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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Richard, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Thursday, June 11th.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Mr. Sibbeston, I understand you have an emergency statement.

Minister's Statement 68-87(1): Emergency Statement On DRIE Funding Freeze, Update

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I do have a statement with respect to the DRIE funding freeze. I wish to give to the House the latest information that has been made available to myself. With regard to Special ARDA, the meeting that was planned for June 9th and cancelled will now go ahead within two weeks.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: The meeting will consider applications and projects to be funded on a priority basis. I do not want to raise people's expectations because it is likely that there will be less Special ARDA money than in the past. The exact amount will be determined by the outcome of the review of DRIE funds in July.

The DRIE components of the economic development agreement will be put back on the Treasury Board agenda planned for later this year. This means that the process to finalize the agreement is back on track.

The native economic development program carries the best news. Funds have been made available for the rest of this year and next year. All existing commitments made under this program will be honoured and new proposals will be accepted.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have just learned this information and will keep the House informed as we receive more details.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Leader. We are now on Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

Minister's Statement 69-87(1): Separate Supply And Labour Contract Awards

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at the last sitting of this Assembly, I reported that the Housing Corporation would be tendering separate supply and labour contracts for all 1987 capital projects. This step was taken to create greater economic opportunity for northern businesses and communities. As a result of this measure, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of contracts awarded to northern contractors for the labour portion of housing projects. I would like to remind Members that this is an initiative that came out of the meetings of the action force. There are those who say the action force accomplished nothing; we think that this is one significant measure that the action force stimulated.

Approximately 85 per cent of 1987 housing contracts have been awarded to date. I am very pleased to announce, Mr. Speaker, that approximately 96 per cent of these contracts have been awarded to northern companies. This is a substantial increase over last year, when only 41 per cent of 1986 capital project contracts were awarded to northerners. In addition, northern suppliers continue to win a significant share of Housing Corporation supply contracts. So far this year, northern suppliers have been awarded 91 per cent of supply contracts, totalling some \$13 million.

This is the first year that separate supply and labour contracts have been let for projects throughout the entire Territories. The fact that 96 per cent of Housing Corporation labour contracts and 91 per cent of supply contracts have been awarded to northern firms has indicated that this method of tendering has been successful and has met its objective of creating greater economic opportunities in the North. Corporation officers are continuing to monitor and evaluate the separate supply and labour tendering to ensure overall effectiveness and benefit to the territorial economy. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Pedersen.

Minister's Statement 70-87(1): Sexual Harassment Policy

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that the Executive Council has approved the policy and directive dealing with sexual harassment in the work place. It applies to all employees of the Government of the NWT. It was developed in consultation with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the employees' associations and all departments and regions of the Government of the Northwest Territories, including the Status of Women Secretariat.

Mr. Speaker, sexual harassment is coercive and one-sided. Both males and females can be victims of it. It may occur one time only, or many times. It may be initiated by a co-worker or by a supervisor.

In order to protect our employees from sexual harassment, this government will provide for the investigation of complaints in a way which ensures confidentiality for both the complainant and for the alleged offender. Disciplinary action will be taken in all substantiated cases. The nature of the action will depend on the severity of the case, but can include dismissal. As well, false accusations will be viewed as serious offences and could result in similar disciplinary action.

Mr. Speaker, this policy is progressive and compassionate. I invite you and the other Members of this Assembly to join with me in promoting a work environment free of sexual harassment. Thank you.

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

Minister's Statement 71-87(1): School Health Program

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the first four units of the new Northwest Territories school health program will be ready for introduction into all schools in September of this year. The units, for kindergarten to grade nine students are on: mental and emotional well-being; growth and development; family life; and alcohol and other drugs. Both the family life unit and the growth and development unit contain information on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. The information on AIDS will also be available for senior high students.

Mr. Speaker, the school health program is preventive in nature. It teaches facts about health and encourages the development of skills and attitudes which contribute to self-awareness and the development of positive lifestyle behaviours. Students are taught coping skills such as how to deal with depression and alternatives to violence.

In September, health education will be a required part of the school curriculum for all kindergarten to grade nine students. However, parents will have the option of withdrawing students from the family life unit, if they so desire. Training sessions will be held this fall to familiarize one teacher from each school with the program. This will enable them to assist their school in using the program effectively.

This program was developed by the Departments of Health, Social Services and Education, following an extensive needs assessment among parents, students, professionals and other community people in all of the communities of the NWT. This co-operative approach acknowledges that the health of our young people is a responsibility shared by the home, the community and the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 2, Ministers' statements. That appears to conclude this matter for today. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Richard.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Next Week's Tax Reform Announcement

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, next week the Government of Canada will announce its proposals for major changes in the federal system of taxation. In all likelihood, the Government of Canada will, in the ensuing months, implement tax reform measures which will have the effect of changing the system of taxation in a drastic fashion, a system that we have known in this country for decades. Members of this Assembly and all people living in the Northwest Territories should pay special attention to the announcement, which will be made next week, because it is very possible, Mr. Speaker, that the proposed tax reform could have serious and perhaps devastating consequences for the people of the Northwest Territories. Media reports in recent months have indicated that the federal government will seek to introduce a new value-added or business transfer tax on all products and services which are sold at every level of the Canadian economy. Any such tax which is implemented at a uniform percentage rate will be much harsher in its effects on those parts of the country, such as the Northwest Territories, where the cost of living is so high; where the cost of each and every product that is currently untaxed and each and every service that is currently untaxed is already high in comparison to elsewhere in the country.

Members of this Assembly and the general public in the Northwest Territories should look with some anxiety to the announcement next week by federal Minister Wilson and then respond to any detrimental aspect of the tax reform initiative that is unduly unfair to residents of the Northwest Territories, by communicating with the Government of Canada prior to implementation of any such unfair measures in federal tax legislation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Richard. Members' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

Member's Statement On Error In Reply To Opening Address

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make a correction to a number I quoted in my reply to the Opening Address yesterday. I used a figure of \$17,000 in relation to the Department of National Defence in Holman Island last year. The correct fee is \$7730.60, which was waived. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Special ARDA Funding Of Third Service Station For Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, Ms Cournoyea raised the matter of Special ARDA funding for a third service station in Fort Providence, in my constituency. Ms Cournoyea was concerned that the viability of the other two service stations might be jeopardized because two full-time government employees have been given \$90,000 to open a service station.

To set the record straight, I believe this new station will only operate during the summer when the ferry is in operation and there is heavy traffic. In winter, the service station is by-passed by the winter road. The other service stations in the community are used heavily during the break-up periods.

The gasoline purchase price at this station will be approximately 10 cents a litre lower than the price in Fort Providence. The new owner is also considering a pump station by the river to accommodate boat owners and tourists. Although I support the two existing businesses, I also support the new business that will add to the competition among these businesses. I hope that the new station will also eliminate some of the problems boat owners are now experiencing.

The new business has also agreed to offer the first option to purchase the station to the community of Fort Providence in the future should the present owner decide to sell.

I do, however, agree with the Member, the MLA for Nunakput, that government policy should not allow full-time government employees to receive such special funding. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members' statements. Mr. Paniloo.

Member's Statement On Lack Of Job Opportunities In Smaller Communities

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to raise a concern about sealskins. When they are not selling very well and there is no soapstone, this is a problem for our community. There is no place to make any kind of money and when there are a lot of people in one family -- I would like to raise this and let people know that the people in my communities are having problems since there are not very many job opportunities in the smaller communities. We are concerned about this. So, I just wanted to bring it up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Paniloo. Members' statements. This appears to conclude this item for today. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Government Leader.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question Q224-87(1): Alternative To Small Government Office, Hall Beach

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns. One dealing with the Hall Beach government offices asked by Mr. Erkloo yesterday. I can advise him that the shortage of office space for government employees in Hall Beach has been a serious problem for a number of years. Present facilities are old and severely overcrowded. This leads to many problems in program delivery as described by the Member in his question. The current capital plans for the Baffin Region include a build/lease office complex for Hall Beach in 1988-89. If this plan is approved by the Assembly in next year's budget session, this building will be constructed next summer for occupancy in late 1988.

Return To Question Q206-87(1): Report On Low Level Flights

The other return deals with a question asked by Mrs. Lawrence on June 4th regarding low level flights.

The draft initial environmental evaluation on low level flights was received by the government on May 21. The contents of this report are now being analysed by the Department of Renewable Resources. Once Executive Council has had a chance to review this analysis, a statement of the government's reaction will be made to the Assembly if it is still sitting or if it has adjourned, it will be made publicly through the media.

In the meantime, I have instructed my officials to send a copy of the report to the community councils in each of the concerned communities. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. I wonder, for the record, for Hansard, whether you could give the numbers of those oral questions?

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: The last reply was to Question 0206-87(1). The one prior to that was Question 0224-87(1).

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Sibbeston. Returns to oral questions. That appears to conclude this item for today. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Richard.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 0248-87(1): Position In Response To White Paper On Defence

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Government Leader. It concerns the white paper on defence which was tabled by the federal Minister of National Defence, I believe last week. That white paper, Mr. Speaker, has many implications for the Northwest Territories, for residents of northern Canada and for the economy, whether it is through job opportunities, etc. Will the Government of the Northwest Territories be preparing and submitting to the Minister of National Defence a position paper or a position in response to the white paper on defence? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 0248-87(1): Position In Response To White Paper On Defence

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the government will eventually state its position to the federal government. We are in the course of reviewing and analysing the statement and will be dealing with it as an Executive Council, in the near future. When we have a government position, we will, without question, state our views on the matter to the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Richard.

Supplementary To Question 0248-87(1): Position In Response To White Paper On Defence

MR. RICHARD: Yes, sir. A supplementary. Appreciating, Mr. Speaker, that we may in this Assembly be concluding our business within a week or so -- and I appreciate the white paper on defence is a very complicated document -- in the event that the government does prepare a position paper and submits it to the federal government, can the Government Leader undertake to provide copies of the formal government position to Members of this Assembly, even if that is during the summer months?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 0248-87(1): Position In Response To White Paper On Defence

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would be very pleased to do that.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. T'Seleie.

Question 0249-87(1): Response To Question On Dust Control, Fort Good Hope

MR. T'SELEIE: I would like to ask the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs whether he has an answer to my Question 0193-87(1) regarding dust control in Fort Good Hope. I would like to ask him, if it is not possible to have an answer today, whether he could have an answer for me tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 0249-87(1): Response To Question On Dust Control, Fort Good Hope

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The only guarantee that I can give is to have an answer before the Legislature closes. The Member should appreciate that it takes time -- we have to check out every community program that is under way within that program and just see where they are all at and see where we can free up money. So, it takes a little while.

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

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, it has been over seven days of sittings since I asked this question and I do not understand why it is taking so long to have an answer -- either a yes or a no. I would like to ask the Minister again if I can have an answer by tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: That question has been answered. Your question is out of order, Mr. T'Seleie. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O250-87(1): Private Home Repair Program

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Housing, concerning the private home repair program or repair and improvement program. I would like to ask the Minister, what is the budget breakdown of this particular program? Is it implemented in all the regions already or is it just being implemented now? How much is, in fact, actually going into the repairs of private homes with regard to that particular program?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O250-87(1): Private Home Repair Program

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The program is a new program and this year I think the total budget is one million dollars. It is divided among all the regions of the Northwest Territories and I will get the figures for his region to the honourable Member.

We are also introducing for the first time a pay-back component of the program, whereby people who make over a certain income, depending on how high that income is, will be paying back some of the money for the repair program. We think that way more people will have access to the program and there will be a wider use of the program. So, I can get the figures for the Member about the distribution in his region and communities. Thank you.

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

Question O251-87(1): Proposals For Operation And Maintenance, North Warning System

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development. I believe the question would be directed to him. Mr. Speaker, it concerns the federal intentions to award a contract for the operation and maintenance of the north warning system in northern Canada. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that yesterday was the deadline for the submission of proposals for that contract and, although it is a major federal contract, I believe there is some emphasis in each proposal on northern content -- the hiring of northerners, northern content being a major part of each proposal.

My question for the Minister, Mr. Speaker, is what is the involvement of the territorial government in assessing and re-evaluating each of those proposals, and secondly, what assurance does our government, the territorial government, have that the results of our evaluations will be considered by the Government of Canada when the contract is eventually awarded?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, if the Member would be patient, I will be pleased to provide a detailed response to the Member tomorrow. I have some general information but I think it would be much better to provide as much detailed information as I can. I will provide this to the Member tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is being taken as notice. Oral questions. That appears to conclude this item for today. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W55-87(1): Education Of Status Indians In The Northwest Territories

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my written question to the Minister of Education. The Minister, in his returns to written Questions W15-87(1) and W32-87(1), said that the 1955 Act to Authorize the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to Enter into an Agreement

with the Government of Canada Respecting the Education of Indian Children, the so-called Indian Education Agreement, is still in force. Could the Minister explain why this law was excluded from the 1974 Consolidated Ordinances of the Northwest Territories?

Virtually none of the provisions of the Indian Education Agreement have been implemented. Could the Minister indicate what legal ramifications might arise from this shortcoming?

The Minister has stated that there is no agreement pertaining to the 1969 transfer of responsibility for education from the federal to the territorial government. Is there correspondence or documentation of any kind that would provide further clarification of the terms of the transfer? If so, could the Minister provide me with a copy of this documentation? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Item 6, written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to written Question W47-87(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on June 3, 1987 concerning native participation in economic and business development. I have filed this information with the Clerk.

Return To Question W47-87(1): Native Participation In Economic And Business Development

At present the department has 43 native people in training and management positions at various levels. In total, they represent 30 per cent of departmental staff.

In the area of funding, the department administers directly and indirectly a number of affirmative action programs for native people. These are the Eskimo loan fund, ELF; the Special ARDA program, S/ARDA; and the native economic development program, NEDP. A total of nine million dollars was injected into the native economy under these programs in 1986-87. This gave rise to at least 100 new native businesses within the last year. In addition, we administer programs like the business loans fund, BLF, and the economic development agreement, EDA, which have provided funding for many native projects. The current federal freeze on the EDA, NEDP and S/ARDA programs will severely restrict the level of assistance to native business for 1987-88.

We also have a contribution program which recently assisted three native development corporations to secure ownership of five million dollars in real estate. Last year, we financially assisted 30 co-operatives, which employ more than 300 native people throughout the Northwest Territories and provide a training ground for the development of native managers.

Our tourism division makes every possible effort to encourage native ownership of hotels and other tourism facilities, and the division contributed more than \$300,000 last year in an effort to get more native people involved in the tourism industry. In the construction industry, we assisted the NWT Construction Industry Association to establish a series of seminars for local contractors, most of whom are native people.

The contract for the administration and management of Grollier Hall was awarded by the Inuvik Region Education Authority. We are advised that the authority selected the Lavoie brothers who have worked in the same capacity for a number of years under Father Ruyant. Our department had no role in the selection of this contractor. Nor would we want to impose on the decision-making process of a locally elected group like the regional education authority in Inuvik.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further returns to written questions? Mr. Clerk, do you have any returns?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Return to written Question W34-87(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo of the Minister of Justice; return to written Question W46-87(1), asked by Mr. Richard of the Minister of Finance.

