Iligiittut Ltd., Ex-Business Associates

MR. McQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes answers are longer than necessary as well as questions being longer than necessary. I merely asked, will the Minister confirm that the relationships I stated are in fact so?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

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

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Oral questions. Are there any further oral questions? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I understand that it is during this period that returns to oral questions should be given. If so, I have a return to oral Question 144-86(1), asked by Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Return To Question 144-86(1): Funding For Equipment For Research On Ice

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is respecting the equipment for the Arctic Research Establishment. The Arctic Research Establishment is providing a scientific research training program to the students in the Eastern Arctic under the sponsorship of the Science Institute of the NWT. The training costs, allowances and accommodation costs, as well as course materials for trainees in the amount of approximately \$238,000 are being paid for by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. The Department of Education is co-operating with CEIC in the monitoring and evaluation of the program while students are on-site in Pond Inlet. The Department of Education is not in a position to fund the cost of scientific equipment for the Arctic Research Establishment. This falls outside of the mandate of the Department of Education which is normally involved in the accrediting of training programs rather than in the provision of support for capital purchases.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 162-86(1): Composition Of Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Board

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an answer to oral Question 162-86(1) asked by Mrs. Lawrence concerning the make-up of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Board. The board is comprised of 14 members and one chairman. The chairman is Mr. Larry Babiuk of Yellowknife; board members are Ms R. Kikoak of Inuvik; Mr. L. McKiel, Ms B. Ballantyne, Mr. D. Ferguson, Ms S. Waywell, Mr. D. McCann, Mrs. C. England, all of Yellowknife; Mr. D. Haviyok of Coppermine; Mr. R. Kamookak of Gjoa Haven; Ms H. Antoine of Fort Simpson; Mr. D. Krause of Yellowknife; Mrs. A. Zoe of Rae-Edzo; Ms M. Betsina and Ms M. Crown of Yellowknife. Mr. Speaker, when a vacancy occurs the councils of the communities and the MLAs representing the communities are requested to submit a candidate or candidates for appointment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Oral questions. Are there any further oral questions? Item 5, written questions. Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question 167-86(1): Definition Of Patronage

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take it this is where we are supposed to answer returns to oral questions. I have a return to Question 167-86(1), asked by the Member for Yellowknife Centre yesterday on the tank farm upgrading, Rankin Inlet, in restricting contractors' camp facilities. Just so the Member has all the full facts and all the full information...

MR. MacQUARRIE: I always find them.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Well, if he brought it in with him, it would help in the first place.

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, point of order.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, to the point of order. Was it not ruled earlier that a return to an oral question should occur during the oral questions?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: You are correct, Mr. Nerysoo. We are now on written questions.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I had my hand up.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. Wray. Could I have unanimous consent to return to oral questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The policy of restricting contractors to specific facilities is one that has been done primarily at the request of the business community, the Northwest Territories Business Council and the commercial accommodations policy is one that was worked out between ourselves and the Department of Economic Development. Essentially what that policy says is that when the government tenders contracts in a particular community, if there are commercial accommodation facilities in that community, then we encourage the contractors to use those facilities. We do not direct them or do not instruct them to use these facilities, we encourage them to use the facilities, but what we do do is we restrict them from using government buildings or facilities that they may be constructing. We have had a problem in the past with contractors building houses, finishing one house and then moving into it, and because the government is supportive of commercial accommodation and through many of its loan programs support them, we felt it was only right that we should direct our contracts toward those facilities.

In the case of Rankin Inlet. The Rankin Inlet Lodge or Siniktarvik, has been the only facility that has been used, historically, for this purpose. In fact this Legislative Assembly stayed there the last time they were there because it is the only hotel in town that we are aware of. The project engineer, Mr. Burns, on January 24th called DPW in Rankin Inlet and was advised that the Rankin Inlet Lodge was the only suitable accommodation available. The Keewatin Guest Lodge which we could not locate in the NWT Business Directory or anywhere for that matter, other than the Explorer's Guide, was described as a bed and breakfast operation which could accommodate a couple of people if there was no room anywhere else. This is in an individual's private home, so it was not considered, at least in the minds of DPW, a commercial facility available for large construction crews to stay in.

On February 3rd the tenders were called and supplemental general conditions instructed to the contractors that they were not to use the facilities under construction or erect their own camp facilities, but did make note of the fact that commercial accommodation was available in the Rankin Inlet Lodge. The supplement was worded as directed by the policy, the intent is to prohibit contractors from setting up camp facilities. This same policy is applied in every community in the NWT where we have this requirement. In fact there was just a dispute here in Yellowknife recently about people trying to set up camps in town.

On February 24th, Bob Bisset, owner of the Keewatin Guest Lodge, called Mike Burns requesting clarification of the intent of the supplement. He was advised that it was intended to restrict camp facilities only and that his facility was not omitted intentionally. Bob Bisset advised that he had been in business for three years as bed and breakfast with meals optional and some DPW personnel had used this facility in the past. He advised that he was licensed and he was cleared by the health authorities. However, he also advised that he could not handle a full construction crew but he could handle a portion of the total, perhaps maybe a subcontractor.

In the efforts to be accommodating, as the DPW always is, and to be fair, as the DPW always is, on February 25th, a day after, Mr. Burns, the project manager in Rankin Inlet, advised him of this call and asked him if an error had been made. They said yes, if Mr. Bisset has said he wants his facility to be included, then an error has been made. On February 26th, an addendum had been prepared by DPW headquarters. It included the Keewatin Guest Lodge as an acceptable facility. On February 27th, the addendum was approved and issued and we could do that because we were extending the contract to March 12th because some of the other generals had complained that they did not have enough time to complete their documentation. In other words, Mr. Speaker, just so nobody is under any illusions, this was not done because any questions were raised in this House, it was done as a matter of normal business and because of concerns raised from the community. It was done in accordance with all government policy and it is not something that is highly unusual and, in fact, I believe the addendum even carries information about other business opportunities in the region as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Do I get equal time for questions tomorrow, Mr. Speaker?

MR. ACTING SPEAKER: Do we have any more oral questions?

Item 5, written questions. Are there any written questions? Item 6, returns. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 139-86(1): Nuclear Energy In The NWT

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the reply to written Question 139-86(1), asked by Mr. Angottitauruq on March 3, 1986. I will read it in English. It is rather long. (Translation ends)

It is with respect to nuclear energy in the NWT. The question of whether nuclear energy will ever be used to generate heat or electricity for communities in the NWT cannot be answered at this time because there is not enough information presently available about the safety, reliability and economics of small scale, remote nuclear energy systems. Much more study and development work will be required before we could determine whether nuclear energy would be competitive with other sources of energy in the NWT. You may recall that the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited gave a presentation to the Assembly last year of the SLOWPOKE energy system. A prototype of this system is being built in Pinawa, Manitoba and should be completed later this year. This should give us a better idea about the safety and economics of the system, but further development work will still be needed before the system could be available on a commercial basis.

Additional studies will be required to assess the costs of installing the SLOWPOKE system in specific communities. I understand that the economics of this system can vary considerably depending on where it is located. The Assembly has asked for the advice of the Science Institute of the NWT on the feasibility, economics and safety factors associated with the use of nuclear reactors in the NWT. An interim report from the Institute is expected in June, 1986. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 6, returns. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 154-86(1): Pangnirtung Adult Education Programs

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to a question asked by Mr. Paniloo, Question 154-86(1) to the Minister of Public Works and Highways, or I guess in his capacity as Minister of Local Government and Public Works and Highways, respecting the Pangnirtung adult education programs. The Baffin divisional board has requested space in the present hamlet office in Pangnirtung to be used, when the hamlet moves to its new office, for adult education programs.

Adult education presently occupies three portable classrooms on the school site. The school is presently at 100 per cent capacity for the kindergarten to grade 10 program. There is no space to introduce grade 11 in the present school facilities without displacing adult education from the portables. Discussions have been under way for the past year to rent the old hamlet office. Adult education requires space of at least one classroom and the divisional board is requesting the

complete office space and kitchenette for their programs. There appear to be no other short-term options to meet the educational needs of children and adults in Pangnirtung. I have been assured by Mr. Wray that he supports the use of the old hamlet office for educational purposes. Discussions are now ongoing between the divisional board, regional Public Works, Local Government and the hamlet to that end. I have another return, Mr. Speaker.

Return To Question 125-86(1): Fencing Around Lake, Sanikiluaq

This is a response to Question 125-86(1), asked by Mr. Appaqaq on February 28th, respecting fencing around the lake at Sanikiluaq. My department asked for an estimated cost for a four foot high fence along the east and south lot lines of the new school site. The total estimated cost for 1150 feet of chain-link fence is \$150,000. It is unfortunate that during the planning and design stages of the school, the need for fencing the site was not addressed, as this cost might have been part of the total project budget. As a result, I must advise the honourable Member that the budget does not include fencing as requested. I must further advise that the department's recently approved main estimates for 1986-87, at present appears to have no flexibility to include this item for construction in 1986. I will ensure, however, with the Member's co-operation, that until we can budget for a fence, school staff will ensure that children and parents are well aware of the dangers associated with the lake, particularly at freeze-up and thaw. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 7, petitions.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 43-86(1), a resolution signed by 24 members of the Frobisher Bay Chamber of Commerce, respecting their support for privatization of services of the Government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 44-86(1), four polaroid pictures of...

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...a moose that was caught up in the old CN wire, 25 miles south of Good Hope. The pictures are the remains of the moose.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Tabling of documents. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 45-86(1), Second Report of the Public Records Committee to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, 1985.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Tabling of documents. That appears to conclude tabling of documents for today.

Item 10, notices of motion.

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

Item 12, motions.

