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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1984

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Hon. Taqak Curley, Mr. Erkloo, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McCallum, Hon. Bruce McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Paniloo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. Nick Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Hon. Don Stewart, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee, Hon. Gordon Wray

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Bishop Piche, would you please say prayers?

ITEM 1: PRAYER

BISHOP PICHE: Almighty God, from Whom cometh all wisdom and power, we the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, in session assembled, humbly beseech Thy blessing on our deliberations to the end that, inspired by Thy divine wisdom and setting aside all prejudices, private interests and partial affections, we may work to the benefit, welfare and happiness of the people and to Thy glory, O God. Amen.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Would you please be seated? I have been instructed by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to inform this Assembly that he is not prepared to address it until a Speaker of this House is chosen according to law. Is it the wish of this House to proceed at this time with the election of the Speaker?

---Agreed

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Motion 1-84(1): Election Of Speaker, Carried

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

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for the High Arctic, Ludy Pudluk, that Mr. Donald Stewart of the electoral district of Hay River do take the chair in this House as the Speaker.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Butters has moved a motion. It has been seconded by the honourable Member from the High Arctic that Donald Stewart of the electoral district of Hay River do take the chair of this House as Speaker. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour of the motion please raise your hand. All those opposed. The motion is carried unanimously.

---Carried

---Applause

I therefore declare Donald Stewart, the honourable Member for Hay River, Speaker of this House. Could I call upon the mover and the seconder to escort the Speaker to his chair?

---Applause

Speaker's Remarks

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the great honour you have extended to me in electing me Speaker of this 10th Assembly. It was a great honour to serve as Speaker during the Ninth Assembly and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me by electing me again to this position.

As has been parliamentary custom for many hundreds of years, in the name and on behalf of this Legislative Assembly, I lay claim to the undoubted rights and privileges of Members and particularly to the freedom of speech in debate. Before we begin the business of this House I want to make a few remarks about the House and its operations. We are a House which is unique in Canada, a non-partisan House which attempts to reach consensus on issues. As a consequence it is a House which accomplishes a great deal, probably more than any other southern legislature. At times this is not always apparent, but when you review the work that has been accomplished by this Legislature in the past, over the four year period, you will find indeed that a great deal of work has been done.

I want to welcome back those Members who have returned and to extend a warm welcome to those Members who are new to this House. You are going to find yourselves in a strange place for a while with regard to rules, but it is a friendly place really. At the beginning it is a friendly place. So undoubtedly in the first week or two you will not have any problems and we will acquaint you with our customs. I know that your constituents will be ably represented in consideration of matters before this 10th Legislative Assembly and that the work will be proceeded with in a very businesslike manner.

I would like to express my appreciation to His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, 25 years service, a friend to all in the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Your Excellency.

---Applause

Mr. Clerk, would you please ascertain if the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is now ready to open the first session of the 10th Assembly?

ITEM 3: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, in welcoming you to this first session of the 10th Assembly of the Northwest Territories, I would like at the outset to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Speaker Donald M. Stewart on his election to this vital position. I believe that the Members have chosen wisely, in selecting a man of Mr. Stewart's experience to guide the conduct of this House.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Hear, hear!

COMMISSIONER PARKER: I would like to add my words of congratulations and very best wishes as well to His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche on the occasion of the opening of this session and because of his 25 years of dedicated service in the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

And I extend warm greetings to the returning Members with whom I have had the pleasure of working during the Ninth Assembly and an equally cordial welcome to newly-elected Members. It is my hope that this Assembly may well and truly serve the interests of all people, and I am confident that each Member will put forth his or her best efforts on behalf of the constituency, the Northwest Territories and the country. In a constantly changing democratic society it is important that each ethnic group and each geographical area of that society have strong representation in the legislative process. It is encouraging to note that this House is an almost perfect representation of the ethnic population of the Northwest Territories and there is certainly no doubt that the Members represent every section of our far-flung territory.

Progress In Political And Constitutional Development

At the close of the Ninth Session I congratulated the Members on the excellent efforts expended and on the great progress made in its political and constitutional development. That such development was the aim of the Ninth Council is evident in the courses that they have charted and in the machinery that they have established. The forums -- east and west -- are doing their work and the dialogues among the diverse groups in the NWT are continuing.