Return To Question W34-87(1): Inquiry Into Death Of Fred Vittrekwa, Fort McPherson

Hon. Michael Ballantyne's return to Question W34-87(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on May 26th, 1987, regarding the Vittrekwa death inquiry:

In response to the Member's questions regarding the death of Mr. Fred Vittrekwa of Fort McPherson, please be advised that: (a) In Fort McPherson a coroner's inquest has been set by the coroner's office for the month of September, 1987, pursuant to section 9 of the Coroners Act; (b) The inquest will be conducted as described in sections 22 to 27 of the Coroners Act; (c) The inquest will be conducted by Mr. Les Moran of Norman Wells.

Return To Question W46-87(1): Expenditures To Date For NCPC

Hon. Tom Butters' return to Question W46-87(1), asked by Mr. Richard on June 3, 1987, regarding expenditures to date for NCPC:

NCPC transfer costs to March 31, 1987 were \$633,310. Proposed expenditures for the current fiscal year are \$325,000. No attempt has been made to allocate in-house salary costs since they are not incremental costs. GNWT personnel are assigned on an "as needed" basis in accordance with the pace of negotiations.

GNWT NCPC Transfer Activity Costs

1. NCPC Transfer Activity Funding and Expenses by Source

<u>Year</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Method of Appropriation</u>
1985-86	\$148,000	Main Estimates EMR Secretariat
1986-87	240,588 9,095 <u>235,627</u>	Supplementary Appropriation Main Appropriations (Finance) Special Warrant
	\$485,310	
	<u>Proposed</u>	
1987-88	\$325,000	Supplementary Appropriation
Total	\$958,310	

2. Expenditure by Nature of Activity

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
1. Preliminary financial assessment	\$39,000		
2. Review of organization structure alternatives	35,000	10,000	
3. Analysis of contract proposals	15,000	10,000	
4. Financial model development	36,000	104,480	
5. Development of NWT energy corporation legislation	14,000		
6. Review of head office location alternatives	9,000	9,095	
7. Negotiations			
Consultants		44,558	70,000
Staff travel		16,884	25,000
Secretarial support		1,854	

2. Expenditure by Nature of Activity (continued)

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
8. Study of NCPD debt		17,800	
9. Financial investigations		14,189	
10. Legal support		20,823	150,000
11. Asset appraisal		235,627	50,000
12. Executive search			30,000
	<u>\$148,000</u>	<u>\$485,310</u>	<u>\$325,000</u>
Total			\$958,310

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 8, replies to the Opening Address. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. McCallum's Reply

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to comment in regard to the Opening Address and to make a few comments on this particular Assembly as well in regard to my constituency. It has been a while since we have heard the Opening Address and it is quite possible, I think more than likely, that I will stray a little bit from it, Mr. Speaker. However, there has been quite a bit said by myself and others as to the intent of what the government is doing, or wants to do, within this coming fiscal year. Of note, of course, has been the budget; the first true deficit budget that has been presented by this government to this House.

In addition, of course, there are a large number of bills that have come before the House. I, as well as others, have expressed our concern about the budget; the ramifications of it; the residue that will be left to the next House to try to bring things together; the concerns with various bills that, in my opinion, take something away from people and in other instances, lay even greater restrictions on people, people that we, as MLAs, attempt to look after in relation to the government's actions.

The House has undergone a lot of work during this particular session. It is rare that a Member, be it an ordinary Member or a Member of the Executive, has any time to just sit around and relax. I mean not only in the mornings but during the sitting times and in the evenings, on a lot of occasions. For those of us who do not live in Yellowknife, when we return to our constituencies, because our time is taken up with constituency work during the session, there is little time to relax there as well.

My style is no different than the style of others. Those particular demands are made on it. But that is why we stood for election so that we would be able to speak on behalf of our constituents in regard to a government policy, a government action. The responsibilities of those of us who have let our names be put forward to stand for election are great. We have a responsibility, as I said, to make sure that we represent, or try to read what our constituency wants done in relation to their good. We have a certain amount of responsibility as an MLA to ensure that legislation that is being passed, policies that are being developed by the government, benefit the total populace of the Northwest Territories.

If our responsibilities are great, the responsibilities of the government Members is even greater. I know that to be true from past experience. I would expect that when it is all over, nobody is going to pass very many kudos to anybody for the job they have done. But that is not what you expect to get in any event, anyway. You are not in it for what you are going to get out of it, you are in it because you have made a determination that you had something to give for the benefit of the country in which you live. Unfortunately, with the way things are going at the federal level, any benefits that we can give to the people of the Territories are going to be limited to the Territories.

The Liberal government of the day in 1982 made it much more difficult for Canadian citizens who live in the northern territories to ever become part of the Confederation. We are part of Canada but they have made it even more difficult for us to become part of the Confederation. And now, this Conservative federal government have made it almost impossible for us to become part of the

Confederation. No longer will we, as Canadian citizens, living in the Northwest Territories or the Yukon, be able to strike a deal in a similar manner as did the Canadian citizens, of their time, in each particular province. I say that that has been noted by my colleagues to be a very devastating, a very cruel thing for the federal government to do. The other federal initiatives that have been undertaken as well over the last while and those that have been remarked on today by my colleague, Mr. Richard, in the way of tax reform, will make it even more difficult for Canadian citizens to enjoy life as true Canadian citizens in the Northwest Territories. We have been told where we belong.

Perhaps all the fault should not be laid on the shoulders, or pointed, to the federal government. Our provincial counterparts, the MLAs and their leaders, show little concern, little care, for our aspirations. Some of those leaders and some of those MLAs enjoy their position because they were allowed to join Confederation, and in some instances were even invited to come into the Confederation of Canada but we are not. Though I condemn the work of the federal government, the past two federal governments, in this regard I also lay some of the blame on our provincial counterparts over the last eight to 10 years.

Breakdown Of Regional Administration

There are a number of concerns that I have raised during this session about the policies of our government in what they are planning to do. Of course the one that rings most clearly is the decision on the part of the government to break down or to rearrange the administrative structure in the Fort Smith Region. That has had, or will have, even in the future, grave results, grave implications for the citizens that I represent. I would trust and I would hope that the policies of the government will be vindicated for their benefit, but I have my apprehensions if it will. I do not believe that breaking down the regional administration will do much to bring things to the people in other communities. I think if it were broken down from the headquarters level, there would have been an opportunity. It would have given this government an opportunity to show to the people that they really cared what was going on in the communities.

I do not want to reiterate again the tirades or anything else again that I have made against the government in deployment of people. Suffice it to say again that over the last two or three years the increase in the person years to the headquarters level far outweighs what is going on in other parts of the Territories and I do not think that that is correct. Again, I may be the only one but I do not believe that it is correct to put everything in one place. There are parts of government, divisions of government departments, there are agencies of this government that can very readily be moved and relocated into communities where there is a crying need for them. Those things should have taken place. There should be policies in place now by this government to do something.

A case in point is Pine Point. I do not want to speak for the Member for Pine Point. To my way of thinking the situation in Pine Point has not improved in the last five years, from the time that the previous territorial government gave assistance to Members. But there have been five years that have gone by with very little planning by the government to do anything to make sure that that town does not die. I know it is a one-industry town but there are a number of one-industry towns and communities in the Northwest Territories. I live in one. So do other Members live in one. They are one-industry towns -- government. The increase in the government personnel is commendable because government in one instance is hiring northern people. That is commendable, but on the other hand what you are doing is making sure they are coming into a headquarters level where there is no room. I am sure the Yellowknife Members, as MLAs, get requests all the time for assistance in trying to get people accommodation. Accommodation in the city of Yellowknife must be minus 10 per cent. They cannot keep up with the number of people that the government keeps putting into Yellowknife. Housing cannot keep up with it. I think there has to come a time when the Government of the Northwest Territories determines that we all cannot live in one community. That there are other viable communities throughout the remainder of the Northwest Territories. I think that that is something that this government should have been looking at over the last four years.

There are a lot of other policies that I think need clarification. I applaud the affirmative action policy. I voted for it; voted for the money for it and I think it is great and I applaud the efforts of the present government to expand that to women and to handicapped. But I am now, according to the federal government, a second or third-class citizen, because I can make no aspirations to be living in a province in the Northwest Territories. As a non-native person, I am even worse in the scheme of things for employment. If I am that bad, my children are worse off, though they were not born in the Northwest Territories, they have lived here for 25 years.

I like the idea of looking after our own because nobody else is going to do it for us, but I think there comes a time when reason should prevail amongst decision makers. If you are going to make policies, you make it for the good of people who live in the Territories; all people, not just individuals. I am a white man. I am not going to apologize for it, I had nothing to do about it, but I am also an NWT citizen. I recall many times when I was told to "Go home where you belong" and I said it then and I can say it now, "To hell with it." Nobody is going to tell me where to go. I made the decision to be here. That in a lot of incidences is a better situation than some people who are born here. You did not have any say about getting here -- I made the decision to be here. And I think that it is time that our government starts to pay attention to the citizens of the Northwest Territories.

In the words of my colleague, Ms Cournoyea, who said it is not simply the doling out of money that is economic development or the increase and the amount of moneys that are given to people, it is their capabilities, recognizing that people have the capabilities and giving them the opportunities to become part of the Northwest Territories. And it is not enough to raise the social assistance. You have to give them the opportunities.

We spent a lot of money on education and I know education has come a long way in the Northwest Territories. I am proud to think that I played some part in that. It has come a long way since 1964 when I first was a teacher at Sir John Franklin, to 1987. There are a lot more people, some of whom have been, and are, Members of this august body, because of the educational system, maybe in spite of it in some cases. But people like that deserve the opportunity to take their rightful place as citizens in the Northwest Territories and they have to make a decision along with that, that they have a right to live other than in headquarters if they want to work for government.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to go on very long on this. I have been very fortunate, I have had three elections representing the people of Fort Smith. That is not a record, but it is not a bad average. I had four other elections as a town councillor in Fort Smith. Twenty years in politics and I have seen a lot of things come and go. I have enjoyed being a Member of this particular 10th Assembly as I enjoyed the Ninth Assembly and the one before that.

Concern Over Constitutional Issues

I was going to use the word "ironic" in saying that now we have more people thinking on constitutional issues, but I do not think that that is a very good use of a term. I should say, I am rather pleased to see that more and more people are concerned about constitutional issues. I wish some of those people had been concerned in 1979, when we made an attempt at the Eighth Assembly to do something constitutionally. But unlike today, in 1979, it was thrown out. Some of those Members who are still here will recall what the Eighth Assembly were trying to do, and that was a majority native Assembly as well. There were only 15 of us but nine were native people. And now eight years later, we are back in the same boat. Now we are all concerned with it and that is great. As I say, I am really pleased that more and more people are concerned with the constitutional issues. It is too bad we did not keep up that momentum over the past eight years. As I said, I have enjoyed being here. I have enjoyed, and I felt it a privilege to represent Members on the Executive Committee for two terms for eight years. I will continue enjoying life, I hope. But as things come and go, I think it is time that I recognize that I came in and it is time for me to go.

So, in closing, I want to thank each and every one of you and others with whom I have had the privilege to serve, I have really enjoyed it. I have enjoyed working with government people; I have enjoyed working for and on behalf of Fort Smith. But I will not be running in the next election and if I can use the words of somebody I really admired many, many years ago -- in fact it was about 46 years ago, I think he said it, Lou Gehrig, "I consider myself to be one of the luckiest people on the face of the earth", -- I was able to be part of the growth of the Legislature of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

---Applause and standing ovation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I would like to, at this time, acknowledge the presence of the various directors of training and staff development from the various provinces, who I gather are present in the gallery. They are here attending a conference on staff training.

---Applause

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, tabling of documents.

Item 12, notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Mr. T'Seleie.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 32-87(1): Appointments To The NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there are vacancies on the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation due to the term of appointments having expired;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to fill these vacancies;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, that Philip Nukapiak, Simonie Alainga, Carroll Bennett, Gerry Cheezie and Steve Brooks be reappointed to the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation;

AND FURTHER that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation that Charlie Barnaby be appointed to the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I think the Assembly had a chance to discuss this during the last caucus meeting that we had and there was agreement by Members that these appointments be made.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. T'Seleie, your seconder is not present in the House. You require a seconder who is present in the House. Mr. Butters. Mr. Butters, are you seconding the motion?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. T'Seleie, proceed with your motion. To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo, to the motion.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to indicate to the Minister responsible that in terms of recommending people to be part of the board, that he should indicate that there is a responsibility of the board members to other communities that are part of the region that they represent, and not only to the community from which they are appointed; and that they should bring to the board the concerns and the wishes of people in the surrounding area regarding the development of houses, whether it is public housing units or whether or not it is the HAP program or other programs that would be made available to the communities, so that they acknowledge the concerns of the communities when making presentations to the other board members who represent other regions and so that those board members know of those concerns. I just wanted to make that point and make the Minister aware of that particular issue in appointing these members to the NWT Housing Corporation board.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to support this motion, but I would like my colleagues to know the Housing Corporation board are very secretive of their meetings and people do not know very much about them. At this time we can only hear about them in March and we could have recommended an appointment from the Keewatin or the Hudson Bay area. There are none

from those regions that are represented at the board. If it is at all possible, let people know ahead of time before the appointments are due. There should be more information available in regard to the Housing Corporation and their board. They just keep appointing the same people over and over again and they do not seem to do any work aside from their communities. Thank you.

Motion 32-87(1), Carried

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

That concludes motions under Item 14.

Item 15, first reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 19-87(1): Residential Tenancies Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 19-87(1), An Act Respecting Residential Tenancies, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to provide for the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants respecting residential tenancies; and to provide procedures for the enforcement of these rights and obligations.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 19-87(1) has had second reading. Bill 19-87(1) will be moved to committee of the whole for today. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 5-87(1), Bill 18-87(1), Bill 20-87(1), Bill 36-87(1), Bill 37-87(1); Tabled Document 72-87(1); Bill 38-87(1), Bill 28-87(1), Bill 35-87(1), Bill 19-87(1), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 5-87(1), CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES ACT; BILL 18-87(1), PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION ACT; TABLED DOCUMENT 72-87(1), A MODEL FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES IN THE NWT; BILL 38-87(1), WRITE-OFF OF ASSETS AND DEBTS ACT, 1987-88

Bill 18-87(1), Property Assessment And Taxation Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Bill 18-87(1), An Act Respecting the Assessment of Property and the Levying and Collection of Property Tax in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if I could have committee's permission to bring in witnesses?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witnesses? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are now on general comments on Bill 18-87(1). If there are no further general comments, does the committee agree we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, interpretation. Perhaps for the Members' benefit I will go through each clause and also read out the marginal note and if Members have questions with any of the paragraphs, they could indicate to us. So, we are on clause 2, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I am just reading out the marginal notes and if Members have any questions they could ask them. It will not be until we get to the end of the clause that Members could agree. I am on appropriate authority; assessable property; assessed owner; assessed property; assessed value; assessment roll; assessment roll, final revision; assessor; board of revision; certified assessment roll; certified assessment roll, first revision; certified assessment roll, second revision; certified assessment roll, third revision; collecting authority; director; general taxation area; improvement; Inuvialuit lands; land; mill rate; mobile unit; municipal taxation area; municipal taxation authority; parcel; pipeline; property class; property tax; railway; relevant assessment roll; supplementary property tax; taxable property; tribunal; works and transmission lines. Clause 2, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, improvement defined. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Taxation Of Mobile Units

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you. As I indicated yesterday, since I had received a letter from the town of Inuvik after this bill had been looked at in summary at least, I indicated that I would read in, wherever appropriate, the concerns that were expressed by the town of Inuvik. There is one in paragraph 3(2)(a), exceptions. "Under this definition, mobile units are not considered as 'improvements' yet they can be assessed under section 6. If mobile units are not improvements, how can the municipality tax mobile units?" Committee should know that the government has had a copy of this brief earlier as well and so it is not as though the questions are just being sprung at this moment. They will be aware of them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Mr. MacQuarrie reads out the town of Inuvik concerns, we have already gone over them and we have answers for each of the concerns. On the question of the mobile unit, section 6 of the act makes mobile units liable to assessment. Section 2 defines assessed property as assessable property that has been assessed, and section 74 makes assessed property liable to taxation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 4, aboriginal rights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, exemptions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, following the committee review, there were several points at which the committee raised various matters. In response to that, the government returned a letter to the committee, dated June 8th, noting the changes that had occurred as a result of that discussion. Here, there is a new paragraph 5(1)(f) added to grant an exemption for crown land and improvements, mobile units and pipelines on the land that is used only for the exploration for oil and gas or minerals. This revision was added to clarify the government's intention that such property should not be subject to assessment and taxation until production begins. Paragraph 5(1)(j) was amended to correct the reference to the Motor Vehicles Act.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 5, exemptions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Assessment. Clause 6, liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, assessment of land. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, assessment of improvements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, assessment of mobile units. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 10, assessment of pipelines, works and transmission lines, and railways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 11, first assessment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 12, fair assessments. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 13, frequency of assessments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Frequency Of Assessments

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, this matter was raised briefly in committee and it is also included in the submission from the town of Inuvik. The essence here is that we are dealing with the frequency of assessments. This bill makes a change from the existing legislation and it is creating a circumstance where every property must be assessed at least every nine years whereas it used to be every seven years. Inuvik's letter: "The required assessment once every nine years, we feel is too long a period between assessments. This time span will result in the municipality taxation revenue, based on the assessment values, being unrelated to what exists in reality, especially during a period of major economic change. During a period of rapid growth the revenue of the community, via taxation, will be seriously undervalued resulting in an unnecessary additional

income shortfall. An illustration; under the existing six year review, the town of Inuvik was reassessed in 1985. This re-evaluation resulted in the town's assessment increasing by more than \$26 million or an annual difference of \$4.4 million. Consequently, the ratepayers were not paying their proper property taxation.

