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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1986

MEMBERS PRESENT

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SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Would the chaplain please lead us in prayer?

ITEM 1: PRAYER

REV. BRAD CROSSLEY: Almighty God, Creator of the world and Giver of good things, we pause to affirm that there is no government or authority which exists apart from Your divine will. As it is Your will for this Assembly to act in authority on our behalf, we therefore request that you grant to each person here, minds that are wise, hands that are strong, wills that are united and aspirations that are noble so that our good territory, its land and people may be cared for in such a way that righteousness, justice and peace may abound to Your glory. Amen.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is prepared to address this House?

ITEM 2: OPENING ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this eighth session of the 10th Legislative Assembly of the NWT.

Constitutional Development

Since the last sitting of this Legislature in June, the process of devolution has continued in the NWT. The Baffin Regional Health Board has been established and the responsibility for the delivery of health services was transferred from the federal to the territorial government on August 30. The transfer of health services in the remaining regions of the Territories is proceeding on schedule. Agreement on the terms of the transfer has been reached with the appropriate native organizations in the Keewatin, Kitikmeot and Inuvik Regions and an agreement is forthcoming with the Dene and Metis in the remaining parts of the NWT. With the initialling of an agreement with the Dene and Metis, the transfer of forestry to the Government of the NWT is now on track and is expected to be concluded by April 1, 1987. It is significant that in all cases devolution has proceeded with the full participation and co-operation of the native organizations in order to ensure that the constitutional development of the government does not in any way compromise the ongoing process of the claims settlement.

Aboriginal Claims

With regard to aboriginal claims negotiations, significant progress has been made over the summer. The Tungavik Federation of Nunavut has reinitialled a revised wildlife agreement, and the Dene/Metis, federal government and territorial government negotiators have reached a tentative agreement on a framework for settlement that provides significant lands, compensation moneys and a generalized interest in resource management and resource revenues in the western part of the NWT. Final agreement on these points must await an expected federal claims policy toward the end of October.

Intergovernmental Relations

The Government Leader attended the annual premiers' conference in Edmonton in August and for the first time the NWT and Yukon representatives were given seats at the conference table. The Government Leader made a statement to the conference, outlining the specific concerns of the Northwest Territories and our unique but useful perspective on national issues.

The government continues to make a significant contribution to the intergovernmental process leading up to the next and final First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights. We have continued to press for an equitable agreement on aboriginal self-government and have consistently taken the role of broker between the provincial governments and native organizations in their efforts to reach an agreement suitable for entrenchment in the Canadian Constitution.

While we have won an ever increasing role at intergovernmental conferences, we will not be satisfied until the people of the Northwest Territories are represented equally with other Canadians at such meetings and will continue to press for full participant status in all federal, provincial and interprovincial forums.

Expo '86

Mr. Speaker, it has been just 48 hours since the 1986 World's Exposition held its closing ceremonies in Vancouver's BC Place stadium on Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

Since Expo '86 opened its gates on May 2nd, the Government Leader and Ministers have participated in a number of events commemorating the presence of the Northwest Territories and its regions at the World's Exposition.

Indeed, I was most pleased to be at our pavilion on October 7th to host a special dinner and presentation ceremony for Mr. John Hamilton, who received the Commissioner's Award for Bravery for saving a drowning child in Inuvik in 1983.

While the Minister responsible for the Expo '86 project, the Hon. Tagak Curley, will be providing more detail on this summer's activities later in this session, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Northwest Territories pavilion staff for their outstanding job in promoting the North at Expo '86.

---Applause

Special mention must be made of the contribution by our Expo commissioner, George Braden. I would also like to acknowledge the role of the North's entertainers, performers and craftspersons. Since May, over 300 of them from all over the Northwest Territories have made the journey to Vancouver to perform before the world at our pavilion.

Our thanks go out as well to our corporate partners and sponsors, of which there were over 40. Their participation and generous financial support assisted the Northwest Territories in putting on a show which consistently placed our pavilion in the top 10 at Expo '86. And finally, to the more than 200 northern-based businesses, producers and suppliers, thank you, for being participants in the construction and operation of our truly unique pavilion. A report is being prepared by the pavilion commissioner which will document long-term opportunities which we believe will accrue as a result of our participation at Expo '86.

