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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Mr. Nerysoo, 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 Wednesday, June 17. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform this House that the Hon. Ludy Pudluk is unable to attend this morning's sitting due to pressing personal matters. The Government Leader or I will be pleased to respond to Members' questions dealing with Mr. Pudluk's portfolio.

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

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 85-87(1): Newly Revised Elementary Science Program

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement on the newly revised elementary science program. Mr. Speaker, in the upcoming 1987-88 school year, schools will be using a newly revised primary, that is grades one, two and three, and intermediate, grades four, five and six, NWT science program. Over the past year schools have been introduced to the program and to the new focus on science education. The main goal of the science program is to provide a framework for building science concepts, skills, attitudes and language so that students can achieve literacy in science.

Unique science units are being produced for the grades one, two and three levels which combine both science content and elements of language development. These units have been developed carefully so that they can be adapted for all language situations in the NWT. The terms used may be translated readily into the student's first language when the concepts are introduced.

Because of the diverse language needs of our students, we have integrated traditional science teaching methods with many elements of second language teaching. This means students are practising listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in a science context. Students will be learning the language of science and how to use it in the natural settings they are familiar with. The new program is easier to follow and provides teachers with more resources and teaching units than its earlier version. These units were developed specifically for a northern context and encourage students to explore their unique relationship with the environment from both a traditional and a contemporary perspective. The units cover such topics as arctic and subarctic land animals, polar bears and black bears, birds, marine mammals and fish of the NWT. It is the most comprehensive program and curriculum guide that this government has produced to date. As a result, the elementary science program is being extremely well received in our schools and has received many favourable comments from other jurisdictions as well. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, could I ask for unanimous consent to read into the record a short note of appreciation for the legislation division for the preparation for this session?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being asked for. Are there any nays? You have the floor, Mr. Ballantyne.

Appreciation Of Staff Of Legislation Division

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think Members are aware of the tremendous amount of work and effort put in in preparation for this session. During this session Members have dealt with 38 bills. The legislation division of the Department of Justice have worked since the fall session, literally night and day and on weekends to prepare for this onslaught of legislation. What I would like to do is read into the record the names of people in the legislation division. Sometimes we think that this just happens by accident and it does not. A lot of people put a lot of work into preparation for this session.

The director of legislation is Giuseppa Bentivegna; the senior legislative counsel is Patrick Orr; legislative counsel, Alex Fyfe, Diana Ginn and Linda Tarras; legislative officer, Evelyn Walker; legislative clerk, Karen Grottick; secretaries and word processor operators are Barbara Charlton and Bessie Matthews. I think I speak for all Members when I say that we owe a great debt of gratitude to the legislation division for the hard work and very good work that they have provided to the Assembly for this session and for the last four years. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. I would like to recognize in the gallery this morning, Councillor Vern Tordoff, from Hay River.

---Applause

And we have a group of school children from Hay River as well. I would like to introduce their teachers, Pat Thomas, Darlene Verkljan, Stella Dewsbury, Paulene Strang and Tina Rewega and the grade four class from Hay River.

---Applause

This is one time I can truly say, "Fight me and fight my gang."

---Laughter

Welcome to Yellowknife. It is interesting to note that this grade four group of classes, I believe there are three classes represented, have taken politics and the territorial council as part of their courses this year. They have had mock parliaments and many of them wish to meet the people that they represented as they went through the mock parliament procedures. So I hope that all of the honourable Members will be co-operative at a later time today. Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Annual NWT Mine Rescue Competition

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give this statement on behalf of the Hon. Ludy Pudluk who is not with us this morning. Mr. Speaker, this past week the annual NWT mine rescue competition was held in Yellowknife. This important mining event sees rescue teams from the NWT mines participating in various activities from first aid to fire-fighting in order to test their skills. Mine rescue teams provide a vital service to their fellow workers as they are ready, on a moment's notice, to help out and save lives when things go wrong.

For the second year in a row the winning team was Nanisivik, the team which also represented the NWT in the 1986 nationals when they shared national championship honours with Ontario. I am sure that all Members join myself and Ludy Pudluk in congratulating not only the winning team,

Nanisivik, but also the teams from Echo Bay, Nerco/Con, Polaris and Giant Yellowknife mines on their performances. They all demonstrated a high level of skill and dedication and I think they are all a credit to the mining industry. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Members' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

Member's Statement Of Appreciation And Thanks To Speaker

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. You were not in the Chair yesterday afternoon when I made my reply to the Opening Address late in the afternoon and I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to compliment you on the role you have played in the last several years as Speaker of this Assembly. While you have been the Speaker, you have established the role of Speaker in a way that is suitable to the North, but also suitable to the parliamentary traditions that are held in this country.

I would also, as an MLA who is your next-door neighbour, like to thank you for the co-operative efforts you and I have made on behalf of both our constituencies over the years when that occasion has been the best route to serve our constituents. I realize that you have people who are your constituents, just as I do and other Executive Members' do, who say that you cannot ask questions in the House just like other Members can and you are away from your constituency on business above and beyond that of being an ordinary MLA. They say you are unable to represent your constituents, and I would like to just put on record that you as an MLA have come to me on several occasions during the last Assembly as well as during this Assembly to work on behalf of your constituents. I would like to point that out, just for the record.

In addition to that, I would also like to compliment your Clerk, Mr. Hamilton, his former assistant, Mr. Canadien and his present assistant, Mr. Zoe, and all the other officials of your House for whom you are responsible, for the excellent way they have served us over the last several years that you have been Speaker. Thank you very much, sir.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. McLaughlin. Members' statements. That appears to complete this item for today. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question 0269-87(1): Report On Contract Security Pilot Project

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Question 0269-87(1), asked by Mr. Richard yesterday, with respect to the contract security pilot project report. A report was submitted on the contract security pilot project to the Financial Management Secretariat for review in May. The report indicated that the pilot project was a success and should be continued indefinitely. It is also recommended that the maximum amount of the security provided for any one project be increased from the present \$50,000 to \$100,000. This recommendation is supported by the NWT Housing Association, the construction industry and the territorial business loan board. I would be pleased to provide the Member with a copy of the report.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. That appears to conclude this matter for today. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Richard.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 0283-87(1): Treasury Board Submission For Young Offenders Program Funding

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Social Services. Mr. Speaker, for many years we have been told in this Assembly that the government has made application to the federal Treasury Board for substantial sums of money to reimburse us for the cost of implementing a federal young offenders program. I have heard, Mr. Speaker, through the grapevine that there may have been a breakthrough in recent days on our substantial submission to the federal Treasury Board. I wonder if the Minister of Social Services could bring this House up to date on that submission before the federal Treasury Board. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 0283-87(1): Treasury Board Submission For Young Offenders Program Funding

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My officials notified me yesterday afternoon that we had written communications from officials in the federal Department of Justice to officials in the Department of Social Services. It is a pleasure and relief to be able to announce the successful outcome of our negotiations with the federal government for funding to implement the Young Offenders Act.

The Treasury Board has approved the transfer of funds from the Department of Justice to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for transfer to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. While details of the decision will be released probably through a joint federal/territorial press release, I can inform the House that we will be receiving a retroactive payment of approximately \$8.8 million to cover capital and operating costs incurred by us during fiscal years 1985-86 and 1986-87. The ongoing transfers to our base, in excess of four million dollars will be received annually for operating costs. An additional amount of almost four million dollars will be received for further capital construction during the next two fiscal years. This amounts to a total of \$21.5 million for operation of the young offenders program between April 1st, 1985 and March 31st, 1989.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yea.

---Applause

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, in addition, under the terms of the cost sharing agreement signed earlier, we will receive cost sharing for expenses incurred by the territorial government of approximately three million dollars annually, depending on actual costs. So what that basically means, Mr. Speaker, is that our total cost each year, in the range of seven million dollars, will be covered by three million dollars which will come to us as a cost sharing agreement, like other provinces have with the Department of Justice, and the other four million dollars will come into our base as a transfer from Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 0284-87(1): Federal Initiatives On Child Day Care Assistance

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I have a question for the Minister of Social Services. When we were dealing with the child day care legislation, a great deal of concern was expressed about funding for day care, assistance for day care. At that time, Mr. Speaker, we were informed by the Minister that he hoped to have, some time later this month, information as to the federal government's plans with respect to that. I know the Minister has been to a meeting with Mr. Epp and other provincial Ministers. Can I ask the Minister whether he is able to inform those who are concerned in the Territories, of the extent of assistance that may be available and the kind of programs that the federal government is going to be supporting?

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

Return To Question 0284-87(1): Federal Initiatives On Child Day Care Assistance

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The conference I was at was the annual meeting of the territorial and provincial Ministers of Social Services in Halifax. So the federal Minister was not there, but his deputy minister was there as an observer during the discussion on child care. During that discussion each province and territory basically outlined what they felt was required in their jurisdiction in the way of child care. At the conclusion of that, the chairman from Nova Scotia asked the deputy minister for her comments and she basically said that nothing that she had heard caused her difficulties with what she knew was being worked up and going to the federal cabinet.

I should explain that during that discussion, provinces and territories requested some sort of program that would help them with capital costs for new facilities and incentives to maintain ongoing O and M cost-sharing of the fiscal base for operating facilities and some means of helping single parents who choose to stay at home and take care of their children during the first three formative years. As well, there was consideration that governments should be helped with training

programs for people who are going to work in these facilities. So basically, by the time all the provinces and the territories had spoken, the request covered everything you could think of. So it is my understanding that the federal government is going to have a program that is going to meet the several areas of child care delivery.

Yesterday, I received a telex from Mr. Epp, stating that he hoped the federal cabinet would deal with this issue by mid July and after that happened, the federal Minister would meet with us to discuss any concerns we had with the federal position before it was released to the public. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 0285-87(1): Review Of Regional And Tribal Councils

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. On October 22, 1986 the Government Leader announced there was going to be a review of the regional and tribal councils in the North, in all the regions, and the roles and responsibilities they might be able to play. The Minister also indicated that the review was supposed to be completed on June 1, 1987 and that there was supposed to be a final report with regard to that review. I would like to ask the Government Leader whether this report is, in fact, completed and whether we are going to see it during this session of the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 0285-87(1): Review Of Regional And Tribal Councils

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker. (Translation) I will speak in Slavey. That was our intention at the time I had mentioned this. Since that time, the completion of the regional and tribal council review has been delayed to the fall. The chairman has been changed and much work has been done on it and it will be completed in the fall. The work will be completed when the new Legislative Assembly resumes. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Speaker, the following returns have been filed: Return to written Question W43-87(1) asked by Mr. Nerysoo of the Minister of Personnel; return to written Question W54-87(1) asked by Mr. Nerysoo of the Minister of Public Works and Highways.

Return To Question W43-87(1): Person Year Increases In GNWT

Hon. Tom Butters' return to Question W43-87(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on June 2nd, 1987, regarding person year increases in the Government of the Northwest Territories:

The following information is provided in response to a question from the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta to the Minister of Personnel.

1) The real permanent person year growth in government over the past two years is 457.9. There has been an additional net increase of 200.5 person years as a result of federal program transfers.

2) (a) Person year growth over the past two years by headquarters and region is as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Real Growth</u>	<u>Federal Transfers</u>	<u>Total</u>
Headquarters	285.0	53.5	338.5
Fort Smith	15.5	122.2	137.7
Inuvik	25.8	21.8	47.6
Baffin	76.4	1.0	77.4
Keewatin	23.3	1.0	24.3
Kitikmeot	31.9	1.0	32.9
Total	457.9	200.5	658.4

Person years are not budgeted by specific communities. This information is not available.

(b) Permanent person year growth over the past two years by department is as follows:

Department	Real Growth	Federal Transfers	Total
Legislative Assembly	4.0	--	4.0
Executive	19.5	--	19.5
NWT Housing Corporation	38.1	--	38.1
FMS	1.0	--	1.0
Finance	12.0	2.0	14.0
Culture & Communications	6.0	--	6.0
Equal Employment Directorate	10.0	--	10.0
Personnel	13.0	2.0	15.0
Justice	30.0	--	30.0
Government Services	18.1	7.0	25.1
DPW & Highways	37.0	5.0	42.0
Renewable Resources	14.0	120.5	134.5
Municipal & Community Affairs	24.3	--	24.3
Health	9.0	--	9.0
Social Services	29.0	64.0	93.0
Economic Development & Tourism	18.4	--	18.4
Education	174.5	--	174.5
Total	457.9	200.5	658.4

3) No additional staff have been added as a result of the Arctic College administration transfer.

4) Of the 136.5 forestry person years transferred from the federal government, 33.5 person years are located in headquarters, 82.2 person years in the Fort Smith Region and 20.8 person years are located in the Inuvik Region.

5) The effect of person year transfers resulting from the Arctic College and forestry transfers are as follows:

Region	Arctic College Transfers	Forestry Transfers
Headquarters	-1.0	+33.5
Fort Smith	-4.5	+82.2
Inuvik	+5.5	+20.8
Baffin	--	--
Keewatin	--	--
Kitikmeot	--	--
Total	0	+136.5

Return To Question W54-87(1): Employment For The Mackenzie River Ferry

Hon. Gordon Wray's return to Question W54-87(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on June 10th, 1987, regarding employment of Arctic Red River residents on the Mackenzie River ferry:

a) The contract for operation of the Dempster highway ferry at Arctic Red River was awarded to Inuvik Inn and runs for three years, 1986, 1987 and 1988. Operation of the ferry vessel requires certificated "Master, Minor Waters" in the wheelhouse and "Marine Engineer" in the engine room. Persons with these qualifications are not resident in Arctic Red River. On the other hand, deckhands do not require extensive education and experience. The operator is employing two persons from Arctic Red River, William Cardinal and George Niditchie, to fill these positions. During the 1986 operating season, a total of 15 local persons were employed as deckhands on the ferry, including the two current employees. Both of the captains come from Winnipeg, while the engineers are from Vancouver.

There are two additional persons working at the ferry camp, who are long-term -- three years -- permanent employees of the Inuvik Inn. Their duties are not related solely to the ferry operation. During the ferry operating season, one cooks while the other is responsible for the general welfare of the camp, and occasionally works as a deckhand, when the regular deckhands do not report for work.

b) The following extract is included in the contract which governs the ferry operation at Arctic Red River. In our opinion, this requirement is being met.

"7. Local/Northern Labour And Materials

"Insofar as is practicable, the contractor shall employ and use only local/northern labour and materials in the execution of the work. It is the intent of the GNWT that local/northern employment be used to the fullest extent possible on this contract. The contractor and all his subcontractors shall work with the local/regional Canada employment centre to ensure local labour is used to the extent to which it is available.

"The federal government has an employment centre in Inuvik. Phone 403-979-2122. The contractor is required to contact this centre to determine the availability of capable local labour prior to the commencement of the work, and on an ongoing basis as additional labour is required. The GNWT will check with this centre to ensure this requirement is being met.

"The contractor is required to report, on a monthly basis, the names of all local/northern employees who worked on the site during the month in question; this will include any subcontractor's employees as well. This report shall be submitted to the Head, Marine Operations with the contractor's progress payment request. No payments shall be due or payable to the contractor if the contractor fails to supply this report to the GNWT."

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

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Item 8, replies to the Opening Address. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. Arlooktoo's Reply

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to reply. Since I have been here for four years, I would like to have a chance to make a Member's reply. I have been so happy that I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly. That way I can listen much longer and use the interpreters so I have been able to serve the people who elected me to participate at this Assembly. Since I have been elected, I would just like to express my appreciation for all the help that I have received and I would like to say farewell to all of you who have been serving with me. We all do not know whether we will be coming back or not, even though we are saying that we will see you back in the House. But the only people who can put us back here are the people who are going to be voting. So I would just like to say goodbye to all of you because I do not know if I will be back in my chair at the next session.

Also I would just like to say a few words about my home community of Lake Harbour. I serve two communities, the second community being Cape Dorset. Lake Harbour is one of the oldest settlements in the Baffin Region and it is very different from the other communities in the region. It is really nice there in the summertime. A lot of things Lake Harbour wants are not usually approved by the government and there are so many delays when we are finally allowed something, so what services we are trying to get from the government in Lake Harbour are always delayed or refused. Since I was elected in 1979 I have always fought for one thing and there have been petitions presented to the Assembly. We are always trying to get a better airstrip. The three Ministers who have acted as Ministers of Local Government have never been able to give us that. I am still very unhappy about that. I think we are going to be thinking about another way -- maybe we should be trying to get a highway constructed to Iqaluit instead of trying to get an airstrip because all the Ministers that I have talked to have always said that they are not responsible for airstrips in the Northwest Territories. So I think perhaps I will try a different tactic for the 11th Assembly.

Regarding Cape Dorset, there are quite a few people whom I represent from that community. I am very happy to say that what we try to get for Cape Dorset, we usually get, thanks to the Ministers and the government officials, because Cape Dorset usually gets what it wants. Maybe because they have such artistic talent, maybe that is why they get much better service than Lake Harbour. Thank you very much to the people responsible for getting good services for that community.

Unilingual MLAs Appreciate Services Provided

Mr. Speaker, those of us who are Inuit, the three of us who do not speak English, we are unilingual people. Using the interpreters we are able to communicate with you and thank you very much for making the interpreting services available and for keeping them on. I know that it is very hard and sometimes it is really hard to interpret for people, especially if you do not know a person. But thank you very much for the services that you provided and thanks a lot to the interpreters.

I said I was just going to say thank you to everybody -- maybe I am getting off track. Still in 1979 when I was first elected to the Assembly, I was very nervous, almost scared, that I would have to be away from my community for so long. My fears have never come to life and I would just like to express my appreciation to the residents of Yellowknife because they have never bothered me. They always made me feel welcome, even though I do not talk to them every day. I have never seen anything adverse that I expected to see when I was coming into the community at first. I would also like to thank the MLAs because they helped me a lot. They have helped me to understand the workings of the government a lot more. Whenever I asked a question or asked for their help they have always done more than I asked.

I do not know if I will be back. I cannot say at this time whether I will be running for election or not. I do like to serve people as an MLA. The only problem is the unilingual aspect. If you cannot talk to other people that is one of the problems, but I really enjoyed serving as a territorial elected representative of the Assembly. I would also like to thank you that, when I was elected at the last election, we got Titus Allooos as a Members' assistant and when he came to that position he did a really terrific job for us. This was not just for the MLAs but for the public as well. I will advocate having a Members' assistant, that the elected Members of the Assembly who are unilingual have an assistant that can really do a good job for them.

Mr. Speaker, finally I would like to thank you. You have served us really well; treating us all the same, even though we may be unilingual. So, for that I would just like to thank you very much. I will remember that I have been a Member of the Assembly for the past eight years and the people who are responsible for putting us here are learning what the government is, learning all the time what the Assembly is all about and they do not ever forget why they elect us to this House. Also what is happening in the Northwest Territories is well-known nowadays, especially in south Baffin Island.

Lastly, I would just like to say farewell. If my people want me back I will be back. Those of you who are going to be running in the next election and those of you who are not, I would just like to thank you, all of you. God bless. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Arlooktoo. Replies to the Opening Address. Mr. Ballantyne.

Mr. Ballantyne's Reply

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. There is a certain amount of nostalgia as I stand up today. It is the last time that this group sitting here today will be formally together. As I reflect back over the last four years, I remember some really good times, I remember some heated arguments and I remember issues which I thought at the time seemed all-important but as time passes they seem to have faded into the background.

Generally I found that my experience with this group has been a very, very good one and I would like to thank all Members for the opportunity Members here have given me to contribute at least in a little way. I look back at my beginning months and years as an MLA. I was chairman of the caucus and that, in itself, as Mr. Richard is aware now is a very interesting job and I think it is a tremendous learning experience. I think if somebody can deal with caucus in private I think it is possible to deal with any problems that the country has to offer.

I had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the finance committee and that gave me, I think, a tremendous experience in at least getting an understanding of how the finances of this government work. I was on the Management and Services Board and I served with the Speaker on MSB and other Members and dealt with some of the problems that individual Members have...

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Ballantyne. We are having problems with the translation. Anybody else having problems except Mr. Arlooktoo? Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (No translation)

MR. SPEAKER: It started off with you having problems and now I have problems. That was not translated for me.