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-86(1), Appropriation Act, 1986-87; and Tabled Document 37-86(1), Constitutional and Political Development in the Northwest Territories; with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

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

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. Is it agreed that the Minister brings in his witnesses? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): For Members' benefit we are on the main estimates, pages 16.02, 16.03 and we are still on the objectives. For the record, would the Minister introduce his witnesses, please?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is the deputy minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Michael Stilwell. On my left is our financial advisor to the department, Mr. Bill Graham. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Are there any general comments? If there are no further general comments, does the committee agree we go to the details of the budget? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, turn to page 16.06, directorate. Directorate, total O and M, \$5,102,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Tourism And Parks, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tourism and parks, total O and M, \$4,276,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Business Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Business development, total O and M, \$10,553,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance and administration, total O and M, \$1,142,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Expo '86, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Expo '86, total O and M, \$3,378,000. Agreed? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question of the Minister regarding the hiring of northerners or ex-northerners or people with northern experience at Expo. I wonder if the Minister can indicate to me or give us some idea, if he can get the answers, as to the number of northerners who have been hired to work at the Expo. How many people have been hired, to the present time, to do the kind of hostessing that is required, for guides? How has it been determined?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, if the committee agrees, it might be helpful to have the deputy commissioner of the Expo '86 project on the witness stand with me so that we can respond to some of the specific questions, if you would grant that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, you may bring in your witness. For the record, would you introduce your witness?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, on my immediate left is Mr. Alan Vaughan, deputy commissioner of Expo '86 project. Thank you.

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

Selection Of Information Guides For Expo '86

MR. VAUGHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All of the applications that we have received were screened by a group of managers from within the project. In many instances, representatives from the Department of Personnel were involved. Those most-promising applicants were interviewed by telephone and there was more than one individual involved in terms of the interview process. Then as a result of those telephone interviews with the most promising there were reference checks done and as a result of that, positions were offered to people. There were approximately two information guides hired from each region.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the witness indicated they were hired from each region, does that mean that there are 10 information guides? Are these people now living in the NWT or have they lived in the NWT?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. All of the information guides are residents of the NWT and there are 10 information guides, I believe, plus some supervisors.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are the supervisors residents of the NWT?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHAN: Yes, all of the supervisors of the information guides are residents of the Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Expo '86. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Was the film on Expo that was done, a contract that was tendered or was there a particular group chosen over somebody else? There is a group or an organization or a company, I think, in the NWT that does this. Was this tendered?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, as I recall yes, the call for proposals and tender calls were publicly released. Thank you.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Was the successful tender a northern group or was it somebody from the South?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A northern company from Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could I have the name of the northern company that was chosen to do this film on Expo '86?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Yes, Yellowknife Film Society Limited, I believe was awarded the contract.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Just a question with regard to the recruitment of guides. How many native people were recruited?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, although I cannot break it down for the Member with respect to the guides, in terms of the project as a whole, approximately 50 per cent of the total staff in the Expo project are native people.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Further, Mr. Chairman, what were the criteria used to recruit guides? Was it a two year residency? Was it a five year? Was it a 10 year? What were the criteria used in identifying northern people? A two year residency does not necessarily give you the ability to explain the North and the political development or even the economic development or the question of dealing with aboriginal people and their efforts to resolve some of the questions and concerns they have.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, we were looking for people who had been long-term residents of the North and were very familiar with their region and who had travelled extensively and who had a very broad knowledge of the issues of that area. All of the people are what would be considered as long-term residents of the North. In fact, I believe the majority would probably have been born in the North, an overwhelming majority.

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

Recruitment Of Post-Secondary Students

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Firstly, through you Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could have a list of the people that were recruited as guides and also the staff. Secondly, with regard to the guides and staff, were there students that were recruited? I am referring to university, college, technical institute students. Could you tell me how many of those, in the information that you provide me?

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

MR. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, I can provide the list of names of the guides and I will also provide the listing of the number of people that we employed that were students, or had just finished education, or had just participated in education, when we hired them. We do not know, of course, whether they will return but we can tell who was just coming out of school, if that would be acceptable.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no problem with the idea of them just coming out of school. It is just a matter of whether or not they were being employed by our pavilion and whether or not students, whom we were financing in post-secondary institutions, were receiving an opportunity to participate at our pavilion. That is basically the concern that I have.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Expo '86. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year the total cost of this particular project for O and M was very small. This year it is up substantially. Can we get an idea of the total cost in terms of what brought on the increased amount? Last year even with the revised estimates it was under two million dollars and now we are close to \$3.4 million in total O and M. Could we get an idea why?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHAN: Mr. Chairman, there are two principal reasons for the growth in the O and M for this year. One is that in this year we acquired the arts and crafts and the majority of the food products for sale in the next financial year, during the life of the fair. It is also in this financial year that we have acquired the majority of our staff.

Expo '86, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Expo '86, total O and M, \$3,378,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Detail Of Grants And Contributions

Total Grants, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are now on detail of grants and contributions, total grants, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Contributions

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Contributions, total contributions. Mr. T'Seleie.

Motion To Delete Contributions Under Tourism And Parks, Bill 1-86(1)

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion that I would like to read out. I move that we delete contributions: 1) travel zones and travel industry association contributions, in the amount of \$320,000; 2) tourism facilities and training contributions, in the amount of \$286,000; 3) priority initiatives contributions, in the amount of \$270,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Can we have a copy of your motion, please? Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, point of order really, because the committee has already agreed on total O and M on page 16.07. This is a part of O and M, which includes contributions and all the other programs. Therefore, the item that the Member just moved a motion to, is really the detail of the O and M already agreed to, on page 16.07. So, I think you are going to have to rule on the motion and I would think that it is really out of order. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, the motion is in order. In the past the details of the grants and contributions have been discussed as individual items. However, in order to set the record straight, if the Members agree we could go back to tourism and parks. Does the committee agree then to go back to tourism and parks? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Tourism And Parks, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): This does not have to be unanimous, so we will go back to tourism and parks. Mr. T'Seleie, your motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne, your point of order.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I would like the motion written and distributed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, we will get the motion typed and distributed and we will recess until this is done. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): The committee will come to order. There is a motion on the floor to delete contributions: 1) travel zones and travel industry association contributions, in the amount of \$320,000; 2) tourism facilities and training contributions, in the amount of \$286,000; 3) priority initiatives contributions, in the amount of \$270,000. To the motion. Mr. T'Seleie, would you like to start off, sir?

MR. T'SELEIE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In my view, in the Western Arctic the Travel Industry Association is not representative of a broad base of people. This is why I find it difficult to support an expenditure of public funds for associations that, in my view have a closed membership, and in the years that these associations have been in existence, the involvement of native people in the tourism industry in the Western Arctic has been almost non-existent or it has been very minimal. This is why I am recommending that these items be deleted. I do not expect to speak and say much more than that. I hope the committee supports my recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the objectives and the initiatives of tourist associations have been now in existence for the last five, six years. Certainly by now, those objectives must have been established and implemented a long time ago. However, that does not seem to be the case. These same organizations have been funded by this government and whether there has been stimulation in tourism has not been that obvious. I would also like to say that these associations are based on membership from people within the zones. However, the regional organizations, regional and tribal councils, have also been taking an active interest in those areas. We seem to be neglecting those particular organizations which are elected bodies of the region, that represent the interests of the communities. If I look at the grants and contributions there is very little with regard to the development and implementation of these groups. I know, in fact, that some of the regions have been requesting an economic development planner, feasibility studies and there does not seem to be any support toward regional councils with regard to that type of initiative. For this reason, I have some reservations about making contributions to these associations. I just wanted to let my views be known for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Tourism Potential In Baffin Region

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly do not wish to comment with respect to the situation in the Member for Sahtu's region or for that matter with respect to that of the Member from Fort Providence, but certainly I would never be forgiven if I supported a motion that would deprive the Baffin Tourism Association of its core funding. I would like to just say that I support the work of the Baffin Tourism Association. They have assisted indigenous business development in all communities of the Baffin Region, including my own constituency. They are not in conflict with the regional council. In fact, they have been created with the support of the Baffin Regional Council. Tourism is an enormous economic development potential in the Baffin Region. In fact, in the absence of major oil and gas development or mining development we are looking to tourism as the greatest potential for new jobs; jobs that will be in harmony with the traditional lifestyle of native people, as well as non-native joint participants in my region. So I must register my strong disapproval of this motion with respect to my region. As I say, I am not willing to make judgments about the effectiveness of these organizations in other regions but since the motion would include contributions in the Baffin Region, I will not support the motion. Thank you.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, this has already been addressed by Mr. Patterson. For the reason that it would include Baffin Region, I also will not support the motion. The tourism development in Baffin Region has potential, and also in Cape Dorset. I realize that he would like to get our support but because of the Baffin Region I will not support his motion. We always find out a year later that there are more tourists coming into our area and there are a lot of communities that are forming a tourism committee in their own community. This is the area where tourism is developing. For this reason, I will not support your motion. Thank you.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question through you to the chairman of the standing committee on finance. The Member who introduced this motion onto the floor is a Member of that committee. I am just wondering if this motion was approved by the standing committee on finance when they discussed this particular budget item or whether any discussion of this nature occurred on that occasion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The chairman of the standing committee on finance, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, during the discussion of the financing for tourism and parks, Mr. T'Seleie did in fact raise this particular topic at the time. Without going into the actual quotes, he was concerned at that time that his particular constituency was lumped together with Inuvik and Beaufort and there was not enough money now, to set up another association. He had indicated then that people in his constituency did not feel that it is appropriate that somebody from Inuvik should be involved with tourism in his area. So in point of fact he did raise the issue at the time. It was not a recommendation of the standing committee on finance but Mr. T'Seleie did raise that particular issue at that time. I can give you the date, Mr. Chairman, it was on January 21st.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. T'Seleie is consistent.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I believe we are speaking to the motion and I would like to ask the Members to refrain from asking questions on that too. Mr. Butters.

Negative Versus Positive Approach

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I understand, from the response of the deputy chairman of the standing committee on finance, that it is not a recommendation of the standing committee nor was it put as a motion before the standing committee. I would suggest that if this motion carried it would be an example, in the extreme, of tearing your neighbour's house down to build your own. And it would also mean a body blow to the tourist industry of the Northwest Territories, as it currently exists. It seems to me that if the Member has some suggestions on how funds should be used differently, than is currently provided in the budget, then the approach is to make those suggestions and make positive recommendations rather than the destructive and negative one of actually deleting the money from the budget process entirely.