"Also, the selling price of land sold by the municipality, which frequently is based on the assessment value, could result in land being sold well below its true value. The sale of land by the municipality directly to the public will restrict the development of land by private entrepreneurs because they cannot compete with the low prices offered by the community. This will also mean that the community is not receiving fair value, thus revenue to make more land available will be insufficient. Both of these are undesirable situations which can be avoided if the assessment is conducted more frequently.

"While there may be annual adjustments to the assessment records to account for inflation, this is not satisfactory during a period of growth or decline. We suggest there must be a mechanism by which the municipality can request a new assessment be conducted. Under the proposed legislation it is uncertain if this situation is addressed in Part IV, supplementary assessment." And I am sure the government will address that. "If the municipality can request a complete reassessment under the supplementary assessment then section 13 should specifically state that the municipality can request a general reassessment be conducted more frequently than once every nine years."

I might say that this is obviously a problem for municipalities. I noted I suppose three days ago on ITV news from Edmonton, that the city of Edmonton is facing the same kind of problem and they are considering going to a yearly assessment, market base rather than the basis on which the assessments are made now. I could not personally say whether that is desirable or not but they seem to feel that it is feasible. So, the questions, it seems to me, that Inuvik is raising here are important questions and I would be very interested in hearing the government's response to these issues.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

General Assessments May Be Requested At Any Time

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Section 13 merely sets the maximum time between general assessments. In other words, what we are saying is that you cannot go for any longer than nine years without having assessments. You must do it every nine years. However, municipal corporations can request general assessments at any time and more frequent assessments are obviously appropriate in communities which undergo rapid expansion. The mechanism by which the municipality can request the new assessment is simply a case of either writing to the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs or telephoning them. I think that probably Inuvik thought that what we are doing is saying that we are only going to assess every nine years. What we are saying is that is the maximum time we will allow it to go without doing a general assessment, but an assessment can be done for a particular community which, say, is growing very rapidly, every two years and if it was critical we could probably even do it every year. Hopefully that takes care of their problems.

With regard to the selling price of land, frequently based on the assessment value. Our comment on that is that assessment values are not necessarily directly related to market values. There is a whole lot of other criteria which are used and the selling price of land really should be determined by some other means as opposed to assessed value because sometimes the assessed value and the market value do not particularly correlate too closely. So, hopefully with that explanation, and I believe that Mr. Beaumont did indeed spend quite a lot of time on the phone with Inuvik, I think they understand what it was we were trying to do.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: One question that remains then in my mind is that obviously they did not recognize from what they read in this bill that it is possible for a municipality to request an assessment at any time, in that, eventually, they had suggested that in section 13 it should specifically state that the municipality can request a general reassessment be conducted more frequently than once in every nine years. Could the Minister explain why he might not wish to have a provision such as that right in the legislation? And if he does not, can he explain by what means in the future municipalities will clearly understand that that is something that they can request?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Clarification Of Provisions Of Legislation

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. A two-part answer to that one. I guess we felt that paragraphs 13(a) and (b) were clear when we say "the assessed value recorded on an assessment roll in respect to assessable property continues to apply to it until another assessment is made of the assessable property, or a revision is made to it in accordance with this act and the regulations, in which case the new assessed value applies; or the expiration of nine years." So, clearly in these two sections we are saying there is an "or" situation. Secondly, we fully intended that the manual which we prepared to go along with this act will clearly spell out the ability of the municipality to request another assessment and how to go about doing it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 13, frequency of assessments. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Property classes. Clause 14, territorial property classes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 15, regulations establishing new classes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 16, municipal property classes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 17, assignment of classes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Assessment rolls. Clause 18, individual rolls. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 19, contents. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Here Inuvik had a question with respect to the contents of assessment rolls. It is a statement, I think, rather than a question. They felt that there should be a subparagraph (iv), that total assessment should be added to what is required that the assessment roll should show. There are three other requirements under 19(7)(f) but I guess they are thinking there ought to be a fourth.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Section 19 sets out what the assessment roll must contain. However, section 115 provides for forms to be set by regulation which will indicate such things as totals, etc. So that is how we propose to deal with that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 19, contents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Assessed owners. Clause 20, parcels. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just here in the government's letter to the committee, the government noted a change that had been introduced since the committee saw the bill and that is that subsection 20(2) was amended to reparagraph references (2), (3). Not a major amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 20, parcels. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 21, improvements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 22, mobile units. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 23, pipelines, works and transmission lines. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 24, railways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 25, statement of school support. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Tax Exemptions For Senior Citizens

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I will reiterate that I am reading in the town of Inuvik's concerns. I do not necessarily share them. Their concern here says, "Section 25, education tax. There should be a mechanism whereby individuals, for example elders, can be exempt from the education tax." So that is not a technical matter in the bill; it is a matter of government policy. Maybe the Minister would like to respond.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Essentially the principle of taxation is that individuals cannot be exempted. However, classes of citizens or classes of individuals may be exempted or partially exempted, but we do this through other legislation, for example, the Senior Citizens Land Tax Relief Act, or the Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Act. So any exemptions would apply to classes of people and be done through the form of legislation as a rebate.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Under other exemptions, there is not a specific exemption given in the education tax to elders, is there?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: No, Mr. Chairman. It is under Senior Citizens Land Tax Relief Act, section 3(1). If you want, I can read it for you. It says, "Subject to section 5 a council may, by by-law, exempt a senior citizen taxpayer in respect of his land from such portion of the taxes under the Municipal Act, not exceeding 50 per cent thereof, as specified in the by-law." There are consequential amendments under clause 153(3) in the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, which changes the exemption in tax relief for senior citizens to the Property Assessment and Taxation Act. If you understand that, good luck.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 25, statement of school support. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Certified assessment roll. Clause 26, completion. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 27, examination. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, with respect to examination, clause 27. The government's letter to the standing committee notes that a new subsection 27(4) has been added to make it clear that the public can have access to the certified assessment roll, first revision and any subsequent assessment roll. This change was made to clarify a possible misunderstanding that was pointed out in comments received from the city of Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 27. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Notice of assessment. Clause 28, notice mailed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 29. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Amend Subclause 27(4), Bill 18-87(1), Carried

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking through this we noticed in clause 27(4), there is a mistake in the printing. Two words are missing. I wonder if at this time I could bring an amendment in. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 18-87(1), subsection 27(4), be amended by adding after "assessment roll", ", first revision,". So the new section would read, "The information contained in the certified assessment roll, first revision, and any subsequent assessment roll must be open for public inspection."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Minister, your motion is in order. To the motion. Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 29, public notice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Technical errors. Clause 30, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part II, assessment complaints and appeals. Clause 31, municipal boards of revision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 32, term of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 33, quorum. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 34, territorial board of revision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 35, term of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 36, honoraria. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 37, panels. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 38, quorum. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 39, municipal jurisdiction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 40, duty and powers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 41, complaints. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 42, hearing complaints. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 43, notice of hearing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 44, assessor's corrections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 45, right to participate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 46, decision in writing. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, in paragraph 46(2)(c), nature of decision of board of revision, Inuvik is asking why is the board of revision prohibited from ordering an assessment of assessable property that has not previously been assessed?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Minister's Prerogative To Order First Assessment

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Section 11 of the act provides that it is the Minister's prerogative to order the first assessment, simply because there may be and, in fact there are, places where the cost of doing assessment far, far exceeds the kind of money that would ever be raised. So, therefore, the government has reserved the right to order a first assessment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 46, decision in writing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 47, written notice of decision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 48, revisions made. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: On subsection 48(2), second revision, Inuvik asks, "Can the assessment roll, second revision, be considered as an official working assessment roll or must the municipality wait until the assessment appeal tribunal sits and the assessment roll, final revision, has been set? If the municipality must wait until after the tribunal, serious short-term revenue shortfalls will occur as the municipality would have to wait until late May at the earliest before final revision is attained and the tax notices can be sent out. We strongly recommend that the assessment roll, second revision, be viewed as the official working assessment roll and used accordingly."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We agree and we really do not see why one appeal should hold up the issuing of tax notices. So when we get to clause 73, I will be making an amendment to allow the municipalities to go ahead without waiting for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 48, revisions made. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 49, establishment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 50, term of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 51, honoraria. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 52, panel. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 53, quorum. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 54, jurisdiction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 55, duty and powers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Provisions common to boards of revision and the tribunal. Clause 56, oath of office. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 57, Conflict of Interest Act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 58, public hearings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 59, proceedings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 60, failure to appear. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 61, admissible evidence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 62, commissioners of oath. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 63, secretary's duties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 64, majority decisions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Assessment appeals. Clause 65, notice of appeals. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 66, notice of hearing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 67, tribunal decisions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 68, contents of decision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Third revision. Clause 69, revisions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Appeal to the court. Clause 70, appeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 71, basis of decision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 72, notice to director. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Final revision. Clause 73. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Amend Clause 73, Bill 18-87(1), Carried

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned earlier I have an amendment. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 18-87(1) be amended by deleting subclause 73(1) and substituting the following: Marginal note, "Final revision". "(1) For the purpose of this act, an 'assessment roll, final revision', means (a) a certified assessment roll, second revision; or (b) where there is no complaint to a board of revision or no changes to an assessed value or a property class resulting from a complaint or request to a board of revision, a certified assessment roll, first revision." Essentially what we are doing, Mr. Chairman, is removing in 73(1)(a), the words "third revision" and adding "second revision", and deleting 73(b).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Paragraph (c) is deleted too, is it not or is it still in?

HON. GORDON WRAY: We will replace the whole section with a new one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. The motion reads: In section 73(a) a certified assessment roll, scratch out "third" and put in "second" revision; then you delete (c) and in (b) it is written, "Where there is no complaint to a board of revision or no changes to an assessed value or

a property class resulting from a complaint or request to a board of revision, a certified assessment roll, first revision." Am I correct, Mr. Minister? Your motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Patterson, your vote does not count. You are not in your seat.

---Laughter

Clause 73, final revision. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part III, taxation, liability to taxation. Clause 74, liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 75, authority to exempt. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Taxation Exemptions

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. A couple of notes in the letter from the government to the standing committee on legislation. The first had to do with subsection 74(2) so I am just going to go back one. Following the committee's review of it, it was amended to grant an exemption only for property held by an agent of the Commissioner for, or on behalf of the Commissioner rather than providing an exemption for the agent itself. This is in accordance with the provisions respecting agents for Her Majesty in right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, in this subsection. And then in the section that we are dealing with now, a note that subsection 75(2) had been amended to include the possibility of having taxation exemptions for historic resources designated by municipal council as well as historic places designated under the Historical Resources Act.

The first change was discussed in the committee while the second was added for the sake of completeness. In committee hearings the matter had been raised in respect of other local government legislation as to whether municipalities could designate and made provision for and by-laws about heritage resources and the Minister had agreed to make that change. Then the question arose as to whether there could possibly be some tax exemption and in certain cases, with respect to heritage resources, the Minister has in this act made an adjustment in that direction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 75, authority to exempt. Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask about this. I am not sure about this. Hospitals and senior citizens and public housing, are taxes levied on them or just on some people that own houses? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, it was public housing, hospitals and what was the other one? Senior citizens. The individuals or senior citizens' property, do you mean?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Property tax is levied against public housing and the NWT Housing Corporation pays a grant in lieu. Hospitals are the same, they pay taxes but again it is a grant in lieu, and senior citizens homes are the same. All of those three properties, by and large, are owned by government. And as such, they pay grant in lieu. The individuals who are tenants or are renting space in those units do not pay the tax.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 75, authority to exempt. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Property tax in general taxation area. Clause 76, mill rates. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, in general, Mr. Chairman, Inuvik has some comments on both clause 76 and clause 77 with respect to the education mill rate. They say in Inuvik there is a local public school and a regional secondary school. If there were a regional board of education and a local board of education, which are currently under consideration, would both sections 76 and 77 apply to ratepayers in Inuvik? If section 76 does not apply because section 77 is in effect, then this should be clearly indicated that even though there are regional and local boards of education, only one section is applicable.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Section 76 only applies in a general taxation area which is a taxation area outside of a municipal taxation area. Section 77 only applies in a municipal taxation area.

MR. MacQUARRIE: The headings state that.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, the headings make that clear and I think in the definitions they are also explained. "General taxation area" means the geographic area of the Territories that is not within a municipal taxation area.