---Laughter

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Dennis speaks next; we really need it for Dennis.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Have we got things straightened out yet? Sorry for the interruption, Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two years ago I had the honour to be chosen by this Legislative Assembly to be in cabinet and I was very proud to hold the positions of Minister of Justice and Minister responsible for Housing. I hope that it is the feeling of other Members that I have tried to fulfil my obligations in both those portfolios.

Appreciation Of Assistance Given By Others

I would like to say a few words of appreciation and thanks to a number of individuals who have made it possible for me to serve as an MLA. One individual whom I have known for many, many years is our Commissioner, John Parker. I remember when I was mayor of Yellowknife I oftentimes went to John for advice and for counsel. John, having been a former mayor of Yellowknife, understood the problems of a mayor and I really value the advice that John Parker gave to me in my early years in politics. When I came to the Legislative Assembly I really saw the skills that John Parker has brought to his job. As everyone is aware, John Parker has served some 20 years with the Government of the Northwest Territories and prior to that on the Carrothers Commission. I find it very interesting and unique that John Parker has been at the helm to bring about many of the recommendations of the Carrothers Commission in the mid 60s. So I think our Commissioner has a very unique place in the history of the Northwest Territories and one that he can look back at with a tremendous amount of pride. I think all of us owe John Parker a tremendous debt of appreciation.

Also I would like to say that when one talks about John Parker, one also talks about Helen Parker. They have been a team; they have worked together for the North from the time that they were married and moved to the North. I think that any credit that we give to John, we also give to Helen. I hope that 10 years from now, or 20 years from now, Penny and I can generate one tenth of the respect and the affection that John and Helen Parker generate throughout the Northwest Territories. Then I think we would have really accomplished something. I owe a tremendous debt to the Parkers and I know the Parkers will continue for many, many years to provide leadership in the Northwest Territories.

I should give another vote of thanks to the Speaker, the Hon. Don Stewart. I was fortunate that when I started off as mayor, Don Stewart was still mayor of Hay River and we had many meetings. From time to time, we argued over an occasional point but I learned many things from Don and I think that Don Stewart as a mayor looked after the interests of Hay River with tremendous passion, skill and dedication. I think for me, at the time, a young politician coming on to the scene, I would have been foolish not to have asked the advice of someone like Don Stewart. I have watched Don Stewart handle the job of Speaker, which is very, very difficult. Members are aware that in this House we have had some very volatile debates, we have had some very emotional debates and the Speaker has handled them objectively and fairly. I think the Speaker has raised the credibility of this House through the Territories and across Canada. I think he deserves a tremendous amount of credit.

---Applause

I want to emphasize again that in partnership with Don Stewart is Doreen Stewart and she deserves tremendous credit. Again, I see another team that have given their all to their community and to the Northwest Territories. I see couples that have given this, at times with a great sacrifice; a sacrifice of their own family life and a sacrifice of personal life for their community and for the Territories. I know it makes me feel good. I think everybody should be aware of and grateful to the Stewarts for the leadership and the responsibility that they have shown.

I would like to give a special vote of thanks to my Executive Council colleagues and to Nick Sibbeston, the Government Leader. Nick entrusted me with two important portfolios. He had confidence in me and I appreciate that Nick Sibbeston gave me those opportunities. I know when I came on as a rookie Minister, I had to look to my Executive Council colleagues for advice. I think that in the last two years the Executive Council has worked very well. Though there have been differences among us, generally we have resolved those difficulties. I like to think that maybe in some little way, our Executive Council has produced something positive for the Northwest Territories.

I would like to give some credit to the former Government Leaders, Richard Nerysoo and George Braden. I think Nick understands all too well how difficult the job is and how lonely, at times, the job is. The structure of our government is different from other governments and I think anybody who holds that position deserves our support and deserves our respect. With the last three Government Leaders, we have come a long way. We have evolved very quickly and all of them deserve credit for each of their contributions to the system.

We have a number of advisers in the Executive Council. I will not mention them all but I would be remiss if I do not give my own personal thanks to Mike Whittington, Cindy Clegg, Louise Vertes and Carolyn McCabe and to all the other staff of the Executive Council, FMB and Priorities and Planning Secretariat who have served us so well. I know how frustrating it is at times when you are dealing with eight politicians with different ideas. We, as politicians, are dealing with a myriad of problems, departmental, financial, political. The staff has shown amazing patience in assisting us to keep us on a logical and objective track. I really appreciate the efforts, sometimes thankless, that they have put into making our job possible.

To my fellow MLAs, I have a profound and a deep sense of thanks to you all. I think this has been a tremendous experience working with you and for me to see that people from across the Territories, native and non-native, Inuit, Metis, Dene and white people can work together for a common cause. When I sit in this Assembly and listen to simultaneous translation in six or seven languages, when I think of the problems they had in Alberta when one Member wanted to ask a simple question of a Minister in French and it caused a major constitutional crisis, I think how far ahead we are of most of the country. I think we should recognize the fact that we have come a long way and we are moving very quickly. I think we should be very proud of the strides we have made as a Legislative Assembly in the past years.

Understanding Gained By Special Committee On Housing

I have a special place in my heart for the special committee on housing. Ludy and Joe and Arnie and Eliza, John, Sam, Elijah and Red, we travelled together to over 40 communities. We travelled across the North and we got to know each other and we got to know the problems of other communities. I got to understand much better that the problems in small communities are much different from in Yellowknife. The Dene Members had a chance to go to the Baffin and the Inuit Members had a chance to come to the Western Arctic. Out of the process all of us gained a lot of understanding for each other and for the problems across the Northwest Territories.

Another colleague of ours who said he is not coming back is Arnie McCallum. Arnold and Eileen have been friends of mine for the last 10 years. Arnold is another person who has a municipal background. I remember when I first became an alderman in 1978, talking to Arnold about how I might approach different problems. Arnold has held most portfolios in this government. Arnold was one of the first Members ever made Minister in this government. I think Arnold deserves tremendous credit and Arnold and Eileen again, are an example of a couple who, over the last 20 years, have sacrificed a lot of their personal life and their family life for their community and for the Northwest Territories. I know I, for one, will deeply miss Arnold McCallum. He has been a valued colleague and a very important part of this Legislative Assembly. I wish Arnold McCallum and Eileen and their family all the best in the future.

Gratitude For Groundwork Laid By Pioneers

Those of us who are relatively new in the Assembly should remember that whatever we accomplish or whatever we try to accomplish would not be possible without the groundwork having been laid by others. If it was not for the David Searles, if it was not for the Peter Ernerks and if it was not for the Arnold McCallums, there would be nothing for us to build on. I think sometimes we tend to think that we are reinventing the wheel, reinventing the world. We are not. We are moving a

little bit forward but I think that the pioneers in this Legislative Assembly deserve much credit. They were here when it was tough and they were here when they had to grasp authority and power from the former Commissioner and from the system. I think it is all too easy for us to forget the struggles that they went through. So, I think we as an Assembly owe all of them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Tribute To Mr. Bob MacQuarrie

Another close friend and colleague who, sadly, will not be returning in the next session is Bob MacQuarrie. Bob MacQuarrie has been a friend for most of the last decade. Bob, as Members are aware, was Speaker of the House. Bob was chairman of the unity committee. Bob has been a superlative chairman of the legislation committee and again, I think, whoever is back in the next Assembly will probably see then how good a chairman he was. He makes it look easy now. Bob goes through hundreds and hundreds of pages of legislation and works with the committee and makes comments on countless pieces of legislation. I think people in this House have come to depend on Bob MacQuarrie. Those of us who are not on the committee tend to think, well, if Bob MacQuarrie has looked at a piece of legislation, if Bob MacQuarrie finds it all right, that is good enough for us. And I would say, 99 per cent of the time, that is a fact. It is good enough because Bob MacQuarrie has done his homework.

I think that Bob has brought much to this House besides his eloquence. I think we all could agree that Bob MacQuarrie is the most eloquent speaker in this House. More important than that, I think Bob MacQuarrie has very strong and very clear principles of what is right and what is wrong, what is fair and what is unfair. There have been times when those principles have cost Bob. There have been times when those consistent principles have meant that people in this House and people in parts of the Northwest Territories said nasty things about Bob, but Bob MacQuarrie never wavered. If Bob MacQuarrie believes in a principle, he will stand up for it whether people agree or not. I think he deserves a tremendous amount of credit for that.

I know at times Bob has expressed to me some frustration that over the last eight years some of the things he has worked so long at and so hard at and so well at have not been totally achieved. There has not been division and the constitutional and political development process goes on. What I say to Bob is that the work to which Bob MacQuarrie has contributed in the last eight years is critical to what is happening now and what is going to happen. I think his work as deputy chairman of the WCF and the hearings of the WCF around the Territories brought much more understanding and awareness in the Western Arctic.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think that the Dene, Metis and non-native people have a much better understanding now, not just of what their differences are, but of what they have in common. A lot is because of the work of Bob MacQuarrie. I think the climate right now among the Dene, the Metis and non-natives is the best it has ever been. It is a tremendous credit to Mr. MacQuarrie that that has happened and the work that Bob MacQuarrie has done over the last eight years, again, will be added to in future legislative assemblies and future politicians will build on that work. We will not go back to square one. We have come a long way and I think there will be a tremendous vacuum in this Legislative Assembly when there is not a Bob MacQuarrie to stand up and to make his point so well and to inject his humour at times when we all take ourselves a little bit too seriously. So, I for one, and I am sure everybody will very much miss Bob MacQuarrie and his contribution to this House.

Tremendous Support From Loyal And Dedicated Staff

I would like to give personal thanks to my staff. To John Stephenson, my executive assistant, and to Peggy Butler, my secretary, and to Fran Hurcomb and Diane Betsina and Wayne Walsh who have worked in my office on and off for over the last couple of years. They have given me tremendous support. Nothing is more frustrating than working with a politician who is on the phone or has somebody in the office or is travelling to Ottawa or to Lac la Martre. They are constantly trying to get a moment of our time to make any one of the 100 decisions that we should make every day. I consider myself very, very fortunate that I have fantastic staff. They have been very loyal and very dedicated and very skilled. Without them I would not have been able to do my job. So I owe them a lot.

Just a brief note of thanks to Hiram Beaubier and officials in the Housing Corporation. To Stien Lal, Jeff Gilmour, Mike Hewitt and Dale Vitone in the Department of Justice and all the people who work in both departments. I think I have been lucky to have excellent people and I think I have worked out a very warm professional relationship and more importantly a warm personal relationship with the staff and officials in both departments. I am quite proud of the high level of competence and professionalism that exists in both the Housing Corporation and in the Department of Justice. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with officials in both departments.

As Minister of Justice and as a non-lawyer, I owe a tremendous debt to a lot of people in the justice system for the patience that they have shown to me and for the things that they have taught me over the last couple of years. I know I have had tremendous support in the judiciary and in the bar. I have very good relations with most of the members of the bar in the Northwest Territories. A special thanks to Chief Superintendent Bob Head. I think the RCMP have served us very well in the Northwest Territories. Probably the relationship right now between the RCMP and our government is the closest and the best that it has ever been. I owe Bob thanks for that.

To the boards that I am responsible for -- the Legal Services Board chaired by Gord Gamble, the Liquor Licensing Board chaired by Jim Britton and the Labour Standards Board chaired by Gail Cyr -- and to their staff, I owe a tremendous debt of thanks. All of them do very, very difficult and trying tasks. I think people have to recognize that for those that serve on the boards, the remuneration on our boards is not all that much and most people serve because of their feeling of public duty and their desire to contribute. All of those board members on those three boards have served the Northwest Territories very, very well.

Here in the Legislative Assembly I would like to give thanks to David Hamilton, Henry Zoe and Kevin O'Keefe who is somebody who you do not see in this Assembly so often because he is so busy on his computer or getting information for MLAs. I think he has done a tremendous job. Ann Taylor, Noel Montagano, Dick Bushey and Titus Allooos and the list goes on and on of the people who have served us so well. Rassi and all the interpreters. When I get excited I speak quickly and I know that causes them difficulty, but I think the interpreters have done a magnificent job for us. I know they are tired now and they will get a rest now until the fall. They will not have to listen to politicians for a while but we should all recognize that without the interpreters this Legislative Assembly would not work. They are really critical to the success of this Assembly. To Marie Coe and the Hansard staff, thanks. To try to put down what we say and try to make us look like we know what we are saying, I think it is a difficult task and they do it well.

To individuals and native organizations that I have had the privilege to deal with; to Steve Kakfwi and to Larry Tourangeau and to Bobby Overvold, my thanks. I think the relationships that we have developed have been just excellent and I treasure them. I wish Steve well in his attempts to become a Member of the Legislative Assembly and I think Steve would make a tremendous MLA and at some point, a tremendous Minister. I congratulate Billy Erasmus who has taken over Steve's position with the Dene Nation. I will not mention them by name but I wish to thank the many, many federal cabinet Ministers and MPs of all three parties and federal officials that I have been able to build good relationships with.

Constituency Highlights

I have just a few highlights of some things which have been very important to me over the last four years that I would like to read into the record, Mr. Speaker. People are aware that Jonas Sangris was just elected as chief of the Yellowknife 'B' Band. I have worked with Jonas for 10 years now and I think Jonas will be a very capable and very good leader and chief of the Yellowknife 'B' Band. I want to put on the record a note of my gratitude to Isadore T'Setta whom I have worked with for the last eight or nine years. Isadore is very wise. He served his people very, very well and I think Isadore provided the base that Jonas will work on, will move from, will improve on. Isadore was a fine chief and Isadore and I had a very close relationship over the last 10 years.

When I took over the position of MLA, because of my experiences as mayor, one of my major priorities was Rainbow Valley and Detah. As mayor I came to the sad realization that here, right within the proximity of the biggest and the wealthiest city in the Northwest Territories, Rainbow Valley and Detah were in appalling shape. The housing was bad, there were no recreation

facilities, the education potential was poor. I thought that was just not right. I made that a major priority as MLA, both as an ordinary MLA and as a Minister. I think, working with the band council, we have come a long way in the last four years and the housing situation has improved a lot. We will have put gymnasiums into both communities. We worked very closely with Mr. Patterson as far as getting a school in Rainbow Valley and we got a number of students that had dropped out of school to go back to school. The band has a lot more resources than it had in the past. They have more people working for them. We are talking about all sorts of new projects with a lot of enthusiasm and I think a lot of excitement. I think that in the last four years the Yellowknife 'B' Band and the people of Rainbow Valley and Detah have come a long way. They still have a long way to go but I think they have the skills and they have the enthusiasm to achieve it.

Mr. Richard, my colleague, talks about the importance of education in this community. Education is very important in this community. I know parents in this community are very proud of the skill and the expertise that is demonstrated in the education system here. They are asking that the education system in Yellowknife can serve as a model for the rest of the Territories. There is expertise here and they do it well here. The kids are getting a good education. I think it has a lot to do with the school boards. The parents are actually controlling the schools and I want to give credit to my colleague, Dennis Patterson, and to my two colleagues from Yellowknife, Mr. Richard and Mr. MacQuarrie. Over the last four years there has been recognition of that. The takeover of Sir John Franklin High School by a new committee consisting of a majority of elected members from Yellowknife represents a major step forward. I think Mr. Patterson deserves a lot of credit for some of the initiatives that he has taken in our community. Something that we can all agree on is that we all want the best education for our kids and the way to do that is not to take away from one to give to another. The way to do that is to try to learn from each other. I think there are lessons that all communities can learn from Yellowknife.

Ted talked about his daughter who has just finished high school and has gone through the educational system; our daughter is just starting. I look at it from a different perspective. Ted saw the importance of it all the way through the system and I see the future of my kids. I see the education system being the key to their future and I think that all parents are very emotional and very sensitive about education. It is important for our children and for the North for our children to get a good education.

I would like to thank Minister McLaughlin for some of the initiatives that he has taken in the area of spousal assault. Mr. McLaughlin has taken that whole very difficult question and all its related problems and has taken it very seriously. We still have a long way to go but I think we have made a tremendous first step to recognize that it exists; it exists in all families, it exists in all communities. It is not a class problem and it is not an economic problem. It exists for the well-off as well as for the poor. I know in Yellowknife, that SAFA, the Society Against Family Abuse, and the YWCA with their safe house here that is filled most of the time with people from outside of Yellowknife, are providing a tremendous service to people who find themselves with nowhere to turn to so that initiative of this government is, I think, one of the most important issues that this government has addressed.

Work Done By Yellowknife Volunteer Support Groups

Also I thank Mr. McLaughlin for his co-operation with the senior citizens home. Again I think the YACCS group, Barb Bromley, Esther Braden and Jack Tees deserve tremendous credit for the work that they have done to put together a senior citizens home here in Yellowknife. They have done fund raising and they have worked morning, noon and night getting it built. They found other sources of funding. They have not just come to the government and said, "Give this to us." They have worked their way all through the system. The facility will soon be opened and I know I will be proud the day that that facility is open. Those people deserve tremendous credit.

I think one of the most important and endearing facts of life in Yellowknife are the volunteers in Yellowknife. Whether it is minor hockey, whether it is meals-on-wheels, there are literally thousands of people in this community who volunteer and provide a support network for everything that this government does. These people, with no remuneration, put in hours and hours of hard work helping other people and I know I as a resident of Yellowknife am very proud of that. I recall one example, when I was on the Arctic Winter Games host society, I think Ted will remember, we were both on it together for the 1984 Arctic Winter Games. At the time the city of Yellowknife had a

population of about 10,000. We estimated that 1000 people volunteered for those games. That is one person out of every 10 men, women and children in Yellowknife, which is just amazing. I know that we all hear criticisms of Yellowknife but I, for one, am very, very proud to live in Yellowknife. As I said before, there are different Yellowknifes. There is the government Yellowknife which consists of the Laing building and Ministers and their staff and government officials. There is also the mining town Yellowknife. There is also probably the biggest native community in the Northwest Territories in Yellowknife and there is probably the biggest grouping of people with low incomes living in Yellowknife. When people talk about Yellowknife they should keep in mind there are many Yellowknifes. They are pretty damn good people that live here and I think it is a wonderful town in which to live.

I will draw this to a conclusion. It seems there is some hope that the new Abe Miller workshop will go ahead. Again, this is another group that has raised about two thirds of the money themselves. It is amazing how a small group of people can put so much energy and dedication into a project. In my constituency, which is a little bit different from my colleagues' constituencies, there has been a tremendous emphasis on community associations. In my own neighborhood in Back Bay and in the Peace River Flats and Willow Flats areas and School Draw and Latham Island, community associations are extremely active and a vibrant part of our society in Yellowknife North.

Working Together For A Common Cause

I would like, if I could, to leave you a couple of thoughts. One is the Constitution and how we as Northerners fit into the scheme of things in Canada. I think that is something that over the next few weeks and months and years we should all reflect on. Although we may disagree with how we approach the problem, something that we all as Northerners have to agree is that we deserve to be full partners in Confederation. At some point in time, whether it takes one year, 10 years or 20 years, we and our children will ensure that that happens. It seems to me that in the times we are living in right now, there are times when it is very important that we forget our differences. We must forget our petty jealousies and acknowledge the different approaches that we might take to situations and recognize that we are only 50,000 people and we do not have very much political clout or economic clout. Really, the only clout we have is when we are working together, for example, to convince southern Canadians that we should be full partners in Confederation. I think we should remember that and I think we should spend less time ripping each other to shreds and more time working together for a common cause.

If I could, Mr. Speaker, I would like to end this address with a very, very sincere and warm thanks to all of you. It has been a tremendous experience for me working with you. I would like to give my final and deepest and most important words of appreciation to Penny and to Erin and to Alexandra who put up with the life of a politician. I have watched my little daughter, Alexandra, grow up. She is almost two years old and I have missed three quarters of it. I go away on a trip for a week and she has changed. It has been missed and you can never get it back. It is something that I know, at some point in my life, I am going to really regret, that I missed some of those magic moments with my daughter. But, I hope that she will understand and Penny will understand that what I am trying to do, and we are all trying to do, is worth that sort of sacrifice. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Replies to the Opening Address. Mr. Gargan.

Mr. Gargan's Reply

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will make my replies brief but to the point. I have been here ever since the new constituency of Deh Cho has been established. I was the first one in that particular constituency to represent the areas of Fort Providence and the Hay River Reserve. I also would like to recognize the help and the assistance that I have received from the Executive Council. I cannot identify one Minister and say thanks for this or that but I would like to think that all the Ministers together have made what I have in my constituency a reality, by co-operative effort. For that, I would like to thank all the Ministers for their efforts in those areas.