So I will not support the motion obviously. I am quite sure none of the Executive Members will support the motion and from what I understand very few, if any, of the standing committee on finance Members would support it because of its negative approach. I would welcome from the Member suggestions as to how such funds should be distributed, so that they might have a more wide-reaching effect and positive impact.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also, like my colleagues, have to say that I cannot support this motion in the way that it is presented. In the Keewatin we have been desperately trying to develop an alternate economy. My constituency alone has between 40 and 60 per cent unemployment and we have very little economic opportunity in that region. And tourism is one that has been identified as probably the best potential, at least for some seasonal and short-term jobs. Many of my constituents and a large part of the business sector have borrowed money to build tourism-related infrastructure and facilities. A motion like this to delete the money that goes toward that sector would cripple, in some measure, a large part of our business sector and throw a lot of people out of work that have already made plans for the upcoming summer. We only started tourism in a serious way about three years ago and we are only now beginning to see some of the returns coming into the region. I think last year it was something like 1500 tourists and this year we are anticipating between 2000 and 3000. We are just starting to build the industry and this money is badly needed by the Keewatin tourism association to continue to promote our region. I respect that the Member may have problems with what is occurring in his own area and I hope that he will be able to work them out. I really cannot support this motion, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I think it is important that I do state some of the reasons why these items are important to the department. I think in my opening remarks and in response to some of the Members yesterday, particularly to the Member for Mackenzie Delta, I indicated the importance of involving more and more of the native people and outfitters who are out there, as well as the guides employed by some of the large operators. I have communicated to the Travel Industry Association that they have to maximize their involvement of the native people. I think this is the future of the northern economy, to ensure and maximize the role played by the native people. That is critical if the tourism industry is going to succeed because many of the foreigners that are coming into the North are not only just interested in the scenery, the environment and nature, they are interested in seeing some of the native people, their culture and what they have to offer in terms of arts and crafts and so on. That is what the first item is all about; contributions to the Travel Industry Association and to the regional zone groups are to maximize the market potential of these areas.

Role Of Tourism Groups In Marketing

More and more as the government moves toward privatizing some of its services, these groups are going to play a major role in marketing, not only in Canada, in North America as well as in Europe and Asia. To me, we are not going to forever rely on the government to bring in these visitors. The regions are going to have to do the work. They are going to have to get organized. If many of the Members are not satisfied with the way the zones and travel associations are structured, I think to me that is a minor problem. We certainly can improve that, in order to involve more and more of the people in the grass-roots and community groups. I think that is a goal that I am prepared to take on. But to prevent that fund to develop will only I think in my mind delay the development of the regions and some of the regions would suffer.

The kind of thing that I would like to hear is that if some Members feel there should not be any tourism development in some areas, or ridings, that I can understand. But to delete the whole thing and suffer the consequences in other regions which are attempting to increase their economic base by way of inviting tourists to come in to buy northern products, arts and crafts and to see the cultural activities that the communities have to offer, then I do not know how else we would be able to replace that, because surely I think we need some government support to involve the communities.

As far as the other item is concerned, with respect to tourism facilities and training contributions, this is very important because some of the lodges out there in the Mackenzie or wherever, sometimes get a little outdated and we have to modernize some of their equipment and

their facilities. That fund is to allow the department to put in a contribution up to \$30,000 to upgrade the facilities, as well as to train outfitters. We have carried out a number of training opportunities, seminars, last year, and this is an attempt to try to keep them up to date with the changing regulations, as well as the international expectation with respect to safety and so on. These are complicated because if we are going to make sure that the outfitters are properly equipped, they must be familiar with all of the requirements of handling tourists.

The last item is really the contribution to fund the six particular tourism zones that operate under the Travel Industry Association. The first item, \$320,000, shows an increased provision from last year of \$40,000. That is to enable us to form another travel zone if that is required in the NWT. So what I am trying to say, Mr. Chairman, is if we vote against these items, I think we are going to see major consequences which will affect the northern economy. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can understand the feeling that Mr. T'Seleie has. Maybe it is time the government reviews some of these organizations to make sure that all communities are benefiting from these grants and contributions. I know my two communities are not really involved with these associations, even though I think it is available to them, but for some reason they are not benefiting from it at all. They do not feel comfortable to be involved for some reason. I think we have to protect some of these communities against the bigger communities who are well-advanced and are doing business on their own. They are the ones that seem to benefit, more so than the little communities. I know that the communities need to promote tourism, we need it desperately. We have to develop tourism right at the grass-roots level as the Minister mentioned, but at the same time if they are not going to benefit from these contributions then I think we have to review and make sure there are some funds available. I do not agree with sitting here rubber-stamping what is put in front of me and if this is one of the changes that we need to make, this motion, then I will support it.

If it involves the Eastern Arctic, then we have to protect that as well. If they desperately need that and every community is benefiting from it, then I can understand that that has to be protected. But I am a little bit fed up sitting here rubber-stamping everything that is put in front of me. I think it is time that we recognize some of the community needs in promoting tourism and we should look at these associations very closely. I will support the motion. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Angottitauruq.

Tourism Replacement For Fur Industry

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I might as well say that I sympathize with the mover of the motion for trying his best to have his motion go through. I will not support the motion. In my constituency and not in my constituency alone, with the fur prices going down, we believe that one of the second closest things is tourism to take its place. Even if the price of fur goes up, there is a wound in that industry and I do not think it is going to heal properly. So therefore, my constituents and a lot of the other communities benefit from tourism, both ways. So I am just going to say that if the motion should go through, it would seem that some of those people's arms and legs are cut off. So for that reason I will not support the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Mr. McCallum, to the motion.

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am against the motion because I believe that the tourist or travel zone areas do a good job and are representative. I believe that there should be more than six and I think that is the point that Mr. T'Seleie was making during the standing committee. But for the ones that are there now, to take money, to cede money which is in the amount of about \$44,000 to each one, is not going to generate more for another area. I agreed that there should be more if his particular region is not being well-represented within the existing ones, and I think it is incumbent upon the Minister to try to find financing to help solve that situation.

As far as tourism facilities and training contributions are concerned, this is one of the good parts of this particular program. There are a lot of people coming in and out of the Territories and it is time for people to learn how to deal with tourists, in restaurants, in management and staff for tourism facilities. To delete the money that would provide training for people to get jobs, even if they are only seasonal, is not a step in the right direction. If there are priority

programs that the Minister has within tourism and parks, that the travel zones can, in fact, deliver, that again means more for people in particular communities. If there are areas in the Territories that are not being represented by the existing six travel zones, then I suggest a motion from this committee to the Minister to provide more funding would be more appropriate.

But I certainly do not want to see money taken away from training that is now ongoing. In fact there was a program just finished four or five weeks ago, if that, at Thebacha College, for the training of management and staff for tourism facilities. There are programs that go on. People from communities come in and take these short-term courses. I think they are two to three weeks and they are put on either by the travel association or the hotels to help people get proper training. So I am not in favour of deleting it but I am in favour of pressing the Minister to try to find funding that will satisfy, not only Mr. T'Seleie's area, but any other area that is not particularly well-represented. But to take away from existing travel zones that do a good job and do provide a lot of help for particular communities that want to get into the tourism business and to take away money that would train northerners to get into this particular activity, I do not think that is a step in the right direction at all. Thank you.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess the motion as proposed by the mover is one that I have extreme difficulty supporting. Yesterday I spoke about the importance that I feel the development of the renewable resource sector would have and the economic benefits that would accrue, particularly to those people that have been long-time residents and have been long-term hunters and trappers. And that it can influence or provide an opportunity for those people to begin participating in the economic development of the Northwest Territories.

Crisis In Non-Renewable Resources Sector

I also mentioned the concern that I had with regard to the reduction of non-renewable resource development in the Northwest Territories and the fact that we are going to be faced with and we are facing now, the very serious crisis with regard to the developments that are occurring with regard to non-renewable resources. Our whole hunting and trapping, particularly the fur industry, has suffered greatly from the problems that have been created by the anti-fur groups that have fought to create a problem for our fur industry. There is one opportunity that we do have, with regard to developing our renewable resources, taking advantage of the wealth that we have in the land of the Northwest Territories. It is within the tourism industry and we ought to do everything we can to encourage the development of the industry, as well as encourage more participation from other communities that are not at this particular time participating in the tourist industry associations. I must say that in my particular area where we have had the opportunity to develop our tourist industry, the communities have been at somewhat of a disadvantage.

I think one thing we can do is to improve the opportunity for the communities to participate, as opposed to taking it away. I think it is crucial at this particular time to consider some other opportunities that we might have to develop and as such I find it very difficult to support the motion by withdrawing the funds. As was pointed out, if we were increasing or looking for further funds to increase the participation of more and more communities I could support that type of a motion.

Motion To Delete Contributions Under Tourism And Parks, Bill 1-86(1), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour please raise your hand. Opposed, if any? Would you keep your hands up please? Thank you very much. This motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion To Provide Contributions To Regional Councils Involved In Tourism Development, Bill 1-86(1), Carried

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to introduce a motion and this is the way the motion reads. I move that the Executive Council consider providing contributions to regional councils where the regional councils have been given the responsibility for developing strategies and plans for the development of the tourism sector.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Can we have a copy of your motion? Mr. Nerysoo, your motion is in order. To the motion.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that one of the frustrations that certainly has been expressed is the question of the organizations that are involved in receiving contributions from this particular area. I think that some of the regional councils have taken on the responsibility and have been given the responsibility for developing strategies and plans. I feel that it is necessary to allow the Minister the opportunity to consider such funding requests from the regional councils that have been given the responsibility. I do realize that it probably does not go far enough, in that there might be other organizations that might be interested in funds, but it still allows that opportunity for the Minister to consider the provision of contributions and funds and assistance to the regional councils that would be involved in the development of such plans for the development of the tourism sector. I would encourage the Minister to consider such a request and to look favourably upon allowing regional councils, in those cases where they have been given the responsibility for developing an economic plan which includes renewable and non-renewable resources, to substitute as the travel zone association. I believe those contributions and the recognition of that particular responsibility would receive favourable response from the communities that are affected.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Total Contributions, Agreed

Thank you. We are back to page 16.11, grants and contributions. Total contributions, \$3,773,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Grants And Contributions

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total grants and contributions, \$3,823,000. Agreed? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask a question about the support services to settlement co-operatives in conjunction with the Government of Canada, the \$125,000 that we see here. Can the Minister indicate if included in this figure or this line item is the money that was given to the ACL for subsidizing the Inuvik Parka Enterprises in recent months? Is that money that is provided to ACL to keep that operation going? Does it come under this particular line item? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, this particular program is permanently based in our base funding to give support programs to some of the co-operatives that are in regular financial difficulty, along with some of the federal government. The one that you referred to is going to be addressed in the supplementary estimates. It is in the \$200,000 figure but I will be making a major statement on co-ops before the end of this session...