Mr. Speaker, while I would be remiss in not thanking the departments and staff of our government for their invaluable role, I want as well to acknowledge the lead role of your Expo '86 Minister, the Hon. Tagak Curley. His determination, hard work and desire to ensure that the Northwest Territories pavilion would be a first-class show have produced impressive results.

---Applause

The levels of participation I have already outlined and the fact that 1.5 million visitors went through our pavilion are two major indicators of the success of the NWT's Expo '86 project.

Action Force On Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, as you and the Members of this Legislature are aware, the Northwest Territories is going through a period of economic difficulties due to a number of circumstances such as a radical decline in the international fur market, and declining world prices for oil, gas and certain mineral resources. While such factors are beyond the control of this government, because of the drastic economic impact on the various regions of the Territories we felt that it was essential to embark on initiatives to alleviate what will hopefully be a short-term downturn in our economy.

In this regard, the federal government has been most responsive in working with us. In September, the Prime Minister announced the establishment of a federal "action force" on arctic initiatives chaired by the Hon. Bill McKnight, to co-ordinate that government's response to the economic difficulties of the Beaufort in particular and the Territories in general. We have responded, Mr. Speaker, with the striking of a ministerial subcommittee of our own composed of Ministers Curley, Butters and Ballantyne to co-ordinate our own efforts both internally and with those of the federal action force.

It is the aim of this joint federal and territorial action force to seek both short-term remedies in regions especially hard hit by the economic downturn, and at the same time to use this as an opportunity to develop longer-term economic development strategies for the North. Significant in this longer-term context is the clear indication on the part of the federal government that they are willing to begin the negotiation of a northern accord on management and revenue sharing of petroleum resources in the NWT. While naturally any such accord will have to be negotiated in concert with the native organizations, it signifies yet another important step for our government.

Task Force On Program Review

I am happy to announce to this House that the working group of the task force on program review has completed its overview of the departments of government and is now preparing its report to the task force.

The working group has concluded that in general, the programs of the government are well managed and are designed to meet the goals of the Legislative Assembly. There is little duplication and where it exists, it is usually in aid of the devolution process. The report of the working group will identify several areas in which the government can improve the efficiency of its operations.

Portfolio Changes

Reflecting the increased concern for the economy, changes in cabinet portfolios were recently announced by the Government Leader. The Hon. Tagak Curley, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, will place greater emphasis and effort in developing broad territorial-wide economic development strategies. He will, as well, assume responsibility for the Department of Government Services.

Along with the Finance portfolio, the Hon. Tom Butters assumes responsibility for Energy, Mines and Resources and will focus on problems now being encountered by the mining and energy sectors.

At the same time, the Government Leader has assumed responsibility for the Department of Culture and Communications. This reflects the high priority given to language issues by this Assembly in the last session. The Minister will be tabling the government's response to the task force on aboriginal languages recommendations later in this session. The Government Leader's previous portfolios of Personnel and the Equal Employment Directorate are now the responsibility of the Hon. Red Pedersen. Impressive progress continues to be made with the affirmative action plan for natives and now that work is under way on policies for women and for handicapped people, it is appropriate that the Minister responsible for the Status of Women also be in charge of affirmative action.

Education

Mr. Speaker, a number of important initiatives are taking place in adult education for the Northwest Territories. The Minister of Education tabled the Arctic College Act at the last session of the Legislative Assembly, and the bill will be introduced at this session. The act will provide

a solid legislative base for the Arctic College and will establish it on a more independent basis along the lines of community colleges across the country. A development plan has been prepared to guide college growth up to 1990. A summary of this plan will be tabled to complement the Arctic College Act.

A major achievement since the last session was the successful negotiation for the transfer of the Canadian Forces Base to the Arctic College in Inuvik. The resulting establishment of the Inuvik campus of Arctic College will provide a boost to the economy of the area. Training programs for the new campus will focus on preparing more residents to take on existing jobs, and upgrading needy students so that they may gain entrance to skill-training programs when the economy recovers and petroleum exploration and development resume.