That road to responsible government is neither short nor smooth. This Assembly must continue along that road, even though the individual steps become smaller and the advances less spectacular than in the past. Careful work is needed in order to consolidate our gains, and to "fine tune" the political and constitutional mechanisms that we establish. One of the surest ways to advance the cause of responsible government in the Northwest Territories is to demonstrate our ability to manage our own affairs. Through the efficient, effective conduct of everyday events, as well as major issues including finances at all levels, we will prove to federal agencies, provincial counterparts, and to the people and institutions of these Territories that we have the capacity to handle increasing amounts of responsibility.

#### Emphasis On Economic Development A Priority

From statements made during the election campaign, and from conversations with the present Members of this Legislative Assembly, I believe that an emphasis on economic development and the provision of jobs will emerge as a major priority. This is a direction that has my complete support. While I firmly believe that there must be continued emphasis on the language and culture of our native people, I believe equally strongly that training and education which will enable all residents of the NWT to share in the benefits of economic development is of paramount importance.

In this regard, I commend to the Members the importance of working co-operatively with industry in the North. Government is limited as to the number of jobs it can create but it can and should make every effort to ensure the kind of business climate that stimulates the economy and creates employment opportunities. The Northwest Territories needs industry and it behooves the Members of this Assembly to attempt to understand the needs of industry, to admit the right of developers to a fair profit, and to legislate so that regulations and laws governing industrial operations are reasonable, equitable and understandable.

In the area of resource use applications, I believe we must make an effort to co-ordinate and consolidate reviews and inspections with the federal government in order to avoid adding further layers of administration to what may at times appear to be an already unwieldy procedure. At the same time, however, we must not surrender the territorial mandate in these areas, but must confirm and strengthen our legal prerogatives. Our objective should be to minimize the administrative hurdles encountered by the private sector while ensuring that the private sector agencies fulfil their responsibilities in the management of public resources and in the protection of the environment.

#### Decentralization Of Program Responsibilities

While I perceive government/industry co-operation to be of great benefit to the people of the Northwest Territories, so do I regard as essential, co-ordination of our efforts with those of other levels of government. Over the past few years a policy of transferring responsibilities for various services from territorial to municipal government has been instituted. Municipalities have proven that they can deliver certain services to the people of their communities more effectively than can the territorial government. I commend to you this policy of decentralization of program responsibilities and I look forward to its extension to more communities and to a wider range of services.

#### Commendation Of Past Members Of Executive Council

As all Members are aware, the Executive Council will now consist of eight elected Members. On your behalf, I would like to commend two members of our last Council, one elected and one appointed, and to thank them now for past and future services.

As the first Leader of the Elected Executive Members, a position which developed effectively into that of Government Leader, the Hon. George Braden set a high standard of service...

---Applause

...to the Ninth Legislative Assembly, to the Government of the NWT, and to the people of the Territories. I was pleased to announce recently the appointment of Mr. Braden to the important post of commissioner of the Northwest Territories pavilion at Expo '86 in Vancouver. I know his efforts will enhance our image throughout the world.

---Applause

Mr. Robert Pilot, as the last full-time Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, has served with distinction. In his new role as senior deputy minister, we will continue to profit from his long experience and wise counsel.

#### Federal-Provincial Meeting On Aboriginal Constitutional Matters

The Government of the Northwest Territories looks forward to hosting the federal-provincial meeting of ministers on aboriginal constitutional matters to be held in Yellowknife, January 25 and 26. It is expected that between 300 and 400 delegates, staff and media people will be in attendance at this important gathering. All of us will be extremely interested in discussions participated in by federal cabinet ministers, by all provincial attorneys-general and other provincial ministers concerned with aboriginal matters, together with the leaders of national native associations. We wish them well in their deliberations, the results of which will certainly affect many residents of the Northwest Territories.

#### Future Events And New Projects

It is not my intention now to review the accomplishments of your government over the past year, nor to outline in detail future plans and priorities. You will be considering mostly the activities of each government department during this budget session and these discussions will be led by appropriate Ministers. I will take this opportunity, however, to bring to your attention some events and new projects of consequence that will affect residents of the Northwest Territories, which have been prepared by the Executive Council of the Ninth Assembly and which, I am confident, will continue to be advanced by the new Executive Council.

The Department of Justice and Public Services plans to have a new museum in Frobisher Bay before the end of this year. The project involves the moving of a former Hudson's Bay building from Apex, and the establishment of the necessary organizational structure to create a first-class museum for the Baffin region.