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the Member agree then that we defer this until the Minister makes his statement? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know when the Minister is going to make a major statement on the ACL enterprise and the funds that are going to it from our government. Is it within the week or a shorter timeframe than that? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope to make the statement as early as possible but it is really up to my Executive colleagues to consider the issue that we have brought before them. Hopefully before the end of the week is my plan but the Executive Council's agenda is pretty hectic these days. If we can find the time I will be attempting to get through some of the major decisions that are required and once that has been cleared then I will be in a position to make a statement. We have had discussions with the federal Department of Indian Affairs and I can tell the Member that we are very close to concluding a major proposal. We will be making an announcement shortly. Thank you.

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

Core Funding

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on the core funding. What economic development organizations are you assisting here under this core funding? How do they go about accessing this particular fund? I have a further question on the next item, which is venture capital, to get an idea from the Minister if any money has been allocated at the present time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we do have a policy guiding us on that and that financial assistance is granted or contributed to mainly the regional zone, regional economic groups such as Baffin. The contribution goes toward their annual meetings on economic matters, the Baffin Region economic development conference, for instance. Last fall there was a Deh Cho Regional Council economic development meeting. We contributed funds toward that. The other contributions are toward Kitikmeot and Keewatin as well. Mainly we have attempted to provide it to regional chambers of commerce groups rather than local groups so that it can have an impact on the region, rather than on the local communities.

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

Venture Capital

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the venture capital, has any funding been allocated from that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Stilwell.

MR. STILWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To date, no funds have been allocated for venture capital. The program has been finalized. All of the procedures are now in place. The applications are being solicited for funding for venture capital and we expect that by the beginning of April we will have received concrete proposals for funding. We have a number of preliminary indications of extreme interest in it but at this point in time we have not yet given out any funding for venture capital. The Opportunities Canada seminar that is happening in Toronto right at this moment, which Mr. Curley spoke of earlier, we expect will generate a number of proposals and the brochure on investment in the NWT was developed for that purpose.

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

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister indicated that there were policies in place for the core funding. Are there policies as well for the venture capital? Have these been developed and are they now in place? I think it might be of interest to some Members that these policies are public and we should be able to get copies of them if it were possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do believe I made a major statement on the venture capital policy. My recollection is that I did table that policy statement and the policy that has been approved by the Executive Council in November in the fall session.

Total Grants And Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total grants and contributions, \$3,823,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): From pages 16.13 to 16.18 are information items. Are there any questions? Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion To Provide Funding For Access Roads Through EDA, Bill 1-86(1), Carried

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During our discussions in the standing committee on finance we did agree on a recommendation that we wish to make to the Minister so therefore I would like, Mr. Chairman, to move that the committee recommends that the Minister pursue an access component under the new economic regional development agreement to provide incremental funding for the roads program.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This particular motion was also a motion that we recommended to the Minister of Public Works and Highways, who will be involved in some of the discussions that are going on with regard to the new economic regional development agreement. There is some concern with regard to our ability to encourage multiple use of roads in the NWT and we think that if there is one area that we can consider utilizing federal funds, other than funds that have been identified for the particular purpose of road construction, that we might be able to utilize funds under this particular program, to promote such things as community development, resource development, allow for forestry access and also to develop our tourism potential. So it is our recommendation that the Minister consider that particular element and component in the discussions and negotiations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. Those in favour? Opposed, if any? This motion is carried.

---Carried

We are still on information items. Mr. Richard.

Revenues And Recoveries From Expo '86

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, on pages 16.16 and 16.17 there are some projections of revenues and recoveries from the Expo project. I wanted to ask the Minister for a current update on his little wager with Mr. MacQuarrie. This time last year when we were looking at the budget, the Minister was asked to give an estimate of a worst case scenario and the terms of the bet were that the Expo project could not run a deficit of four million dollars any more than a whale could give birth to a walrus. By my calculations from this information, the total expenditures in the last two years and expenditures projected for this coming year, total some \$9.3 million and I believe there is another supplementary coming forward with another \$474,000, which by my calculations makes a total in excess of \$9.8 million. These recoveries and revenues which I am sure are just projections because of the total over the last two years, revenues and recoveries and projections for the coming year, it is an even six million dollars in recoveries and revenues. So the net figure, if my calculations are right, Mr. Chairman, the net cost to the government is \$3,833,000, which is getting close to four million. Of the six million recoveries and revenues that are projected, \$5.4 million is for this coming year. I do not know if there are other costs in other departments; I know there are some minor costs in Education. What is the current status of the net cost to our government of the Expo project? Has it reached four million dollars yet in the department's projections or has it exceeded four million dollars?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think our estimates are pretty accurate and if we are to expect any unusual labour or pregnancy, I would assure the Member that if we have to abort, it would have to be a normal abortion, not something strange. So Mr. Chairman, as far as our projections are concerned, our net costs would remain pretty well the same as we have projected before, \$3.378 million. As far as our figures are concerned, I think that the Member knows well that as the project is coming to a conclusion, we have had to move ahead the budget estimates that we thought we were going to expend later in the year. We had to move them ahead, and therefore the budget books would reflect that. I think that if you look at the supplementary estimates, we do have an item there.

Mr. Chairman, there is this accounting situation where we have to seek approval to expend funds in this past fiscal year, which were originally targeted for 1986-87 portion. As a result our figures would probably look as though we have increased them tremendously. I am going to have our financial adviser explain that procedure because he is the one who controls our finances in the department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The projected net cost at the present moment is \$3.7 million. The supplementary estimate that the Member referred to was a transfer from 1986-87 to 1985-86 to allow us to advance our expenditures for the acquisition of retail products and that is reflected in these main estimates.

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

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, just to clarify that, could I ask then on the figures on page 16.10 -- I am going to cheat a little and go back to 16.10 -- the \$474,000 that was approved on the special warrant last November, is it now included in the \$5,117,000 figure? On page 16.10 the 1985-86 revised forecast, \$5,117,000, does that include the \$474,000 special warrant of last November?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: (Inaudible comment)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

Work Performed On Behalf Of Third Parties

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to go to page 16.15, the secondment to the Metis Development Corporation and Special ARDA. Could I ask has there been a new staff member seconded to the Metis Development Corporation? Is this what you expect it to cost you since the departure of the previous person? Also with the Special ARDA, does your department or does the GNWT advance any nominations or people to sit on Special ARDA or are they named by the federal Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Stilwell.

MR. STILWELL: Mr. Chairman, the secondment to the Metis Development Corporation has been deleted. In the Special ARDA agreement it calls for the membership. The department has a member on the board of special ARDA and the other members were decided by organization, as opposed to individuals.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Stilwell. Are there any other questions on the information items? Mr. Nerysoo.

AN HON. MEMBER: Wakey, wakey.

MR. NERYSOO: Wakey, wakey, right. Good morning. I was having a dream about all these moneys I was going to get from the business loan fund. With regard to page 16.15, I am not opposed to the idea of the secondment but are we still involved in providing the funds to the secondment to the Metis Development Corporation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The secondment ceased when Mr. Heron became employed as deputy minister of Personnel for this government. The Financial Management Secretariat has been requested to delete the information for 1986-87. The request may have been too late to be picked up in time for the printing but there is no existing agreement with the Metis Development Corporation for secondment of Mr. Heron, or anybody else. It is over.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. That \$30,000 then remains in the total appropriation for the department?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, that is not an appropriated item. It is for work performed on behalf of third parties. It identifies what the Metis Development Corporation would have paid us if Mr. Heron's secondment had continued into 1986-87.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Are there any more questions on the information items? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: I realize that is third party, then. Obviously in 1985-86 we were committing \$63,000. Is the other \$33,000 then in the Department of Personnel, as opposed to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism? Because it must have been somewhere, the \$33,000 that we were paying. It is no longer in your department so it must be somewhere and I just want to know where it might be.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, the agreement with the Metis Development Corporation was to terminate in June, 1986, so there is no additional money.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Are there any further questions on the information items? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Grants From EDA For Community Economic Planners

MR. MACQUARRIE: With respect -- no, I will just wait to see whether we wind up with a seal or not. With respect to EDA, I understand that one component of the grant structure is for community economic planners. Could I just ask the Minister what is intended? I note that from time to time various communities have applied for grants to hire economic planners to help the communities develop an economic plan. Can I ask what are the parameters, I guess, when people apply for funding under that program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, the way I understand it, the program is to allow the communities with economic disparities or economic difficulties to develop a proposal sponsored by either the municipality or band council, as the case may be. The criterion as far as the funding is concerned is that the limit has been up to \$75,000 a year, to enable that community group to hire that planner. The program has been allowed to carry on only for a year and mainly in some cases it has been difficult for some communities to extend that program because of the provisions that are in the subagreement. But the new proposal, that we are negotiating with the federal government, is now I would think a more expanded program because it would then attempt to implement the plans as well. Rather than just proposing a plan of action for the economic opportunities for that community it would enable them to carry out the plans that they have developed. So far we are still guided by the existing program and for further information I will have my deputy respond. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Stilwell.