Health And Social Services

Earlier this year the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board appointed a three-person committee to review the Workers' Compensation Act and to recommend changes that should be made to bring the legislation up to date.

The government will be bringing before the House at this session a bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Act in response to the review committee's first report. The amendments proposed in the bill include an increased maximum assessable remuneration for 1987 and a change in the way that compensation for injured workers and dependants is determined. The review committee will present its final report to the Minister in the next few months. It is expected that further amendments to the act will be presented at the winter session.

In September, Members of the Executive Council visited Coppermine to open the new Coppermine multipurpose home. It contains space for child welfare clients, young offenders and victims of family violence.

The social assistance scales were recently revised and extended to account adequately for the differences in the cost of living between communities in the Northwest Territories. The rates were increased to provide a more adequate benefit to reflect today's costs.

A policy on spousal assault has been established to allow for the development of government programs. The emphasis here will be on community-based initiatives.

Economic Development And Tourism

The Department of Economic Development has been working on a new economic development agreement which will replace the current one. At present, negotiations are proceeding in earnest with our cost-sharing federal partners. There are now six subsidiary agreements planned for implementation under the new EDA, totalling \$39 million.

We are counting on this economic development agreement to partially counteract the downturn in our economy through the development of new initiatives identified under the existing agreement. This will go a long way in bringing much-needed diversification of income and employment opportunities.

Commercial Renewable Resources

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has also recently completed the carving stone policy which will provide freight equalization assistance for the transportation of stone to carvers in various communities. This assistance will complement measures taken in the upcoming arts and crafts subsidiary agreement and will ensure the input costs to the final price of soapstone and bone carvings are kept at a minimum.

Investment Incentive

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is currently working on an investment incentive policy aimed at the attraction and retention of investment capital in the North. It is anticipated that programs to be developed under this new policy will stimulate investment interest, particularly for new business in the areas of light manufacturing and processing and the hotel and hospitality industries.

The recently drafted trade show assistance policy will provide much-needed assistance to small businesses in their attempts to access markets outside of their home communities. Through this policy we hope to encourage not only trade within the regions, but also to provide means so that northern business can profile their products in southern markets as well.

The venture capital program surpassed our expectations in terms of directing new investment toward business in the smaller, more remote communities. Since the program started, \$2.5 million from the private sector has been pledged to date, and there is no doubt that the entire program will be absorbed through new investments by the year end. Indeed, the program has had such a positive reception by the business community that we are hoping to enhance and extend the program beyond its termination date next March.

Regional Economic Conferences

Regional economic conferences have been held, or are scheduled, in all regions. There has been useful discussion on issues ranging from transportation and tourism to fishing and fur industries. Resolutions from the conferences are being treated as priority items by this government.

Tourism And Parks

The tremendous success of our pavilion at Expo has created great interest in northern tourism. Keen interest in the North has been generated over the last year among potential southern visitors. Northerners, too, expect great things from the tourist industry. In order to live up to these expectations, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, in co-operation with the Travel Industry Association, has been working hard to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy. Over the next year, our government will work closely with the industry and with other governments to implement this strategy.

Another important event since prorogation has been the recent establishment of the Ellesmere National Park reserve, the most northerly park in North America. In the years to come the park will have a significant role in the promotion of tourist travel and in the area of conservation. Indeed, this is an important accomplishment of both federal and territorial governments and enjoys the full support of the Inuit of the region.

Housing Corporation

Since the last session the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has begun implementation of a five year capital plan. Through extensive community consultation, this government will be better able to respond to the needs of its residents by ensuring direct involvement in the planning process. This active participation will foster the development of individual communities and enhance the overall quality of life for northern residents.

The work of this Legislature's special committee on housing has provided a foundation for the corporation's work in preparing a corporate plan. This plan sets out a framework of accountability, economic and community development within which the Housing Corporation will deliver its services. Many government departments have contributed in this effort to establish clear direction for the corporation and the people it serves.