I also would like to say that I realize a lot has been accomplished in my own area but I have only recently done a newsletter, that was in February, which has been circulated among the Members and I am sure that where credit is due the individual Members will recognize it. I also would like to thank the individual MLAs who have supported me in some of the motions that I have implemented here in this House and their support in passing them. I do not wish to make my reply long due to the fact that I do plan to run again and whatever I give out here could be a mandate that could be used against me out there if someone else decides to challenge me.

I just wanted to touch on a few other things. Land claims is one area which this government should be encouraging and supporting, mainly because I understand that during our treaty days in Fort Providence an explanation was given to us that if, within the next summer, land claims are not settled then perhaps we might go back to the old Treaty 11 and out of that we get special health care, special education and also something like, for every family of five, one square mile of land. So, I have a concern on that and I would hope that the Ministers would do something in that particular area.

I also have a concern over special needs students, students that are now part of a classroom area where they are treated as part of a class. Even though there might be special needs of the students, they are not given the proper attention because of the student/teacher ratio. I have a concern over that.

Age Groups Which Have Been Neglected

Further, I also have a concern over the age groups between the ages of 15 to 24 and 55 to 64. These are the age groups that I believe have been neglected by this government. We know that they have been neglected and yet we have chosen not to do too much in that particular area. For students between the ages of 18 to 24, they have to reach a certain grade level in order to get sponsorship. Most of these people are self supporting. So, in order for them to go to school, they have to be able to earn an income. If not, then they are not given the opportunity to upgrade themselves to a level where they could get sponsorship. There is also a group aged 55 to 64 which is a group that perhaps did not have the education necessary to get an office job. But they are at an age where they cannot do heavy labour. So, there are no other options except welfare.

I also would like to say that during this session, within the last year, there were some newspaper articles with regard to the Spirit of the Rainbow, which is a youth club, the director of which, I believe, made some remarks which I did not approve of. It was to do with the fact that, in Fort Providence, for example, they use the term that a lot of the kids were not getting properly fed. I responded to that quite angrily and this back and forth dialogue has been going on in the newspapers between myself and a particular individual in the community. He was director of the Spirit of the Rainbow youth group. However, I would like to say, too, that in his analysis of education in the community, I have to agree with that young person. He has taught school in Fort Providence for two years and after that he has also started the Spirit of the Rainbow youth club and also was employed as a bartender in Fort Providence.

In my statement I did say, however, that the people that do have a lot of social problems with regard to alcohol were the pensioners, who maybe compose four fifths of the population with alcohol problems. However, I was being corrected by this individual who does work in the bars and knows what the age group there is. He has corrected me by saying it is not true and that he should know because he does work in the bar. The composition is something like one fifth of the people that do have alcohol problems are pensioners and the rest, maybe four fifths are young people between the ages of 18 to 24. This is the age group that I still have concern about. Mr. Speaker, I have to agree with this young person too because I would have to say that within the last year or 365 days, I did go to the bar at least twice. So my analysis could very well be wrong.

Problems With Judicial System

I also have a problem with the judicial system here in the Northwest Territories. In most of the communities we do have more hunters and trappers than people in any other occupation. However, as far as the JP courts and that go, this age group is not accommodated in regard to the seasonal activities. In other words I did write a letter to the Minister of Justice concerning two individuals who went to court during the fall. Because of the length of time before the adult educator came back to the community, he ended up going to court in the fall just before trapping season and they had to serve time on weekends until Christmastime. That really did also take away

their livelihood and they have to not only be under the care of the judicial system, but also be under the welfare system too. So this is one area that I have a concern over. I believe there is to be a review of the judicial system and this would be addressed if and when this review occurs.

I also would like to thank the Minister of Social Services for his efforts in transferring back an inmate from a southern institution, the inmate being Tom Lafoin. Unfortunately he has been sent back because of some difficulties with this individual. I was not aware of it but I would like to thank the Minister of Social Services for his efforts in returning this inmate but it did not work out quite as well as I would have liked to think it would have.

Mr. Speaker, two years ago there was a newspaper article on the front pages about myself with regard to spousal assault. I would like to agree with the Minister that an effort has to be made in that particular area. I understand in Fort Providence there are some northern rental units that are going to be used as shelters in that particular area. However, I would like to set the record straight here too and that is that as far as I go, myself, Mr. Speaker, I do play active sports and I know what physical abuse is. I would like to set the record straight in saying that I adore my wife. I have lived with her now for 22 years and I have not once assaulted this woman in a physical manner. When you say "spousal assault" people react in a certain way. They think that any type of spousal assault is done physically and that there has to be physical evidence to indicate that an assault did occur. However, I did not wish to bring this up but I was forced to bring it up because an incident happened in Fort Providence in which I feel my family was unjustly treated.

I have to refer to an incident that occurred on Mother's Day. A director of the friendship centre in Fort Providence, who is a lady, assaulted my wife in a physical manner, in which her lip was swollen up and her dentures were broken. I did not refer this to the RCMP until about a week later, but I brought my wife here to Yellowknife so that she could enjoy herself in Yellowknife -- like do shopping and things of that nature that you usually do when you come here. Unfortunately she could not even go to the shops because of the state she was in. Now, this is how I mean people react to physical abuse. The kind of abuse that the newspapers gave me with regard to this particular spousal assault on my wife -- there was no evidence of physical abuse. But in this case there was physical abuse and I talked to the RCMP about that. The RCMP on the other hand told my wife to ask three witnesses for statements; to collect statements from these three people in order to lay a charge. I thought, Mr. Speaker, this was the job of the RCMP, to collect evidence if a charge is to be laid. Unfortunately, absolutely nothing is going to be done now about the assault.

Further, Mr. Speaker, my daughter too was assaulted by another adult in Fort Providence. This is within the last month -- her wrists were lacerated by a hacksaw. Now, in this incident too, the RCMP chose to do absolutely nothing about it. A couple of weekends ago in Fort Providence my warehouse was broken into. Now, the RCMP knew who did it. We told them who did it and this individual on the other hand was brought to my house and he was made to repair the damage to my door that was broken in. Now, just that in itself confirms that the person did in fact break into my warehouse and did in fact commit an offence. However, there too in this incident again, absolutely nothing was done. No charges were laid. I feel that my family have not been treated fairly in the eyes of the law. That is the reason why I am bringing up this particular issue. This all happened within the last month.

Time Spent In Communities In Constituency

I also would like to apologize to members of my constituency, especially in the Hay River Reserve. I do understand that two thirds of my time is spent here in the House and on special committees and that I have not spent as much time with the Hay River Reserve Band, but I also would like to say too that I have been reading minutes. They have been sending me minutes of all their meetings and if there are certain areas that I should be addressing for them, I have done that, also through correspondence. I would like to thank the executive assistants of the Ministers who have been very responsive in those particular areas where the Ministers have not been available. The executive assistants have been very responsive and did follow up on certain concerns or certain requests and have been very responsive in those areas. I would like to thank the EAs for that too.

In the area of local politics in the communities that I represent, I understand that I have not been going to a lot of the meetings of the band councils or the hamlet councils. However, most of the local issues in those particular areas have been dealt with at the local level and really do not necessarily need my participation in the areas of local by-laws. That could very well be done by the hamlets or the band.

I have also identified that most of the time while I am in Fort Providence, I have gone to the people that are not politicians, the people that are affected directly by political decisions at the local, the regional and the territorial level. Now, those are the people that need to know what the issues on hand are. Those are the people that need to be educated on issues that might directly or indirectly affect their very existence. Those are the people I have been able to meet with and try to explain to them as best I could, in lay terms, what the implications of such a bill or such a motion are. So, I thought maybe I will make this clear.

Mr. Speaker, that is as far as I would like to make my reply to the Opening Address. The rest of the concerns that I have are more concerns that can, perhaps, be dealt with by the next session of the Legislative Assembly. Those concerns I intend to address while campaigning.

Further, I would also like to send a special invitation to the Minister of Housing. I understand that he will be travelling into my constituency and if and when he does, I would like to find a date, so perhaps, maybe it would be an appropriate time to have sort of an open house for the house that I have completed. I have also made changes to the design of the house although the structure and integrity of the house still exist. Because of my sessional commitment, my committee commitments and special committee commitments, I spent, in the last year and a half, over \$20,000 toward paying people for working on my house. The result is that it is a very impressive-looking building and I would like the Minister, if he gets the opportunity, to come down so that perhaps he might be able to meet members of my constituency at the time we have an open house. Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker.

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Replies to the Opening Address. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Mr. MacQuarrie's Reply

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has become very apparent to me recently that a politician has to be very careful about the kind of night that he chooses to walk out on. I know that Pierre Trudeau picked a rainy night, went for a walk, came back, decided that he was going to run again and patriate the Constitution. Nick Sibbeston went for a walk on a snowy night, came back, decided he wanted to be the Government Leader of the Northwest Territories. Bob MacQuarrie walked out on a clear, calm night, April 1st, came up dry.

---Laughter

When I got back I had decided, as I have announced elsewhere but not in this House, that I will not seek re-election in the fall election. I guess it is two terms and out. And if that is good enough for Ronnie Reagan, I guess I am saying it is good enough for me too.

MR. RICHARD: And Rambo.

MR. MACQUARRIE: In trying to frame some thoughts for this speech I found it very difficult, Mr. Speaker, because on the one hand I started to list things that would have meant that I in the end would have said too much and so, becoming discouraged with that approach, I set it aside and then felt that maybe I was going to say too little. So, in the end, I hope that I have just a moderate amount, an amount that will get us out in time for lunch.

I am going to be leaving in the fall, certainly with some regret, Mr. Speaker. Because during these past eight years my constituents certainly did not send me here to learn but rather to represent them, but learn I did anyway. It has been a very beneficial time for me. I hope, I feel, that now I am less naive and more knowledgeable than I was when I arrived eight years ago. I have no doubt that if I were to stay around I still have many more things to learn, but there are also other things to learn in other forms and that is the choice that I am making now.

Impressive Abilities Of Many People

Certainly one of the things that I had learned in getting into politics, is that you are faced again and again with simply the greatest variety of problems imaginable, in other words, all of the problems that are facing a particular society. In encountering those problems you encounter many

different people who are involved in them in some way or another. For me that has been a tremendous learning experience to see, because remember I had been, when I was young, a student and then in a teaching environment for many years and not out into the real world like that, and so I was being placed in a situation where I was confronted again and again with the very admirable skills and abilities and energy of a great variety of people. That is, politicians. Certainly I am impressed with the ability of many of the politicians that I have worked with over the years but I also mean staff people, I mean people that have attended a public meeting or represented businesses or associations of one kind or another. Just a great range of quite impressive abilities and knowledge, whether it is of land and resources, or of economics or of law, of finances or transportation or construction, power generation, and it is an appropriately humbling experience to be brought face to face with just how much you do not know and do not understand when you are dealing with people who do know about these things and do understand them.

I think that it is important to know that there are so many different abilities that are necessary in order to make the world go round and I think that it is comforting to know that when those abilities are needed that there are people who have them, Mr. Speaker. That certainly is something that I have learned as a politician.

Difficult Role Of Executive Council Members

I have also learned another thing that is very impressive to me; that is, I have learned about the difficult role of the people who are actually charged with governing, in this case, governing a territory. I am speaking about the Executive Council Members. I have learned that Executive Councils must do a great deal of work. Executive Council Members are subject to much more abuse than the rest of us are as politicians. They are less independent than the rest of us. They have to act with the whole territory in mind, not just their own constituencies. Maybe they do not always manage to do that but pressure is certainly on them to do that. And yet they have to serve their own constituents and I very much recognize that the work that Executive Council Members do on behalf of their constituents does not receive the same publicity perhaps as it does from other Members like myself -- that it has to be done in a different kind of way, a less visible way. Therefore in addition to all the other difficult things that Executive Council Members are faced with, they are faced with the problem, too, that their constituents may feel that they are not representing them as vigorously as they should, and I can only say that from what I see within the system that the vast majority of the Executive Council Members are indeed doing an excellent job in that respect.

I do not want to single out anyone individually. I will make my thoughts known before I depart the scene entirely -- individually and privately -- but I can say in a general way that although I wanted the experience of serving on the Executive Council, I wanted to try that challenge and was not successful, I say with all sincerity -- and this I mean as a compliment to those who have filled positions -- that I am not at all confident that I could have done it as well as the vast majority of those of you who have filled those positions. I am not only talking about those who are filling them now but about those who have filled them in the past, for instance, the honourable Mr. Curley and Mr. McCallum, here. So, that is something I have learned.

Genius Of Representative Democracy

I have also, I think, learned to appreciate the genius or the potentiality of the genius that lies in the system of representative democracy. I understood that theoretically before -- I do not think I really understood it thoroughly until going through this experience and what I am referring to is, as Mr. Erkloo, an honourable Member of this House, noted earlier -- and just as a little bit of an aside, I appreciated the complimentary remarks that Mr. Erkloo had made about me, and other Members as well, very sincerely, and in noting that I would like to respond in kind. I very much admired the courage of Mr. Erkloo, who remarked on the fact of having a personal alcohol problem. The reason I admired him so much is because I, myself, was afflicted with that same problem many years ago and I think that perhaps both of us could testify that life is much better having rid ourselves of that difficulty. In respect to Mr. Erkloo, I have very sincerely always been appreciative of his abilities and I do hope that with his new-found freedom, if he is re-elected, he will consider offering himself for the Executive Council next time around.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

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MR. MacQUARRIE: In any event, Mr. Erkloo had noted the importance of Members representing their people, the people in their constituencies, and that is crucial. It is crucial for Members to take the trouble to meet with constituents, to communicate with them regularly to find out their thinking, but I say that is not the whole of representative democracy. The next crucial thing is for each of those representatives to listen carefully and thoughtfully to the representatives who have been sent by other people, to try to understand those other concerns and then the next step is to bring your own learning and judgment to the problem and to do what Mr. Nerysoo noted the other day, to make reasonable and necessary compromises for the benefit of everybody. It is only if you take the additional steps, in addition to representing your own constituency, that representative democracy has the opportunity to flower and to become very worth while. Then the representatives become the leaders and not only delegates from their constituencies.

I leave with regret because it has been a forum for learning for me, but I leave with regret as well because of friendships that have been made here. I have met some very fine people who are involved directly in the Assembly, that is, politicians, with whom I have established friendships but also others on staff or related in some way to Assembly work with whom I have established friendships over these past eight years. They are very important to me. Sometimes I regret that I am not as congenial a person as I might like to be, maybe a little bit too much of a loner or something, and I recognize that it may appear sometimes to other people that I am a little aloof and not appreciative of those friendships, but I can assure you that I am. They mean a lot to me and I hope that I will be able to retain them having left the Assembly.

Also, in this business I am afraid it is nearly impossible to do your work without once in a while developing some enemyships as well as the friendships. But with respect to those, I trust and hope that they will wither and die, and I am not referring to the enemies...

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...but to the enemyships. In fact, I do hope that the nature of those will be changed and that we can become friends again. I know for my part I will be leaving bearing no grudges -- well, not many, anyway.

---Laughter

Proud To Have Represented Yellowknife

A few moments ago I spoke about the importance of representation, and of course during these eight years, I have been charged with the duty of representing Yellowknifers. I would say that although, as Mr. Ballantyne indicated, sometimes Yellowknifers are spoken of in not the dearest terms in this House, I believe that the comments that are made sometimes are just not warranted at all; that Yellowknifers, and of course they include many people like Eliza Lawrence, Tom Butters, Gordon Wray...

HON. GORDON WRAY: I like Yellowknife.

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MR. MacQUARRIE: All sorts of very nice people live in Yellowknife. Many, many have had experience in other communities. Many have made, and are making, important and significant contributions to the well-being of people throughout the NWT. I always feel that Yellowknifers are people who recognize and respect the rights of others, are sensitive to the concerns of others, but also recognize and respect their own rights as well. In Yellowknife there are many dynamic people who do a great many things and if Yellowknifers have a lot it is partly attributable to that dynamism. I also would like to note that if Yellowknifers have a lot they also give a lot as well. I can only echo what my colleague from Yellowknife North said earlier this morning. To me, too, it is truly remarkable -- the financial contributions and contributions in time that hundreds upon hundreds of Yellowknifers make, whether it is toward supporting the Salvation Army or the Yellowknife Association for the Mentally Disabled or for senior citizens, or whether it is providing talent and personal time without stint and without any question of financial compensation, whether it is to Cubs and Scouts and Guides and Brownies or to service clubs or to self-help associations or to minor hockey, just an amazing amount of free work, volunteer work, good work is done by Yellowknifers.

MR. RICHARD: Hear, hear!

MR. MacQUARRIE: So Yellowknife in my opinion is a great city and a worthy capital of the Northwest Territories and I am glad that I live here and Yellowknifers are a fine people and I can only say that throughout these years, I have been proud to be a representative, in this House, of Yellowknifers.

---Applause

Gratitude Expressed For Support

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am particularly grateful to those Yellowknifers who have supported me over the past years and I gather some of whom are still supporting me even though I have indicated that I do not intend to run in the fall. I really appreciate that determined support, but I must say, again, as clearly as I can, that I will not be running in the fall election. I will not run in this territorial election. Now, I do not say anything beyond that. I have found in a way that politics is a little bit like a bag of peanuts. You know, once you get into it, it is pretty hard to leave it alone. That is right. But at any rate, I make that clear. I will not be running in the fall election. I will be returning to a teaching job at Sir John Franklin High School. Seeing the young people in the House earlier today from Hay River generated a bit of the excitement that I always felt whenever I went into a classroom. I really believe that education is so important; it is the great hope for enlightenment in the world; it is the great hope for individuals breaking the bondage of what I call "group think" and it is in breaking that kind of bondage that I believe the world really will become a better place in the long run. If I am not actively involved in politics in the near future, I still will be a citizen of the Northwest Territories and reserve to myself all the rights of citizenship...

HON. GORDON WRAY: (Inaudible comment)

MR. MacQUARRIE: ...so, I may fire off a letter to News/North once in a while...

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HON. GORDON WRAY: My favourite newspaper.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I know, I know. So, I may very well do that or I may picket in front of the Assembly or I may sit in, out in the lobby here, I do not know. All of those rights, I still reserve to myself.

HON. GORDON WRAY: You cannot smoke in government offices.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, well, I have given it up now so I am not going to have that problem at all. Pure as the driven snow, that is right. Not quite, there is still one vice which I intend to retain to my dying day.

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HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: You do eat a lot.

MR. MacQuarrie: If possible, if anybody is interested.

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When you are 90, not likely. It is drawing close to dinnertime. I would like sincerely to say thank you to all of those who have helped me over these past eight years. That includes certainly staff people, administrative staff, procedural staff, legal staff, research, interpreters, secretarial, Hansard, all of these people have done a great deal to help me in these years and it is very much appreciated. It is not only staff. There are also politicians who have been very kind and have helped me in a number of ways over these years as well and I appreciate them, too.

To my two buddies in the corner here, I think other Members would not object if I made special mention to "Duke" on my right and "Junior" on my left here...

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...sitting here I have always felt that I was in first-class company and I will miss being along with them.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: That is not what we thought.

MR. McCALLUM: That is quite true, Bob.

---Laughter

---Applause

MRS. LAWRENCE: You mean second-class...

MR. MacQUARRIE: Oh, no, no, all round but certainly here. To all those that will not be running again, and Mr. McCallum has indicated he is not; Mr. Paniloo -- well, at one point he seemed to have indicated that, but at any rate, to all those who are not running I wish good health, long life, lots of happiness in whatever you do. To those who are running again, I wish that too, good health, long life, but I hope that each of you in your constituencies will be tested by worthy opponents because that is good for democracy and that is good for the Territories but I say, "May you win if you deserve to win", and I am sure that most of you do. If you win I hope that you will find the strength and the ability to come together with others to resolve many difficulties that still face the Northwest Territories, very serious problems where I am not going to attempt at all to prescribe the solutions.