MR. STILWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Originally the pot of money for economic planning was very, very limited and as a result of concerns raised in the communities about not enough money the Minister approved an additional \$600,000 into economic planning, that component of EDA. Those funds were shifted from other programs into the community economic planning component of it. Those funds are available in the 1986-87 fiscal year.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you. I thought that that was the way the program was structured. In a booklet called "Economic Development Agreement in the NWT, 1984" which was put out by EDA, I believe this was the ongoing case. I did in fact see many communities, hamlet councils, Baker Lake applied, Deninoo community council applied, Rae band council applied for funding to help with community economic planning. That seems all as it should be but I do notice one entry which says, Cambridge Bay, the Enokhok Development Corporation Limited received \$75,000 to assist in hiring an economic planner for the community at a total cost of \$116,113. The Minister, in describing the parameters, indicated that municipal councils and band councils were eligible for funding. Could I ask how a private corporation was eligible for funding to hire a community economic planner?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I think the provisions definitely must be adhered to, in that if the municipality is not a sponsor, any other group can apply provided they do have a unified letter of support from the municipality, as well as various organizations and economic groups or whatnot in that community. So as a result of that one not being a sponsor, then development groups have been able to sponsor such a program. But I have not been personally involved in either assessing those proposals or whatnot, so I am not much informed as to how these have been carried out last year. Thank you.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Or would it be understood then that, presumably in the case of Cambridge Bay, the hamlet council for some reason did not wish to hire a community economic planner and indicated instead support for this private corporation getting the grant? Is that what I would understand? The further question would be, would it be understood if that occurred, that the person hired under this would be available to the community generally and businesses in the community generally, not merely to the single corporation that receives the grant?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Services Of Economic Planner Available To Community Generally

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I think the Member is correct in saying that the planner must then not only work for the corporation, but sponsored by the corporation, jointly provide its service and expertise to the community, as well as the hamlet council, to look at the various economic opportunities in that place. Not strictly just for the corporation. I think there have been a number of examples where I was quite impressed in some larger municipalities. I remember Hay River having an economic planner, where a very interesting proposal with respect to the NCPC issue was developed. That was impressive because it took into consideration as well, the support of the chamber of commerce, which I think is a very important indication of support. I think we are sensitive to the fact that when the planners are hired they are not just catering to one group. That is something that I personally am sensitive to, that they look at global issues in the communities. Thank you.

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further questions on the information items? Can we turn back to page 16.05? Department of Economic Development and Tourism, total O and M, \$24,451,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Detail Of Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Capital estimates, page 13.07. Detail of capital. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is not on page 13.07. It is a continuation of detail of capital, under tourism and parks, buildings and works. I have to go to the Baffin Region and I want to remind the Minister that during the discussion on this department, when I thought I made a

very innocuous comment about a so-called facility being put up, the Minister indicated at that time that he was personally against putting money toward the private sector. He said that it is not his intention to go ahead with investing into the private sector, that he is promoting a hotel but he said he has never indicated or his officials have never indicated that they would put up that amount of money. He said that we are not going to do it, it is going to get out of the figures. Well, it is in the figures, for a hotel in Pangnirtung. The total capital projections of \$1,075,000 with \$50,000 going to go into this coming year.

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So I would like to take the Minister's words and put it into a motion, and I move that the sum of \$50,000 in the detail of capital on page 13.08, under the hotel in Pangnirtung, be deleted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, again I just want to indicate this was brought up by myself, as well as another Member of the standing committee, in dealing with this whole business of the government getting into the private sector. I have no difficulty with the government promoting private business and getting somebody into putting in a hotel but I sure have a difficulty with the government building any hotel anywhere. So I take it that the Minister could not get it out of the book because the book was printed too quickly. I know that he went over there sometime in January and he very well may have seen the need to do such a thing. Whether the town, the community needs a hotel or not, I think that is the role of the private sector, to use the Minister's words. I think he can help them in any way through his department but his department should not be spending capital money to build a hotel anywhere. I do not mean just in Pangnirtung. So I think that any reference to capital funds for this particular facility should be taken out of the capital and when it comes time, Mr. Chairman, to pass the total appropriation bill, I will move an amendment at that time so that that amount of money is deleted from the total appropriations. Thank you.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to correct the Member on his statement, with respect to his alluding to the discussions of the standing committee on finance. I did agree that the larger figure of \$1,025,000 -- it was the one that I indicated to him -- was not something that I have recommended and I did agree to try and delete it but the budget book had already been printed and therefore the item was not deleted in that respect. But as far as the \$50,000 item was concerned, I remember indicating to him that that was needed to carry on the feasibility studies on the proposed hotel because we are continuing to expend some funds to carry on consultation, as well as the continuing discussions with the tourism committee in Pangnirtung. That is the only item that my department has supported and I personally have agreed to put in this item. But as I indicated to the Member on January 21st, the total figure of one million dollars was something that I was not prepared to support and I was not aware that it had been put in our future capital expenditure plan. Therefore in my view it should have been deleted but because of the nature of the Pangnirtung area which is a very important destination to international tourists, we feel that we should at least have that capital item toward carrying out planning and feasibility studies. The plan is to carry out that plan this spring, then after the various consultation discussions, the call for proposal would likely be issued, so that invitational proposals can be called for from various private sector representations throughout the North and South. So if the Member understood me correctly I think he should withdraw his motion and carry on with the job. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): To the motion. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to be against the motion. For the past two years I have told the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism that there has to be a hotel in Pangnirtung. The hotel in Pangnirtung is used by a lot of non-natives, even by any of the Ministers wanting to go up to Pangnirtung. In the future I want to see a very good hotel. For that reason I want the hotel to be studied closely. I will be very happy if I am supported. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): To the motion. Mr. T'Seleie.

Precedent May Be Set

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I think that the concern of the standing committee on finance was that the NWT government was not in the business of funding or building hotels or approving capital items that involve building hotels. I am aware that there are other ways for Inuit people to be able to build those hotels. My concern here is that if we approve it here, I think it is setting a precedent that is going to come back to haunt us somewhere down the road. So that would be my concern on approving this item.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to again reassure the Members of the Assembly here. I indicated in the standing committee on finance that this item had gone on the book while my deputy and myself were travelling in Ottawa during the federal Ministers of Economic Development meetings. It should not have been there and I want to reassure the Members again, as I did in January, that the government is not in the business of sponsoring and expending funds for private sector related infrastructure and we will not do it and we are not going to do it. But we will be involved in consultation with the community groups because this area is unlike some areas and there is a tremendous interest in activities. We are sensitive to the problem, particularly with the present operator who has been there for a long time. I have made personal representations, as a Minister, to the community because it is an issue that requires a very careful and sensitive discussion. The present operator has been carrying on his hotel for at least 20 years and he is a resident of that area of at least 35 years and very involved in the national park program by providing hospitality to the visitors from all over the world. So therefore my regional staff are involved in community consultation and will also be involved in sponsoring the feasibility of the hotel. We are not intending to spend any more than \$50,000 on that project, nor will we spend any capital funds for that project. That is something that I want to be very clear on. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, very much, Mr. Minister. To the motion, Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the Minister indicated just now that he does not want to spend capital funds. The \$50,000 is in capital. Now if he wants to spend money for planning purposes, that is fine, but to use his words "but for capital contribution I am personally against putting money toward the private sector". I am quoting from what he said. If he wants to put some planning money in it, to take a look around and see the feasibility, I do not have any difficulty with it, but it does not belong in the detail of capital. I take that what he is saying is, he is not going to spend capital money on it. There are obviously other areas that he can use within his department, under grants, contributions, whatnot, if somebody is looking for help. I am saying it does not belong in the detail of capital. I am not talking about the total figures, that he said he had no idea if FMB or anything else is going to approve. But the \$50,000 is from the capital money. If he is not going to spend capital money for it, how can he keep it in here? If he wants to help somebody plan to get a facility, there are other avenues; under business development in his O and M budget if he wants to do that, all kinds of grants and contributions. He may do it but it does not belong in the capital budget. That is the point I am making and that is the point I thought he made during the standing committee. I am just agreeing with the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Item Probably Misplaced

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I certainly agree, the item is probably misplaced. But as I recall, all the major planning components, planning requirements prior to any project being carried out are normally included in the overall budget of any major project. That goes for hospitals, schools or whatnot, for design and so on. Hotels may be part of it. But our expenditures are pretty limited as far as the capital funds are concerned. We cannot build even a one-man shelter, if you like, really, for that amount. It is unfortunate that we put it in this item. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is the committee ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question is being called. All those in favour please raise your hands. Opposed, if any? This motion is defeated.

---Defeated

We have not counted the Members that were not in their seats. This motion is defeated.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): It is still defeated. Can we have some order here? We are on details of capital, page...

MR. McCALLUM: What happened to the vote?

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): It is defeated! It was defeated seven to five.

MR. McCALLUM: A bunch of dingbats.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Can we have some order here please? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: I guess we voted on the motion. It is sort of difficult to deal with this but I believe the comments that were made by both Mr. Curley and Mr. McCallum are correct, that the reality is those funds should have been placed in O and M as opposed to capital. What we are trying to do here is to delete it and possibly put it in O and M where it properly belongs.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Make a motion.

MR. McCALLUM: It is not my place to tell you what to do. It should not be in the damn thing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are on the details of capital. Can I have some order here please? We are on page 13.07. Details of capital. Mr. T'Seleie.

Canol Heritage Trail

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring up the topic of the Canol Heritage Trail item in the capital plan. I had raised this at the standing committee of finance meeting back in January and the Minister's officials had said that basically this item was being put on hold and I still see it in the capital budget. At the time I had said that the hunters and trappers association and the Metis association in Norman Wells were not in favour of this project proceeding until the settlement of land claims. I would like to ask the Minister whether there have been some new developments with regard to that item. Where exactly is it at?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, the only thing that has happened so far is to identify the Canol Road as an historic heritage hiking trail. That is the idea and there have been a number of interests carried out by the three parties. In my view, Norman Wells Historical Society has shown an interest in ensuring that it remain as a heritage hiking trail but if the Member is not in support of it, it is your constituency. I do not have any major problem in deleting the item. I am sure there are other areas that would like to spend at least \$50,000 for small improvements in their local tourism attraction sites. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I took the response of the officials of the Minister's department at the standing committee on finance meeting, with regard to this question, as saying that they would put a hold on this project until they have done all the necessary consultation. I can tell you

that it was an item that was discussed in the regional meeting that I attended at the beginning of February. It was not an item that was unanimously supported by the regional council so I guess what I am telling you, Mr. Minister, is this concern of the hunters and trappers and the Metis association needs to be addressed before your department proceeds on this project. I would like to know if you have done that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, the \$50,000 really hardly I think gets anywhere. We cannot do anything with it. The item was put in the estimates to develop an interpretative plan for the trail which is really mainly in my view a paper exercise, as well as for consultation with the groups involved in that area, Norman Wells and so on. We have no plans to carry out the implementation of the plan unless the people in that area, or the groups representing that area, are in support of it. All I can say is that it is a proposal, a small item that would have enabled the plan to be developed but as for the implementation of the proposed plan if it was developed, this funding is not there. In my view, if we have no support in that region, we are certainly not going to go ahead with it. Thank you.