Through a new cost-sharing agreement with the corporation's federal funding partner, CMHC, greater flexibility has been added which allows communities to determine the kind of housing constructed. The corporation has responded to the increasing desire for home-ownership by co-ordinating support services to owner-builders. This government looks forward to the continued success of the home-ownership assistance program and the Housing Corporation's aid to northerners seeking an independent and self-sustaining lifestyle.

Justice And Public Services

In November, 1985 the Minister of Justice set in motion some major initiatives with respect to the frequency and quality of mine safety inspections, investigative procedures and standards enforcement, which have resulted in a major improvement in the quality of program delivery. As well, there has been increased emphasis on consultation with management and labour representatives and with mine occupational health and safety committees, now active in every Northwest Territories mine.

The Minister recently released the report of the Bardswich board of inquiry and made a strong commitment to ensure that the recommendations of both the Bardswich report and the Mine Occupational Health and Safety Board are implemented.

The programs implemented by safety division now place an increased emphasis on the provision of health and safety education and training for workers and particularly the small business operators. Courses and seminars have been held in two regions and more are planned for the upcoming months. While observing progress made in the area of safety, I wish to note the excellent contribution of the St. John Ambulance organization and in particular the young cadets who have won honours for the Northwest Territories in national and international first aid competitions.

Since the Labour Standards Act has not been amended to any substantial degree for the last 14 years, it is now being reviewed in order that it will better address current needs. At the same time, steps are being taken to make more accessible to the general public the services of the labour standards office.

In keeping with the commitments made by the Minister, the office of the fire marshal has been very active in the training of firefighters throughout the Northwest Territories, and a number of regional training courses have been held, with more planned for the future.

As stated at the last session, substantial funding has been provided through a federal/territorial agreement for legal aid in the Territories. The Legal Services Board has been working with the regional committee in the Western Arctic to make appropriate arrangements for the establishment of a legal aid centre. It is anticipated that this centre will be operational early in the new year. As well, the Legal Services Board has been working in conjunction with the board of Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik to select an appropriate lawyer to be placed eventually in the high Arctic.

The Minister of Justice is also awaiting recommendations of the Judicial Council of the Northwest Territories for the appointment of a territorial court judge to be resident in Frobisher Bay. In anticipation of this occurring, renovations have already commenced to the courthouse in Frobisher Bay. It is proposed to put in place appropriate court staff and to establish a court registry in Frobisher Bay. As well, the Minister of Justice hopes to have the new court facilities in Fort Smith and Inuvik operational during the current fiscal year.

As a follow-up of the amendment to the Jury Act, the Minister of Justice has asked the Law Reform Committee of the Northwest Territories to study the whole question of implementing the amendment which allows an aboriginal person to sit on a jury even though he does not speak English or French. The Minister will be making a detailed statement in respect of this and other initiatives to be taken in the law reform area during the session.

Passing Of Distinguished NWT Residents

The passing of our elders is a part of life which saddens us all. Their legacy is the culture and traditions which have been passed on to a younger generation to carry forward.

The residents of the Baffin Region, and Iqaluit in particular, were saddened this spring by the death of the deputy mayor, Arnaituk Ipeelie. A well-known singer and catechist with the Anglican Church, Arnaituk was an influential and highly respected member who contributed greatly to his community.

Mark Tungilik, 81, renowned carver and respected patron of the Roman Catholic Church, died on September 22nd. Mr. Tungilik lived in the Repulse Bay area for most of his life. In 1973, my wife and I had the honour of travelling with Mr. Tungilik to the opening of the masterworks of Inuit sculpture in Moscow, USSR, where some of his work was being displayed.

On August 17, at the age of 76, Charles Koe passed away at his home in Fort McPherson. An active counsellor in the community, he was involved with land claims policies and often spoke out against the negative effects of alcohol on his people. He was also well-known throughout the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Alaska as an old time fiddle player who brought much enjoyment through sharing his musical gift.

In Fort Resolution, Modeste "Mod" Mandeville passed away this June at the age of 78. He was active in community affairs and worked extensively as an interpreter for the Dene Nation. His sense of humour and positive approach about people and events made him a popular community figure.