I am leaving. I leave it to others but I do leave somewhat optimistically because, and I sincerely mean that, there are many competent people involved in this business and I am sure that they will be handled in the long run in a way that is best for the people of the Northwest Territories. Yesterday, I do not know why I was doing it, but Mr. McCallum had asked me if I could think of anything that went with the saying that we all know, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away", so "Old politicians never die they just...". I could not think of anything brilliant for him at all and I am not sure why he wishes to do that but he is going to come up with something I am sure, but it made me think that, in fact, old politicians do die and before they die, they fade away. But I say that is fine with me. I do not mind ever coming to terms with reality and that is a reality but I know personally that in the fading away I will have many pleasant memories of working with many fine people on many important issues over these past years. Qujannamiik, mahsi cho, thank you very much and farewell.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. The House will recess until 1:30 p.m.

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Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Patterson's Reply

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I always find it very difficult to reply concisely to the Opening Address because...

AN HON. MEMBER: That is true.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...there always is so much to talk about. I have here two small files of material I have collected in preparation of this reply. However, Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to be...

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HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...I am going to try to be brief.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Move a motion.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I think I can take some satisfaction from having set, I believe, the record for the longest reply in the 10th Assembly earlier, although Mr. Wray valiantly tried to overtake that. So, I am not going to speak at length and of course I will have another opportunity, perhaps in the forthcoming election campaign and, as well, I have a forum in the Executive Council.

However, Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring greetings once again from the movie capital of the Northwest Territories.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible comment)

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Iqaluit is currently the setting of a three million dollar movie. It will be also shot in Cape Dorset and there are also plans to shoot another movie, major feature movie, which was written by a local film maker, later on this year in Iqaluit. So, Mr. Speaker, this unusual industry continues to be very important in my constituency.

I would also just like to talk a bit about the phenomenal growth that has occurred in Iqaluit since I was elected and since the last census. In fact, Mr. Speaker, in 1981 the census figures showed 2333 people in Iqaluit. The 1986 census figures, which most people believe are a little bit conservative, show 2947 people, for a phenomenal growth of 26.3 per cent -- actually over 28 per cent if one takes into account the real figures, which I think are over 3000 people.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to this growth of people, we have had a phenomenal growth of businesses and services in the constituency. I would just like to inform Members that we now have, in addition to a resident doctor and druggist -- his prices are something else but he is a resident businessman -- we also now have a resident lawyer in private practice; a resident dentist in private practice; a resident architect and not one but several firms of engineers and chartered accountants. There are computer experts and a computer service firm, electronics firms and a wealth of other service industries which I think speaks well of the commitment that is developing and the long-term residents in my constituency. I think Iqaluit is now firmly on the map, on the national map. Evidence of this is always apparent due to the frequent very important visitors we have in Iqaluit. Prince Philip regularly drops in.

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His plane coincidentally refuels, but I am sure that he comes primarily to visit Iqaluit and in recent weeks, Mr. Speaker, we have had almost weekly a succession of visits from federal Ministers. Three weeks running, Mr. McKnight, Ms McDougall, Mr. Bouchard; earlier in the year, Mr. Epp; soon, Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Beatty.

Mr. Speaker, we hope, through the good offices of the Government Leader and the Minister of Economic Development, to soon host a meeting -- and I am inviting it to be held in Iqaluit -- of federal Ministers who are critical to the Eastern Arctic economy. We have discussed with Mr. McKnight using his good offices and those of our Government Leader to see the Ministers of Transport, Small Business, DRIE, DPW, Housing and DIAND come to the Eastern Arctic and particularly to come to Iqaluit and become better informed about the particular needs of our economy, which are substantially different from those of the Beaufort which had recently been paid attention to.

Need For Long-Range Economic Strategy For The NWT

Mr. Speaker, the issue of the economy is critical and I would like to say that I agree entirely with Mr. Wray that the NWT desperately needs a proper long-range economic strategy. I do not know whether the Department of Economic Development and Tourism was too busy with Expo or day-to-day matters, but I really believe that there should have been developed an economic strategy for the Northwest Territories, and I believe there are no long-term goals and priorities. Mr. Speaker, we can no longer afford to make ad hoc decisions in the area of economic development and I would like to urge that department to gather the results of the regional economic development conferences and make it a first priority after the next election to develop an economic strategy for the Northwest Territories which will govern the actions of all departments of our government.

As far as the Eastern Arctic is concerned, Mr. Speaker, one of the largest foregone economic opportunities in our communities has been the lost income to northern construction companies and labour on GNWT, not to mention federal capital projects. I am very pleased that Mr. Wray has tabled what I think is a very important position paper on ways in which we can basically rethink our entire approach in this area. I recognize that some progress has been made and some considerable efforts have been made to improve northern content, but I think we can go an awful lot further. Our government's prime mandate must be to promote community economic development. The cost-effective efficient mandate under which the Department of Public Works and the Housing Corporation have operated must be superseded by a commitment to a massive and long-term training

program in the construction industry, a rethinking of the entire tender process and much better co-ordination between departments. The commitment to training must be done by this government as a whole. Training in this industry, I believe, will require an uncompromising commitment of at least 10 years. Mr. Speaker, I applaud many of the suggestions in the paper. I am not going to make my own comments on them now. It is obviously something for the next government to deal with, but I think this is a critical area for our examination.

Areas Of Economy That Desperately Need Attention

I would also like to say, Mr. Speaker, that there are other areas of our economy in the Eastern Arctic that desperately need attention and more attention. I think we have talked about mining, oil and gas, agriculture and forestry a great deal in the Northwest Territories, but I would have to remind Members that these sectors at the moment do not figure largely at all in the Baffin, although they are often heralded as the areas where the most potential lies for the Territories.

I would like to just comment briefly on some of the areas that are of critical importance to my constituents. Mr. Speaker, we have an enormous potential in the fishery and I am very pleased that two licences are now in place for some 1200 tons of shrimp in Davis Strait which will be exploited by indigenous companies under the new federal government's policy. These shrimp, Mr. Speaker, for which there is an incredibly volatile market in the world, rapidly growing, are worth \$1000 a ton. So we have suddenly, this summer, created a two or three million dollar industry in Davis Strait, with a potential for much more. What this government has to do in order to support that initiative in co-operation with the federal government is make a commitment to training, so that local people can obtain some of the very highly specialized jobs on these factory shrimp ships and, Mr. Speaker, as well, there is an incredible potential yet barely scratched in turbot, char, scallop and halibut. We need to work very hard at marketing these products and I believe that they have to be marketed as an identifiable Baffin seafood product with appropriate labelling, packaging and promotional material. As well, Mr. Speaker, we have to prepare capital moneys to assist in developing the necessary infrastructure to accommodate the fishery.

Arts And Crafts Industry

Mr. Speaker, the arts and crafts industry is a \$10 million industry in the Eastern Arctic. I am afraid that it has been somewhat neglected and that its growth potential looms large if some attention can be paid to remedying some of the problems. As Mr. Arlooktoo and I have discussed in this Legislature, there needs to be assistance given to identifying new quarries of soapstone and encouraging the expansion of the use of other alternatives to soapstone, such as caribou antler. There needs to be improved means of marketing and distribution in conjunction with Canadian Arctic Producers and the private sector and we need to increase consumer awareness and product profiles.

Mr. Speaker, more attention needs to be paid to other arts and crafts as well. I am very impressed with the potential of this industry, which is basically a cottage industry. It can be done at home. It does not require extensive capital infrastructure. There is a place for government assistance in the way of providing new designs, providing assistance in the area of pricing and again the all important area of promotion.

Mr. Speaker, in the tourist industry, much progress has been made, I think as a result of Expo and as a result of the attention that has been paid that sector by the Department of Economic Development where, I believe, there is proper planning and strategy. I would like to mention that I believe the area that must be given a very high priority is training. Guide training and hospitality training have to be continued as core programs every year for many years.

Mr. Speaker, just one matter I should mention with respect to the fishery. I believe we need more than one officer devoted to the Eastern Arctic fishery, in the Baffin Region, who, basically, as I understand it, is the only resource for the Eastern Arctic. I think more attention has to be paid by the Department of Economic Development to this rapidly growing sector, in which Inuit people are very interested in participating.

Transportation Infrastructure

I would like to also endorse comments made in this House about the need for transportation infrastructure in the Eastern Arctic. While our government builds and maintains highways and builds winter roads in the western part of the NWT, hardly any money is spent on transportation

infrastructure in the Eastern Arctic. I am grateful that, through the good offices of Mr. Wray, some significant efforts will be made this summer to tackle the problem of access to the beach at Iqaluit for small boat owners and Members have heard me rant on about this subject, really, for over several terms. I have mentioned our maximum 46 foot tide and the tremendous problems that this has caused small boat owners. I am very happy that \$100,000 has been made available for a project which will begin this summer, which is expected to cost probably another \$300,000 to complete. This will be a trench and a breakwater and will assist small boat owners immensely, and I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that of the many projects that I have asked for as an MLA and have seen move ahead, this one gives me particular satisfaction because it is something for the hunters and I think the hunters and the hunting economy has been somewhat neglected by our government in my constituency. I am really happy to see something that will at least begin this summer in that connection and I would like to particularly thank Mr. Wray for his assistance.

However, Mr. Speaker, we still have no reliable deep water docking facilities in Iqaluit for larger vessels or, indeed, in Baffin Island. This inhibits the potential for cruise ship type activities and it also means that our shrimp and other factory fishing vessels have to go to Greenland or the Maritimes to unload their fish. Studies have been made of a deep water docking facility for Iqaluit by the Ministry of Transport that are lying on the shelf. Mr. Speaker, we need to bring the federal Minister of Transport to the Northwest Territories to see our needs first-hand.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crosbie also needs to hear about serious problems with respect to air transportation in the Eastern Arctic. He needs to hear about the dangerous situation with respect to the Pangnirtung airstrip and he needs to be told that spending one and a half million dollars to fence the Iqaluit airport this summer is a total waste of money. The snow will drift over most of the fence, most of the year, anyway. So, we desperately need to tell the federal Minister of Transport what the priorities are for the small moneys that are available and of our urgent needs, critical needs.

Decision-Making Centralized In Yellowknife

Mr. Speaker, I continue to be concerned that in the Government of the Northwest Territories, generally, we have a tendency to want to do things in Yellowknife and I believe that, for all the benefits that have come from so-called ministerial government and the taking over of control by elected Members of the various departments of government, I believe there has been a tendency to centralize decision-making within the capital. In this, I have a lot in common with what Mr. T'Seleie said, what Mr. McCallum said so eloquently and what I have heard other Members say. I do not want to get into tremendous details but I would like to give a few examples. Mr. Speaker, sometimes I believe that the regional staff of the Department of Public Works might as well not exist at all. They are not allowed to manage any significant projects. Now I know the turnover in the regions is very high, although I do not think, at least among project officers, it is much better in Yellowknife. Now I know that Mr. Wray is working on reclassifying those positions and salaries. I do not really think he is at heart a centralist, but, Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should not give up on the principle that regions can better manage significant projects from the region. I think it is the only way to see that a job is done properly. And I think, Mr. Speaker, if regional staff were given some real responsibility for project management, that in itself would do a lot to reduce turnover.

Mr. Speaker, improvements are desperately needed, I believe, to ensure that consultants placed in the regions, and there are not very many of them, but consultants like the architects and engineers in my constituency, get their fair share of the work which always seems to go to Yellowknife. I think DPW's policy of providing work to northern consultants and engineers has been great for Yellowknife and great for the firms in Yellowknife who employ architects here and also employ architects in Edmonton and Toronto. But a lot of attention needs to be paid to the fledgling firms that are establishing in Iqaluit and may establish in other regional centres.

Firms In Communities Should Get Business Going To Yellowknife Firms

While I am complaining about Yellowknife, Mr. Speaker, I want to tell a small story about another local firm who are at the point of being convinced they should move to Yellowknife to have some chance at getting government work in the publishing and printing business. This firm, Mr. Speaker, put in a bid for the Explorers' Guide some time ago and were actually told that the reason they did not get the job was that they were not located in Yellowknife.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame!

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, this firm has state of the art computer typesetting in Inuktitut, yet jobs requiring Inuktitut are being awarded in Yellowknife to firms who are producing Inuktitut text using syllabic typewriters.

This firm in Iqaluit has invested half a million dollars in this state of the art equipment and invested a lot of time in tenders only to be told by various government departments they have distinct disadvantage because they are not located in Yellowknife. They have even gone so far, Mr. Speaker, as to specify in a recent bid that they are willing to establish an office in Yellowknife. They want to be able to compete with Yellowknife firms and they see that as the only way they can do it. The company met recently with me; they said, "We exist. We are part of the Northwest Territories. We can do a better technical job in Inuktitut than anyone else in the NWT. How do we break the Yellowknife connection?" They are that scared and frustrated that they are seriously considering moving to Yellowknife.

The handling of government advertising has also caused this firm great frustration. If I can just take a minute, Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain the situation as I understand it. Government of the Northwest Territories personnel ads, which are a major source of advertising revenue, are placed through a local Yellowknife company. Even Baffin and Keewatin personnel ads are sent to Yellowknife for typesetting -- yes, with syllabic typewriters. The Yellowknife firm also decides where the ads are placed. That is, in which newspapers. This firm has decided that News/North is a territorial newspaper so territorial ads are put in News/North. Mr. Speaker, a few copies of News/North trickle into Iqaluit; maybe 200 or 300 copies are circulated in a region of 10,000 people. Nunatsiaq News has a distribution of 4800 in the region and the paper is in every Baffin community within three days of publication. They soon will be distributing to each community in the Keewatin but the Department of Personnel has decided that News/North is the paper of record for the Northwest Territories. So territorial jobs like director, conservation, education, renewable resources, which I just saw recently advertised, and regional administrator to the Department of Health are advertised in News/North. News/North also advertises Baffin positions such as a corrections officer II at the correctional centre in Iqaluit but the territorial jobs are never placed in the Baffin newspaper. Someone has decided that these jobs should not be advertised to people in the Eastern Arctic, especially Inuit. To make matters worse, while the Yellowknife firm gets paid within 20 days, according to government policy, the firm in my constituency has to wait up to six months to get paid by the Yellowknife placement firm. This is frustration which makes people in the Eastern Arctic want to have nothing to do with Yellowknife.

Headquarters Gets Lion's Share Of New Person Years

Mr. Speaker, these stories I mention are, I am afraid, still typical. They do go on and on. New person years are awarded to departments and headquarters gets the lion's share of the person years. When it comes time for cuts and restraint, headquarters is spared and the regions take the blows. So, Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the growth of Yellowknife. The obscene growth of Yellowknife. I believe the same terrible phenomenon is occurring in Greenland, where the capital city, Nuuk, now has 25 per cent of the territorial population. If I am fortunate enough to be in this Assembly again, I will fight to see the concentration of power in Yellowknife eroded.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think we have done very much. Perhaps we have been preoccupied with political development issues, but we have not done very much to spread the significant wealth of government around. We have decentralized regional capitals with regional centres, which I think is very healthy, but we have not touched the Workers' Compensation Board, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, the Public Utilities Board which at least are agencies at sufficient arm's length from the government that they can and must be moved.

MR. McCALLUM: Hear, hear!

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Departments like DPW can have much more meaningful regional establishments. Mr. Speaker, NCPC must not be located in Yellowknife and I would like to also point out that when the new energy corporation is established, Iqaluit must continue to be the eastern administrative centre. Whole departments can exist in the regions, Mr. Speaker. The Legislative Assembly could exist outside Yellowknife. Why do we not find a central location for the Legislative Assembly or another location for the Legislative Assembly when our lease here runs out in a few years? And, Mr. Speaker, I do not think Yellowknife wants this kind of problem, anyway. There is no land, no housing, trailers are easily selling for over \$100,000 in this city. What chance does a native person from my constituency or from outside Yellowknife have of getting employment and getting housing here?

Competitive And Alternative Air Transportation

Mr. Speaker, I would like to just make a few comments on air transportation. There was a motion presented to this House that I understand may not proceed with respect to an important application that is being made to provide competitive and alternative air service in the Kitikmeot. Now, Mr. Speaker, this may seem to be somewhat outside my constituency, but I would like to say that I am very interested in this application because the applicant, First Air, has its northern base in my constituency. Also, Mr. Speaker, I believe this application and the decision the CRTC is about to make on the First Air application for service in the Kitikmeot will set an important precedent for other regions in the Northwest Territories.

Perhaps I can briefly explain why, Mr. Speaker. In the past, this Legislature has been told by NWT Air that it could not reduce air fares because of high costs. The president of NWT Air has been quoted as saying, before the Canadian Transport Commission air transport committee hearings, that one cannot really develop a cost-effective air service with the type of fuel costs found in Spence Bay, Pelly Bay, Cambridge Bay. Mr. Engle, in our Assembly, said in 1982 with regard to aviation fuel, "NWT Air is operating in what is likely Canada's highest cost fuel area, the Central Arctic coast." Yet, even when the cost of fuel in the North went down last year, NWT Air continued to raise its air fares. In fact, NWT Air filed for fare increases of approximately three per cent over its whole system only a few days before First Air filed its application which proposed dramatic reductions in air fares in the same routes served by NWT Air. NWT Air has promised to replace the aging DC-3 aircraft it operates. In 1982 it told this Assembly, "The DC-3s are scheduled for replacement in as early as three years and hopefully within five years."

Mr. Speaker, Members know that NWT Air has recently proposed to dramatically reduce its air fares. Mr. Pudluk has provided information in this House to show that the air fare reductions proposed by NWT Air could reduce air travel costs to our government, in the Kitikmeot Region alone, by between \$250,000 and \$430,000. One must ask, how much has our government and how much have the people of the Kitikmeot been paying over the past seven years, that they apparently did not need to pay? I think most people believe that the NWT Air fare reductions planned for June 27th have only been put in place as a reaction to First Air's application. The reason given by NWT Air has been that the new Electra fare formula, which will be applied to the Kitikmeot, is being applied to all their routes, even though only one community, Gjoa Haven, is getting that new service and only once a week, at that. I also notice, Mr. Speaker, that the new Electra fare formula planned for the Kitikmeot has not been applied to the other NWT Air Electra routes in the Northwest Territories, not even on the longest route they fly, where one might expect economies of scale, and that is between Yellowknife and Iqaluit. The return fare there is now \$1626. If we apply NWT Air's so-called Electra formula, the fare would be lowered to \$1360, but that was not part of the so-called Electra formula applied to routes where the Electra is not even flying in the Kitikmeot.

Mr. Speaker, I think the application is very important for the NWT because, in my view, if NWT Air is allowed to be, in effect, rewarded for seven years of apparent overcharging by being allowed to retain their licence in the face of an application with superior equipment and greatly reduced fares, then what is to stop other monopoly carriers from charging the most they can gouge out of consumers until someone else applies to compete? Mr. Speaker, this is a carrier that said it could not afford to operate for less and actually filed for another regular fare increase earlier this year in Kitikmeot. Suddenly they say they have a new fare formula reducing their fares almost in half, after seven years. Mr. Speaker, most members of the public see through this and I sincerely hope that the CTC does, too.

Political Development

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words on political development, very few words. I think the next Legislature clearly has a great deal of work to carry out, to continue the ambitious work we started, in tackling division and political development in the 10th Assembly. A lot of hard work has been done. I do hope that the work of the NCF and WCF and people like Mr. MacQuarrie has not been in vain. Quite frankly, unless the Northwest Territories is divided, I do not see how self-government for aboriginal peoples, or new models of public government, can be accomplished. As I understand it, that is one reason why Mr. MacQuarrie is unfortunately leaving this Assembly. He sees that the creation of new governments has been frustrated by failure to reach agreement on a boundary for division.

I do not want to return to the status quo. The movement for Nunavut did not come about for no reason. There are serious grievances people in the Eastern Arctic have against a remote government seated in Yellowknife, a government which in many ways has become more centralized, not less, in recent years. Nunavut is not dead. Until it is revived and resolved, I think some major initiatives must be considered by the 11th Assembly and I would like to echo the words of some other Members on these subjects. Since the first Government Leader, Mr. Braden, through Mr. Nerysoo and Mr. Sibbeston, the Government Leader and the Speaker, for that matter, have been from the West. They have done well. They have done their best but the Government Leader, the Speaker, the seat of the Legislature has been in the West and, Mr. Speaker, I think it is time we had a chance at representation in some of these important and symbolic offices. I was encouraged to hear other Members show some sympathy for this, Mr. Speaker.