I am sure I speak for every Member of this Assembly when I express my satisfaction over the initialling of the COPE land claim settlement final agreement late last month. Following formal approval by the federal government, our own government and by the COPE membership, some territorial ordinances may have to be amended in order to implement the settlement, and these will be identified and brought forward in due course. I think there is every reason to believe that 1984 will see significant progress on the Dene/Metis combined claim, and with the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut claim.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism will complete a departmental reorganization effective April 1, 1984. On this date the manpower development division of the department will be transferred to the Department of Education as part of the move to consolidate all training programs in one agency.

Early in 1984 the Department of Government Services will be occupying the newly-constructed Stuart M. Hodgson Building. This building will house most of the personnel of the department and will provide suitable accommodation for the government's computer equipment.

On the energy front, Members will be interested in a joint federal-territorial natural gas and propane study. This study will cover 12 communities in the Great Slave Lake and lower Mackenzie areas. It calls for a comparison of the possible use of natural gas and propane in these communities, and the estimated capital, operating and maintenance costs of such service.

In co-operation with the NWT hunters and trappers associations, the Department of Renewable Resources plans to combat the growing sentiment in certain quarters against the hunting and trapping industry. It plans as well to develop further the renewable resources of the Northwest Territories in order to maximize the benefits that will accrue to northern residents through revised and updated programs.

Two items from two different sources regarding the employment of native northerners will be of interest to Members of this Assembly. It is anticipated that Interprovincial Pipelines will begin its ditching program in two weeks time. Approximately 180 northerners, of whom 80 per cent are native, have received pipeline construction training and will be given priority for hire.

The Department of Personnel is strengthening and formalizing its affirmative action policy for the employment, training and development of native northerners. Native associations, employee groups and other interested parties will be consulted to ensure that the policy is consistent with this Assembly's stated goal to make the territorial public service representative of the people it serves.

With the continual press, TV and radio reports of the verbal battles between federal and provincial authorities over the new Canada Health Act which plans to do away with extra billing and user fees, it is comforting to note that our Department of Health is not in conflict with the proposed act and indeed is planning to maintain the high quality of health care demanded by agreements with the federal government.

During the coming year, the Northwest Territories Department of Health intends to start preliminary discussions on phase two of the Baffin health transfer, which is the transfer of nursing stations and public health services from Health and Welfare Canada to this government.

The Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation announced earlier this week an important program expansion which will see 128 bachelor and one bedroom units constructed in nine communities to alleviate the critical shortage of accommodation for young single people and couples. This government will contribute \$4.37 million to a joint program with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for these units which will be concentrated in areas where jobs are available and the shortage is most acute. The remaining major programs of the corporation will be announced in early February.

#### Proposed Legislation

During this session four financial bills will be introduced for your consideration: Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1984; Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1984-85; Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1983-1984; and Appropriation Ordinance, 1984-85. The government considers these bills essential to the good conduct of government business. I recommend the passage of each of these ordinances. In addition, further legislation may be introduced during the session.

It is the government's intention to reveal in greater detail its programs for the coming fiscal year and for me to announce matters of general interest in an address in early February following a recess taken to allow Executive Members an opportunity to assume their new roles.

I now commend to you for your earnest consideration and wise judgment the business of this House as I declare open the first session of the 10th Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Orders of the day for Wednesday, January 11. Item 4, Members' replies. Mrs. Lawrence.

---Applause

#### ITEM 4: MEMBERS' REPLIES

##### Mrs. Lawrence's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to move the motion of appreciation to the Commissioner for his opening Address to this Assembly. It is an honour as a new Member of this Assembly to be able to make this motion and to be able to give my reply on the opening day of this first session.

(Translation) I am very happy we are here today to work and support each other so we can accomplish our aims. We ask God to guide us when we write the legislation so that all the people of the House will be serious. Thank you. Before I talk about my constituency, I would like to congratulate the Members of the Executive Council on their appointments. I would also like to congratulate the Members of this Assembly who, like me, are proud new Members. We have much to learn but I know we are all prepared to work as hard as we possibly can to represent our constituents. (Translation ends)



Major changes have been made in the last year in native organizations across the Northwest Territories which I would like to mention at this time, specifically the Dene Nation and the Metis Association and all the newly-elected executives. My constituency, Tu Nedhe, which means Great Slave Lake in my language, Chipewyan, includes Snowdrift, Fort Reliance and Fort Resolution. I have spent a lot of time in Snowdrift and Fort Resolution during the past few months, even though I live in Yellowknife.