Ernie Lyall, community leader, interpreter and explorer, died at his Spence Bay home in August at the age of 76. He served the Hudson's Bay for many years and in 1949 established the post at Spence Bay. In 1980, Mr. Lyall and his wife Nipisha, who survives him, received the Commissioner's Award for public service.

Philip (Bonnetrouge) Menicoche was born and raised in Fort Providence but lived most of his life in Fort Simpson. A respected elder, who shared his knowledge by participating at many native organization meetings, he passed away in August after a lengthy battle with cancer.

In honouring these northerners for adding so much to the quality of our lives, I pay particular tribute to our elders and the direction they have given to our society. I am sure all Members join with me in extending our sympathy to their families and communities.

Commissioner's Awards

Through the medium of the Commissioner's Awards, individuals may be recognized who have distinguished themselves through exceptional public service or by acts of bravery. Today I am pleased to announce that the Commissioner's Award for public service at the highest level is to be presented jointly to Marie and Francis Ayah of Fort Franklin. This is in recognition of the services Marie performed as a midwife, assisted on particularly difficult occasions by her husband Francis, for the people of the Great Bear Lake area over a period of 35 years prior to the availability of regular medical services. Over the years they assisted with the delivery of more than 260 children and helped to nurse to good health many people in the Fort Franklin community.

As well, I am pleased to announce the Commissioner's Award for public service at the second level to Simon Anaviapik of Pond Inlet. This is in recognition of his contribution to bridging the gap between Inuit and southern culture in the area of scientific research and ice studies in particular. His strong leadership was recognized in 1980 when he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Brock University.

Stephen Koonark, also of Pond Inlet, is to be presented with a letter of commendation for his work at the Arctic Research Establishment and for his motivation of young Inuit to participate in scientific activities. Much more will be said about the above-noted contributions at the time of the awards presentation.

---Applause

Sessional Legislation

During this session a legislative program of nine bills will be introduced for your consideration. Amendments to the following acts will be advanced: Income Tax, Public Service and Workers' Compensation. New bills include the Arctic College Act, Elections Act, Forest Management Act and Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 1986-87. Two financial bills will be presented: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1985-86 and Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1986-87.

The government considers these bills essential to the good conduct of government business. I recommend the passage of each of these acts. I now commend to you for your earnest consideration and wise judgment the business of this House as I declare open the eighth session of the 10th Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Be seated, please. Item 3, today's Orders of the Day, Wednesday, October 15th, Ministers' Statements. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to announce to the Members of the Legislative Assembly and to the public -- when the NWT pavilion started in Expo '86 up until today, to the closing date of October 13th, the number of people were 1.525 million visitors from the world that attended the NWT pavilion. (Translation ends)

Thank you. We can have the privilege and honour along with...

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Curley. Our new rules come into effect today with regard to Ministers' statements. Yours was not filed as per the requirement and unless it is an emergency of an urgent nature then it cannot be received. So I would rule your statement out of order at this time. You will get to review the matter with the Clerk with regard to getting your Ministers' statements prepared ahead of time so that they can be...

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

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have the facts that the statement was presented to the appropriate officials at least one hour and a half before I was to make the statement. I had the honour of finalizing it at 1:00 o'clock and it was presented to the officials so it really is not my fault. I did meet the requirement but the problem is within the staff of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: My office reports that they have not received it and it has not been translated. Are there any further Ministers' statements?

Item 4, Members' statements. There do not appear to be any Members' statements for today.

Item 5, oral questions. There do not appear to be any oral questions for today.

Item 6, written questions. Item 7, petitions. Mr. Pudluk.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions here from Arctic Bay. There are 103 names on Petition 1-86(2) requesting grade 10 level education in Arctic Bay.

The second one, Petition 2-86(2), is from Grise Fiord. There are 34 names on it because it is a small population as you know, requesting a new school facility for Grise Fiord, because the school has been there for 27 years and is starting to fall apart. I would like you to remember that I am the first one to make a petition and I would like you to discuss this very quickly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Item 7, petitions. That appears to conclude petitions for today.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 1-86(2), the 1985 Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Tabled Document 2-86(2), Report of the Northwest Territories Business Council on the Nordic Tour. Thank you.