I think we should also work to decentralize Government of the Northwest Territories departments. We should pressure federal departments to locate outside Yellowknife or to establish offices in the East. Agencies like the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; the Secretary of State; Federal Business Development Bank; national parks; can and should have offices, significant offices, outside Yellowknife. Mr. Speaker, in devolution initiatives, including NCPC, the establishment of a labour relations office, the acquisition of responsibility for the Eastern Arctic sea lift, offices can very appropriately be established outside Yellowknife.

Projects Coming Into Fruition While Member In 10th Assembly

Mr. Speaker, in concluding my brief remarks, I would like to point out that I take some considerable satisfaction in some of the projects that have occurred and come to fruition while I have been in the 10th Legislative Assembly. I was very pleased to have attended and to have represented Mr. Ballantyne at the recent swearing in of the new territorial judge for the Eastern Arctic, Mr. Orval J. T. Troy. Mr. Speaker, that was a very proud moment for the people of the Eastern Arctic. It is a giant leap forward in the administration of justice in the Eastern Arctic. I was doubly pleased when senior officials of the federal Department of Justice at that swearing in ceremony, which I did not think was going to be a political event, actually responded to my mild suggestions and made a commitment that a crown prosecutor would be established, a resident crown prosecutor would be established in that court. So, we are well on the way toward greatly improved judicial facilities and the concomitant increased respect for law and order in the Eastern Arctic as a result of that initiative.

I also would like to commend Mr. McLaughlin on the completion of the nursing stations which puts health now completely in control of Baffin regional people and I agree with Mr. Nerysoo that this devolution of authority to a regional board does mean that we have a very superior medical care system in Baffin. We should be proud of that and I think we should inspire other regions to take this step and take control over health facilities, because we can do an even better job than the federal government has done. I would also like to thank Mr. McLaughlin for his efforts and support for the Aggvik Society, which is a very dedicated group of women who have established a transition home to serve the region in Iqaluit.

Arctic College In Iqaluit

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased with the Arctic College in Iqaluit. There are now some 70 students taking advantage of a variety of programs and there are going to be more programs available this fall. These are people who probably otherwise would not have had a real opportunity to obtain further training and education and it is an enormous benefit to the region and a source of pride and accomplishment that this facility has been established.

Mr. Speaker, there are other projects yet to be completed or initiated in my constituency. Clearly, these are matters that remain for the next Member for Iqaluit. There is a need for new schools in the community. The school in Apex, which has frozen several times this winter, has now been judged by the Department of Public Works to be beyond repair and beyond resurrection. It needs to be replaced. And as well, Mr. Speaker, due to the phenomenal growth that I have mentioned earlier, based on the census figures, Nakasuk Elementary School, which is now nearing 500 students and is, I believe, the biggest elementary school in the Northwest Territories, is running out of room. There is going to be a need for a small, stand-alone elementary school to be constructed in my constituency within the next two to three years or there is just not going to be any more room for any further students in Nakasuk school.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, work is well advanced on the planning of a multipurpose recreation facility for Iqaluit. This is something I have worked on and hoped for for many years. Good work has been done by the town recreation committee and a local architect in advancing a very ambitious plan which will be phased in over a number of years. It looks as though the money committed by Municipal and Community Affairs toward this project, namely \$1.5 million, would be best carried over to the next fiscal year because of sealift deadlines and the state of the project as of today, and I certainly am pleased to have had Mr. Wray's commitment that those moneys will be carried over to 1988-89 fiscal year and not lost.

Mr. Speaker, the beach project will start this summer but to do a proper job it is going to need further moneys. As well, Mr. Speaker, there will be an opportunity in 1990 in connection with the repaving of the airstrip at Iqaluit to provide pavement for the now many private vehicles in Iqaluit. This government should be prepared to contribute some money to that project. It is an investment in reduced wear and tear on government vehicles and vehicles in general.

Major Problems With Utilidor System In Iqaluit

Mr. Speaker, the utilidor system in Iqaluit has major problems. It is not ready to turn over to the town because it is leaking seriously. There are some serious leaks in the line which goes out into the federal building near the airport and we have the unfortunate problem of raw sewage polluting the environment, which I have asked the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to look into. The town of Iqaluit wants to take over that system but they want it to work before they take it over. Significant sums still have to be invested in repairing that system before it is ready to be taken over by the town.

Mr. Speaker, there is a visitors centre in the capital plan which will be of great assistance in promoting tourism in the region, not just in the community but in the region. The centre is a regional visitors centre which will draw people from Iqaluit to the tremendous attractions of other communities in the Baffin Region.

We also need a new library and we are going to need a permanent facility for the courthouse which is now in a temporary facility and will in the future be inadequate for the full functions that are planned for the court which will include a document registry office and a place for land titles registry, as I understand the plans of the Department of Justice. Those are projects for the next Member, Mr. Speaker, but I feel it is important in thanking the government for some of the accomplishments to also point out that we still have many significant needs in Iqaluit.

Sadness About End Of 10th Assembly

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to express, as other Members have, some sadness about the end of the 10th Assembly. It has been a privilege to work with all of the Members of the Legislature. I would like to say particularly to Mr. McCallum, with whom I had the privilege of working on the ninth Executive Council, that I have the greatest respect for his abilities as a politician and a representative for his constituency. He was an excellent Executive Council Member. He was extremely well prepared and extremely vigilant, especially in financial matters, on the Executive Council. Those abilities have been reflected in his work on the standing committee on finance and public accounts as well. I would like to say that I learned a lot from Mr. McCallum, coming into that job as an inexperienced Member some six years ago now. It has been a privilege to have worked with him and to have had his friendship.

As well, we will have lost the best orator that I saw in both the Ninth and 10th Assemblies in Mr. MacQuarrie. I think he has been a fabulous spokesman for this Assembly when it has been required, particularly when we had pressing missions of national importance. I also applaud the tremendous dedication he put into his work with the Western Constitutional Forum. I am confident that work will not be in vain. He will be missed but he is still a friend and I am going to be staying in touch with him.

As well, Mr. Speaker, I should say to the honourable Member for Hay River that I am very impressed with the energy that he has put into developing the Office of Speaker. I think it has been critical to the rising stature of this Assembly that the Office of Speaker has been created and created as an independent office of this Legislature. Mr. Stewart is the dean of Speakers of all the legislatures in Canada now, and I think we should be very grateful to him for what he has done for our Legislature both in the NWT and also through the country, not to mention through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association -- throughout the world. So I am particularly grateful to him.

I hate to add further compliments to John Parker because it almost sounds redundant, but I feel that we have taken great strides toward evolution and the increase of responsible government in the last four years. I think we have quietly, in the midst of trying to deal with other major issues, accomplished more in the way of evolution from the federal government in the last two years than has been accomplished in many, many years up till now. This has happened with the full encouragement of John Parker. He and his wife are loved throughout the Northwest Territories and are people who are very good representatives of our government and very loyal to our government.

Mr. Speaker, I have to, as well, echo some of my colleague's expressions of gratitude to the family. I know, perhaps better than many, some of the hardships imposed on a family through the burdens of travel. And I suppose sometimes I think it would be a lot easier to do this job if I did not have a family, but I could not do this job without my family. I cannot imagine how I could do this job without having a place to finally go home to. Mr. Speaker, sometimes it is the little things that are most difficult. Missing your daughter's birthday party, missing the children's concerts at school, not being able to help your boy with his cub car, not being able to fix his tire when it gets flat. My family has withstood these hardships with constant support and they have constantly welcomed me home even though sometimes I have almost had to introduce myself to them upon arriving home. So, Mr. Speaker, I owe a great debt to Marie Uviluq and Darlene, George, Jessica and Bruce for putting up with me and putting up with a lifestyle that I do not think many families would put up with. Now, I asked for it, Mr. Speaker, I feel even though it has been hard that it has been an enormous privilege to have served this Legislature in the important portfolio of Education. I would like to think we have made considerable progress in education.

Appreciation For Education Department Staff

I owe a lot to my deputy minister, Mr. Handley, who I think in the two short years that he has had this job has accomplished a lot more than I have been able to accomplish in the six years that I have had this portfolio. The department now has goals and objectives. It is managed firmly and efficiently and I would like to say that a lot of credit goes to Mr. Handley for these improvements, and the dedicated senior staff that I do not really need to mention, who also work with him.

In that connection, with respect to education, Mr. Speaker, I have to correct my best critic, Mr. Wray, who provides constructive criticism at regular opportunities.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Be careful, it was your department that gave me the figure.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wray said in his reply the other day that there were no Inuit graduates. I have to say that happily this is wrong. We are projecting this year a total of 28 Inuit graduates from three high schools in the Northwest Territories, including four advanced diploma graduates. In 1985-86, there were 25 Inuit graduates and there were two advanced diploma standings of the 25. One Inuit student from the Kitikmeot graduated with advanced diploma standing last year. So, Mr. Speaker, we are making imperceptible progress. It certainly could be a lot better but these signs are encouraging and I think the department is going in the right direction.

I would also just like to say, Mr. Speaker, that personal staff mean a lot. I could not have said it better than Mr. Butters when he described being absent half the time and being preoccupied while in the office while we are there. I think it must be enormously frustrating to personal staff to have to put up with people like me who travel a lot, change travel plans a lot, and put incredible demands on the staff while I am in town. I would like to thank Helen Lawson, Okalik Egeetsiak and Sharon Spry, who have been my secretaries over the last four years, and Gina Blondin and Marina Devine who have been my very capable executive assistants and have helped me enormously. I would also like to say that without Wynne Le Roux, who has recently assisted me in being administrative liaison person with the department, I do not know how I could have gotten by in the last year.

So, Mr. Speaker, I hope to be back. It has been a meaningful four years. Not having accomplished everything that we wanted to as a Legislature, everything that I wanted to as an MLA has inspired me to seek re-election and I hope I have the privilege of being part of the next Assembly and solving some of these problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson, the honourable Member for Iqaluit. We are still on Item 8, replies to the Opening Address. That appears to conclude this item. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Richard.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition and it is unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, that I did not file the petition before Mr. MacQuarrie gave his reply. Petition 11-87(1), although addressed to the NWT Legislative Assembly, it is also entitled "An open letter to Bob MacQuarrie" and it is signed by 100 residents of the city of Yellowknife. "In the interest of fair government and good representation the following undersigned citizens of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories are hereby urging you to reconsider your candidacy in the next election for the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories." Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Richard. Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

I wish to advise the House that in accordance with Rule 56(10), I have laid on the table Tabled Document 91-87(1): Responses from the Executive Council to Petitions 7-87(1) and 9-87(1). Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 37-87(1): Appointments To The NWT Public Utilities Board

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that at the appropriate time I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that this House recommend to the Commissioner that Mrs. Beulah Philpot of Yellowknife, Mr. David Fox of Iqaluit, Mr. Raymond Mercer of Rankin Inlet, be reappointed as vice-chairman and members respectively, to the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board for a period of one year. I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this matter under Item 14. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 34-87(1), First Air Application for Scheduled Service. Mr. Erkloo.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Motion 34-87(1), I will not be moving it at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 35-87(1), Approval of Amendments to the Formula Financing Agreement. Mr. Butters.

Motion 35-87(1): Approval Of Amendment To The Formula Financing Agreement, Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that this Assembly approve a proposed amendment to the financial agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, made pursuant to the Financial Agreement Act. The proposed amendment to the financial agreement is to change the description of the Statistics Canada tables used to calculate the formula financing escalator.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Butters. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Mr. Butters, do you have anything to say? Are you ready to vote? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 36-87(1), Lowering of the Old Age Pension Age Limits. Mr. Erkloo.

Motion 36-87(1): Lowering Of Old Age Pension Age Limits

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will move the following:

WHEREAS the health condition of native people in the Northwest Territories is much poorer in comparison to the national average;

AND WHEREAS native people in the Northwest Territories are chronically underemployed and this ultimately affects the pensions they receive upon retirement;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living in the Northwest Territories is much higher than southern Canada;

AND WHEREAS recently released research studies, conducted over the past 30 years by Soviet scientists, suggest that living in the Arctic has a negative effect on the human immune system and may cause people to age at a more rapid rate;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, that this House recommend to the federal government that it investigate the appropriateness of lowering the old age pension age limits from 65 to 60 for native people of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Erkloo. To your motion.

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my constituency I was told that they received their old age pension at age 65. It is too late usually. That is why I moved this, for that reason. I think it is quite explanatory in my motion. There is hardly any work available for older people in the NWT and there are not too many people who have had previous work before they reached the age of 65. When they have been working before the age of 65, they can get a pension from their previous employment or they can inherit some money from their predecessors. There is no such money available to some of these people and there is no way of making more money, employmentwise, in the North. There is no one that is receiving pension at this time in our area. The older folks between the ages of 50 and 65, they have to look for jobs to try and get some food for themselves, the same as young people, although it is physically difficult for them to get better jobs. It seems obvious that those people age faster than regular Canadians as was reported.

There was a study in Canada for which I have the last report. We could say from the average death rate in Canada, that life expectancy in Quebec in 1971, is age 75.3. Using that as a criterion, in 1996 would be 81.5 years life expectancy but in the NWT this, for males, is 78.3 years. As well, reading the reports of previous years maybe on the average of five years, for people in the NWT the life expectancy is younger than the average Canadian. There was a court hearing in Iqaluit in September 9th, 1969, with Judge Morrow and he was not just a regular judge, he was the honourable Mr. Justice Morrow. I will take an excerpt from his sentence, stated before he sentenced the man to jail, "Now, I am not going to put you in jail for life and I have in mind in sentencing you the fact that you are an Eskimo and that Eskimos sometimes do not live too long in this country. Because of that I am going to give you a sentence that is one-half as much as I would give to you if you were a white man. Now that does not mean that Eskimos can break the law more than white people but simply that Eskimos have not been found to live as long." For this reason, what he had stated was that if he was a white man then he would have given him a sentence for longer, but he cut it in half. The Inuit do not live as long as, the life expectancy is not as long as the white people in the South.

Research Shows Polar Peoples Age Faster

This was in the News/North as well, on May 29th, 1987. I will read from the excerpt. It stated, "People living in polar regions get more colds and age faster, Soviet scientists have concluded. Research on the effects of isolation and extreme cold has been conducted by the Soviets for the past 30 years in Soviet science stations in Antarctica. This research shows most people's immune system becomes depressed in Arctic climates, states a news release from the Novosti Press Agency. Because of this, people living in Arctic climates become susceptible to disease and virus and run a greater risk of catching colds. In addition, open wounds take longer to heal because the body's defence systems are slower to react and people who have had prolonged stays in extremely cold climates are more likely to fall ill upon their return to more moderate latitudes, the research indicates. Scientists also found that interesting changes occur to the body when exposed to the extreme cold, including drastically reduced levels of circulating adrenalin. The research also

uncovered an increase in the content of lipids and cholesterol in people working outdoors in cold climates. These increases will trigger premature age-related changes." Reading this excerpt, this was research in Russia, I think it is obvious that people from extremely cold climates age faster than in the average, more moderate temperatures. I will read in the excerpt in English. (Translation ends)

This is called Life Expectancy of Canadian Eskimos by the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1966, it states: "The life expectancy of the average Eskimo infant in the Northwest Territories at best appears to be just over 50 years. For the average Canadian infant, it is over 70 years. For the average Indian infant it is over 60 years."

(Translation) Mr. Speaker, as you know I am not a doctor. The Canadians who are experts, who do research, including people from the Soviet Union, seem to indicate that the people who live in cold climates age faster. For that reason, I move the motion that for those people who receive pensions at the age of 65, it could be reduced to 60 years and also I would like you to be aware that it says in the excerpts "native people". My understanding of "native people" is the people who live in the NWT. A lot of people will understand that "native people" means that it is the Inuit and Dene but if you look in the dictionary for the definition, it does not state the race. For that reason, the residents or the natives of NWT are those who were born in NWT and who will die in the NWT, never mind the race or the colour of the skin. I would hope that you will support my motion that I just brought forward. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did support the motion on the basis of the statistics that we got under the Canada Pension Plan. There are four different categories of pension plan in the Northwest Territories and across Canada. The Canada Pension Plan for a single person over 65 years of age is \$521.52. Now this plan is only for people that make a contribution to the Canada Pension Plan. Under the old age security plan, which is the category native people would fall in, it is \$334. The guaranteed income supplement is \$96.94 and the NWT supplement is \$85. For anybody that makes a contribution to the Canada Pension Plan, the average income they might earn in one month is \$1003. However, the category that the native people fall in, because they have not earned enough money to get into the Canada Pension Plan, is the old age security which is \$300, the guaranteed income supplement of \$356 and the NWT supplement is \$85 which leaves it at \$742.28. This, Mr. Speaker, is the average that all Canadians are entitled to under the pension system. You are only entitled to the Canada Pension Plan if you put into the pension plan.

Another further observation that I would like to mention at this time, Mr. Speaker, is that on the average the cost of living in the Northwest Territories as a whole, in September of 1985, was calculated to be 44 per cent higher than in southern Canada, based on Statistics Canada isolated post retail price index. So the cost of living is actually just about double what it costs down South, for the Members' benefit. This is one of the reasons why I would hope that the federal government would look at whether it would be possible that the age for receiving pensions might be lowered when all these factors are considered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. To the motion. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Mahsi cho. (Translation) Thank you. Our northern people have worked in our land here for a long time. They worked hard and they survived in the rough climate we have in the North. They hunted, they trapped, they cut wood, they did not have warm clothing like they do now. A lot of them now, when they reach only about the age of 50, suffer from rheumatism, arthritis and they have all these aches and pains because of the rough life they led. This is why I want to support this motion because I know the hard life our people have had. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 36-87(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Erkloo, do you wish to wind up the debate? Are you ready for the question? Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Butters, you are seeking unanimous consent for Motion 37-87(1) that you gave notice of today. Are there any nays? Are there any nays? Mr. Butters, you have unanimous consent.

Motion 37-87(1): Appointments To The NWT Public Utilities Board, Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there will occur certain vacancies on the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that this Assembly fill these vacancies in order for the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board to conduct its business;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that this House recommend to the Commissioner that Mrs. Beulah Philpot of Yellowknife, Mr. David Fox of Iqaluit, and Mr. Raymond Mercer of Rankin Inlet, be reappointed as vice-chairman and members respectively, to the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board for a period of one year.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 14, motions.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters; Bill 28-87(1), Motor Vehicles Act, with Mr. Wah-Shee 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 28-87(1), MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): This committee will come to order. Mr. Butters.

Bill 28-87(1), Motor Vehicles Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, in Mr. Pudluk's absence, I will be answering Members' questions on this bill during our discussion of the general aspect of the bill and its respective provisions. I would like to make a short statement and I wonder if I could do that from the witness table, and when I move to the witness table I would be grateful if we could call into the House at this time, the registrar of motor vehicles, Judith Collard, and legislative counsel, Alex Fyfe, who might provide additional information to Members at this time.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Minister, are you prepared to make your opening remarks at this time? Mr. Butters.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The bill before you for consideration, the new Motor Vehicles Act, is the culmination of work which was begun almost three years ago under my direction as Minister of Government Services at the time and is intended to replace the existing Vehicles Act. Several organizations and agencies were consulted for input into the revision of this act. They include, among others, the Northwest Territories Motor Transport Association, the

Law Society of the Northwest Territories, the Association of Municipalities, the judiciary, the federal Crown Prosecutor's office, the RCMP and many internal government agencies and departments. Many of the recommendations and suggestions received from those groups have been incorporated into the bill.

Over the years the existing Vehicles Act has been amended to accommodate certain changes, such as the class driver licensing system. These amendments have been few and far between, however, and have not addressed some of the more fundamental problems with the act. Bill 28-87(1) corrects many of these problems by providing clear administrative and policy direction on many important issues, and clear legal authority to act in certain areas.

Mr. Chairman, I will outline very briefly here some of the major revisions to the current act. The new bill allows for introduction of the plate-to-owner concept, which eliminates the need to return licence plates to the registrar when vehicle ownership is transferred. This represents a major change in our current vehicle registration system which is unsatisfactory to administrators and the public alike. This change also allows us to offer personalized licence plates to the public. Seat belt legislation is introduced for the first time and a provision for short term -- up to 24 hours -- suspension of a driver's licence is also reflected herein. Appointment by the Minister of driver's licence review officers recognizes a need for a process of appeal from registrar's suspensions. The reportable limit on a motor vehicle accident has been raised from \$200 to \$1000 and the provisions relating to civil liability have been revised to remove the restriction respecting gross negligence. Finally, the new bill incorporates uniformity in standards and developments respecting traffic safety. Mr. Chairman, this is not a comprehensive overview of the changes; it merely gives a flavour of what has been done.