Motion To Amend Clause 75, Bill 18-87(1), Carried

Mr. Chairman, again, I apologize. But in paragraph 75(2)(i) there has been another printing error and I wonder if I could make an amendment. Mr. Chairman, I move that in Bill 18-87(1), paragraph 75(2)(i), on line 21, the word "historic" be deleted and the word "heritage" be added. The section would now read: "that is a historic place under the Historical Resources Act or designated as a heritage resource by a municipal council." Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your motion is in order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The Chair does not recognize a quorum. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms ring the bell? We are on paragraph 75 (2)(i) and the motion is to delete "historic" and replace it with the word "heritage". The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: When you put it in that way, Mr. Chairman, in paragraph (i) there are two "historics" so I believe that you are referring to the second "historic" that is replaced by the word "heritage". Is that right?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): That is correct, Mr. MacQuarrie. It is on line 21, that "historic" is deleted and replaced with "heritage". The motion is in order and question was called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 75, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Property tax in general taxation area. Clause 76, mill rates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Property tax in municipal taxation areas. Clause 77, municipal mill rate. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, here Inuvik raised another concern. They applied it to clause 76 but clause 77 is the one that applies to municipal taxation areas. So, they note that in subclauses 77(3) and (7), with respect to the education mill rate application/requisition, the town of Inuvik says, "There should be a time limit in place as to when the application/requisition must be made. We suggest that the application/requisition must be made before March 1st."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We look after this in the consequential amendments, clause 143, where subsection 39(2) of the Education Act says "Every board of education shall as soon as practicable after the assessment roll first revision...."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Property tax in municipal taxation areas. Clause 77. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Mill Rates, Public And Separate School Boards

MR. MacQUARRIE: With respect to 77(4), this is not an Inuvik question but just a question that occurs to me as we have the circumstance here in Yellowknife. If, in 77(4), the education mill rate for public and separate schools is to be computed separately, is it clear that that means that the mill rate for public and separate school supporters may be different if their budgetary requirements are different? I am not sure but it seems to me they always have the same mill rate at the present time but is this making clear that each of the two education authorities could make separate requests and have different education mill rates?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Yes, it is entirely possible that they could have different mill rates. Each board is responsible for setting them up.

MR. MacQUARRIE: And so perhaps they would have had the ability to do that in the past but perhaps have not exercised it. Maybe that is the way it is then.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, they did but I think, quite frankly, the amount of revenue from taxation for education purposes actually has no bearing on what it costs so I think that they have just stuck with using the one mill rate. But they did have the ability in the past as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 77, municipal mill rate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Application of mill rates. Clause 78, calendar year. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Property tax calculation. Clause 79, calculation in general taxation area. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 80, calculation in a municipal taxation area. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tribunal or court decisions. Clause 81, assessed value. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Imposition of tax. Clause 82, tax imposed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 83, special lien. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 84, by-laws. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 85. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: A note in the letter from the government to the committee. Subsection 85(2) was deleted because of advice received from the city of Yellowknife that postmarks are not used in some commercial mailings. The date of receipt will therefore be the day the collecting authority receives the document. As a result of this change, section 91 was amended to extend the period of time for payment. Because 45 days had been based upon the date the taxpayer puts the payment in the mailbox, it was necessary to extend the time to 60 days to account for the time that it would take for the post office to deliver the letter.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 85, interest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 86, reductions and rebates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 87, where premises damaged or destroyed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 88, exempt property liable. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tax rolls, notices and payments. Clause 89, tax rolls. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 90, notice of tax payable. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 91, when taxes payable. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 92, payment priorities. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Administrative matters. Clause 93, tax certificate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 94, certified copies. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 95, local improvements. Charges or expenses. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: In the letter again from the government to the committee, subsection 95(1) was amended to include the reference to charges levied, for example, water charges which was the result of changes made to other municipal bills.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I have a minor amendment.

Motion To Amend Subclause 92(2), Bill 18-87(1), Carried

Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 18-87(1) be amended by inserting the numbers "93" after the numbers "88" in subclause 95(2).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Under clause 95(2), right after number "88", a comma, then "93 and 96". Correct, Mr. Minister?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Correct, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 95, local improvements, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tax arrears. Clause 96, certificate of tax arrears. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Provision Replacing Tax Sale Provision

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This was an area where in committee some discussion arose and then subsequent concern was expressed by the Member for Yellowknife South. In the letter from the government to the committee, it notes that subsection 96(2) was amended to require the sending of the certificate of tax arrears to the owners. And there is another note that subsection 97(1) was amended to correct the reference to the certificate.

Now clauses 96 and 97 are clauses that deal with certificates of tax arrears and I believe this is the replacement for the idea of tax sales which were permissible in the old municipal legislation. The government, in its letter to the committee, notes that no changes were made to the tax sale provisions. Discussions have taken place with Mr. Richard and while he is concerned about consultation with municipalities and has stated that, no recommendation for change has been made. However, a new clause 151 has been added to make application of the Seizures Act to the certificate of tax arrears, very clear.

I do not know what has happened to my buddy from Yellowknife South but I know that he has a serious concern about this. I know the question that he last put and it is one that I would put as well. The government has indicated that they wanted to change the provision because it seemed that it was open to abuse where a municipality could use a provision in the act that stated, where taxes were in arrears, that the municipality could in effect expropriate land, if they wanted; that they were perhaps using it as a replacement for expropriation. The government thought that that was not the intention at all but rather simply that the municipalities should have some concrete and effective way to recover the tax money that is owing to it. So Mr. Richard's question was and mine will be, why not simply continue to have the tax sale provisions but make it clear that the municipality cannot simply expropriate the land but could compel, in some way, that it be put to sale. And the municipality could, along with others, I guess, bid for the land if it wanted it but not have the right just to expropriate it. So, what is the answer to that question?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to make too much of the expropriation part of the argument because that is certainly one part. But I guess we felt that while it was being done in some cases to get land, probably, by and large, the reason they were doing that was because of the length of time that it took under the tax sale provisions. And they were simply just skipping a part of the process in order to achieve their ends faster.

New Procedure Quicker And Simpler

We had a municipality in 1985 and in 1986, one tax sale in each, which were confirmed by a judge, which took approximately some three years to collect the taxes from the imposition of the tax, using the tax sale procedure. In addition to that, the lawyers' fees were approximately \$2000 to \$3000 per year to do this. So, in fact, when it came right down to it, the municipal corporation ended up collecting taxes on one hand and paying lawyers' fees out on the other and there was no net gain to the town at all.

When this first came out, as I said, the consultation with the municipalities on this particular act was not as great as we would have liked it. However, Mr. Beaumont did undertake, last week, and I believe spent close to an hour on the phone with the secretary-treasurer in Inuvik, the secretary-treasurer in Fort Smith and as well as the city of Yellowknife. Once we explained the procedure that we were putting in place, they were much more comfortable with it because the net effect really is that instead of going through the very onerous tax sale provisions, what we are suggesting would actually mean that a municipal corporation could, in fact, collect their tax in as little as one year as opposed to the three years which they now have to wait.

The city of Yellowknife, I believe I said yesterday, said, "Okay, you know, we think it is a good idea and we are prepared to live with it, but we are going to reserve our judgment." The town of Iqaluit is actually very enthusiastic because they have more leased land than they have owned land and it makes their process much simpler. In Inuvik and Fort Smith, both of those communities, their fears were laid to rest.

So, I really think the bottom line is not so much the expropriation of the land and maybe that was my mistake by overemphasizing that. I think it was the length of time that the old provisions took and the very complicated and difficult procedure that had to be gone through and we are suggesting a much more simplified system, which still achieves the same end and that is that the municipality can collect the taxes and that really is what we are trying to achieve.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could the Minister or one of his officials just give a brief, clear explanation of what procedure is now open to the municipality when they encounter a situation where a property owner is not or has not for some period of time paid taxes? What is the procedure now that will be open to them?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I will have Mr. Orr explain this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Orr.

Explanation Of Current Procedure

MR. ORR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can proceed with an explanation of the current scheme then and go on to an explanation of what would take place under this bill. That might be of assistance to the committee. Currently under the Municipal Act, a sale cannot take place any earlier than one year after the end of December of the tax year. So the year that the taxes were imposed, you have to wait to the end of that year and then add on another year before you can commence the procedure. In April 30th of that year, so this could be two years now after the default, a mayor's warrant is issued, advertising takes place and if we are going for a tax sale, notice of the sale has to take place two months prior to the sale. The sale is by public auction and must take place no later than August 15th in any year. So, if they do not get the advertising out in time, they will have to wait till the next year.

The permission of council is needed to sell the property for less than the amount of the tax arrears. That is not very common though. The municipality does have a prior right to purchase the property for the amount of the arrears and that is the sort of option that has been discussed in quite some detail in this committee. What happens after that is that a sale takes place, assuming that option is not exercised, and any proceeds greater than the amount of the arrears are held by the purchaser until the end of a redemption period. This is six months from the time of the sale till an application is made to the court to have the sale confirmed. This is an application to the Supreme Court. An application must be made at the end of six months and notice has to be given to any person with an interest in the property. So on this application, the judge is asked to confirm the sale if the person who owned the property has not paid the arrears of taxes and any penalties outstanding. After confirmation, a transfer under the Land Titles Act is prepared and the purchaser will get the property at that point.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just before Mr. Orr goes on, so that I understand it, it is a fairly time-consuming and costly procedure. There are lawyers involved in this procedure and that is always a costly procedure. I understand that at any time, right up until the confirmation of the court, the whole process could be subverted or nullified by the taxpayer suddenly appearing and agreeing to pay whatever taxes and penalty are owing. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Orr.

MR. ORR: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct. The taxpayer who owns the property, can redeem it right up until the transfer is actually made. So that could be many months after the sale itself -- at least six, but it could be longer depending on how quickly the application is made to the court and that hearing takes place. So, Mr. Chairman, on that basis it could take three years easily to have that process take place.

Procedure Proposed Under Bill 18-87(1)

Under the current bill, the proposed procedure is that after the end of December in the tax year, a certificate of tax arrears is prepared by the municipality or the government, depending on where the property is located. That certificate is sent to the owner. If the taxes are not paid within 30 days, the certificate is filed with the court. An application can be made at that time, so this is less than a year after default. Application can be made to have the certificate deemed to be a judgment of the court and to get instruction from the court on how to enforce payment. Now, in the ordinary course, it is the expectation that the court would say that this certificate is a judgment and that the municipality would then proceed to enforce it in the same way as any judgment creditor would under the Seizures Act, by having a writ of execution prepared, giving it to the sheriff.

Now, in that procedure what happens is that one year must elapse from the time the writ is prepared to the time that a sale can take place on real property, and that is to allow the sheriff time to levy execution against any other property that might be owned by the taxpayer. For example, the real property may not be the most valuable asset of the taxpayer. In the case of leased property, the real property is not possible to sell anyway. So within that first year the sheriff could sell shares, go against bank accounts or other assets of the defaulting taxpayer. So it is possible that the taxes could be satisfied within that period. But if there are no other assets, other than the real property, then after one year the property would be sold by public sale. I hope that explains it. If it went to public sale, that would take about two years, so it would knock a year off the current procedure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I just wanted it clear in the record that I guess the Seizures Act does apply to whatever assets the taxpayer may own. Not just his land or real property, but whatever he owns. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Correct, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tax arrears. Clause 96, certificate of tax arrears. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 97, filing in court. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 98, municipal taxes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part IV, supplementary assessment and taxation. Clause 99, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Supplementary assessment. Clause 100, liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 101, request. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 102, compliance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 103, supplementary assessment roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 104, applicable sections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Supplementary property tax. Clause 105, calculation. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Here Inuvik notes that if you read subclause 105(2), it says, "The product obtained under paragraph (1)(d) is the total supplementary property tax payable." But they say when you look up at (1) there is no paragraph (d), so obviously there is something missing here, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I had an amendment, Mr. Chairman, but we do not have a quorum.

Motion To Amend Subclause 105(2), Bill 18-87(1), Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, do you want to go ahead with your motion?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 18-87(1) be amended by deleting the "(d)" in subclause 105(2) and substituting "(c)".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): For the Members' information, we are on page 54, amount of supplementary property tax, line 16 and we are putting "the products obtained under paragraph (1)(c)". Your motion is in order, Mr. Minister. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 105, calculation, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 106, tax imposed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 107, supplementary tax roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 108, applicable sections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part V, general, other municipal taxing authorities. Clause 109, establishment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Director, collector and assessors. Clause 110, director. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 111, collector. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 112, assessors. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Private Sector Assessors

MR. MacQUARRIE: The letter from Inuvik reads, "Can the municipality use an outside, private assessment firm to conduct the assessment rather than the Government of the Northwest Territories? Can it be done in-house by the municipality? If these options are not possible, we feel the act should be altered to allow a city to conduct assessments in-house."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The appointment of private sector assessors is possible under section 112(1) where the Minister may appoint persons as assessors -- that could be anybody. However, it is the government's position that in the interest of obtaining consistent assessment across the Territories, at the present time we have no intention to allow private sector assessment in the foreseeable future. But we are not ruling it out, it is something that one day may very well come.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Clause 112, assessors. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Variation of time limits. Clause 113, variation of time. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 114, delegation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Regulations. Clause 115, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Service of documents. Clause 116, service of documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Offences. Clause 117, offences and penalties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Penalties. Clause 118, penalties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part IV, transitional provisions and commencement. Clause 119, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Transitional provisions. Clause 120, collector of taxes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 121, general assessment roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 122, classification of land. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 123, annual assessment roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 124, calculation of time. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 125, mobile unit roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 126, supplementary assessment and taxation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 127, tax roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 128, tax sale proceedings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 129, prosecutions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 130, assessors. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 131, liability unaffected. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 132, general assessment roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 133, annual assessment roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 134, property classes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 135, municipal tax roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 136, mobile unit roll. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 137, former proceedings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 138, transitional regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Repeal and commencement. Clause 139, repeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 140, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Part VII, consequential amendments. Condominium Act. Clause 141. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Education Act. Clause 142, ratepayer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 143, assessment and taxation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 144. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: In the letter, again, from the government to the standing committee there was a final note. Subsection 39.1.(3) in clause 144 was amended so that the payments will commence in June rather than in March of the taxation year. This change says the government will ensure that the bill conforms to the current practice under the Education Act.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Clause 144, payment of property taxes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 145. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 146, corporate property. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 147, where no declaration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Act. Clause 148. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 149. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 150, recovery of improper rebate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Seizures Act. Clause 151. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Seizures Act Applied For Non-Payment Of Taxes

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, because they were repealing the provisions for tax sales and because there was concern among committee Members and others, the government has introduced this new section to enable municipalities to apply the seizure provisions of the Seizures Act where municipal taxes have not been paid. As I noted earlier for Members' information, this would enable a property owner's personal property, other than real property, to be seized by the sheriff for sale for non-payment of taxes. So that is the implication in that.

MR. McCALLUM: What are they going to do with all those four-wheeled vehicles?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I ask Mr. Minister and perhaps he would want Mr. Orr to answer, what if the person does not have substantial personal property that could be seized or perhaps has a "you-go" in the driveway or something like that and nobody wants to buy it. Does he go to jail?

MR. McCALLUM: Do not pass go, you do not get \$200, go directly.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, in that case the municipality would be entitled to go after the real property and not the personal assets.

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

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would the Minister not agree that one of the changes now with doing the collection of the taxes under the Seizures Act is that in fact the creditor municipality will be obliged by the Seizures Act to seize, sell and exhaust all the "personal assets" of the delinquent debtor prior to having any rights to sell the land? That is the procedure as I understand it under the Seizures Act. The sheriff must go out and seize all of the personal or moveable property of a debtor, sell it and if there is still debt left, then, and only then, can the sheriff on behalf of the municipality go after the land. The Seizures Act requires the creditor municipality to obtain from the sheriff what is called a return nulla bona, which is that there is nothing more I can find of personal assets to seize, therefore, I have to turn to the land. Am I mistaken?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I do not know. I will ask the Minister.

---Laughter

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, Mr. Richard is quite correct. You go after the personal assets first and if there is not enough there to satisfy the taxes then you go after the property. However, the bottom line is that the municipalities attempt to get the taxes, so if they get the taxes through the sale of personal assets they do not need to go after the land.