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

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a document at this time. It is Tabled Document 3-86(2), a letter from the Prime Minister himself concerning the Lancaster Sound. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Tabling of documents. That concludes that item. Item 10, Notices of motion. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 1-86(2): Northwest Territories Pavilion Staff At Expo '86

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Friday, the 17th of October, I will move the following: that the Members of the Legislative Assembly express their gratitude and admiration to all involved for their contributions to the success of the Northwest Territories pavilion at Expo '86.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion. Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

ITEM 11: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-86(2): Forest Management Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 17th, 1986, I shall move that Bill 3-86(2), An Act Respecting the Management of Forests, be read for the first time. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will request unanimous consent to proceed with first reading today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-86(2): Arctic College Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 17th, 1986, I shall move that Bill 1-86(2), An Act to Establish the Arctic College, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 5-86(2): Public Service Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, October 17th, 1986, I shall move that Bill 5-86(2), An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 8-86(2): Workers' Compensation Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Friday, October 17th, 1986, I shall move that Bill 8-86(2), An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. That appears to conclude this item. Item 12, motions. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask for unanimous consent to proceed with the motion which I just gave notice of regarding Expo '86.

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to proceed with Mr. McLaughlin's motion. Are there any nays? Mr. McLaughlin, you have the floor.

Motion 1-86(2): Northwest Territories Pavilion Staff At Expo '86

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the success of the Northwest Territories pavilion at Expo '86 has been reflective of the remarkable efforts of the staff;

AND WHEREAS the staff was drawn from outstanding young men and women from every region of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS their fine efforts provided the Northwest Territories with a marvellous collection of ambassadors for the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that the Members of the Legislative Assembly express their gratitude and admiration to all involved for their contributions to the success of the Northwest Territories pavilion at Expo '86.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that all of those Members of the Assembly who visited the Expo site on the June 21st weekend and Members who visited other times found the staff very capable of doing their jobs and doing an excellent piece of ambassador work for the Northwest Territories. The thing that impressed me most was that the previous year was the Year of the Youth and that many of them represented themselves well within these chambers. It is with gratitude on my part as Minister responsible for Youth, that Mr. Curley and his staff did such an excellent job of hiring young men and women throughout the Northwest Territories to represent us at the pavilion. I think it goes without saying that everybody from the ordinary person who visited the site to Jimmy Pattison himself, who was in charge of the promotion of Expo from when it was first conceived, had nothing but great words to say for our pavilion and most of them said that it was the people that worked there that made the Territories come to life for them. So with that, I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The seconder of the motion, Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Mahsi cho. (Translation) Everybody went down to Vancouver and I went there twice myself. The people that worked from the Northwest Territories had big work. Next time there is something like this, that work there -- a lot of work was done and I am thankful that some people from the Northwest Territories were there. I went there and took a look at it and I want to thank the people and I want to help Mr. McLaughlin with his resolution, to thank the people that worked in the pavilion.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

Amendment To Motion 1-86(2)

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could ask to amend the motion to include "and volunteers" because while many of the members of our staff were part of the success of Expo and the pavilion, I believe that many volunteers who had lived and resided in the North have been part of the contribution to the success of the pavilion. So, could I maybe add "and volunteers" to amend, to include "and volunteers"?

MR. SPEAKER: Would you read your motion as amended, as you would amend it, Mr. Nerysoo?

MR. NERYSOO: Excuse me. Unfortunately we do not have a copy of the motion. It is very difficult for me to add in the proper place the suggestion I have made.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, will you deliver a copy of the motion to Mr. Nerysoo, so that he might put it in the proper place? In the meantime, we will adjourn for 10 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: I call the House to order, please. Mr. Nerysoo.

Amendment To Motion 1-86(2), Withdrawn

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, having had an opportunity to read the motion, unfortunately I am unable to amend the "whereas" clauses, but I believe that the text of the resolution of the motion itself reflects the concern I had and I am prepared to proceed with the motion as has been tabled by the honourable Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. You are withdrawing your amendment.

---Withdrawn

To the motion. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, to the motion. I am not going to make my statement.