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

MR. T'SELEIE: I just want to say again that the motion I am speaking of was passed at the Shihta Regional Council in August of 1985, which stated that the Metis and the hunters and trappers of Norman Wells were opposed to this project until the settlement of land claims.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: All I want to say is that we will certainly take his concerns under advisement and keep them in mind. We will not proceed with any development of the interpretative plans until the concern that he mentions has been settled. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Details of capital. Mr. McCallum.

Funding For Area Parks, Kitikmeot

MR. McCALLUM: Under the Kitikmeot Region, there is \$80,000 for the eastern destination area parks and the western destination area parks. During the committee I asked the Minister and his staff what these parks were. Whether this is where the line of division is going to occur. At the time the answer I got was that they did not know what eastern or western destination parks were. They could not help us. I posed the question of why they had it in there and it was said that the jargon has been around for a long time. I looked at last year's budget and there are no such parks. Whose brainchild is this and what are they? If it has been around for a long time it must have been at this time a year ago and we only have them in the Kitikmeot Region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Stilwell.

MR. STILWELL: Mr. Chairman, the two designations of eastern and western destination areas were simply terminology used very loosely to define that there are two areas that are being looked at. On the eastern side, for Coppermine and Pelly Bay and the area north to the Northwest Passage, when they were doing the study on tourism and what is required there, they just loosely defined this. In effect it is \$80,000 for implementation of the tourism plan for the Kitikmeot Region. So it is very loosely defined in terms of eastern and western. It probably should have been shown as Kitikmeot Region, tourism implementation.

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

MR. McCALLUM: That is not bad, Mike. If you are planning to spend over a million dollars in various areas for parks, I have no difficulty with you doing it. But you said "various" areas in here. Now it is kind of tough when you go through a budget and you have it here, you read what it says, but that is not really what is meant. If you meant something by putting it in, that is different than what is down there, then I suggest you do it properly because I can only read what is in front of me. I cannot read people's minds, as much as I would like to at times. If you are planning to spend \$1,082,000 in various areas of the Kitikmeot Region, I understand from what the deputy minister said, you are only thinking of two particular areas now, but it said "various" --

if you are only putting up these little picnic areas and parks in different communities, that is fine, that is no difficulty. But that is not what it says to do. I guess I have to accept the explanation that what it says is not what it meant. What is meant is not what it says or whatever the hell. I am confused.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is provided is obviously not adequate to satisfy the Member and convince him that the money is going to be well spent. I think we are doing a lot better than ever before, than two years ago. I can tell you there is a community tourism plan that has been developed. Unfortunately some of us are outdated with the new terminology used in the tourism marketing strategies and so on. If you look at some of the tourism promotions that are going on, even in my own area, I am not even familiar with the kinds of terms that they use to identify the regions. But I can assure the Member that we will provide more detailed information to that effect and provide a plan for the eastern and western area destination parks, which in many respects again are small in nature because they are mainly day use centres and campgrounds and what have you. We are not proposing a major park because our jurisdiction does not go that broad. As far as the figures are concerned, we are dealing with \$130,000 for Kitikmeot Region, to improve the area parks and small infrastructure in communities -- it could be signage development of a certain area. So we are not talking about a million dollars for that area. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just so we get it straight. I have told the Member many times, I am not that much of a Christian that I would take a shot and turn the cheek the other way. So no wonder you are doing better, you have been at it longer. I thought that the previous Ministers of Economic Development, including the present Minister of Finance, did a good job while they were there too. So whether you are doing a better job now is irrelevant. You are spending now \$80,000 in there. You are contemplating spending over one million dollars. That is what my concern is. If you had some place you were going to put these, go ahead. But if you are going to give us information to vote on, then I suggest you put it down properly. That is the point I am making. That is the point I made with the other part of the capital. But do not sit there and start throwing back cheap shots because if you are going to live in a glass house you are going to get hit by a couple of rocks.

MR. RICHARD: It's late in the day, boys.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Curley, point of order.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I just want it to be clear that I am not attempting to undermine the Member's privilege of asking a question. Nor, am I undermining his ability to ask a question. Mr. Chairman, we have just approved a number of millions of dollars of figures with hardly a page or two of information and what we are dealing with is no different than the other pages that we have just dealt with. We are attempting to interpret what is required and I apologize to the Member for not giving a hundred page report to satisfy him with the \$130,000 figure. But I will do so. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the issue was raised under the standing committee on finance, under the capital. I am raising it again here. I am not making any recommendation at all. The answer at the time was not the same answer that I got from the deputy minister this time. The answer I got from you at the time was, "I don't know." Three words are all you said. You do not know. Other people said "I cannot help you that much either except that..." and so it went on. While I am getting a straight answer from you now, if what the deputy minister said is correct, then I accept that. I do not want a hundred page book to look at \$80,000. Nobody asked you for that. What I asked for is to get a clarification for the standing committee on finance. That is the answer.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Curley, your point of order.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do not have the access to what I have been asked for by the Member...

MR. McCALLUM: Not by me.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: ...copy of the transcripts of the standing committee on finance. I have written a letter requesting a copy of them. I do not have the privilege of being provided with the documents that they are using and therefore he could be quoting a hundred year old document as far as I am concerned.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Are there any more general comments? Does the committee agree we go to the detail of capital? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Tourism And Parks

Buildings And Works, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tourism and parks, page 13.07. Buildings and works, total headquarters, \$130,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Fort Smith, \$517,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Inuvik, \$220,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Baffin, \$677,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Keewatin, \$230,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Kitikmeot, \$130,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total buildings and works, \$1,904,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Equipment acquisition, total headquarters, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Fort Smith, \$70,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Inuvik, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Kitikmeot, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total equipment acquisition, \$145,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tourism And Parks, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total tourism and parks, \$2,049,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development, Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Business development, buildings and works, total buildings and works, \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Equipment acquisition, total headquarters, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total Fort Smith, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are on page 2.14, Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat. General comments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister has alluded a number of times to the importance of non-renewable resource development to the economy of the NWT and in his remarks prior to the Economic Development budget being discussed, indicated that employment in the future would be a serious concern in the NWT. So could I just ask the Minister if he would briefly put in a positive way what he feels is the kind of environment that northern government can create that would be most conducive to the encouragement of non-renewable resources in a rational way and in a way that will be of benefit to the the people of the NWT?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Minister.

Co-operation Of Northerners In Support Of Economy

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try and be brief. The question is I think of very important concern to all of us in that the future of the North and the economy, if it is to succeed, has to have at least the support of the northerners. In that regard I think my comments will in a way try to at least explain the state of the North as it is today. I think we pretty well can and do recognize the fact that we are dependent on the spin-off benefits from the resource development activities. As a result, as we dealt with our economic development estimates, we see for a fact that there are difficult times ahead with all the other sectors; whether it be the renewable resource industry or the small scale service industry, they are experiencing difficult challenges ahead. As well the oil and gas development is facing a very difficult situation. At the same time I think we have to accept the fact that we are dependent upon that economic base to ensure that the communities do benefit and the small businesses and service industry do benefit from the resource development.

In terms of the future, that remains to be seen as far as I am concerned because I am not the only one that should be addressing that concern. There are other people. The NWT is composed of a very interesting population based on native people. The majority of the native people have a very important interest in the resource development, oil and gas development. Native people are negotiating land claims agreements with the federal government so they play a very important role in that regard. As well, the oil and gas companies are attempting to secure their resources so that they can eventually proceed with the production plans for additional oil and gas development if the reserves are proven. But to try and crystallize what should happen in my view is a complicated job because I think all of us as Members of the Assembly must ensure that whatever happens is supported by all the parties involved. Therefore, to me the most important thing to announce would be that we must co-operate as we attempt to develop the North and that we not proceed with development at any cost. That would mean that some may be left far behind and not have a role to play.

I can say I think the northern people, including the native people, are in the position now to compete with the developers, as well as to joint venture with them in opportunities that arrive as a result of increased opportunities for economic activities. So, Mr. Chairman, I know I am going on a bit. I was supposed to make a very brief remark in that regard. Thank you.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: I appreciated the more extended remarks and it is apparent that in whatever is going to be done about non-renewable resource development, the matter of securing reasonable benefits for northern people has to be paramount and so does a reasonable protection of the environment.

On the other hand, could I ask the Minister -- obviously there are certain conditions that can arise other than those purely economic ones such as the down-turn in the prices of the minerals that are extracted. There are other conditions that could arise as a result of political circumstances or other circumstances that unduly discourage resource developers from attempting to develop our resources. I would just ask the Minister for the benefit of his wisdom in this respect, whether he can provide advice to this House and to the people of the North generally as to how we ought to proceed so as not to put up obstructions that would unduly discourage resource development.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Minister.

Different Points Of View On Development

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I think what Mr. MacQuarrie is alluding to is the state of the northern environment today where we are faced I think with a real challenge in that in order to try to develop a climate for the development and benefits for the northern people, we are again faced with trying to find a spirit of co-operation among the people involved. The other thing I think is the natural forces that are there. The federal government is involved, territorial government and the oil industry. All of us have different points of views and views about how the North should develop. But as far as my involvement with the Executive Council is concerned and I think I can only speak from my immediate experiences, the Executive Council is sensitive to the fact that we are in a very difficult paradox today because serious negotiations are being carried out by the native organizations and the land claims have not been settled. Therefore, it is difficult to be crystal clear as to what the best environment should be. But everyone is saying that the benefits must accrue to the people of the North and at the same time the territorial government, we as a government, are having to face the reality and therefore the first thing that we do want to do is to co-operate and support the native organizations and not prejudice their position, as we move toward the production and further development of the resources in the NWT. I think the most important thing to remember is that we are all going to need support and help in trying to find a way to co-operate with each other. It is a difficult situation and therefore I know it is also a general question. Therefore I cannot be that specific as to what we should be doing. Thank you.