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

Eligibility Of Municipality To Bid At Tax Sale

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On another aspect, now that we are going through the Seizures Act provisions. Just a couple of questions. I wanted to ask the Minister about the new procedure. The current Municipal Act legislation on tax sales, as the Minister knows and has pointed out, allows the municipality to bid on the land, so to speak, or take the land for the value of the outstanding taxes but there is a prohibition in the Municipal Act provisions on tax sales that prohibits an employee of the municipal corporation or municipality from bidding at the tax sale. I presume that those who passed that legislation years ago had valid reasons for that. Employees should not, perhaps because of special information, be allowed to participate in the bidding process.

Now that we are going to the mechanism under the Seizures Act, two questions come to mind: Will the municipality be able to be a bidder at the sheriff's sale? Secondly, will an employee of the municipal corporation or the municipality be allowed to be a bidder and should the employee be allowed to be a bidder?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Orr.

MR. ORR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that the purpose of the current practice which is contained in the Municipal Act is to prevent an employee from using their position in the municipality to gain an advantage and a sale is conducted by the municipality. Under the current provision the tax sale is conducted by the municipality, they are in charge of it, therefore employees of that corporation should not be entitled to use any inside knowledge they have to get an advantage in a sale.

Under the proposed new procedure the sale would take place under the Seizures Act by the sheriff. There is not the same conflict of interest with the employees of the municipal corporation. I do not have a copy of the municipal legislation here with me, that we dealt with last week, but my understanding of those provisions is that they would not prohibit an employee from bidding on the property. If I remember correctly, those provisions restrict an employee from entering into a contract with a municipality itself and in this case a sale would be conducted by the sheriff rather than in this case a municipal corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Orr. Clause 151, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Senior Citizens Land Tax Relief Act. Clause 152. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Amend Marginal Note, Clause 153, Bill 18-87(1), Carried

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I perhaps jumped the gun a little bit. In section 153, there is a mistake in the marginal note. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 18-87(1) be amended by deleting the word "Commissioner" from the marginal note in line 48 on page 68 and substituting the word, "council".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are still on clause 152, partial exemption by municipal corporations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 153. There is a motion to delete "Commissioner" from the marginal note, and replacing it with "council". This motion is in order. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, if the Minister could indicate why the change is taking place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, it was just a printing mistake. The section refers to a council passing the by-law, not the Commissioner.

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

---Carried

Clause 153, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 154, remission of tax by Commissioner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The bill as a whole. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Application Of Seizures Act Not Acceptable

MR. MacQUARRIE: I do not like the provisions of the Seizures Act applying, because it seems to me that we have a circumstance in which indebtedness arises from the land and yet what we are doing is creating a situation where other property of a taxpayer can be seized first. And indeed, my colleague here is telling me it would have to be seized first, under the provisions of that act for indebtedness on the land. I feel that there could be circumstances where someone has inherited worthless land, but their tax is owing on it, that they themselves might just assume that the municipality takes the land and yet it seems to me, unless I am misunderstanding it, that rather than that happening here that the city can get the sheriff to seize their personal property. They might have another house or something like that, a bank account or whatever and take it from there. I do not like that.

MR. RICHARD: I do not like it.

MR. MacQUARRIE: So, when you say, bill as a whole, that is a nay from here, I guess.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the case where an individual had a worthless piece of land and did not particularly want to pay taxes on it, he could simply give it to the municipality or sell it to the municipality for the cost of those taxes. There is no requirement that he is forced to keep the land and forced to pay taxes. He could simply turn the land over to the municipality and say, "I do not want this land any more, you take it back." Or sell it to them for the cost of taxes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We will turn back to page one, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The bill as a whole, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree Bill 18-87(1), as amended, is now ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will take a 15 minute coffee break. Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, just before the coffee break we still had the small matter of Bill 5-87(1). There was one section which had not been approved. I wonder if we could do that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I think some of the Members are on the break already. Do you want to come back in to deal with Bill 5-87(1) now or take a coffee break? We will take a coffee break now.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 5-87(1), Cities, Towns And Villages Act

The committee will now come to order. We are on page 54, clause 226. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: A comment on clause 226. I am against the repeal of all of the provisions of the Municipal Act.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister, clause 226 was deferred. Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, clause 226 was held in abeyance until the other acts had been passed. So all we need for this now is agreement on clause 226, and then the short title and the bill as a whole.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 226. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 5-87(1) as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 5-87(1) is now ready for third reading as amended? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will now deal with Bill 20-87(1). Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McLaughlin has returned and we might be able to look at Tabled Document 72-87(1), A Model for the Delivery of Alcohol and Drug Services in the Northwest Territories, but until we get to that point possibly we could move to Bill 38-87(1).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree then that we move to Bill 38-87(1), Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 1987-88? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Bill 38-87(1), Write-Off Of Assets And Debts Act, 1987-88

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, we will turn to Bill 38-87(1), An Act Respecting the Write-off of Assets and Debts for the Fiscal Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1988. Mr. Butters.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this act is to obtain legislative authority for the write-off of certain receivables and assets from the territorial accounts. Individual cases of receivable write-offs over \$20,000 require Legislative Assembly approval pursuant to section 14 of the Financial Administration Act. Similarly, assets in excess of \$100,000 require legislative authority to be written off. Allowances for these write-offs have already been established and no expenditure of funds is required. This bill is updated on a yearly basis with amendments made during the year as write-offs are submitted by the Financial Management Board. This bill represents the initial write-off request for the fiscal year, 1987-88.

Schedule A of this bill lists four separate assets to be written off. All are revolving fund inventory items. Schedule B of the bill lists four separate debts to be written off. This proposed bill has been reviewed by the legislation house planning committee. The chairman of that committee may wish to make comments later on.

I will be moving an amendment to the bill, Mr. Chairman, which will, in effect, be deleting Schedule B, or a portion of Schedule B, and substituting a new schedule, but I will bring that amendment into the House when we get to that point. I believe Members of the committee have received the projected amendment and it has been discussed with the standing committee on finance. That concludes my remarks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. McCallum, as deputy chairman of the finance committee, do you wish to say something?

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Nerysoo is chairman. I am a Member of it.

MR. RICHARD: Prominent Member.

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MR. McCALLUM: Well, I can indicate that the committee did look at it. We had the Minister of Finance, together with other persons associated with him. As Mr. Butters has indicated, he will be making an amendment to Schedule B; therefore the total under Schedule B will be different from in the bill that we have. I do not think that there were very many comments that could be made that were not made at that meeting. Members questioned each of the write-offs and the explanations that were given by the witnesses in the case of the petroleum products revolving fund, and in the case of the other areas. I do not have anything further to say. There may be other Members of the standing committee on finance that would like to add something to it, but I do not. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. General comments? Does the committee agree to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Clause 2, write-off of inventory. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Clause 3, write-off of debts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule A, assets written off. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Schedule B, debts written off. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Schedule B, Bill 38-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 38-87(1), An Act Respecting the Write-off of Assets and Debts for the Fiscal Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1988, be amended by deleting Schedule B and substituting the following schedule. So, under Schedule B, debts written off, we will have now as debtors: 1. Town of Pine Point. 2. Northward Airlines Limited. 3. Slave River Sawmill Ltd., in the same amounts as appeared on the previous schedule. Do I have to read all these into the record, or if I provide the motion, will that be sufficient?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I am sorry, Mr. Minister, you have to read it out for the record.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Schedule B, debts written off. 1) Debtor, Town of Pine Point; nature of debt, principal and interest outstanding on municipal debenture number 9 made pursuant to the Municipal Act; amount, \$405,241.41 as at September 23, 1985. 2) Debtor, Northward Airlines Limited, struck from the register on December 2, 1982, pursuant to subsection 176(4) of the Companies Act; nature of debt, credit granted for petroleum purchases pursuant to the petroleum, oil and lubricants program; amount, \$97,438.63. 3) Debtor, Slave River Sawmill Ltd.; nature of the debt, principal and interest outstanding on a loan made pursuant to the Business Loans and Guarantees Act; amount, \$411,061.78, as at March 31, 1987. For the new total, now to read, \$913,741.82.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we were discussing Schedule B, I think there was a question asked in regard to debtor number three, the Slave River Sawmill Ltd., as to whether there were any government loan guarantees still outstanding. We were told, to the best of the knowledge of the witness, that there were not any. But I believe the witness said that he would go back and check it out to indicate whether that, in fact, was correct. I wonder if I could now find out

whether the writing off of this loan pursuant to the Business Loans and Guarantees Act in the amount of \$411,061.78 is in fact the only loan and/or guarantee that the Government of the Northwest Territories has to the Slave River Sawmill Ltd. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, as the Member advises, the witness from the Department of Economic Development was not able to confirm his answer at the occasion when the matter was considered in the standing committee on finance. That same witness is currently in the House and has carried out a review in accordance with the Member's question and the answer is that there is none.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. There is a motion being put forward and, because we are dealing with money, we do not have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Sergeant-at-Arms could you please ring the bell? The committee will come back to order. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

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Now we will go back to Schedule B, debts written off, total \$913,741.82. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): We will go back to Schedule A, assets written off, total \$164,552.27. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Bill as a whole as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Does the committee agree that Bill 38-87(1) is now ready for third reading, as amended?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, even though the Minister of Social Services has just arrived into the House we probably could look at Tabled Document 72-87(1), A Model for the Delivery of Alcohol and Drug Services in the Northwest Territories. He has just been informed of the requirement maybe

to discuss this this afternoon, so possibly if some Members of the committee would wish to make some opening comments while we guarantee that we do have the necessary witnesses present. So, if we could start on that in a sense of some opening statements or some general comments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Tabled Document 72-87(1), A Model For The Delivery Of Alcohol And Drug Services In The NWT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McLaughlin, do you have any opening remarks at this time?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the important thing for Members to realize when looking at this proposal is that right now you have to remember that Health and Welfare Canada has the responsibility for mental health in the Northwest Territories and we have already put a proposal to them as to what mental health programs should be like in the Territories after the transfer. If Members will recall that proposal and look at this one on the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, you will see that if both of these things come into place they will be very compatible, because it is difficult to separate mental health problems from drug and alcohol abuse. So you will notice that there is a similarity in the designs so that they accommodate each other.

As well, you should realize that the Legislative Assembly, by motion, formed the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council out of both concerns and out of frustration. Several years ago, the drug and alcohol programs were not being taken care of in the manner that they thought they should be, so that now the chairman and the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council determine what is done with the money from the federal government under the NNADAP program, and also determine what is done with the drug and alcohol money contributed by this Legislative Assembly through the budget.

What you see in the schematic is that ADCC will continue to exist as a body to advise the Minister and to be involved with the community projects, but there will be a director and other officials in the field which will allow the program to be checked more thoroughly than it is now. Right now there are not enough people, out of Yellowknife, in the field that we can use to report back to the committee on how successfully the program is running. So the people on the ADCC have a great deal of difficulty making judgments as to how successful the program is, whether it should be continued to be funded or whether it should be enhanced, or in fact, whether the project should be terminated. So, the biggest thing that is happening in this proposal is that the Department of Social Services will be more involved with the program than it was before and there will be more people in the field to give information to the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, so that they can make proper decisions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. General comments? Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could just confirm that this model that we see in this tabled document carries out the recommendations of the Torrance report. Maybe that report is four or five years old now, but as I recall, when we raised the issue of the ADCC in this House in the last two years, it seemed that the Torrance report was received and, I believe, we attempted at one time to review the Torrance report in this Assembly; but nothing really has been done until now, with this document being presented. I do not have the Torrance report in front of me, but the Minister is familiar with it, I am sure. Can he indicate where this model, set out in Tabled Document 72-87(1), fits in the context of the Torrance report recommendations?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Torrance report, I think, made a couple of different recommendations or options that could be used, and I believe they ranged from a commission -- a separate, entirely unto themselves commission -- to putting the alcohol program entirely within the department, as the range of the things that you could do with the program. Our proposal that we are putting forth recognizes that the department should have more of a say in what is going on and provide more resources to ADCC, but there should still be a board appointed by the

Minister that gives policy direction and is representative of the people in the regions who are concerned about the alcohol and drug projects. Mr. Chairman, if I could, I would like to go to the witness table and if the committee agrees, bring in Bronwyn Watters, the assistant deputy minister, to help out with this.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

Membership Of The Board Of Management

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I had primarily moved the document into committee of the whole so we might discuss it, but I believe that one of the handicaps of the Minister's department in working with ADCC over the years is that ADCC is a creature of this Assembly. We have seen documents before that have indicated that only the Assembly can change the creature that was established in 1973. In the model that is proposed here, it seems that it is going to be a board of management. I do not know whether it is still going to be called the ADCC. It shows as ADCC in the schematic diagram on reporting relationships. It probably should go through a name change so that people's perception is that it is something new. I note on page seven under terms of reference for the proposed board of management, it states that this is the model which most closely resembles the current ADCC. I had thought there were some difficulties with the current ADCC. Maybe it was the fact that our Assembly did not take enough of a follow-up role, having created the body in 1973, that we did not keep on top of it after that, as an Assembly. I do not think we necessarily should. I think what we are doing now is to turn this body over to the responsibility of one Minister of government and his departmental officials rather than the entire Assembly. That is the route that we should be going. I see that this is the thrust of this proposal.

I note also under the proposed membership of the board that instead of 14, the new board of management would consist of nine members with equal representation of eastern and western members, to be appointed by the Minister of Social Services after consulting with native organizations and other bodies. I do not have any difficulty with that. I am not sure how the membership vacancies are filled. But, with no disrespect to the individuals who have been on the ADCC over the years, because I cannot recall any particular individuals, I do know that the Torrance report and subsequent documents pointed out that there was a very poor attendance record. There was not continuity of membership and I am hoping that the Minister, if this proposal is accepted by the Assembly, when he exercises the authority that it is proposed be given to him by way of appointment of members, that whoever the Minister of Social Services is, he will keep foremost in his mind the shortcomings of the membership of recent years, perhaps way back to 1973. I personally, with no disrespect to eastern or western members, whoever they are, I do not like the words "with equal representation of eastern and western members". I think any Minister charged with the responsibility of appointing memberships to these various public agencies is bound to give a balanced representation geographically. We have debated and fought long enough in this Assembly as to what is east and what is west and I first of all, my old arithmetic tells me that nine cannot go into equal halves anyway.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Sure it can. Four and a half from each side. We probably had that at times, eh?

MR. RICHARD: But that is just an observation. I think the Minister would, with that consultation, be getting a balanced representation. I guess my point is that with the track record of previous years, if the Minister, in assessing the candidates for appointment, decided in one given year, because of the competence or qualifications of potential members, that you had five from the East and only three from the West -- I think that would be just fine if they were good people, rather than a strict arithmetic formula wherever the boundary line is; that would be for the Minister to decide and maybe we should not let him have that decision. Those are just some general observations, Mr. Chairman.

I applaud the Minister and his officials for finally bringing this forward. It has been an outstanding item for some time now and, hopefully, if this paper is accepted by the Assembly, the new system can be put in place and the programs in the field will get better support and direction from the department and from the new board of management. I guess I should ask, before I give up

the mike, Mr. Chairman, as pleased as I am to see this come about, are there going to be any financial implications for our government's budget? There is talk about regional support staff, etc., and I know we have salaried people working in these areas now. What is the bottom line financially? Is it going to cost our government any more money?

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Member is right, this has been a long time in coming. I think the Torrance report was first presented during the last Assembly, similar to the WCB report that sort of died and was never followed up on. So for me, when I had to look at making appointments, I wondered what authority I had to make appointments. When I started looking around, I found everything lay with the Assembly and it was the Assembly that would have to make changes, and that is why we took the initiative at the last session to get something in the way of a motion in here, directing me to do something. So I am pleased that we are finally able to reach this stage.