Since work began on this act, Mr. Chairman, there have been two other Ministers responsible for overseeing development of this legislation besides myself. As you know, I have not been responsible for the motor vehicles division for some time now and have not had the opportunity to fully acquaint myself with many of the more technical aspects of the bill. I, therefore, seek the indulgence of the committee in permitting officials of the Department of Government Services and legislative counsel to answer a number of the more detailed questions. And to identify our witnesses, the registrar of motor vehicles, Judy Collard, on my right; and Alex Fyfe, legal counsel, on my left. I will be making, Mr. Chairman, a number of amendments as we proceed through the bill and I will indicate by raising my hand when we reach those points.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MACQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on legislation did not have the opportunity to review this bill clause by clause and in detail. Again, it was a bill that came to the committee rather late and we did not have a full translation. Yet, committee Members recognized that a great deal of work had been done on the bill over the past several years and that it was important for the government to proceed with it. So the committee did examine a summary of potential issues, I guess you could call them, that the government brought to the attention of the committee. Having heard those, although there was no formal motion in the sense that the committee sometimes makes the formal motion to this committee of the whole endorsing all the provisions of the bill as it stands, nevertheless it was the wish of the committee that this act should be presented to committee of the whole.

There were a few recommendations for change and as we go through the bill I will note where some of those have occurred. There were a couple of issues that remained issues within the committee. They included the provisions with respect to seat belts and passengers riding outside of a vehicle, for example, in the back of a half-ton truck. But the committee did not take a position either way as a committee and it appeared that some Members would wish to raise those issues when the bill goes through the House.

Another important change that was noted by committee Members, and again no position was taken on it generally but it should be brought to the attention of Members in the House, is the provision for 24 hour suspensions by officers, which is a significantly new provision and it is the type that some Members may have concerns with.

Those are my opening comments, Mr. Chairman. As I said, when we are going through the bill, where there have been changes that have occurred since the committee reviewed the summary of the bill, I will make note of them.

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

Motion To Defer Consideration Of Motor Vehicles Act

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I realize a great deal of work has been put into this act, but I just do not believe that we have to sit here and put an ordinance through when as the end result we do not really have anything to offer to people except that we have put all kinds of limitations and everything on them. Mr. Chairman, we did not have too much time to deal with this act clause by clause; therefore, I would like to make a motion. I move that this committee defer consideration of this Motor Vehicles Act until such a time as the government puts in place a driver training program in the communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mrs. Lawrence, your motion is in order. To the motion. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot express myself strongly enough concerning the safety of these drivers. I will concentrate my efforts this time on the drivers, especially. Many times we take driving for granted. As far as I am concerned, anyone, it does not matter who it is that sits behind a wheel to drive, has a big responsibility for the lives of others as well as themselves. Young people tend to forget that and I think it is very important that we put some kind of driver training program in place before we put through this act. They have safety training programs in the mines and other working areas, but we do not seem to concentrate too much on driving vehicles, especially in a small community. The people in the communities are not too familiar with handling vehicles and they seem to think that you just have to sit behind a vehicle and away you go. It is easy enough to put in gear and away you go, but what about the safety? I just feel that it is very important that we have to put some kind of training program in place. As far as I am concerned it is a very serious business, especially for business purposes. If you give the contract to an individual, whatever the contract is for, whether it is for delivering water or to pick up sewage or garbage, as long as it requires driving, that person should be taking some kind of training program and we should not put just anyone who has a driver's licence in place. I say this especially for business purposes.

Another thing, too, is that we have not really had time too much to deal with the act and we cannot just put it through for the sake of putting it through and then sit back and look at it. I do not believe in that. I think we have to take our time and put in some kind of training program. If they can work on it for the summer, then the next Assembly will have enough time to work on some kind of a safety program. I would like to ask the other Members to consider this motion and to support my motion because this applies to all the communities and we have to consider the safety of others. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Butters.

This Jurisdiction One Of The Highest In Accidental Deaths

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I think that a deferment of this bill at this time would be very serious in permitting to continue to occur in the Northwest Territories attitudes and practices which have made this jurisdiction one of the highest in accidental deaths related to motor vehicles. When we go through this bill, we will indicate to you a number of the suggestions and provisions contained herein that are aimed at reducing that horrifying statistic. And I think it would be irresponsible for this Assembly not to look at that requirement and attack that problem head on.

I would like to address specifically, though, Mrs. Lawrence's suggestion as it relates to putting in place a driver training program in the communities. The division of motor vehicles has no mandate at the present time to provide driver training. There is no money in the motor vehicles section's budget to provide this service and it is not being contemplated that motor vehicles provide this service. In fact, some people would argue that there is a conflict of interest or there is at least a professional conflict where the motor vehicles section is involved in the driver training and the driver testing program, where it is under one roof. Usually it is separated. In the provinces it is separated from the motor vehicles section. In the provinces the motor vehicles section will regulate driving schools, will test instructors and license them to train people but it will not get into the training regime itself. Deferring this act at this time would really do nothing to help establish the program which Mrs. Lawrence says is needed in the Northwest Territories, in the smaller communities of the Northwest Territories. That program will have to be developed by another department, either Education or some other department which could address and direct its attention to the specific need that has been identified by Mrs. Lawrence in the smaller communities. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Question.

Motion To Defer Consideration Of Motor Vehicles Act, Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

General comments. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, for one MLA, welcome the major revision of this important legislation which is being done. I think the major revision has been outstanding for a long time and I want to compliment the government on finally bringing forward this legislation. There are some new initiatives that I think are going to make the Northwest Territories a safer place, particularly if there is a public awareness campaign that goes with the new legislation. I believe there is going to be a major public education campaign necessary simply to advise the public that there are new rules now on something that affects an awful lot of people, virtually every day of their lives. I believe that some of these provisions, like the mandatory seat belts, are going to save lives and save serious injury and that is one reason why I, quite apart from the need for driver education that Mrs. Lawrence mentioned, could not agree with deferring this legislation any longer. I think some of these provisions will, in fact, save lives and save serious injury in the months after the legislation has been proclaimed.

Some of the changes, Mr. Chairman, are ones that I know I have received, in the last few years, numerous requests for and correspondence and lobbies from constituents and others. I am thinking of the provision for mandatory seat belts, the provision for no riding on the outside or in the back of an open vehicle, the provision for shortening of the grace period for registration of commercial vehicles that move into the Territories from the South. These are all issues that have been requested of the government in recent years and I am pleased to see that they are included in this bill.

I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask the Minister, before I forget, of the public education campaign that, I think, is necessary because of the important changes in here. If one thinks of the seat belt provision, the minimum insurance change, the power that will rest on police officers to suspend a driver's licence for 24 hours on site, surely with major changes like that, we cannot just spring this on the public right away. There has to be some sort of introductory public relations campaign and I am hoping that the government does plan to do something along those lines -- but if the Minister could respond later to that, Mr. Chairman.

Unsatisfied Judgment Fund

There is one other aspect that I had mentioned when Mr. Ballantyne was introducing the Insurance Act. I was not admonished but it was suggested that I raise it at this time when the Vehicles Act was going to be revised, and that is the matter of an unsatisfied judgment fund. It is my understanding that when those who were preparing this draft Motor Vehicles Act over the last number of years were considering the shortcomings of the current legislation, they considered putting in a provision for what is called an "unsatisfied judgment fund". That is a protection, Mr. Chairman, for members of the public who are injured or killed or who have their property damaged by a motorist who either cannot be identified or a motorist who is not carrying sufficient liability insurance to pay for the injuries or the damages. It is a fund that is set up in some of the provinces, perhaps all of the provinces. Something in the nature of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act fund is set up. I understand it was the intention, when the Vehicles Act was revised, to put a section like that in and there was an attempt to do the same sort of thing but, as I tried to explain when we were doing the Insurance Act, I believe, and I thought I heard Mr. Ballantyne agreeing that the amendments to the Insurance Act did not go far enough. Even with those changes we approved a few weeks ago to the Insurance Act, there is not coverage for the situation of a motorist, or a person in the public, a pedestrian in particular, who is injured by an unidentified or uninsured operator of a motor vehicle.

So I would like, Mr. Chairman, at the appropriate time, if the Minister agrees that there is that gap in the Insurance Act amendment and in these amendments, to move a motion calling on the government to provide for such a fund perhaps the next time they are doing a revision to the vehicles legislation. Perhaps if I could get some response from the Minister first. Thank you.

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

Government Welcomes Motion

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the Member is correct. There is a gap in the Insurance Act. It does not cover the particular situation which has been brought to our attention by the Member, which is the requirement for an unsatisfied judgment fund to provide coverage to uninsured persons for accidents or damages caused by uninsured, underinsured or unidentified motorists. The government recognizes the need to move in that direction and to fill that vacuum. All the provinces currently provide for some type of uninsured, underinsured or unidentified motorist coverage except Yukon and the Northwest Territories. We are aware of this so that does not say that we would not welcome the motion, when we get to the pertinent part in the bill, to have it made by the Member. I would indicate that research is being done and there is a review going forward.

I will turn the microphone over to Ms Collard, who could comment first on the education program which has been developed to bring the changes in this act to the attention of the motorists of the North and, also, if she would comment as well on the research and review that is required to be done before we can seriously address the costs for the concern identified by the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms. Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In answer to Mr. Richard's first comment about a public awareness program, there will indeed be a major public awareness program on all aspects of the new Motor Vehicles Act. Any changes which directly affect the public will be promoted in our public awareness campaign. Particularly, we will be introducing a major, intensive, public awareness campaign on the subject of seat belt legislation. The intention here was to not proclaim the seat belt provision until a year after proclamation of the rest of the act. That would allow sufficient time for the public to become aware of that particular legislation, introduce it and get people used to wearing their seat belts.

Major Public Awareness Campaign

So just to summarize, we have in mind a major public awareness campaign to cover the entire act and a specific public awareness program to cover seat belt legislation specifically.

With respect to the unsatisfied judgment fund, it was indeed a recommendation that such a fund be incorporated in the new act. However, we did do research using Prince Edward Island as the model and we discovered that there were a number of issues that could not be easily resolved in order to incorporate such a fund in the Motor Vehicles Act at this time. There is a great deal of research, a great deal of policy making that would have to go into provision of such a fund. And it is very difficult to identify the claims cost that would be experienced in the Northwest Territories, very difficult to identify the type of costs we would be looking at and how to fund such a new initiative. There are different ways of doing it and we would have to look at all of them seriously. So, it does require much more research and review. We will be doing that and putting forward an options paper to the government at a later date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I first of all wanted to ask the question with regard to the proclamation of this act. I understand that they are going to delay the proclamation of the compulsory seat belt legislation of this act. I do not know how they could proclaim a whole act and isolate a certain portion of it. How can you do that? That is question number one.

The other question is with regard to seat belt legislation. It is a fact, you know, that seat belts that only go around the waist cause more spinal injury than if you have it around your waist and a shoulder strap. I would like to ask the government what is intended in this particular area, too, with regard to shoulder straps, as opposed to just having a strap around the waist? I know

that Steve Fonyo is one of the persons who has been victim to that type of injury. This also would apply to pick-up trucks, too, where two passengers could have a shoulder strap but the people sitting in the middle do not. So, in this instance, what is the government's intention in those areas because I know Statistics Canada, I believe, or the safety division, has identified that having a seat belt only around the waist does cause more injuries in the event of an accident?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like Mr. Fyfe to answer the question on legal matters raised by the Member.

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

Provisions In One Bill May Come Into Force On Different Days

MR. FYFE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the first question about the proclamation date, there is a clause within the bill which allows any or all of the provisions to be brought in on any particular day. That means the whole act could come into force on a particular day or just some of the provisions could come into force on a particular day and other provisions could come into force at a later date. But that is expressly provided for in clause 362 of the proposed bill.

On the second question, about application of this bill to vehicles, there is a definition of "vehicle" within the bill which defines vehicles very broadly. It virtually includes all vehicles except all-terrain vehicles. So, it would include cars and pick-up trucks.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: And, Mr. Chairman, I understand "seat belt" to be defined as either a lap belt or a shoulder strap or a combination shoulder strap/lap belt.

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

MR. GARGAN: Then I understand this government to be saying that whether it is a strap belt or a lap belt, this legislation applies to both, regardless of the consequence of injury that could occur when you are using only a lap belt.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, Ms Collard is familiar with the research that has been done on such matters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The legislation in place all across the country and the legislation that is being introduced here would require that wherever a seat belt is provided for, that it be worn. That would include either a lap belt or what is called a three point assembly, a shoulder strap and the lap belt as well. There has been, in recent months, some publicity about the fact that lap belts alone can cause serious damage but the nature of that research is suspect. It has been somewhat sensationalized in the media and all of our research indicates that it is far better to wear the seat belt than not to wear it.

I think what was publicized were some rare instances where the lap belt worn alone, in the back of a car, did cause injury. The research to support the use of a lap belt outweighs the research not in support of it. You are far safer to wear a lap belt, if only a lap belt is provided, than not to wear it. That is what the research from Transport Canada and other agencies indicate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, also, with regard to the lap seat belt, I do not know how sensationalized the whole issue of lap belts has been. I was not going on the basis of a TV commercial or documentary or whatever it was. But just by observation in those particular areas where accidents have occurred, I thought that lap belts have caused more injuries and death than if you did not wear them. But if you did wear a shoulder strap, it is less possible for you to suffer bodily injury than if you only wore a lap belt.

Riding In Back Of Pick-Up Trucks

The other thing I would like to mention is that also in this legislation you have a section which deals with riding in the back of pick-up trucks. That is one concern, I believe, most of the Members here who live in smaller communities, perhaps, might have. That is, that it is just more appropriate in the smaller communities to own a pick-up rather than a car because of the terrain situation and because of the gravel roads and because traditionally most of the families when travelling do take their friends and stuff like that. I do not know where you are going to draw the line when you say that you are going to implement this law that disallows you to ride in the back of a pick-up, which traditionally has been the practice here in the North. I am sure the Minister, Mr. Pudluk, is aware of that particular situation, too, and it must have been thought of when this legislation was introduced with regard to not riding in the back of pick-ups. I would like to ask the Minister, what changes have been made concerning that particular section? I believe we are creating more hardship in the communities.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the Member has touched on two provisions in the bill which are of keen interest to many Members. I wonder by point of process if we could get into that debate and discussion when we reach that particular portion of the bill. Section 161 is the provision on seat belts and section 252 is the provision on riding in the back of pick-up trucks. So, with respect, could we look at those specific items when we get there?

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

Legislation Not Consistent

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe in safety but when it comes to seat belts it is fine where they have about one or two members in one family. But when you have several people in a family and you have only one truck to operate with -- I am talking about the smaller communities -- it is pretty hard to justify that seat belt. At the same time, this bill will allow people to ride in the back of a pick-up so long as it has a shell. It has no seat belts in there, but you are okay to ride in there. That is not saying too much for this bill when you are not consistent enough.

It just seems we have repeated accidents in the community and we do not have any act to meet that need and yet if something should happen in a bigger centre like Yellowknife -- right now we try to change the whole act to meet that need. I just do not understand how you can justify that. What my question is asking you is, how come you let this act say that you require seat belts in the front seat but you allow people to ride in the back of a pick-up as long as it has a shell? Does this bill go for school buses, that they have to have seat belts? So what is a seat belt? Maybe you can explain that to me.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the bill only applies to vehicles that come equipped with the seat belts. Again, I wonder if we might address the very important matter being raised by Mrs. Lawrence when we get to that particular section. I have made a note of it and we will respond at section 161, if we might.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Richard.

Motion To Recommend Amendment To Motor Vehicles Act Establishing Unsatisfied Judgment Fund, Carried

MR. RICHARD: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could return to the matter of the unsatisfied judgment fund. There are no provisions in the act for that and I think under general comments is an appropriate time for me to make my motion. I understand from Mr. Butters' and Ms Collard's responses that the government is of the view that it is a good concept. It has been in place in other provinces for quite some time and I appreciate that the issue has to be studied before we would ever implement it, but my motion would simply call on the government to at some point bring forward an amendment to provide for that kind of protection. So, Mr. Chairman, I move that whereas the Insurance Act provides for compulsory liability insurance coverage by owners and operators of motor vehicles in the Northwest Territories; and whereas notwithstanding that provision of the

Insurance Act, there remain incidents of death, bodily injury and property damage caused by unidentified and uninsured owners and operators of motor vehicles that compulsory automobile insurance does not cover; I move that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Council that it bring forward an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act establishing an unsatisfied judgment fund for the protection of persons incurring those losses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you, Mr. Richard. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

General comments. Does the committee agree that we go into the detail of the bill? Mr. Nerysoo.

No Requirement To Insure All-Terrain Vehicles

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While I realize that the issue of the All-terrain Vehicles Act is not being in any way changed, I would like to indicate that in terms of the Motor Vehicles Act I do have concern with the fact that these types of vehicles are not, at this particular time, required to be insured, in particular when they are being driven for personal use in communities. I would hope that in future this particular issue would be somehow dealt with as, at least at this particular time, these vehicles are not being used for all-terrain purposes only but also for carrying trees in communities and I would hope that the Minister would deal with this particular situation very quickly.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the Member has identified a grievous problem in our all-terrain vehicles administration. There was expectation that having the responsibility for the management, administration and licensing devolved to the communities would allow a flexibility to occur which may be missing in the Northwest Territories. It did not occur. We did not get the standardization and as the Member has pointed out, the Executive Council has become very alarmed at the lack of standardization and the number of accidents which are occurring among all-terrain vehicle users. I would like to ask Ms Collard to just indicate the result of that concern, what the government will be doing to address the problem that the Member has identified.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government basically has looked at a number of options. There will be a statement of intent issued with respect to this issue of all-terrain vehicles and how to control the accident rate in communities. As Mr. Butters indicated, the municipalities currently have the power to enact by-laws to control all-terrain vehicles within municipalities. Many communities do indeed have by-laws. Some communities do not and some communities that do have by-laws have ineffective by-laws and the problem therefore, is a fairly large one. We are looking at enacting territorial-wide regulations which would require that all-terrain vehicles be plated, registered and insured; that all-terrain vehicle drivers be of a certain minimum age and be licensed to drive a motor vehicle; that all-terrain vehicle drivers wear a helmet; and that all-terrain vehicles be equipped properly and follow basic rules of the road. However, the government will be issuing a statement of intent as to how that kind of control will be finally enacted. It may be enacted under the Motor Vehicles Act; it may be enacted under the All-terrain Vehicles Act; or it may be some other process that may take place, but the government is, indeed, looking at it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. With that we will take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee will come to order. I would appreciate it if Members would get to their appropriate seats.

MR. RICHARD: Why? You have not been in yours for a month.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The Chair will not entertain any questions at this time.

---Laughter

Other than your co-operation. General comments. Do Members agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part I, interpretation. Clause 2. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I was not sure of your procedure. Are we going to go through each definition? If you are, there is an amendment to be made to the definition at the bottom of page one, "commercial vehicle". There is also an amendment to be made to the definition on page five, "public service vehicle".

Motion To Amend Definition Of "Commercial Vehicle", Clause 2, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

In that case, Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the definition of "commercial vehicle" in clause 2 and substituting the following, and that is at the bottom of page one, Mr. Chairman: "commercial vehicle", "commercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for business purposes but does not include a public service vehicle."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Question has been called. All those in favour? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 2. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Definition Of "Public Service Vehicle", Clause 2, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, on page five, clause 2, where it says, "public service vehicle", I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the definition of "public service vehicle" in clause 2 and substituting the following: "public service vehicle", "'public service vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for business purposes to transport (a) freight not owned by the owner of a vehicle, or (b) passengers for compensation."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried.