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

Motion To Extend Sitting Hours, Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that the sitting hours be extended to permit completion of the discussion on this particular item.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): The motion is in order and is not debatable. The motion is that we continue the sitting hours to finish the EMR Secretariat item. All those in favour of the motion? Keep your hands up please. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

General comments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Location Of Headquarters Of Power Commission

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you. If I could turn to another matter, I gather that quite soon the Minister or the Executive Council will make a decision with respect to the location of the headquarters of a northern power commission. If I could have a little bit of information about that. I would assume that it may be made next week when the House is not in session. In the past, Members from Yellowknife have stressed to the Minister that it was very important that when the decision was made that future costs of power, the rates that people will have to pay for their power, should be a very important factor in determining the location of the headquarters. So could I ask the Minister generally when the decision will be made, whether in fact the Minister is persuaded that that does have to be one of the major considerations in making the decision? But I suppose most importantly of all, in view of some of the things that have been happening in this House lately, is the Minister prepared to explain the reasons finally when the Executive Council makes the decision as to why one place was chosen rather than another and be willing to justify the basis on which the decision was made?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. That is a very good question. Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I will try and be brief. The Executive Council is faced with the very real possibility of acquiring a power corporation. Whether it is a blessing or otherwise I do not know but we are faced with a number of very serious issues that require a very diligent and careful analysis not only in terms of -- I would say the location is a minor situation. I do not say minor compared to other issues but we are faced with the power corporation that has accumulated a huge debt and so on.

My colleague, the Minister of Finance, is concerned with the figures and we are now at the beginning of the careful analysis of these figures. That is going to take a bit of time. We are under pressure with the time frame because the Minister and the Yukon Government and our government have

agreed that all this should be completed by April 1, 1987. So we are under a number of constraints. But as far as the selection of the headquarters is concerned, my colleague and I have done a very thorough consultation with the communities and we have been provided with very well-documented proposals from the five communities and we now have assigned our EMR staff, particularly Peter Hart and Stuart Wood, who are now analysing and comparing all these communities by using a formula. These will be presented to the Executive Council. I am afraid we are going to be a bit late in that because we have been set back a bit as a result of pressure with this session and the other matter that the Executive Council has been dealing with, mainly the operating structure of the corporation, which is the first item, and has not been concluded yet. The operating structure is not fully concluded but Executive Council is actively considering it.

As for the announcement of the location of headquarters, I would hope that we would be able to make that by the end of the month and hopefully not much longer than that. If we do, we will want to communicate fully and explain properly and try to justify the reason why we picked such a place. Thank you.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Hear, hear!

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: That would be an exception to the rule.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): General comments. Mr. McCallum.

Status Of Studies On NCPC Takeover

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure that this is a general comment but it is a question of the Minister dealing with the studies that he has had done to develop a proposal for a territorial power corporation. I wonder if the various studies that are ongoing in relation to this particular subject, that is the takeover of NCPC, have been completed? Are they public? Are they just within House? I believe there has been a study done by the federal government. I think it was done by a former resident of the North, Mr. Bob Hornal. Are these studies just sent to the government here? Are they to be made public as to what kind of set-up the corporation will have? How far along is the Minister with his legislation, as we are not going to deal with it at the present time? I wonder if he could indicate what the status of these studies is. Thank you.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: I think by way of response to the Member, the number of studies that have been completed by NCPC during prior years have now been pretty much acquired by our secretariat and analysed by our officials. There are other studies which are being carried on right now which the government has sponsored. That is, Peat Marwick has been assigned work to carry out the financial analysis of NCPC. That is going to take a bit of time. That is really digging into the financial situation and what arrangement the territorial government should be pursuing in negotiating with the federal government. We had hoped that all these will be completed pretty much within three months -- that is my best estimate but I am not 100 per cent perfect on that one.

As for the other work that has been carried out there also exists a very important working committee of the three departments, an interdepartmental committee. Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding, the work group was charged with developing a work plan toward the devolution of NCPC. We have been provided with the first rough draft but it was not quite acceptable to our division and therefore there is a further consultation. Once that interdepartmental committee's report is concluded, all three Ministers will be asked to get together again to review it and probably agree to further work required and to reassign the necessary study that may have to be done. It is really to try and allow the Ministers to get together and carry on with the devolution stages. But as for making the studies public, I would have to consult my Executive Council before I can release any such report. Thank you.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can appreciate if there is still some difficulty with it that it will take a little time. I would hope though that when I say "public", that Members of this Legislature would be able to see those particular studies. I think they would be of interest

to various Members as to what kind of a set-up you are going to have, if we are in this business of consensus government where you take, at times, some kind of advice and I am sure it would all be constructive.

Monitoring Resource Development Projects

I would just like to move into another area if I may, Mr. Chairman, and that is one of the tasks of this particular secretariat which is to monitor resource development projects. There was an agreement regarding the Norman Wells project where I recall the government was not too happy with the terms of the agreement. I wonder, what is the status of that? Has the secretariat resolved that issue or if you like, what kind of things have you learned so that if new resource projects come on line, you would be able to lay down better conditions than were done with Interprovincial Pipe Lines Ltd., Esso, if you like, at the Wells? I wonder if the Minister could comment?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Ms Kennedy.

MS KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman, I will not talk about the Norman Wells agreement. Most of those arrangements were set up prior to the establishment of the EMR Secretariat. In relation to oil and gas activities, the federal agency known as the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration arranges the benefits agreements with the oil and gas companies. The GNWT acts as an adviser to COGLA and can provide annual comments on the industry's activity to COGLA.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Ms Kennedy. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The secretariat chairs the working group on the northern regulatory review. Is that correct? This Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat, as I understand it, chairs the territorial working group on the northern regulatory review. I just wonder, has cabinet approval been received for that kind of review and if it has, what actions have been taken so far?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Ms Kennedy.

MS KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman, the original northern regulatory review was led by DIAND and the GNWT participated in several small exercises with DIAND on regulatory review. The exercise then became a part of the larger Nielsen task force on regulatory reform. I believe the results of that federal task force are just being released.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Ms Kennedy. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, with the previous federal government, there used to be the Canada Oil and Gas Act and that is now being changed and I believe it is called the Canada Petroleum Resources Bill. I would like to ask the Minister what is the difference between those two acts and has it improved the development of resources up here as far as equity participation by the aboriginal people and government is concerned?

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

Position Under New Federal Legislation

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I think to try and explain it this afternoon is quite complicated. I think the most important thing that we are aware of is the major change in the generosity of the federal government's energy policy with respect to petroleum incentive program grants in that they eliminated that PIP grant system effective the end of this fiscal year. The other thing is that the Canada oil and gas administration division I think has been given a lesser role in administering lands in provincial and Atlantic areas. But it still has some major role in that area because this area is administered differently from Energy, Mines and Resources and mainly the jurisdiction is under the federal Department of Indian Affairs. As for the exploration permits, that is again another major change where the criteria that the new government is using now for granting exploration permits is based on the bidding process. The more bucks you have, then the more bucks you can give to the federal government on bidding on certain lands for exploration -- they are granted through that arrangement. I think these are the provisions. Also the fiscal regimes as we understand it are giving more tax breaks rather than a grant system because they are geared, they say, toward rewarding successful companies that would eventually be winners in terms of developing a producing oil and gas development and not just handing out grants to companies that might eventually lose out in the end. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister what his department's position is with regard to exploration and leases of land. I understand that some of the exploration leases are going to be expiring, I believe have expired already or are going to be expiring, I believe last year or maybe this year. Under the new oil and gas act, do these exploration companies that were in existence after four years have to eliminate some of their leases, at least half of their leases and keep the other half for more exploration? I would like to ask the Minister whether they are in support of organizations that are requesting the government not to review new leases until the question of land claims is settled, primarily for the interests of the aboriginal groups that do have a vested interest in traditional occupancy and if the selection of those lands is going to be included in the selection process. I would like to ask this government, what is their position with regard to that process?

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

Oil Exploration Permits And Leases

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I find your question complicated because the Member is aware that there is a complexity in this regard because of the unsettled land claims and the present exploration permits about to expire shortly. Our position is pretty much in line with that of the federal Indian Affairs, which is, that we hope to first have a consensus, support and agreement as to how the northern benefits components of the work plan should be carried out. Our government is prepared to work with the regions and the organizations that are involved in that area, and if the communities and regions can agree to the kind of terms and conditions they would want to propose to the developers, our position is that we will work with them. If they can come forward with some of these northern benefits components then and only then, with those provisions supported by the regions and the communities, would we want an oil exploration permit to be issued or tendered for companies operating in the northern territory. We are guided, after all, by the bidding process that the federal government is presently guided by, the federal legislation. What our secretariat is doing is trying to ensure that northern communities and the organizations involved are there and ready to put forward the kinds of terms and conditions that they would want to see in exploration activity taking place. Again, without the support of the native organizations and communities it becomes very difficult for our secretariat and the government to fully support the granting of new lands and whatnot. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: I suppose there are times when native organizations have an interest with regard to the functions of the communities but in most cases this government is not doing too much toward these organizations quite evidently.

My other concern is with regard to land use applications. In most cases, you have 10 days to respond to these land use applications. We keep running into this situation where the communities get them, the regional councils get them and in most cases they are a week too late. So you can never respond to them. I would like to ask the Minister what direction he has to resolve that particular problem because, Mr. Chairman, we are coming up with suggestions from the regional councils to designate a body representing the communities of the region to review these applications on certain days of the month and that all applications that affect that particular region are then being reviewed on a monthly basis. Every month these groups get together and review applications if it is required. That is the only way that these types of situations are resolved. So perhaps we say by the middle of the month you have to have all the applications in or else we are not going to deal with them and you will have to wait another month before we will be able to be in a position to address your particular application. This type of initiative should be taken by this government because this situation has been going on since I cannot remember when, but certainly the government must recognize that problem and we cannot just sit back and ignore it. We have to come up with a better methodology because it will just keep being mentioned and compounded.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Ms Kennedy.