The make-up of the board and its continuity have been a difficulty and I think one of the reasons is that the appointments were made basically according to some of the interested organizations in the Territories. They tended to put employees on and when those employees changed jobs or left their service, then it meant somebody else had to come on. So there was no continuity. In the new proposal what we would look to is consulting with the native organizations and other organizations interested in drug and alcohol abuse and getting names of people from the general public who are interested in going on the board, not because it is part of their job but because it is something that they are truly interested in. I think we will be a little more successful that way.

Additional Costs To Territorial Government

As for the person years, I believe they will not be any additional cost to us. I think we are changing some O and M in contract money into person years in order to accomplish this. It also recognizes the money that is presently in place in NNADAP and the person years there in Health and Welfare Canada that would be transferred over to us. I would maybe ask Bronwyn Watters to add a little bit onto that if I can, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: The plan as it is laid out here will not entail any additional costs. That was the ground work that we were working on. The entire federal NNADAP budget, hopefully, will transfer and the proposal details, the total budget will transfer from the federal government. In the interim we are looking at using internal resources within the alcohol and drug budget to accomplish this. We would continue to work jointly with NNADAP and the current management committee which is made up of the assistant regional director from Health and Welfare Canada. The chairman of this newly structured board and the director of the newly structured alcohol and drug division in our department, would play the co-ordinating role that has been played to date by the same committee.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to go into too much detail on it because I believe that the plan is a good one and it would much better serve people in the Territories to have this come under the Minister rather than under the Assembly. For too long, over the years since it was put together, there has been such a difficulty with this particular board. There is no need to go into the difficulties that have been associated with the operation of the board. I do have a concern though with the use of -- maybe not a concern but I just want to know how it is going to work out with the board or the people within the regional areas serving a role or playing a role in the operation of the board. As I understand in reading, it is indicated somewhere, and I forget where, that the regional staff would be involved here. They are to support the emphasis of the community-based delivery of alcohol and drug programs that are locally controlled and the regional staff would be involved with that. As well, I get quite apprehensive when I read the words "a small headquarters program staff would be necessary and would be responsible," because I have known few small headquarters staff that remained small over the years. The tendency is normally to grow like Topsy.

Now I recognize that to some extent the Minister is keeping tabs on the program to ensure that there is somebody involved at headquarters. I recognize that. I do not always agree with that, given the state of communications in the North today. I would have recognized that 20 years ago,

but nowadays, when it is very easy to communicate back and forth, I am not necessarily sure that one need be in headquarters to get in touch with the Minister because most communications with the Minister by people in programs is usually done by telephone, anyway. Ivory soap, 99 and 44/100 per cent of the time that is done that way.

Changes To Field-Based Administration

There are times when it is necessary to have persons make an actual contact with the Minister to keep abreast of things. However, in relation to the use of regional support staff, regional social service staff, and looking at the schematic drawing that is there on page six, there were five regions. It is my understanding, lately, that this government has embarked upon a new reporting relationship and a new set-up for regional administration. Specifically, in Fort Smith. It is my understanding that there are going to be, now, area offices. Certainly there is one going to be set up in Fort Simpson and it would be hoped, I would expect, that the government is going to set up something in Rae-Edzo, enhance Hay River, and whatever is the opposite of enhancement will be set up in Fort Smith. So, I just wonder, when it is being indicated to us that this is not going to cost any more money -- you are going to involve more people because if you are going to run through a regional superintendent, is there a regional superintendent going to be set up in Rae-Edzo, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith and Hay River? I can appreciate that this schematic plan was set up before the advent of the recent policy decision by the Executive to change the delivery of the administration in field operations. At the same time, I do not expect that to end just in Fort Smith. I expect that there will be other changes to the field-based administration of the government in Inuvik, in Keewatin and in Kitikmeot as it has, and in Baffin.

So, I do not understand, and maybe it can be explained to me, how this is not going to cost more money when you are going to involve more people in the administration. Maybe the schematic drawing is wrong and maybe it should have been updated and it may be just an oversight. But I know, given what has occurred with the present Executive of the government, that there are positions being removed from the Fort Smith Region and put into place in other areas, not the least of which will be some coming to Yellowknife. I do not want to do anything to deter this program because I think it is the way the proposed model should be. We should not be sitting here as an Assembly trying to go through it, although we recognize the good that is involved with it, this is a program that should be administered by the Minister and we as the Legislative Assembly, as MLAs can maybe talk about the funding involved with it and everything else but this should be a responsibility of the Executive. But I am a little bit leery as I said, Mr. Chairman, when I hear that it is not going to cost any more money when you are going to have people from three or four areas rather than the Fort Smith Region, and quite possibly from other regions as well, and that there will be a necessity to set up or have a headquarters roof as well. Perhaps I could get the Minister to comment on that.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are presently seven person years involved between the federal and territorial governments in this program and all in Yellowknife at the two headquarters of Health and Welfare Canada and the GNWT. Our proposal is that it be six people at headquarters. For the Fort Smith area, the communities around the Great Slave Lake area, the proposal is to have one person serving that area within a department and reporting to the regional superintendent. It may be necessary, not only in this region but in other regions, to have that person move from one area office to another as programs are set up or where there are areas of difficulty getting programs established and monitoring them. So even in Kitikmeot, for example, the position might be moved, you know, to Coppermine one year and Cambridge Bay another year, possibly Spence Bay another year, so that basically there will be a regional specialist but which community they are in could be flexible as to demands. So, I believe some of the other positions will be established by taking advantage of O and M funds that are presently used for contracts right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Just one further comment. I recognize that there are now, in the schematic drawings, six people directly related: the director; the training/public education officer; research officer; secretary; treatment co-ordinator; and projects officer. Does that mean that this Minister has given up one PY from Yellowknife? I cannot really believe that. Or are you using seven people within the allocation of six PYs, or is it six PYs that you have?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that there are seven person years between Health and Welfare Canada and the GNWT right now, all in Yellowknife, the headquarters of the two government programs, and that we would have six continuing on in Yellowknife. One of these person years would go out to establish one of those regional positions, plus we will use contract dollars that we have right now to establish the other regional positions. I would ask Ms Watters to just elaborate a little bit on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: What we did in assessing the schematic is we allocated this as being post transfer and we have taken the total number of person years available in both governments, plus what the GNWT currently has in contract dollars for three contract persons in the field, to provide the total number of person years required. We really are not adding on at all in terms of the amount of money and we are reducing, by one, the number of people in Yellowknife in order to get them out into the field.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. McCallum.

Regional Specialists

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not going to prolong this. I recognize that you are going to have six people in Yellowknife, whereas before you had seven. You are also going to put a regional specialist, as I understand it according to the schematic drawing in each of five areas, one each in these areas. Maybe you could correct the Minister, or his colleague could correct me on that, but as I look at it, there will be regional specialists put up as well in the region. In addition to that, I expect that you will still be using certain regional people within social services at some time or other, because the regional specialists, I expect, will go from community to community in that particular region. So, I just want to get it straight. Are we talking five regional specialists or are we talking more than that? Thank you.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, we are talking a total of six person years for regional specialists to serve five regions.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First let me say that in terms of the schematic drawings that have been placed before us, I do have difficulty with the idea of the ADCC having the ability to contract services to do evaluation on public education without involving the director of alcohol and drug services, who would have people reporting to that individual with those same types of responsibilities. I can understand the possibility and the need that ADCC would have in terms of projects that have been funded by the particular programs that are in place. But I just have concern with the idea of the ADCC making decisions without the knowledge of the director of alcohol and drug services and if I read it correctly, that is the way in which that could occur.

I guess I have concern in that the same problems that I saw previously, that reviews would take place without anyone's knowledge, or for that matter, reviews that had no bearing on the types of programs and services that were being offered by community projects, or for that matter, regional type projects. There was no association of those projects to the communities in those regions. So, I have concern with that. Maybe if the Minister could explain it to me so that I have a better understanding, but I do not like the way it is drawn here without any relation to the staff or the director of alcohol and drug services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The idea is to allow the ADCC -- as Mr. Richard suggested earlier, there will probably be another name for that committee or co-ordinating group and what name we hang on it, we are not sure, but we just put in ADCC so that people will know where that group will be in the schematic situation -- their job will be to advise the Minister on policy in this area, which might include how well the department itself is doing. So,

the idea is that ADCC should be able to contract outside so they definitely have the confidence themselves. They have an independent review going on and the director of alcohol and drug services does have a reporting relationship to ADCC. So certainly his advice is going to be sought, and really the ADCC should have a reporting relationship to the Minister so that there would be some communications regarding this. I will ask Ms Watters to explain exactly how that is going to work.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: The main objective in allowing the ADCC to contract independently was to enable, as the Minister has said, independent review to be conducted outside all governments, so that the review would be independent of government employees. Or it was felt that as the primary intent of the whole restructuring was to hold the ADCC more accountable to the Minister, that this would sort of control any likelihood of a secret review or something happening outside the Minister's control. And, in fact, with the director as adviser, and with the ADCC being now much more fully accountable to the Minister, we felt that the safeguards were built in.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to indicate that that still does not give me much assurance that there is going to be that close working relationship between those people that are involved. You have indicated in the schematic drawings that there is a training/public education officer, a research/evaluation officer, a secretary, a treatment co-ordinator and a projects officer, yet none of those have any relation to the question of contribution funding. They do not have any relation to the funded projects the way the schematic drawings propose. I would hope that in terms of the reviews that take place over the types of projects and the manner in which funds are provided to communities that these people will have a role in it. It is not a matter that one should hire staff and not have any responsibilities to ensure that the programs and the services that are to be provided are not in any way a responsibility of the staff members; and that much of the success or the lack of success may fall within or on the shoulders of those members that are part of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Committee as drawn here. So that is the problem that I have. I guess a lot of it also has to do with the fact that presently there are no clear alcohol and drug programs and no clear criteria for funding for community programs. That, I believe, and it is part of the terms of reference for the proposed board to accomplish, but my feeling is that is fundamental as to whether or not there is going to be success with regard to those kinds of programs in the communities, or for that matter in the regions.

Specialized Staff In The Regions

The other point I wanted to raise is with regard to this issue of staff. I agree with the idea of utilizing or at least establishing staff in the regions to work with the communities who are delivering alcohol and drug programs. That has been one of the issues that has been lacking all along. But what I get concerned about is, unless the department is going to identify in these areas, specialists who have dealt with alcohol and drug programs or for that matter, identify individuals who have that responsibility alone and are not dealing with other social programs, but rather just dealing with the question of the alcohol and drug programs and how to implement them and how to be supportive to the communities, I do not believe that you are going to be successful. I would hope that in terms of review and in terms of identifying needs for regional staff, that you identify those regions that have serious alcohol and drug problems right now, and not be pressured by this idea of whether or not there are staff members that exist in regions right now, but rather move those staff to those regions that have serious alcohol and drug problems. I think in that way you will be able to be more helpful and supportive to those programs that are presently in existence.

The other point I wanted to raise with you is with regard to the question of membership. I do not have a lot of problems with the idea of consultation with native organizations or regional councils or appropriate volunteer professional groups, but I would hope that you would be prepared to consult the Members of the Assembly. We are no longer going to be part of the designation because that is the role of the Minister now, but at least I would hope that that consultation could be identified in terms of the appointment of people that have been suggested, not so much as political interference but having that input and at least acknowledging that there are representatives of those particular regions. I assume that the Minister would respond to those issues. I still have a few more comments to make.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just on the last comment. My plan, and I am sure it would be the plan of any incumbent who holds this position, would be to do the same as we do with hospital boards, which is to consult the MLAs in each region for suitable candidates to go on ADCC and to make the Minister aware of how the regional specialists are doing. Members should understand that if you look at the schematic diagram there, that underneath the director of alcohol and drug services, that first half inch of the line on the English copy should be solid. Those five people report directly to the director and that includes the projects officer, whose responsibility it is to give advice to the director and ADCC on how all the projects are working; and the six regional specialists will be working directly with those projects and giving that input back. So I apologize for that and maybe that will help Mr. Nerysoo understand that there is going to be a solid reporting line from the projects officer who will be consulting with the regional specialists on how each project is doing. So there will be communications and input into the ADCC through the director that way.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understood that. I was just concerned about the relationship between the people that would be involved with ADCC and the staff that you hire. I agree that you should have those people. What I get concerned about is this idea of contribution funding. If you notice, the manner in which those contributions are given is through ADCC. I am just raising this as a concern, that those people that have been and those professionals that are being hired to deal with providing analysis and expert opinion with regard to the alcohol and drug programs, should not be isolated from the idea of the contributions that are made to the communities and the regions. I think that in many instances the communities usually approach the professionals when there is a problem. They do not approach the co-ordinating council, they approach those people that are carrying out the reviews or carrying the delivery of the programs. So I was just concerned that there was no relationship there, but it is just a matter of concern and probably an issue that can be rectified in terms of the development of the department or that section in the department itself.

Concern With Transfer Of Funds From Federal Government

The one other point I wanted to raise and I believe it is still an issue for me and that happens to be with regard to the cost. Personally I have no problem with the idea of taking some of your social worker positions and identifying some of those as positions that could be used for work in the alcohol and drug area, because I think it is extremely crucial and extremely important. I only get concerned with the idea of the transfer of NNADAP funding in these terms; that if there is a decision on the part of the Government of Canada to increase the funding in future to other organizations or other programs throughout the provinces, I would hope that in terms of an agreement, that you will always ensure that those same types of increases will be reflected in any kind of money that would be transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories, so that we are not short-changed in decisions that are being made by the federal government to increase the amount of dollars to other programs in the country. That is just a concern I express and it is something that has to be dealt with in the manner in which the finances are transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

I do agree with the Government of the Northwest Territories amalgamating those moneys under one program, because my feeling is that there has been so much confusion in the communities and in the regions as to who they report to and what programs are responsible for the type of financing that they are getting. Sometimes that is more of a problem to the community than the actual programs that they want to deliver. I think my position would be that there is a need to somehow amalgamate the funding processes and the agent that is responsible for those particular financial resources. That is the only opinion that I have at this particular time but I have just had a chance to quickly look at this document now and that does not mean that I will not have other opinions in the future. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Members are aware, because the NNADAP program is reviewed annually and when it was originally established it was only going to be running for so many years, each year it is subject now to cancellation. Our concern is, that could affect us severely in this area. So what we are attempting to do during the negotiations on the transfer is

to have the existing funds and person years in NNADAP transferred into the base of our budget, so that the whole project will not be threatened and we are confident if the federal government takes new initiatives in drug and alcohol abuse that they will involve us just like any other jurisdiction. As with all new federal initiatives the part that the provinces have to meet on their own base -- we would have to try to get that bargained into our base, so that is an ongoing problem. I would like Ms Watters to try to go over, once again, the relationship between the community projects as funded by ADCC and what role the regional specialists and the project officer will play in reporting to ADCC how those projects are doing because I do not think I made that very clear. I think she will be able to put it a little bit better than I can. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: The proposal is that the projects officer in headquarters would be responsible for the administration of the projects, very much like the role that is currently played by both NNADAP and our own headquarters staff at present. In terms of the supervision, this would be conducted by the regional specialists who would be out there and much more accessible than currently, where all the supervision is essentially done from Yellowknife. That, as has been indicated, does not work very well. The other advantage is that there will be a single funding mechanism that will be a single application procedure. Currently, both governments are using the same application process and the same forms, the same administrative protocol. So it has improved over what it used to be and it did use to be a terrible mess. But we would move even further in terms of integrating a single delivery system for the contribution funding.