Clause 2. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I did indicate I would note some changes that had been made since the time the committee had a look at the bill. A question arose in this section when the standing committee considered paragraph (d) of the definition of "highway". It was asked if paragraph (d) meant that land or water that can be used for only a portion of the year as a road -- that is, a winter or seasonal road -- is, for the purposes of the bill, a "highway" all year long. Paragraph (d) was not intended to make winter or seasonal roads highways for the purpose of the act for the whole year and to clarify that matter, "or place" has been deleted from, and another reference to "any

road" has been added to, paragraph (d). With these changes, paragraph (d) will only refer to a road on land or water that is used for a winter or seasonal road and it will be a highway only when that land or water can be used as a road.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 2, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part II, administration. Clause 3, registrar of motor vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 4, supervision by registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 5, deputy registrars of motor vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 6, motor vehicle officers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 7, driver examiners. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 8, driver's licence review officers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 9, liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 10, form of certificate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 11, notice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 12, natural justice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 13, Government of the Northwest Territories bound. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Agreements. Clause 14, agreements respecting registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 15, agreements respecting drivers' licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 16, agreement given effect. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 17, other agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part III, registration of vehicles, interpretation. Clause 18, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 19, application by agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Registration and licence plates. Clause 20, registration required. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 21, licence plates and validation stickers required. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 22, motor vehicles registered outside of the Territories. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 23, owner to obtain registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 24. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Damaged And Inoperable Motor Vehicles

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, subsection 24(1) of the bill requires an owner of a motor vehicle, registered under the act, that was damaged and could not be used as a motor vehicle, to notify the registrar of this fact. No further certificates of registration would then be issued for that vehicle. The committee raised as a concern that this should apply for inoperable vehicles as well. Subsection 24(1) has been redrafted to require that the owner of a motor vehicle that is inoperable and that cannot be put into an operable condition, notify the registrar of this fact.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 24, inoperable motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 25, motor vehicles brought into the Territories. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 26, application by owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 27, duty to issue. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Certificates of registration. Clause 28. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Insurance Card Not Received Because Of Mail Service

MR. MacQUARRIE: The standing committee had raised a concern about the requirement that a person applying for a certificate of registration or an in transit permit for a motor vehicle had to submit an insurance card for the vehicle at the time of the application. The problem identified was that a person could be covered by a motor vehicle liability policy but the person, especially if he lives in a small community, may not have received the insurance card from the insurance company because of the mail service. Paragraphs 28(1)(c) and 47(e) have been amended to allow a person to obtain a certificate of registration or an in transit permit if the person can submit written proof satisfactory to the registrar that he has obtained a motor vehicle liability policy that complies with the Insurance Act. The registrar intends to accept a telex or a telegram from an insurance company as sufficient written proof. Subsection 30(2) has been amended to take into account the amendment that was made to paragraph 28(1)(c).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 28, certificate of registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 29, extra-territorial registration suspended or cancelled. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 30, application of insurance requirement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 31, no licence plates to be attached. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 32, taxicabs and school buses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 33, dealer's certificate of registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 34, non-payment of fine. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 35, interim certificate of registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Expiration of certificates. Clause 36. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Subclause 36(2), Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, clause 36, I move that subclause 36(2) of Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended: 1) By deleting the number "60" on line 48 of page 18 and substituting the number "90"; 2) by deleting the number "60" on line six of page 19 and substituting the number "90".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Your motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Question has been called. The Chair does not recognize a quorum at this time. Sergeant-at-Arms, would you please ring the bell? Thank you. We now have a quorum. The committee will come to order. Mr. Butters has introduced a motion. Your motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 36, expiration of certificate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Transfer of ownership. Clause 37, transfer upon death or dissolution of dealer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 38, transfer by voluntary act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 39, transfer by operation of law. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 40, transfer upon death or dissolution. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Registration permits. Clause 41, registration permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 42, requirements for registration permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 43, non-payment of fine. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 44, conditions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 45, expiry. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 46, in transit permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 47, requirements for in transit permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 48, non-payment of fine. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 49, conditions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 50, obligations on operator. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Insurance. Clause 51, requirement for insurance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 52, school buses and taxicabs. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 53, certificate of financial responsibility. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 54, transferring licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 55, issuing licence plates and validation stickers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 56, dealer's licence plate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 57, licence plates identified on certificate of registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 58, certificate respecting licence plates and validation stickers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 59, new series of licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 60, expiration of validation sticker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 61, licence plate issued to owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 62, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 63, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 64, parked motor vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Miscellaneous. Clause 65, replacement certificates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 66, new licence plates and validation stickers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 67, change of name or address. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 68, restriction on application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 69, driving after certificate cancelled. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 70, defence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 71, documents to be carried in a motor vehicle. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Proof Of Insurance To Be Carried In Vehicle

MR. MACQUARRIE: Subparagraph 71(1)(a)(ii) has been amended to require a person who has submitted written proof of insurance, other than an insurance card, when obtaining a certificate of registration or an in transit permit for a motor vehicle, to carry the written proof in the vehicle when it is operated on a highway. To ensure that a person carries their insurance card after it is received, subsection 71(3) has been added. The effect of this subsection is that a person who has submitted written proof of insurance, other than an insurance card, to obtain a certificate of registration or an in transit permit for a vehicle, must carry the insurance card in the vehicle when it is operated on a highway more than 60 days after the insurance policy comes into force. It was also necessary to amend other provisions in the bill so that written proof of insurance, other than an insurance card, accepted by the registrar, would be sufficient evidence of insurance, when such evidence is required at the scene of an accident or when an officer requests evidence of insurance.

To simplify the bill the provisions requiring evidence of insurance were amended to require the production of the document that evidences insurance or financial responsibility, required by section 71, to be carried in the vehicle. The provisions dealing with the production of evidence of insurance or financial responsibility that have been amended, then, include a series of other small amendments but they are all inconsequential, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 71, documents to be carried in a motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 72, proof of insurance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Suspensions and cancellations. Clause 73, error on certificate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 74, suspension for non-payment of fees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 75, where application contains false information. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 76, non-payment of judgment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 77, unsafe vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 78, arrangements no longer satisfactory. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 79, no insurance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 80, return of licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part IV, drivers' licences, requirement for driver's licence. Clause 81, driver's licence required. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Applications. Clause 82, duty to issue driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 83, general right to apply. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 84, application based on valid, expired or cancelled driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 85, right of driver from outside Territories. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 86, suspended or cancelled drivers' licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 87, examinations at discretion of registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 88, general requirements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 89, non-payment of fines. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Examinations. Clause 90, application for examination. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 91, illiterate applicant. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 92, condition of motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Issuing drivers' licences. Clause 93, terms and conditions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 94, interim driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 95, signature. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 96, requirement to carry driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 97, expiry. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 98, international driving permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Taxicabs and school buses. Clause 99, requirement for endorsement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 100, taxicab and school bus endorsements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Miscellaneous. Clause 101, change of name and address. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 102, replacement driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Suspension and cancellation, by judge. Clause 103, Criminal Code, Canada. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 104, convictions under this act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 105, surrender of driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 106, copy of order to registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 107, vacating order. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 108, sentence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 109, appeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 110, order to be sent to registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 111, surrender of driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): By registrar. Clause 112, effect of extra-territorial order. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 113, error on driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 114, suspension for non-payment of fees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 115, where application contains false information. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 116, non-payment of judgment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 117, non-payment of fine. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 118, duty of medical practitioner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 119, medical examination. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Subclause 119(4), Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, with regard to subclause 119(4), I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting "subsection (2)" on line eight of page 57 and substituting "subsection (3)".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 119, medical examination, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 120, examination at discretion of registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 121, cancellation for failing examination. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Subclause 121(1), Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, with regard to clause 121, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting "subsection 110(1)" in subclause (1) and substituting "subsection 120(1)".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 121, cancellation for failing examination, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 122, cancellation for not taking examination. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 123, suspension related to Liquor Act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 124, memorandum on driver's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 125, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 126, unsafe driver. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 127, right of appeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 128, date of hearing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 129, powers of driver's licence review officer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 130, driver's licence to be issued. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): By officers. Clause 131, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Offences respecting drivers' licences. Clause 132, restriction on application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 133, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 134, prohibition from driving. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 135, prohibition from applying. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 136, taxicab endorsements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 137, defence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 138, duty of owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 139, licence not transferable. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Licence With Fictitious Name

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just a note of change here since we have seen it in committee. It used to state that "No person shall use a driver's licence that has been issued in the name of a person who does not exist," a fictitious driver's licence. It has been amended to read "No person, unless authorized by the Minister..." and that is to accommodate undercover policemen who may need documentation, a driver's licence in somebody else's name. So with the Minister's permission, that fictitious licence can be granted -- no, a licence with a fictitious name can be granted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 139, licence not transferable. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Equipment. Requirement for equipment. Clause 140, equipment standards. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 141, unsafe vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 142, dealer's requirement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Use of equipment. Clause 143, lights. Mr. Gargan.

High Beam At 60 Metres

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, on paragraph 143(2)(b). I just wanted to know how they came to choose 60 metres. When a vehicle is travelling 60 metres behind you, you still can use your high beam. I think even at that a vehicle is pretty close to be using his high beam. How do you arrive at 60 metres as being the appropriate distance?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I believe it is a standard distance, but I would ask Ms Collard to address the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, this is not a change in fact from the existing act and it is indeed a standard across the country. We are simply complying with the uniform standard.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 143, lights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 144, spotlight. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 145, flares. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 146, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 147, flashing lights prohibited. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 148, authority to activate flashing lights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 149, school bus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 150, tow truck. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 151, siren. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 152, requirement for horn. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 153, noise from horn. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 154, exhaust or smoke. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 155, repair of odometer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 156, obstruction of view by windshield stickers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 157, obstruction of view by snow. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 158, obstruction of view by equipment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 159, radar detection devices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 160, viewing screens. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 161, seat belt assembly. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, this was the provision which I suggested was where we might get into a more extended discussion with regard to seat belt assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 161. Mr. Gargan.

Use Of Seat Belts

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I partly expressed my concern when we did general comments. I would like to ask the Minister whether it is possible in the community, under certain limits, that the seat belt would not have to be used. I mean a vehicle could be in motion at a certain speed without causing bodily injury or bodily harm to other people. I am just wondering what speed has been identified as being a good, safe speed without using seat belts.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Before I ask Ms Collard to answer that, as it deals with technicalities and specifics, I think we do recognize that there is a concern with regard to the use of seat belts in the smaller communities. To attempt to reflect that concern of Members representing the smaller communities, I have circulated a proposed amendment. I think it is in Members' hands and has been translated. If you would just take a look at it. It is an amendment to the act as it appears before you. Could we have some comments on that? Ms Collard might answer the question directly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Accidents can occur at any speed and you can indeed be fatally injured driving at a low rate of speed within a municipality or anywhere, in fact, without using a seat belt. There really is no safe speed at which to drive without using a seat belt. You can be injured going at any speed. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 161. Mr. Butters, you were going to move a motion on clause 161. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I circulated the motion which the government would be prepared to move. I would like some comment from Members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Butters, I think I would prefer if you moved the motion so that the debate can specifically deal with the amendments that you are prepared to move. Clause 161. Mr. Butters. Clause 161, seat belt assembly. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 162, interfering with motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 163, serial number. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part VI, rules of the road. Clause 164, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 165, exemption for motor vehicles engaged in construction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 166, rights of animal riders. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I note that this is a clause that deals with the rights of animal riders and it is under the rules of the road. I am presuming that you do not need a seat belt if you are riding a horse. It comes under another section. But you are required not to exceed 90 kilometres an hour if you are on a horse. I just thought I would point that out, Mr. Chairman.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 166, rights of animal riders. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 167, traffic control devices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 168, direction by officer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): General rules. Clause 169, careless driving. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 170, requirement for safety. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 171, duty to obey traffic control device. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Traffic lights. Clause 172, driver at green light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 173, pedestrian at green light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 174, driver at yellow or amber light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 175, pedestrian at yellow or amber light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 176, driver at red light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 177, pedestrian at red light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 178, driver at red flashing light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 179, driver at yellow or amber flashing light. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 179, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, on clause 179, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the number "224" on line 38 of page 75 and substituting the number "223".

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

---Carried

Clause 179, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 180, pedestrian at red, yellow or amber flashing light. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 181, inoperative traffic lights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 182, pedestrian facing "walk" signal. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Delete Clause 182 And Insert New Clause 182, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, we have a motion on clause 182. I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting clause 182 and substituting the following: "Pedestrian facing 'walk' signal" "182. Notwithstanding section 175 or 177, a pedestrian facing the word 'walk' or an outline of a walking person as shown at an intersection by a traffic light, may cross the roadway within a crosswalk."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 182, pedestrian facing "walk" signal, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 183. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 183, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, relative to clause 183, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting subclause 183(2) and substituting the following: "Crossing on 'wait' signal" "(2) Where a pedestrian is crossing a roadway at an intersection pursuant to section 182 and the word 'wait', the words 'don't walk' or an outline of a raised hand as shown by a traffic light comes on, the pedestrian shall proceed across the roadway."

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 183, pedestrian facing "wait" signal, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Restrictions of speed. Clause 184, maximum speed limits. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 185, speed limit signs. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 186, unreasonable speed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 187, unreasonably slow vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 188, powers of an officer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Gargan. Back to clause 187. Mr. Gargan.

Unreasonably Slow Vehicles

MR. GARGAN: I am trying to go as slow as I could, Mr. Chairman. With regard to this particular clause, subsection (1) does not apply to a driver operating a vehicle at a slow speed if a slow speed is required for the safe operation of a vehicle or to comply with the provisions of this act or the regulations. I would like to find out exactly what this means.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Ms Collard will reply.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This provision, clause 187(1), requires that vehicles proceeding along a highway or roadway proceed within the speed limit or at the speed limit. Subsection (2) of this clause requires that if a vehicle must travel at a slower speed than the traffic sign indicates or the speed sign indicates, that it be identified as a slow moving vehicle with a sign on it, "slow moving vehicle".

MR. MacQUARRIE: You will have to get a permanent sign, Tom.

---Laughter

MS COLLARD: I hope that clarifies the question for the Members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Driving on left-hand side and right-hand side of roadway. Clause 189, driving on left-hand side of roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 190, driving on right-hand side of roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 191, narrow roadways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 192, median. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 193, changing lanes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 194, lines marked on roadways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 195, driving in centre lane. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Passing. Clause 196, passing on left. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 197, driving on left-hand side of roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 198, restrictions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 199, vehicle turning left. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 200, passing on right. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 201, speed limit when passing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 202, staying on roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 203, vehicle being passed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 204, where passing on right prohibited. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 205, overtaking vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 206, slow vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 207, following too closely. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Backing up. Clause 208, restriction on backing up. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 209, backing across roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Stop me any time you wish. I do not want to rush.

AN HON. MEMBER: Never mind, you are doing well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Turns. Clause 210, right turns. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 211, left turns. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 212, left turns onto private roads. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 213, distance for signal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 214, U-turns. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Signals. Clause 215, left turn. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 216, right turn. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 217, stopping. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 218, location of driver. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Right of way. Clause 219, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 220, left turns. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 221, stop sign at through highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 222, right turns. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 223, yield signs. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 224, entering highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Stops. Clause 225, signal to slow down or stop. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 226, stopping at intersections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 227, stop sign at intersections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 228, school bus at uncontrolled railway crossing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 229, when to proceed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 230, railway crossings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 231, stop sign at railway crossing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 232, school bus with flashing lights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Parking. Clause 233, parking off roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 234, parking within a settlement or municipality. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 235, manner of parking. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 236, brakes on unattended vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 237, moving parked vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 238, leaving a motor vehicle with engine running. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Leaving Vehicle With Engine Running

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee when it had a look at the bill felt that what had been written there was overly restrictive. The standing committee pointed out that section 238, which prohibited a person from leaving his vehicle with his engine running unless the vehicle is locked or an adult remains in the vehicle, would pose problems for the operators of garbage and fuel trucks. Section 238 has been amended to allow drivers of motor vehicles that are being used to pick up or deliver garbage, sewage, water or fuel or for similar public services, or that are being loaded or unloaded, to leave their vehicles unattended with the engine running.

A similar exemption has been added for the drivers who assist persons to or from their vehicle. The section has also been amended to allow a driver to leave a motor vehicle with its engine running if a person 16 years of age or older is left in attendance of the vehicle. Previously it had been written that the driver could leave it only if an adult remained in the vehicle.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Clause 238, leaving a motor vehicle with engine running. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Miscellaneous rules. Clause 239, meaning of abandoned. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 240, interfering with driver. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 241, passenger limits. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 242, canyons and mountains. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 243, coasting down hills. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 244, listen for trains. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 245, following fire-fighting vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 246, fire hoses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 247, littering highways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 248, driving on sidewalk. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 249, opening door of vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 250, stunts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 251, races. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 252. Mr. Butters.

Riding In Box Of Pick-Up Truck

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I indicated when Mrs. Lawrence raised her concerns during general questions that we should discuss the matter at this particular time. Ms Collard has some responses to the questions and concerns raised by Mrs. Lawrence at that time. I would like Ms Collard to respond at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Ms Collard.

MS COLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understood Mrs. Lawrence to say that she was concerned that the smaller communities had not been considered when we were drafting this particular section. We indeed think about the smaller communities but as drafters of the legislation, we have to recognize that our primary responsibility is consideration for safety and we have to think about that. It is then up to the Legislature, of course, to decide whether they feel this is an important matter.

It is, in fact, a requirement in every other jurisdiction that I am aware of, that it is not allowed that people ride in the back of a truck, in the open box of a truck. It is not permitted anywhere else because of the fact that it is so dangerous.

Now, we realized that there was a problem in the North where many small communities have pick-ups that are used to carry people to and fro, particularly out to the airport to pick people up and bring them back to town, and so on. We had developed a compromise position on this issue recognizing that problem. We still believe it is dangerous to allow people to ride in the box of a truck at any speed. You do not have to be going at a fast rate of speed in order to injure yourself by falling out of the box of a truck. But, in fact, we recognized the Member's concerns in the standing committee about possibly the high cost of obtaining covers for the box of these trucks to enclose people and we did indeed redraft that particular section. It is still highly dangerous and in fact, Mrs. Lawrence is right, it is inconsistent with seat belt legislation because it is dangerous to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Motion To Amend Subclause 252(2), Bill 28-87(1)

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest an amendment that might be a compromise for Members, if I might have somebody circulate it for me and I will make the motion. Yes, we met during the coffee break, Mr. Chairman, and looked at the matter. The motion I would like to put before the committee, Mr. Chairman, is the following, which is being circulated and has been translated: I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting paragraph 252(2)(b) and substituting the following: "(b) in the box of a truck if (i) the box is totally enclosed; (ii) the truck is being operated within a municipality or settlement at less than 30 kilometres per hour."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The Chair would like to have a copy of that motion, please.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. With your leave I would like to ask Mr. Fyfe to just indicate to the House how that differs from the legislation before you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Before comments are made on that motion, I have to rule it in order, Mr. Butters. So give me time to take a look at your amendment. After careful consideration, your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Fyfe, do you wish to speak to the motion?

MR. FYFE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Under the existing paragraph there is no exemption for riding in the back of a pick-up truck. It would simply be against the law to ride in the back of a pick-up truck unless the back of it was enclosed. Under the proposed amendment you can ride in the back of a pick-up truck that is open within a settlement or within a municipality so long as you travel at less than 30 kilometres per hour. This means that you cannot ride in the back of a pick-up truck outside of a settlement or a municipality on a highway.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

Riding In Back Of Pick-Up Truck To And From Construction Site

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, then, what would happen in construction where the site probably could be a few kilometres outside of the settlement and since the construction sites normally do not have all the modern transportation, would they then in order to comply, have to walk back and forth to a particular dining room, or whatever, in order to make it from point A to point B?

As far as I am concerned, in the North this is really an extreme case because even though the proposed amendment restricts riding on the back of a truck, actually, it is much safer than the present all-terrain vehicles normally. I have seen all-terrain vehicles carrying four or five people travelling within the community or outside of the municipality to particular sites. I would like to ask the Minister, what effect does that have on some of the construction sites that rely on only one source of transportation, which is a pick-up truck in many cases?

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

MR. FYFE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to construction vehicles, I would like to point out that in subclause 252(2), paragraph (c), there is a specific exemption for people riding on the outside of a construction vehicle or for somebody riding on a motor vehicle engaged in the maintenance of a highway. I think that would cover off the one problem Mr. Curley identified. The second point, about all-terrain vehicles, the municipalities regulate all-terrain vehicles and presumably that would be one of their responsibilities.