MS KENNEDY: The EMR Secretariat does not deal with land use permits. Comments are forwarded through the Department of Renewable Resources and the Department of Local Government. Basically land use permits deal with environmental conditions for land use activity. As such, the EMR

Secretariat does not participate in the land use permit and application process. I think we would agree that as much as possible these kinds of issues need to be identified and resolved beforehand and if there are better ways to make use of the consultation ahead of time and to find out the information ahead of time, I think it would be better for all the parties involved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Ms Kennedy. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not care who is responsible for addressing this particular issue but for the record I am expressing a concern and I would like the government to do something about it. Thank you.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to assure the Member that we certainly will communicate his concerns and I know my colleague, the Minister of Renewable Resources, who is the Minister responsible for the environment, is very much interested in land use planning and the land use planning commission is his baby and we will communicate those views and try and see that some changes can be made with respect to the scheduling and timing of the responses required. Thank you.

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

Conflicting Policies Of Government, Communities And Native Organizations

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Obviously, as I pointed out yesterday, we seem to be headed into a situation where we could have some very serious problems with regard to our economy, particularly as it surrounds the whole question of energy and resource development. I think the point that the Minister made with regard to the confusion of roles becomes very evident in some of the questions we, as Members, ask here and the positions we take here. At the same time with the different positions that the communities take and the native organizations take, we add to that confusion and I think it is important that at some time we begin taking positions that are supportive of the responsibilities we each have.

I will give you an example of the confusion. In the case of the discussions that went on in Good Hope and for that matter that are now going on in Arctic Red River with regard to High Level resources, the conditions under which those negotiations are going on really are in isolation to the central native organization. We take a position here, for instance on not negotiating any additional lands. I can read from a resolution that was passed by the national committee of the Dene Nation that agrees that the Dene and Metis negotiations secretariat should be the primary contact point for the communities, the oil companies and the government, in any and all negotiations toward any exceptions to a land freeze in the Mackenzie Valley as stated in this motion. Now that is a clear sign that there seems to be a lot of confusion even between the communities and the central native organization. I think it is important that while we have a tendency at times of blaming government, maybe we had better sit down ourselves as native people and work out what might be some of the problems, and particularly our relationship to the central organization and the communities in the position the communities are taking.

As you know I have been concerned about the position of the territorial government. I am not going to get into a long debate about agreements that have been reached or anything of that nature. I just think that it is important that as residents and as native people we know where our government is going and is doing with regard to dealing with exploration agreements or for that matter, developments that might be proposed by developers, particularly if it could support the positions in the agreements that have been reached with or by the native people themselves. Because it is crucial that we know where we are going together. It is important that we know how we integrate with one another in the sense of the positions we take and the policies that we each develop. I just would encourage the Minister in his discussions not so much that he not develop in isolation with the positions taken by native people, but that he try to develop positions that dovetail and support the agreements or the positions that are being proposed by the native people.

I do say that the resource development policy, particularly the development impact zone groups and I will refer I guess to the Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort Development Impact Zone group -- I think that that particular group has been, if anything, an organization that has been extremely successful in getting communities together on particular issues of development. I really appreciate the ongoing

support of the Minister for that organization. I think it is important that we realize that we have an organization that is beginning to work together. Also, I guess the Dene and Metis regional council develop some ideas of what might be the foundation for the terms and conditions of any exploration agreements or exploration licences that might be issued. That could in fact be the foundation for a possible policy that we could consider in the North. I do not refer only to the government but to a policy that even the native organizations might develop for themselves, particularly in a negotiation process. I know that the Dene and Metis negotiations are presently dealing with lands and resources. Maybe we have to get some ideas from the other organizations as to how to approach that but even more so, we might be able to provide from the community perspectives, some ideas that could form the basis of a policy.

Extension Of PIP Grant Provisions

So I am not so much asking questions but really making you aware that those particular issues are important to us. I am glad that you were also up in Inuvik the other day. There is some confusion also I think with regard to the PIP grants because I have this tendency of picking up the Financial Post and in fact I picked one up for March 8th and in one of the sections it indicated that oil firms are still eligible for PIP grants until the end of 1987. These grants continue on so-called Canada lands which means off-shore and northern territories but on provincial lands all grants expire on March 31st. I think that it is important to try to clarify to Members of this House somehow whether or not these PIP grants continue or whether they are ending or what is the situation. Because there are three elements that are part of that continuation to the end of 1987, validating wells, contractual wells and wide-earning option wells. It is just something that confuses me and I would hope that at some time you could develop maybe a summary of whether or not PIP grants apply and to what types of categories they apply, whether it is off-shore, northern wells, and who could be eligible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Minister, did you want to clear up the confusion on the PIP grants?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I think the Member's comments are well advised and the Member is definitely aware of the Canadian problems and confusions and so on. I wonder how he got to know all these kinds...

---Laughter

The point is very well taken and I certainly will take his advice. I think he is on the right track.

On the issue of the PIP grant thing, I think the Member should be aware that not all companies are being granted PIP grants because I think the new energy policy had a provision in the regulations to grandfather certain corporate citizens by nature of their association with the political party. No, I will not say that. But I think what has happened is there are some candidates whose PIP grants have been extended as a result maybe of their positive -- I do not know. I also know that some of the oil companies that are presently operating have been trying to take advantage of that provision but are having a very difficult time. I was just speaking to one of the companies and as a result they could not be grandfathered into this particular provision but the Member is correct in that there are some companies that are being granted extensions with the grant provision, but obviously it is not happening to all of them. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. T'Seleie.

Funding For DIZ Groups

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, on the grants to the development impact zone groups I wanted to ask the Minister how much is budgeted for the Mackenzie/Great Bear Development Impact Zone for the next fiscal year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Minister. I am sorry. Ms Kennedy.

MS KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman, last fiscal year the GNWT contribution to the Great Bear DIZ was about \$70,000. A preliminary budget for the Great Bear DIZ group has just been received and I think that the total budget is about \$150,000. Now then, that portion is divided amongst the sponsors so the

GNWT contribution is a part of the \$150,000. For the Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort DIZ group, the GNWT share of the budget was about \$65,000 for the last fiscal year. The new budget has not been received.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Ms Kennedy. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Just referring to that DIZ group, I would like to ask the Minister whether the Deh Cho Regional Council are under this particular program or are anticipating being under this program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Ms Kennedy.

MS KENNEDY: No, the EMR Secretariat has responsibility for the development impact zone groups, not for the regional councils although there is a move toward having the Great Bear DIZ group work under the Shihta Regional Council. Our portion of the budget responsibilities are for the development impact zone group.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Ms Kennedy. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would be a smart move on this government's part if these particular moneys were designated to regional councils because my feeling is they do represent the interests of the communities and in most cases these particular groups are under the regional councils. But I guess my concern is whether the Deh Cho area, which includes the nine communities from Liard to Wrigley to Fort Providence, is under this particular program. I guess that was what I was trying to get at the first time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. General comments. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question on energy. We are starting to utilize more energy and the windmill energy program was going to be introduced. It seems as if in Baffin Region it has never been considered but sometime in the future, would this be reconsidered? Perhaps in our budget we are not responsible for this area. My colleague, the Minister responsible for the Science Institute of the NWT says they have done a study on this windmill electricity. I have not seen the report. Perhaps we will let you know after we have seen the report. The report has been finished.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): General comments. Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one question. It is my understanding that there is an interdepartmental working group that is looking at options to strengthen the government's control over any resource activity. I wonder what their findings have been and whether there has been a report. Have they identified any areas where this resource development can give greater management control to the Territories? Has there been a report done on this whole topic?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Mr. Minister.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure whether I am clear on the question or not but I think it has to do with the government's plan toward enacting legislation toward resource development in the NWT. If that is the case, Mr. Chairman, in view of the very strong concerns of the native organizations and the present negotiations of the native claims and federal government, although it is important that our rules in the NWT be clear, I thought it was important that we take a bit of breathing space and to try and carry out a consultation process with the native organizations and the government, as well as to try and give my colleague, Dennis Patterson, and our Leader a chance to try and enter into a deal with the native organizations, mainly TFN and the Dene Nation and Metis. I understand they will be meeting with these groups shortly. After that meeting, I think we would then be in a better position to see whether or not we could go ahead in those areas and if we are not complicating their process and provided that we do have the support and agreement to pursue, then I think we would then be in a better position to table the discussion document that I had hoped to table. We are at a standstill for the moment in order to try and give my colleagues an opportunity to see if they can get formal support for some of the ideas that we would like to pursue. Thank you.

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat, total O and M, \$1,232,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): This concludes the Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat. I want to thank the Minister and his witnesses, his officials. I will now rise and report progress to the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Richard.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-86(1) and wishes to report progress with two motions being adopted and requests 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. Richard. Members have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: I have been informed by the Government House Leader that the government would like to change the order in the committee of the whole for tomorrow and Thursday. Do I have unanimous consent to change the order in committee of the whole to deal with the financial bills in the order provided to me by the Government House Leader? Are there any nays?

---Agreed

Mr. Clerk, we will assume unanimous consent and change the orders of the day as per the list given to us by the House Leader. Before I call for the orders of the day, I would like to advise the House that by the authority I have been given, the House will sit tomorrow March 12th, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. On Thursday, March 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. until the committee reports business finished.

---Applause

Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. Members are reminded of the reception at City Hall tonight at 7:30. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance tomorrow morning at 9:30 in the caucus room. There will be a meeting of the Management and Services Board tomorrow morning at 10:30 in the Deh Cho board room. There will be a meeting of the Nunavut Members tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the caucus room.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 12th, at 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
2. Members' Replies

3. Ministers' Statements
4. Oral Questions
5. Written Questions
6. Returns
7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions: Motion 19-86(1)
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bills 1-86(1), 11-86(1), 15-86(1), 14-86(1), 8-86(1), 12-86(1), 13-86(1), 2-86(1); Tabled Document 37-86(1); Report of the Special Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges; Bills 3-86(1), 4-86(1), 5-86(1), 7-86(1), 9-86(1), 10-86(1)
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Third Reading of Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m.

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