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

Location Of Regional Specialists

MR. NERYSOO: It is just a point that I am concerned about with regard to the statement by the Minister when he said that they would be moving, regularly the program specialist from one community to another on a yearly basis. I have concern with that. I would hope that that is not the intention but rather to retain a specialist in the region who would work with the communities, either on a monthly or at least a weekly basis, depending on the type of requirements that are needed. But there has to be some consistency in location, which is important, because I think that people then know who to contact and the individual they are working with, rather than this idea of moving on a yearly or term basis to a community year after year after year. I think that that is the wrong approach to take. But I do say that there is a need for specialists in the regions. It is just a response to what Mr. McLaughlin indicated earlier, that that might be possible. I just have concern with that because that would give a lack of consistency in the program delivery. But it is an issue that you probably have to review and it may change from region to region. I think that that flexibility should be left but I just caution you to be open to that suggestion at this particular time, particularly in some regions that are now just developing programs. I just wanted to make that point, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Just very briefly Mr. Chairman. I was not intending to say that this person would be jumping from community to community every year. What I meant was that the location position may not necessarily be the regional headquarters. For example, in Rankin Inlet it could be considered that because we have the regional superintendent and the regional supervisor there and they have two or three staff themselves, that they themselves might be able to overlook the project in that community. So maybe the specialist could be located in Eskimo Point or Baker Lake if there is a big project there and a lot of difficulties.

In this region here you might want to move the position around every couple of years. Once you have established a good program in one area you might want to move the person to be more accessible to an area that needs some day-to-day assistance from the senior person in the region but it would depend on staff and you have to remember that some of the regional staff, the supervisors, have specific training in alcohol and drug programs, for example, when they got their degrees at university. So that in every region it would have to be played by ear as to what the needs were. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I was not aware of this particular document today but I have looked through it and first of all I guess I would like to ask the Minister, when was the last time the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council met to discuss a new board of management? When was the last time they met to discuss this particular structure? I did talk with a number of members from this board and they said that they have not met for quite some time and I am very interested in finding out, in fact, when they did meet.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will let Ms Watters answer that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: The board as a whole to my knowledge has not discussed this particular model. One of the problems is that at present, I believe, there are only two members of the board who were at the last meeting who were also at the prior meeting. The proposal was discussed with the chairman and the vice-chairperson, along with the NNADAP officials who did support this particular model, in fact, actually promoted it. Because I do not even know who the members are going to be at the next meeting which is due to take place this weekend, I cannot tell you which of them have actually seen this because the turnover has been so very high.

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

Consultation With Present Board Members

MR. GARGAN: With regard to the transfer of health to the Northwest Territories, what effect would this board structure have on the transfer? Also I know in your presentation on the tabled document, you did say in there that it is supported by both Health and Welfare and the current Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. Now, I would say that this is misleading and that in fact only certain people that are living here in Yellowknife did support it and representatives from the Kitikmeot, Keewatin, Baffin, COPE, Dene Nation, Metis Association are not too aware of this new structure that has been implemented. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Addressing the transfer part first, in order to have this in place we would require the person years and the money related to NNADAP that is presently in the Health and Welfare Canada budget. We would also need the person years and money that are presently in the GNWT budget related to this. So this would be a combination of all of those person years and this would occur after transfer takes place from the federal government to us. Then we would have the resources and enough control to do this. On the other thing, the Member is right. The consultation with individual board members has not been as good as it could be. I believe all of the native organizations and a couple of regional organizations have members on the board, but they do not send the same people all of the time. So, as Ms Watters says, there were only two people at the last meeting that were at the meeting before, and we do not even know who is going to be sent to represent the organizations this time.

One of the biggest difficulties in the history of ADCC is the turnover of board members and each time that you hold a meeting you start from scratch. If you want to talk about general fundamental problems, it is just like, you know, after a general election, the government sets up briefings for the newly elected Members of the Legislative Assembly to tell them how the system works. That is what we have to do just about every time we have an ADCC meeting. There are always new people that have to be brought up to speed and so this is one of the things that we are going to correct. So, the lack of consultation that has occurred, is due to the fact that we keep changing who the players are. I would ask Ms Watters just to maybe add a little bit to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Ms Watters.

MS WATTERS: Because of the difficulty with consistency of membership, the proposal which preceded this one, which was not as finely worked through, and in fact contained three options and proposed this one be accepted and indicated that this was the model which was being advocated, this proposal

was sent several months ago to every organization that is represented on the co-ordinating council. It was sent to the president or whoever, the sort of senior official in each of those organizations. So, they were in fact consulted directly if they could not be consulted through the member on the board.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I am sure most of the members that were on the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council body have expressed concern over that inconsistency. But most of the meetings that occur are here in Yellowknife, and so in most cases, members from the Eastern Arctic have difficulty getting here, let alone the cost factor to get them here. I know that also they do go from community to community to meet as a board. But, the end result is that, I believe, every indication leads to the fact that there should be more regional control. As the Minister is aware and most of the Members here are aware, perhaps maybe 90 per cent of the alcohol program in the North is geared toward native people, aboriginal people. I know that this addresses all northern people, but it does not emphasize any specific groups, although the two or three million dollars is designated specifically for native programs here.

I would like to ask the Minister whether this is the final draft or the final structure that is going to be in place, or whether we are only in the discussion stage or are you considering the feelings of the other Members that perhaps there might be a different approach to dealing with this particular board? I know that there are different types of boards down south as opposed to the Northwest Territories, and I would like to ask the Minister whether he has considered other options, whether it be the regional council that could administer it or whether it could be separate funding for both the Eastern Arctic and the Western Arctic, a separate board that would meet the cultural background of those particular areas? What is the rationale behind this new structure? I really do not know where it is coming from, but certainly it might be conflicting with maybe what the board members had in mind, and what the Minister had in mind. Now this process I understand has to be established in order to have an orderly transfer of the health programs. But, again, it is like the French language, if we do not accept French, we do not get any money for aboriginal languages. It is that type of situation, I guess, which we are sort of putting in the corner and we have to accept it as it is or perhaps the transfer of health services might not occur.

I am very interested in finding out where this thing is coming from, because I do not believe for one minute that this is what the people at the local or regional level had in mind. Is this mostly a departmental decision to go that route or, I do not know. I would like to get some answers on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

Approval In Principle Of Model Requested

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, as far as the transfer goes, as I said before, having this in place is not dependent on the transfer, it is not a condition of transfer. In other words, what it utilizes is all of the person years and the funds that both governments have in place right now, but we could continue to operate exactly the same situation we have right now when those people were transferred over to us. The structure could be the same as it presently exists. What we are doing is, we are taking the existing number of person years that the two governments have and organizing them into this program after transfer occurs.

So what we are hoping to do here is, as Mr. Richard says, move this thing along one more step. What we would like out of this Assembly, I guess, is a resolution in principle that this scheme be approved and we will take into consideration Members' comments and come back with a final draft in the next Assembly because the transfer between the two governments is not going to occur for at least six or eight months, so this plan will not actually be implemented until that transfer takes place. In the meantime we would like to begin working around this type of a plan, taking into consideration the comments that Members have made. For example, we have already made a note here that we will change the one area as far as regional representation goes. We did look at what is done in southern jurisdictions, including the option of going with a full ranging drug and alcohol commission, which apparently some provinces have, or keeping the whole drug and alcohol program entirely 100 per cent within the department, which some provinces I think do. We settled on this one as a compromise between the two. It probably served the best because you have public input and

advice to the Minister through the equivalent of the old ADCC, but you also put the resources of the department at the disposal of the director and it is his job to provide advice to the ADCC so that when they make their grants and contributions to the community they will have a lot more knowledge than they do right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Representation By Regional Councils

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, in 1985 I made a motion that the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council be made more autonomous with increased regional representation. This motion was carried. I do not know whether this model that you gave us does reflect that. It reflects the government regions rather than the regional councils that are now established under the Regional and Tribal Councils Act. I do not know whether the motion itself was misunderstood, but when I made this motion it was on the basis that you have the South Slave Regional Council, the Deh Cho Regional Council, the Sahtu Regional Council, the Delta Regional Council and Kitikmeot Regional Council represented on this particular body and that has not been the case. It is going on the basis of what the government considers as regions for administrative purposes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated much earlier and more than once already, when we choose people to be on the board, we will be consulting with MLAs for nominations, with native organizations as well as regional bodies. So we will be seeking nominations in a similar way that we do for hospital boards.

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

MR. GARGAN: I was not interested in who is consulted as far as representation goes. I mean the native organizations do have two votes with one member being present on that board. What I am more interested in is having regional representation based on the Regional and Tribal Councils Act that is now in place. That is what I was referring to. I am sure that consulting with MLAs to make appointments is okay, but that is not what I am getting at. I am hoping that we will have on this board, regional representation rather than maybe organizational representation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, on page eight where it says "membership on the board", we discussed that earlier and I made a note here changing those words so it now would say, "the board should consist of nine members with balanced representation from all regions". So what we want is a resolution of the committee of the whole giving my department officials direction, whether this is an acceptable way to go or rejecting this model and if it is a supportive motion we will take into consideration Members' comments to fine tune the proposal. And then after the election, at the next Assembly, the department will be able to bring that forward so that we have something to put in place before the transfer occurs between Health and Welfare Canada and our government.

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

Effective Programs And Personnel Should Be Put In Place Now

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the Minister bringing the discussion paper with regard to a model for the delivery of alcohol and drug services in the Northwest Territories. A very important objective, a very important organization, I would say one of the most important social organizations and institutions dealing with the number one social problem in the Northwest Territories. Obviously, I think the people in the Northwest Territories have realized that alcohol and drugs are probably the most dangerous elements that are affecting our people. The leadership of the Northwest Territories whether they be native people or not, the young people have the problem of drug abuse posed to them and I think the time has come that we, as politicians, quit fooling around with who is going to sit on the board and how it is going to be operating and get on with trying to prevent alcohol problems and drug problems that are permeating the Northwest Territories.

I really do not care the colour of an individual you put on the alcohol and drug council. I think they have to do the job. Time is running out. If you try and delay it you will have another report by the next Assembly and really the Minister, in my view, is abdicating his responsibility

to put in an effective social agency that will begin to take control and offer programs that will help our young leaders, the younger generation and those women that are being constantly abused and assaulted as a result of an overdose of alcohol.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. CURLEY: I do not think as politicians we ought to be concerned with how the numbers of representations are going to be from one region to the other. My message is, let us put people in who can offer help to people with alcohol problems, offer help to the wives that are being assaulted as a result of the alcohol problems of the men. We have heard from them and we have heard the cries of the young people that they do want effective help, in terms of trying to find a way and opportunities to learn new skills, rather than being put into a no return situation by getting addicted to the drugs, the serious drug problems that we are starting to see.

I would like to help people with drug problems. I am not qualified because I never saw a drug in my life. I know what alcohol is because that is available everywhere in the political business. But drugs, I do not know what that means, but I know and am convinced that it is a serious problem and it is starting to come in and we need to put in measures, programs that are effective and individuals that are totally dedicated. Not for political gain but for effective commitment to deal with the drug and alcohol problems that are evident throughout the North. Number one social problem in the North -- what is it? Number one element in spousal assault -- it is probably done by a man, but it is related to drugs and alcohol. Alcohol is a drug.

So I would say we must get on with it. We have got to quit trying to be the author of the best designed program possible, and to establish the social agency that will deal with the drug and alcohol problem. I think we just simply have to trust the Minister and the Minister has to be a little more dedicated and serious. Serious problems are being experienced by the women across the Northwest Territories. They are asking for the Minister's help. There are resolutions from every woman across the Northwest Territories asking the Minister to set up shelter homes. National reports indicate that there are over 1.5 million women who are being assaulted by men. Probably our statistics are higher in the Northwest Territories, considering it on a per capita basis.

So I want to get on with the job. I want to see the Minister put in an effective institution. Forget about me or my predecessor or the next Assembly. This agency should be politically free. It should not be a political movement. The politicians should just be attempting to make sure the resources and human resources are there. I think that is the most we can contribute. As a result, I think there have been cries, and at least comments, from the communities.

Members involved in alcohol and drug committees and members of the board of ADCC should be most dedicated. They should not be, in my view, abusers of drugs and alcohol. As a result of that, I would like to give at least a recommendation to the Minister by motion.

Motion To Recommend That Board Members Of ADCC Be Non-Users Of Alcohol Or Drugs

I move that this Assembly recommend to the Minister that members of ADCC nominated and appointed to the board be non-alcohol and non-drug users. Mr. Chairman, that is my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Curley, your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I know it is probably controversial, because how are you going to define the guy who does not abuse and use alcohol? That is probably sensitive. I would compare it to the fact that a political leader and each MLA being appointed as a Member of the Legislative Assembly must swear. He must sign a sworn statement that he will do all he can to do his duty to represent and serve Her Majesty the Queen, and all that sort of thing. And to do the best he can, to represent in fairness, and so on. I think in many respects we tend to probably go by words a bit when representing a constituent in the cause of democracy, but there are no real means of ensuring that politicians do the best they can.

In my motion I am attempting -- at least I think the member who is a non-serious user of alcohol can probably be honest enough to say, "I would like to commit myself to the cause. Our young people are hurting. The women are hurting. Alcohol is a major source of social problems in my community and I am standing up to it." These people will not be afraid to sign any sworn allegiance to do something about drug and alcohol problems. That is what I am attempting to do through the motion. Thank you.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, the mover, when he spoke, seemed to be saying that he wanted to be assured that people on the council were not alcohol or drug abusers. Yet the motion, I thought, said that they must not be alcohol or drug users.

Now, there is quite a difference, and I would ask the Member to clarify that because in a sense I guess I am like him. I know nothing about drugs at all and it always seems to me that anybody who is a user is automatically an abuser. With alcohol it is clear to me that there are some people who have the odd drink once in a while and certainly do not abuse it and do not encounter any problems as a result of it. Yet if they were to be excluded from this council, you may automatically be eliminating quite a large number of potentially competent people who would really serve the council well, and the mover was saying earlier that he wants to see effective people on it. So, could I ask for that clarification? Or perhaps you could read the motion again to us, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Curley, would you like to clarify your motion? "I move that this Assembly recommends to the Minister that members of ADCC nominated and appointed to the board be non-alcohol and non-drug users." Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I literally pretty much rely upon the document here because alcohol and drug services probably mainly refer to drugs like wood alcohol as well as, probably, hard drugs, or whatnot. I do not think it is related to the drugs that doctors normally prescribe to patients, so really my motion attempts to try to prevent the appointment of abusers of alcohol, those with chronic alcohol problems and chronic drug problems. I did first write the word "abused" but I thought it was a little too blunt and, therefore, would probably create a little more confusion in reference to the motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence, to the motion.

Support For Motion

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make a short comment supporting the motion. The problem is increasing in some communities and I think it is very important that we take very strict steps and be very serious about it. Regional councils or organizations that are choosing the people have to be serious, too, because we cannot fool around any more in letting alcohol get the best of the people at the community level. I am just going to support the motion. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I did not wish to participate but I was very moved by the honourable Member's remarks. I guess the aspect of his remarks that attracted my attention most was that he said to the Minister, "Get on with the job. Do it." The motion does not reflect that direction. The motion indicates that the Minister should take some kind of a screening process which I do not think the Member was really getting at in his initial statement. Whereas I support his recommendation to get at it, let's do it and let's get the board functioning in a proper and adequate and responsible manner, I do not think this motion reflects this direction.