---Laughter

I think it would be only appropriate that we separate the administration and the other matters and state them in that context. I think it is important to indicate to the Members of the Assembly, because your constituents who have worked at the Expo site have generated such enthusiasm among the people of British Columbia and the people of the world that it was really a very unique experience to share with them at the conclusion of the Expo ceremonies.

At the end, Mr. Jimmy Pattison had the opportunity to personally come over to thank all of the staff for the job that they had done. And that was an indication of the fact that he personally had been surveying the attendance of all the sites and he stated to me, again that night when he came over, that the NWT has ranked as one of the top three of the most attractive sites of the Expo sites. So, it is a real honour for me to thank the staff. Mr. Sibbeston and I had the opportunity to meet many of them during the closing ceremony. But I am honoured today to have the position of actually having seen those young people. They have gained such an experience and also they have demonstrated that people of the Northwest Territories, regardless of the background or the region, can work together and show what they can do. All I want to say is thank you, and thank you for your support as well, that we have been able to present to the world one of the most interesting pavilions ever held. Thank you.

---Applause

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As an ardent defender of minorities, and in this case the minority of those of advanced age, the group of which I am very fast becoming a member, I would just like to note that in one of the "whereases" it does say that the staff was drawn from outstanding young men and women from every region of the Northwest Territories. I know there were some that were closer to my age and I am sure that the Member actually intended to include all of them in his motion. As one who, I must confess, was a little sceptical when the whole matter was raised initially, from all reports I have to recognize that our participation at Expo was outstandingly successful. So, as a Member of the Assembly, apart from the money question, which may be raised at a later date -- we still reserve that right -- but certainly as a Member of the Assembly I recognize the success of our participation and I also recognize that it comes from the many men and women, older as well as younger, who contributed to it. But I also would particularly like to compliment the Minister responsible, whom I recognize did a tremendous job in making our participation the success that it was.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. To sum up, Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, just to make it clear that I purposely emphasized the youth in my "whereas" clause, because though I was supportive from day one of Expo '86, I did have some apprehension really when I was first down there to see the staff being trained. I thought, "Boy, some of these kids are pretty young, and they are from small, remote communities -- we are

going to have a heck of a time getting this thing going." And there were a few problems. But I have to really commend those youth; just about every one of them stuck it out till the end. And the staff that supervised them had to do a lot of educational training and give moral and mental support to some of these youths. So, I did purposely put that in there, emphasizing what a good job those young men and women did. And they were able to do that with support from many northerners who now live in Vancouver, who were there as volunteers, and from the senior staff.

But I did want to emphasize the fact that these youths performed well beyond expectations. Coincidentally, just to sum it up, I received a note in today's mail from a couple whom I met at Expo and I arranged to stay at the site to watch the fireworks that night with them and their children, and this is the note they sent. "You have every reason to be very proud of the NWT pavilion at Expo. It is a marvellous achievement in every way, educationally and design-wise and is a magnificent tribute to the history and life of the NWT. Visitors from Toronto consider it as a 'must-to-see', right up at the top of their list with the 'biggies'. Lastly, it was one of the most enjoyable and memorable exhibitions at Expo. Well done from all of us who had a chance to be there."

---Applause

Motion 1-86(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Let the record show that the vote was unanimous.

---Carried

Item 12, motions. Are there any other motions for today? Item 13, first reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

ITEM 13: FIRST READING OF BILLS

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 3-86(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent for first reading of Bill 3-86(2). Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Pedersen.

First Reading Of Bill 3-86(2): Forest Management Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 3-86(2), An Act Respecting the Management of Forests, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 3-86(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

First reading of bills. That concludes first reading of bills for today. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

ITEM 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 3-86(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to proceed with second reading of Bill 3-86(2). Are there any nays? You have the floor, Mr. Pedersen.

Second Reading Of Bill 3-86(2): Forest Management Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 3-86(2), An Act Respecting the Management of Forests, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for the conservation and management of forests on certain lands in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the principle of the bill. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-86(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. That appears to conclude Item 14.

Item 15, orders of the day and announcements. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m.

ITEM 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, October 16th.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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17. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 3-86(2)
18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, October 16th at 1:00 p.m.

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