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

MR. CURLEY: To the motion, clarification of paragraph (c): It does indicate a construction vehicle but what I would like to ask is, what is the definition of a construction vehicle? Because obviously, there will be some vehicles that will transport people that are not necessarily construction company vehicles. The reason I am asking is that it might be a bit difficult to identify what a construction vehicle is and I would think that there should have been a provision where a permit is issued to allow the transporting of passengers behind the pick-up truck for a particular type of construction work that is normally being carried out in the North.

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

MR. FYFE: There is a definition for construction vehicle in clause 2 of the bill, and it states that a construction vehicle means a grader, loader, shovel, tractor, mobile crane, backhoe, forklift or other similar equipment not normally used for travel on a highway. That would be the definition that would fit in reference to a construction vehicle in paragraph (c) in clause 252.

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

MR. GARGAN: With regard to (b), subparagraph (ii), in the amendment, the 30 kilometres. The normal speed in the communities is 45 kilometres an hour. I would assume that in this case, clause 187, the unreasonably slow vehicles provision, could apply with regard to this particular 30 miles per hour and maybe I could get a slow vehicle sticker to put on my truck.

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

Under 30 Kilometres Per Hour Only Within Municipality

MR. FYFE: It is always a question of fact in particular circumstances whether anybody is going at an unreasonably slow speed. But if the normal speed in a municipality is 45 and the pick-up truck is going 30, most likely that would not be held to be going at an unreasonably slow speed because it is within a municipality. Under the proposed amendment you would only be able to travel at less than 30 kilometres if somebody is in the back of a pick-up truck. What this amendment does is prohibit the vehicle from operating on a highway at under 30 kilometres with somebody in the back of the truck. You cannot travel outside a municipality going 30 kilometres an hour with somebody in the back of a truck. This amendment prohibits it. So the only time you would be authorized to go 30 kilometres an hour with somebody in the back of a truck would be within a municipality, where generally the posted speed limits are relatively within the range of 30 kilometres.

Motion To Amend Subclause 252(2), Bill 28-87(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Clause 252, riding outside motor vehicle, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 253, occupying trailers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 254, aircraft on highways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 255, exemption for enforcement and emergency vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 256, duty of other drivers. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 257, riding on motorcycle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 258, helmets. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 259, riding beside another motorcycle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 260, restriction on operation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 261, duties of bicyclists. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 262, duties of person riding a play vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 263, towing of play vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 264, animal drawn vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 265, crosswalk at intersection. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 266, passing motor vehicle at crosswalk. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 267, duty of pedestrian. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 268, crossing outside of crosswalk. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 269, duty of driver. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 270, use of sidewalks. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 271, holding onto vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 272, soliciting employment or business. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part VII, accidents. Clause 273, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 274, duty of driver at accident. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 275, accident with unattended vehicle or other property. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 276, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 277, written reports to Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 278, officer's report to registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 279, additional information to registrar. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 280. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 280, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, with regard to clause 280, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting "subsection 56(1)" on line 13 of page 99 and substituting "section 56".

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

---Carried

Clause 280, duty of chief coroner, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 281, duty of insurance company. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 282, bullet striking motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 283, notice to be affixed to motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 284, repair of motor vehicle in accident. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 285, actions involving vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 286, liability of owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 287, onus of proof. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 288, where contravention involved. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 289, limitation period. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part IX, financial responsibility. Clause 290, definitions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 291, impounding motor vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 292, where owner selects garage. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 293, liability for impoundment expenses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 294, release of impounded motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 295, change of place of impoundment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 296, release of impounded motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 297, security or satisfaction of claims. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 298, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 299, where repairs are impracticable. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part X, registrar's records. Clause 300, reports of contraventions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 301, requirement to keep records. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 302, destruction of documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 303, copies of records. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 304, young persons. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 305, reports confidential. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 306, research. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XI, enforcement. Clause 307, power to stop vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Equipment inspections. Clause 308, equipment inspections. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 308, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, with regard to clause 308, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the word "requested" on line 39 of page 108 and substituting the word "directed".

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

---Carried

Clause 308, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 309, powers after inspection. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 310, return of licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Information and documents. Clause 311, power to request information. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 312, power to request documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 313, permission to move vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Arrest, clause 314, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 315, power of arrest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Seizure. Clause 316, power of seizure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 317, storage of vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 318, towing and storage expenses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 319, where proceedings not commenced. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 320, termination of seizure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 321, return of vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 322, seizure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 323, notice by officer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 324, liability of owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 325, seizure of radar detection devices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 326, seizure of licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

Motion To Amend Subclause 327(1), Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, with regard to clause 327, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting "subsection 326(2)" in subclause 327(1), on line 34, page 116 and substituting "subsection 326(3)".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Your motion is in order. To the motion. The Chair does not recognize a quorum. Sergeant-at-Arms, please ring the bell.

The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Butters' motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 327, registrar to receive licence plates, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 328, removal of licence plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Identity of driver. Clause 329, duty of owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XII, offences and punishment, liability for offences. Clause 330, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Offences. Clause 331, false statements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 332, obstructing an officer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 333, defacing documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 334, erecting a traffic control device. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 335, defacing traffic control devices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 336, obscuring a traffic control device. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 337, offence against act and regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Punishment. Clause 338, minimum punishment. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 338, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Regarding clause 338, Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the number "276" on line 26 of page 119 and substituting the number "277".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 338, minimum punishment, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 339, general punishment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 340, admissible documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 341, proof of ownership. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 342, tests of equipment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 343, existence of traffic control device. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XIII, powers of municipal corporations. Clause 344, authority over highways. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 345, maximum speed limits. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 346, speed limit to be posted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 347, authority to erect traffic control devices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 348, by-laws for control of vehicles and pedestrians. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 349, punishment for contravention of by-law. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XIV, regulations. Clause 350, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 351, adoption of codes and standards. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XV, transitional, repeal and coming into force. Clause 352, definition. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 353, appointments. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 354, existing certificates of registration. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 355, existing number plates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 356, trip permit and in transit marker. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 357, existing drivers' licences. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 358, by-laws. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 359, blue flashing lights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 360, repeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 361, repeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 362, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Part XVI, consequential amendments. Clause 363, All-terrain Vehicles Act. Mr. Richard.

MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the issue of all-terrain vehicles, I know there has been some discussion at the time this legislation was prepared about trying to get the communities or municipalities to enact or to carry out their authority by passing by-laws providing for the use of all-terrain vehicles. A lot of communities have not done that. I think it has been pointed out that in recent years there have been many, many accidents, both fatal accidents and serious injuries, resulting from the use of all-terrain vehicles throughout the Northwest Territories. One of the problems is that there are no minimum standards throughout the Territories, certainly in the communities. The All-terrain Vehicles Act now -- and we are now, today, being asked to change the definition of an ATV, but I think the main problem is that it only regulates the activity outside of municipalities and although the municipalities have the authority to pass by-laws regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles, some of them have not done so.

I understood from the opening comments of the Minister and Ms Collard that this government does agree that something must be done and there is a statement of intent that was referred to. Particularly, if the government is in agreement, I would like to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, calling on the government to bring legislation as soon as possible to provide minimum standards for all-terrain vehicles throughout the Territories, including within municipalities, on things like the age of operators, the use of safety equipment like helmets, the rules of the road, etc., and although the government may say that they are in favour of it and they have this statement of intent and they might go on record today as being in favour of it, I think in these dying moments of the 10th Assembly we should go on record as being in favour of it because the 11th Assembly may be composed of a different group of people.

Motion To Recommend That Executive Bring Forward Amendments Providing Minimum Standards For Operation Of All-Terrain Vehicles Throughout NWT, Carried

So, Mr. Chairman, I move that this Legislative Assembly recommend that the Executive Council bring forward amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act or the All-terrain Vehicles Act that would provide minimum standards throughout the Northwest Territories, including within municipalities, for age of operators, use of safety equipment and rules of the road. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Thank you. Mr. Richard, your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 363. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 364. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 365. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 366. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 367. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 368. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 369. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 370. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 371. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 371, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, relative to the clause 371, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by deleting the word "right" on line seven of page 132 and substituting the word "rights" with an "s" on the end.

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

---Carried

Clause 371, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 372. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 373, by-laws. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 374. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 375. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 376. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 377. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 378, maximum speed limits. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 378, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, respecting clause 378, I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, be amended by adding the words "respecting the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a highway" after the word "by-law" on line nine of page 134, in section 5.1.(2).

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

---Carried

Clause 378 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 379, unincorporated areas. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 380. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 381. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 382, maximum speed limit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

Motion To Amend Clause 382, Bill 28-87(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, clause 382. I move that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles be amended 1) by adding the words "on a highway" after the word "vehicle" in section 6.1.(1), on line 24 of page 135, and 2) by adding the words "for the operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a highway" after the word "limit" in section 6.2.(1), on line 39 of page 135.

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

---Carried

Clause 382, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 383, enforcement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 384. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 385, application of Motor Vehicles Act. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 386. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 387, impoundment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 388. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 389, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 390. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 391. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 392. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 393, offence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 394, evidence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Consumer Protection Act. Clause 395. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Contributory Negligence Act. Clause 396. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Garagemen's Liens Act. Clause 397, motor vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Insurance Act. Clause 398, where note or cheque for premium not honoured. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 399, idem. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Liquor Act. Clause 401. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Petroleum Products Tax Act. Clause 402. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Public Highways Act. Clause 403, council. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 404, highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 405. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 406, municipal corporation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 407, municipality. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 408, roadway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 409, settlement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 410, traffic control device. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 411, control of primary highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 412, maximum speed limits. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 413, primary highway in municipality. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 414, by-laws. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 415, Commissioner may expropriate land. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 416. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Public Service Vehicles Act. Clause 417, owner. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 418, highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 419, public service vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 420, operation of public service vehicles. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 421. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act. Clause 422, highway. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 423, trailer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Clause 424, vehicle. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Young Offenders Act. Clause 425. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): And there ain't no more. Short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): The bill as a whole as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Does the committee agree that Bill 28-87(1) is concluded and ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): Mr. Butters, one final word from you.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: One final short word. Yes, Mr. Chairman, thanks to the committee and to the standing committee on legislation. A special thanks to Judy Collard...

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON TOM BUTTERS: ...for whom this has been a three year ordeal and initiative. I do not know if it has been a labour of love, but it has certainly been a personal initiative of Ms Collard and we owe her a debt of gratitude. An act that was first promulgated 20 years ago is now being brought up to the modern day.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): With that, on behalf of the committee, we would like to thank the Minister and the two witnesses. Does the committee agree that Bill 28-87(1) is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Wah-Shee): I will now rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 28-87(1), MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 28-87(1), Motor Vehicles Act, and wishes to report that Bill 28-87(1) is now ready for third reading as amended.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Item 19 of your orders of the day is third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 9-87(1): Financial Administration Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 9-87(1), An Act Respecting the Financial Administration of the Government of the Northwest Territories and Public Agencies, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 9-87(1), as amended. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 3-87(1): Charter Communities Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 3-87(1), An Act Respecting Charter Communities in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 3-87(1), as amended. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-87(1): Child Day Care Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Bill 4-87(1), An Act Respecting Child Day Care Facilities, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor with Bill 4-87(1), as amended. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

Third Reading Of Bill 2-87(1): Advisory Council On The Status Of Women Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 2-87(1), An Act to Amend the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Third reading of Bill 2-87(1). Ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 2-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 6-87(1): Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 6-87(1), An Act to Amend the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 6-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 5-87(1): Cities, Towns And Villages Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 5-87(1), An Act Respecting Cities, Towns and Villages in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Third reading of Bill 5-87(1), as amended. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 5-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Pedersen.

Third Reading Of Bill 34-87(1): Public Service Act

HON. RED PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 34-87(1), An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 34-87(1), as amended. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 34-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. McLaughlin.

Third Reading Of Bill 35-87(1): Workers' Compensation Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Bill 35-87(1), An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 35-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-87(1): Hamlets Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Bill 10-87(1), An Act Respecting Hamlets in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 10-87(1), as amended. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 11-87(1): Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 11-87(1), An Act to Amend the Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Act in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 11-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 12-87(1): Insurance Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 12-87(1), An Act to Amend the Insurance Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion for third reading of Bill 12-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 12-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 15-87(1): Local Authorities Elections Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 15-87(1), An Act Respecting Elections for Local Authorities, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 15-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 16-87(1): Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 16-87(1), An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Maintenance Orders, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for the third reading of Bill 16-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 16-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 18-87(1): Property Assessment And Taxation Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 18-87(1), An Act Respecting the Assessment of Property and the Levying and Collection of Property Tax in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 18-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 18-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 17-87(1): Mechanics' Lien Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that Bill 17-87(1), An Act to Amend the Mechanics' Lien Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 17-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 21-87(1): Settlements Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 21-87(1), An Act Respecting Settlements in the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 21-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 21-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 19-87(1), An Act Respecting Residential Tenancies, be read for the third time, as amended.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 19-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 19-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 20-87(1): Revolving Funds Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 20-87(1), An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 20-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 20-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 22-87(1): Statute Law (Canadian Charter Of Rights And Freedoms) Amendment Act, 1987

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 22-87(1), An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Acts Having Regard to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1987, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 22-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Wray.

Third Reading Of Bill 33-87(1): Public Service Vehicles Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 33-87(1), An Act to Amend the Public Service Vehicles Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 33-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 23-87(1): Statute Revision Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 23-87(1), An Act Respecting the Consolidation and Revision of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 23-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 28-87(1): Motor Vehicles Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Bill 28-87(1), An Act Respecting Motor Vehicles, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Butters, I understand Bill 28-87(1), as amended? I do not show this bill as being amended. Is it Bill 28-87(1) you are asking third reading for?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there were a number of amendments made during committee of the whole discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, it is not in my book. Thank you. I have a motion on the floor for Bill 28-87(1), as amended.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 28-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 32-87(1): International Child Abduction Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 32-87(1), An Act to Adopt the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 32-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Sibbeston.

Third Reading Of Bill 27-87(1): Territorial Parks Act

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 27-87(1), An Act to Amend the Territorial Parks Act, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 27-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 27-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 36-87(1): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1986-87

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 36-87(1), An Act Respecting Supplementary Appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1987, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 36-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 37-87(1): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1987-88

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 37-87(1), An Act Respecting Supplementary Appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1988, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 37-87(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, 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, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor for third reading of Bill 38-87(1), as amended. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 38-87(1), as amended, has had third reading. Third reading of bills. This appears to conclude this item for today. Mr. Clerk, will you ascertain if the Commissioner is available?

ITEM 20: ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly. As Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I assent to the following bills: Bill 2-87(1), Bill 3-87(1), Bill 4-87(1), Bill 5-87(1), Bill 6-87(1), Bill 9-87(1), Bill 10-87(1), Bill 11-87(1), Bill 12-87(1), Bill 15-87(1), Bill 16-87(1), Bill 17-87(1), Bill 18-87(1), Bill 19-87(1), Bill 20-87(1), Bill 21-87(1), Bill 22-87(1), Bill 23-87(1), Bill 27-87(1), Bill 28-87(1), Bill 32-87(1), Bill 33-87(1), Bill 34-87(1), Bill 35-87(1), Bill 36-87(1), Bill 37-87(1) and Bill 38-87(1).

It is true, Mr. Speaker and Members, that I have at times paid some attention to the length of the remarks made in replies. However, I want to assure you that I have paid more, much more, attention to the content and the substance. I would like to advise that the Hon. Gordon Wray has, indeed, set a new record at one hour and 44 minutes. For some years Duncan Pryde held the record and I think his record was around one hour and 15 minutes. There have been those in the past few years that have passed the one hour mark and just to provide you with a very brief bit of trivia, I will just let you know who has achieved that doubtful mark since 1974.

In 1975, in June, Bryan Pearson talked for one hour and 19 minutes; Bill Lafferty in February of 1979 for one hour; the Hon. Dennis Patterson, in November 1979, for one hour and 20 minutes and again in June of 1980 for one hour and 11 minutes; Tagak Curley spoke in November of 1982 for one hour and in February of 1986 for one hour and seven minutes; Bob MacQuarrie, the previous record holder, in recent times, in September of 1983 spoke for one hour and in March of 1985 spoke for one hour and 30 minutes, and I deducted from his original time all of the points of order that were raised.

---Laughter

So I assure you, Members, that that was a net time. Michael Angottitauruq spoke in March of 1985 for one hour and one minute; the Hon. Gordon Wray spoke in March of 1985 for one hour and nine minutes, so he was just getting nicely warmed up that year.

---Laughter

Richard Nerysoo spoke in March of 1985 for one hour and eight minutes. I must advise you that the shortest time that I have recorded during the years goes to the Hon. Tom Butters, who in February of 1980, I actually recorded at 20 seconds.

---Laughter

---Applause

MR. MacQUARRIE: He lost his notes.

---Laughter

Tribute To Air Marshal Hugh Campbell

COMMISSIONER PARKER: If I may turn to a serious note, I note the passing of Air Marshal Hugh Campbell who made a tremendous contribution to this Legislature over a span of many years. The Air Marshal spoke and voted according to his principles and more often than not he took his lead and his direction from the elected Members of the House, even though the temptation would have been there to support other appointed Members or to support the administration. But the Air Marshal did nothing of that. He spoke to items as he saw them and he offered so much support and concern. He had very great concern for the people of the Northwest Territories and especially for this Legislature. All of us owe him a great debt of gratitude.

I would like to compliment the Members for the amount of work that has been concluded and completed during this session. I think 38 bills must, by itself, set a record and the work that has been done on those bills has been detailed and has been good. It is probably fair to observe for public consumption that the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes is the work that very often counts in legislation. And that work has been excellent and detailed.

I am grateful for the comments that have been directed to me, and for those that have been directed to my wife, Helen. She regrets being absent today but must attend a meeting in Calgary this week. It is true that we work as a team and I am proud to say that we work as a team. We were delighted with the special dinner which Mr. Speaker and Members tendered for us, recognizing my 20 years in government. Your kind words and your kind thoughts were very, very much appreciated.

I have enjoyed working with the 10th Assembly and with the cabinet Members. Just as an aside, I would recommend to you to start doing away with the term "Executive" because you are indeed a cabinet. Formally, you are -- and I am directing my remarks to the Members -- formally you are Members of an Executive Council as are cabinet Ministers in the provinces. But I think, as one step ahead, the use of the term "cabinet" could permeate your discussions to advantage.

Major Advances In 10th Assembly

The 10th Assembly has seen major advances and has undertaken a tremendous amount of work. You appointed the first Government Leader. You chose the first Government Leader. Previous to that, the government leader, was in fact the elected Leader of the Executive Council. It is a fine distinction but it is a step that has been taken. Then you took the next very important step of pressing for, and winning, the position of chairman of the Executive Council for the Government Leader. You have dealt with difficult questions and I can assure those who may not know this, that no decisions in the Executive Council are ever taken lightly. Your cabinet Members carry the mantle of responsibility and it is a heavy mantle at times, demanding as it does an understanding of all sides and all facets of an issue or a proposal.

My observation is that this House has been very well served by officers and staff. In particular, Mr. Speaker, you have led this House with great skill and understanding, while, at the same time, balancing very well the onerous responsibilities as a Member representing your constituency. Congratulations on a job well done.

---Applause

Two Members have announced their intentions not to seek re-election and they will be sorely missed. Arnold McCallum served for 12 years; a dedicated service for 12 years and eight of those years as a cabinet Minister. Arnold McCallum was one of the originals, together with Peter Ernerk, and enjoys that distinction. His humour, his passion, his knowledge and his reliability will be missed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

Bob MacQuarrie has provided eight years of dedicated work. He has shown excellence in the field of legislation and I was pleased to hear, today, Members refer to the kind of work that he has done which has resulted in great confidence being placed in his committee leadership. He has shown deep concern for his constituents and at times his "constituency" has ranged right across the Northwest Territories. He has been our orator and he has expressed wide public concern when necessary.

---Applause

I wish good fortune and good luck and success to those of you who have chosen to run again. I thank all of those who have decided not to run or those who may not reappear because of a decision made by others.

A final thought I would like to leave with you is to keep the goal of full responsible government always in sight. And may the 11th Legislature, the 11th Assembly, carry on the good work that the Members of this Assembly have commenced. Thank you very much.

---Applause

I guess my final word, which I must say, is that I now, as Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, prorogue this ninth session of the 10th Assembly.

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