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

Time-Consuming To Screen People For Board Of ADCC

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the motion, I know what it is trying to bring across and I agree with it but I cannot be in support of it. Those people who would be appointed or nominated to the board of ADCC would probably have to be screened by the employees of the Minister and they would have to ask personal questions. I think it is going to be too time-consuming. So, I will not be in support of the motion. Thank you.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the motion, I would like to be in support of the motion. Even if it will be too time-consuming, I think it will be very helpful. The Inuit people are talking amongst each other and saying that some other Members -- they talk about other Members and about the kind of drinking problems they have. I think this will be very helpful to the people who have drinking problems. I think you will be able to see more people who would be more qualified to run as board members. Perhaps this will not come into force right away, but I would like to see some kind of screening done before the board members are elected because I know if someone has an alcohol problem, they will not be able to function properly if they are too tired. Also, it slows down everything if you have someone who has an alcohol problem involved with the board. I just wanted to support the motion. Thank you.

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

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would simply want to indicate that in relation to the remarks of Mr. Curley prior to making his motion, I thought that those remarks were very true and, like Mr. Butters, I was moved by them. However, in making a motion, I do not think that it is just temperance people or reformed alcoholics, or whatever the word is for people who did use drugs and now do not, who can aid or abet...

MR. MacQUARRIE: No, Tom, it will never fly.

AN HON. MEMBER: Sure.

MR. McCALLUM: ...the business of helping people or agree with me when I do not like to see people in positions who abuse what they are trying to do; but I think that to suggest that it is only a certain kind of person that would be able to work and help people, such as those who have not used either alcohol or drugs -- I do not think that is quite correct.

I would like to see the Minister take on the responsibility and get good people who will spend the time and make the effort to do something, but though I do admire the intent, I do not think I will support the motion because what the motion is saying is that only a certain person can do that. That is, one who does not use either alcohol or drugs. I am not sure what we mean by drugs here, because if you label it just "drugs" -- although I know the intent is that you do not want to get into hard drugs, maybe I cannot use my Benylin any more or any other kinds of drugs that are around, because the other day I took a couple of shots of this and I was a little bit woozy for a while too but a medicinal drug...

MR. MacQUARRIE: That is what grannie said.

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MR. McCALLUM: Before they legalized it, eh?

People Abused Because Of Alcohol Or Drug Related Problems

I agree that something must be done because it is a problem and the Member is correct, in the headlines a couple of days ago was the number of people that are abused because of alcohol or drug related problems. But I would not support a motion that would allow only a group of people to work with users and abusers who had not used the stuff themselves. How do they know anything about it? Now, I do not think that I have to become an alcoholic to know something about alcohol, and I do not think that I have to become a drug addict to know something about drugs.

MR. RICHARD: But it helps.

MR. McCALLUM: In reality, I really and truly believe that knowing that there are certain things that come about from the abuse of it, the misuse, gives me a little more credibility. The parallel can be extended in other areas. It is all very well for me to talk about childbirth, but I have never given birth to a child.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yet.

MR. McCALLUM: No, not yet...

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You smart aleck. I do not mean to make this into something that I am making fun of. I really and truly believe that there is a problem out there. As the Member has said, people are asking for help. But to say that only a certain group of people can do that -- I do not think that that is right. I would support anything that would allow the Minister and his group of people to get the best possible group in to help in this particular regard. But because the motion says "user", then that means that I, or most everybody here would not be able to work with somebody or try to give some advice to somebody on the problems of alcoholism or drug addiction. Though I admire the intent of it, I would not vote for it as it now stands. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Point of order, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: My point of order, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move that the chairman extend sitting hours until Tabled Document 72-87(1) is concluded.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

To the motion. Mr. T'Seleie.

Keeping Abusers Off Local Alcohol Society Board Works Well In Community

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to support Mr. Curley's motion. I know of one case in a community where the community group that works on the problems of alcohol has made a rule that abusers not be on the board of the local alcohol society. They have elections and it seems to work out well. So for me it is not setting a precedent of some kind. I think it is being done in some places and I really see nothing wrong with it. I think people who take aspirins should be allowed to be on the board, too.

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

MR. RICHARD: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. I had my hand up to speak on another matter, not on this motion. When the motion is disposed of I would like the floor.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Okay. Mr. Butters, to the motion.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Question.

Motion To Recommend That Board Members Of ADCC Be Non-Users Of Alcohol Or Drugs, Carried

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

---Carried

Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to indicate my concurrence with Mr. Curley's remarks earlier, not just on that one motion, but his remarks earlier that the Minister get on with the job, and in saying so I took Mr. Curley to be disagreeing with Minister McLaughlin's plans, if this committee approves this paper, that he would then take some time, and the Minister after the next election, whoever that Minister is, would then come back and consult for appointments. If that plan is carried out, it will be the new year before the new board of management or the new regime is set in place. I agree with Mr. Curley that that is not necessary and that the Minister should immediately commence looking for good people and I just wanted to indicate my agreement with Mr. Curley, particularly in those remarks.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that now that the paper has been described and explained in some more detail by the Minister and Ms Watters, this committee and the Assembly should give its blessing to the new arrangement and remove the ADCC from the fatherhood or motherhood of this Assembly and move it closer to the Department of Social Services, as shown in the schematic diagram, and in that respect I would like to move a motion.

Motion To Recommend Adoption Of Model For Delivery Of Alcohol And Drug Services In NWT As In Tabled Document 72-87(1)

I move that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Executive Council that it adopt the model for the delivery of alcohol and drug services in the Northwest Territories, as contained in Tabled Document 72-87(1).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Your motion is in order. Could we have a copy of the motion? To the motion. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a comment to make before I support this motion. I always felt that the council that they have in place now is not doing what it is supposed to be doing. Some communities are losing faith, even in the people that are doing the program at headquarters. For some reason, they cannot seem to get to the person who is supposed to be giving some kind of information. They get very discouraged and frustrated and they do not ever want to bother phoning and that is when I usually get the call. I am hoping that with this proposal that is put in front of us, it is going to be better and will have consistency in the operation of this program. I think this is better and more effective than this other existing ADCC they have in place now. I just wanted to make my remarks short. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. T'Seleie.

Present Alcohol And Drug Program Working Well Enough At Community Level

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, without getting into talking about the details of this change or whatever it is we are changing, whether or not there is going to be a difference in what is going on right now in what is typically a small community that has an alcohol and drug program right now. For me it seems to be working well enough at the community level. I know that the dollars the government has been putting into these programs has, I think, a positive result right now and so it is that in some ways I do not quite understand why there needs to be whatever it is that is being changed or remodelled. I do not quite understand it and I would like to ask the Minister, if this change were to go ahead, how would it affect the drop-in centres, and such, that are located in the small communities? There are some things that I see in the new proposal that I do not fully agree with and I think that they are mainly bureaucratic changes that may not effect the objective that you are after and you may just be creating unnecessary work for some people. I like the idea of getting out to where the problem is. That, to me, is the main objective and I would not mind if the Minister could comment on some of that.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Madam Chairman. The main objective of this is really to follow up on the Torrance report, as Mr. Richard mentioned, which was tabled in the House about five years ago. It was initiated because there were complaints about the consistency of the board of ADCC, that there was poor monitoring of projects and that a better system could be in place. It provided two or three options, but I do not think it actually made a recommendation. So, on a couple of occasions during the life of this Assembly, I tabled the Torrance report in order to get it debated in committee, and a couple of times I had Dr. Wheeler in here to discuss ADCC in committee of the whole, but really no definite directions were given by the Assembly to the department.

ADCC Will Report To Minister Of Social Services Instead Of To Legislative Assembly

The object of putting this paper in here, partially on Mr. Richard's initiative during the last session, is to take ADCC away from its direct reporting relationship to the Assembly, which it has right now, and have it report directly to the Minister of Social Services. That the department, at the same time, should put more resources at the disposal of ADCC so that there will be people in each region able to travel around to the communities and assess how good the projects are. By doing this, we think that the equivalent of ADCC, the new board that will be in place, will have the opportunity to give direction to the Minister on policy related to alcohol and drugs and will still have a say in how much funding the individual community projects get. But they are going to have a lot more support both from the department and, in particular, out in the region to do their job. Though the final implementation of this could not completely occur until the transfer takes place, a lot of work could be done between now and then and I would just like to assure Mr. Curley

that I was not suggesting that we delay appointing the board until the next Assembly. The delay of actual implementation may occur until the next Assembly and some of the details could be fine tuned by the next Assembly.

So if this motion, which Mr. Richard has proposed, passes, my officials and I would be able to work toward appointing the new board immediately and I will seek nominations from MLAs, regional councils and native organizations in the Territories to put good people on here. So we will no longer have people on the board who get that job because they have a certain job within an organization. We will get people appointed, as Mr. Curley says, who are really enthusiastic about doing something for drug and alcohol programs. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): To the motion. Mr. Erkloo.

NNADAP And ADCC To Be Co-ordinated Under Social Services

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a motion on the board, and in the flow chart it was stated where the NNADAP and ADCC would be co-ordinated under Social Services. I am pleased that this new system is going to be put in place. I remember two or three years ago I was told by my constituency to try to get these two organizations together.

Before I support the motion, I would like to have something clarified. The federal government NNADAP program, how did people get access to their money? What rules did they have to be able to get the money from the federal government? When this NNADAP is moved to the territorial government, will they hold back any money from that program? These are the two questions that I would like to know. How did they receive their funding from the federal government? Was it in regard to per capita? If it is going to be following that funding set-up, is it going to continue in that set-up? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Madam Chairman. The funding that the federal government gives to programs in the Territories, the total pot is determined nationally on the population, I believe, of native people in each political jurisdiction. So the NNADAP part of the money is established in the total amount in the Territories by that manner. How that money is given out to each individual community does not depend on population, it depends upon what the project is in the community. Communities have different kinds of projects. Some have projects which require the hiring of a person, for example, and some projects do not. So the amount of money being spent in proportion to population in individual communities is not dependent on population but it is the type of program that the community wants to have.

When the transfer takes place, we are hoping this money will be transferred into the base of our budget so that we will continue to have it. Then our government will be able to determine what criteria should be used for the giving out of this money. Right now there are conditions set by the federal government as to how their contribution should be specifically used, so that our government and this board which we are considering creating here, would make those recommendations to me as to what the policy should be as to what the money should be used for specifically. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Madam Chairman. I understand that I asked if the federal government provided funding to NNADAP in the NWT for Inuit and Indian populations -- per capita funding. Give me an approximation before they are given out to small communities. If they give that amount of money to NNADAP, when the NWT government is responsible for it, will the federal government services be stopped? How do you know that they are going to continue on with the program? I want to understand this before the money is transferred over to the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): Mr. Minister.

NNADAP Program Could Be Terminated

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Right now the funding that comes from NNADAP is pooled together with the money that we have and ADCC determines which projects the money will be spent on. The NNADAP program was established several years ago and is subject to review every

year, so there is the possibility that the NNADAP program could be terminated, in which case we would no longer have that money available to us. In the negotiations with Mr. Epp to transfer Health and Welfare Canada programs to our government, we are trying to make the case to him that the alcohol and drug programs are so important to us that we would not want the program to ever end, up here, so we would like him to transfer the money -- and it is in the area of \$3,340,000, including salaries, contributions and O and M -- we would like that transferred into our base so that we would have it permanently and then the board that is going to be established would be able to determine how that money is spent in the future and, hopefully, it would be protected because it would be in our base. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Ms Cournoyea): To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I still have some concern over this particular structure. I understand that it is still going to be based on the administrative structure of this government, that representation is going to be done. You also have what you call a regional specialist -- training/public education officer, researcher/evaluation officer, treatment co-ordinator and project officer and I believe that constitutes about 12 people in headquarters -- 12 person years. I would like to ask the Minister, as most of the problems related to alcohol are focussed on the aboriginal people of the area, of the 12 PYs, what percentage of that is actually aboriginal people?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, what I would like to say is, if you look at the directorate position, underneath the director are five other positions for a total of six positions which would be at headquarters. Right now, Health and Welfare Canada and the GNWT has at its headquarters a total of seven positions. We take one of those seven positions and use contract money and other funding to establish six regional specialists who would work out in the regions. They would be answerable to the regional superintendents but have an indirect informational reporting relationship to the director of alcohol and drug services so that we would not be increasing. Of the current positions we have in place, the GNWT has three headquarter positions with drug and alcohol and two of those people are native, but what happens in the future, with the total of 12 positions we are talking about, six at headquarters and six in the field, would depend upon who is hired, because a lot of these would be new positions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Difference Between Regions In Types Of Problems

MR. GARGAN: Yes, again with regard to this particular motion. I am supporting this in principle. I would like to also say that I do read correspondence from both the Native Press and the News/North and also the Nunatsiak News but I see in a lot of cases in the Nunatsiak News that there are more drug charges -- I see more of that in that particular newspaper than I do in the News/North, so there is a lot of difference between regions on the type of problems they do have. There are also areas where there are no roads or areas where they have roads, these prohibition areas, in which alcohol programs are operating that try to address people that still do have problems in the prohibited area. Also in some areas there is a lot of glue sniffing and there is more alcohol accessible in one area than other areas so there are a lot of differences between the regions. Perhaps the present structure of having one or two representatives from the Dene Nation has discredited the board -- it has not functioned as it should -- but if they were accountable to a regional structure, or if they made a report to a regional structure, then I would see that it would be accountable to the people. I see a lot of Members saying that in their comments regarding this particular paper. So, I have to say that there are a lot of differences.

Also, your so-called experts cannot just be experts who have been taught down south how to deal with alcohol problems or drug problems based on human behaviour, because culture is certainly a factor. The alcohol that is affecting the people -- why are these people drinking alcohol? That is also a problem that has to be dealt with.

I am sure the Minister, as when we did the Mental Health Act, has accommodated that type of a situation by allowing for an opinion from the person who actually knows the person instead of expert psychiatrists that come up here to do analysis on whether a person is mentally insane or not, because people who are exposed to a big centre like Yellowknife do react in a different manner.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Recommend Adoption Of Model For Delivery Of Alcohol And Drug Services In NWT As In Tabled Document 72-87(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion To Recommend Consultation With MLAs And Regional Representation In Board Appointments, Carried

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could also move a motion at this particular time. I move that this House recommend that the Minister consider including under "membership of the board" the following: 1) Members of the Legislative Assembly be consulted when recommendations for appointments to the board are being made; 2) Regional representation be considered when appointments are being recommended for the board.

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

---Carried

Does the committee agree that this matter is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I will now rise and report progress.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 18-87(1), PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION ACT; BILL 5-87(1), CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES ACT; BILL 38-87(1), WRITE-OFF OF ASSETS AND DEBTS ACT, 1987-88; TABLED DOCUMENT 72-87(1), A MODEL FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MR. ERKLOO: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 5-87(1), 18-87(1), 38-87(1) and Tabled Document 72-87(1), and wishes to report that Bills 5-87(1), 18-87(1) and 38-87(1) are now ready for third reading as amended. And further, Mr. Speaker, Tabled Document 72-87(1) has been concluded, with three motions being adopted.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

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

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day for Friday, June 12th, at 10:00 a.m.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m.

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