#### Improvements Needed In Programs And Services

Those of us who live in Yellowknife are aware of all the government departments which exist and the services they provide to residents of the Northwest Territories. That is not so true in the communities. Often people do not know about, or do not get, all the services we are used to here in Yellowknife. In the social services field, more contact between the people in the communities and the people who deliver programs must be encouraged. Programs in the communities are almost destined to fail because the back-up and monitoring are not available. Preventative programs in the communities are sadly lacking. We need to stop problems before they get out of hand. Too often it seems that we get the program after the problem is already out of hand and then it is too late to be effective.

In my constituency, we need programs which will provide counselling to families. Programs which will assist young offenders to turn themselves around and programs which will help our elders live out their lives in comfort and dignity must be made available. Programs which will help us cope with the problems of drug and alcohol abuse must be developed and implemented without further delay, with the emphasis on prevention. Improved recreation facilities and programs, particularly for young people, must be developed and implemented. Our health programs must focus on encouraging people to have a healthy life style; other programs are of no use to a person if he or she does not have a healthy body.

Educational programs do not seem to be working as well for our communities as they should be. We need education that really works, education that prepares our young people for the changes in our society. With poor trapping and poor fur prices, it is not viable any longer for everyone who wants to live off the land to do so. I know that a report was set up by the Minister of Education on problems in education in the Fort Resolution school last year. I would like to see the report and discuss it with my constituents. We must encourage our young people to finish high school so that they can train for high profile jobs in the community and the administration of their own government. But we must also encourage our people to keep their languages and to teach their languages to their children. Programs and materials which will encourage the use and growth of our native languages are being developed and implemented.

#### Slave River Sawmill

When people in the North think about Fort Resolution, many of them think of the Slave River Sawmill. The sawmill has played an important part in the community's life. Last year the mill burned down but, with a limited budget and the determination of the local people, it has been revived. A new manager was hired for the sawmill and he has done very well. When I visited before Christmas, there were 17 men working for eight dollars an hour processing logs in 30 below temperatures. I am telling you about this because too often people seem to think that it is the community's fault that programs or services or economic development projects do not work. Our people want to make programs work, but adequate back-up and resources are necessary.

Tourism is a big priority in the North these days. People in Fort Resolution want to develop projects to take advantage of the tourist business, but improvements on the road and bridge are necessary if they are to attract tourists into town. Few tourists are going to drive all those miles over a dusty gravel road the way it is now. Our people are willing to do their part to build up the tourist business but without the assistance of government to get those tourists into town, it is not feasible.

We wish to encourage our government to use logs in its building programs in all regions. The new community centre in Fort Resolution is built of logs, and it is an attractive and strong building of which the community is very proud. The new school which is planned for Snowdrift will be a log building as well. With the support of the Department of Economic Development, community-based skills and traditions can be developed and encouraged. A tannery for moose hides, or at least a training program which teaches people how to tan hides, is needed. Our hunters and trappers

require assistance and Fort Resolution needs a full-time game management officer. In Snowdrift, a freight subsidy must be given top priority so that people do not have to pay twice as much for their groceries as people do here in Yellowknife. Our people find it hard to understand why the price of groceries is so high when the price of liquor is the same everywhere in the North.

I am afraid my reply sounds a lot like a shopping list, but I guess that is what it is. These are things Tu Nedhe is concerned with. Not all of them mean spending a lot more money; sometimes it is just a matter of spending a little bit more time and resources to make sure a program does what it is intended to do, or to make sure that a service is delivered effectively to all the people who are entitled to it.

I am proud to have been elected to represent the people of Tu Nedhe and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who supported me, and particularly my husband and my three daughters. My constituents understand that, while I am their representative here, we must all work together to achieve the things we want to see in our communities. They are hard-working people and are prepared to do their share. I have promised them that I will work hard on their behalf and that is a promise I have already begun to keep. Finally, I wish this Assembly to recognize one of our elders in Fort Resolution. Antoine Beaulieu will be celebrating his 100th year on February 2nd. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Members' replies. Mr. T'Seleie.

Mr. T'Seleie's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation Seconded

MR. T'SELEIE: (Translation) The Member from Tu Nedhe has thanked the Commissioner and I too, from Sahtu, would like to thank the Commissioner. For now, I will not speak very long. I would like to thank the Commissioner but at the next sitting, I would like again to speak. I do not wish to speak too long, but in the last four years, this Assembly has begun to have a good appearance for some of us, and the reason it has begun to change, is that some of you who have been here before me have worked very hard. That is the reason for the change. Although the Assembly has responded to some of us and has worked for us, there are still many places where it still has to work. In the next three or four years, this Assembly will be faced with some of the difficult issues. All of us who are here must help each other co-operate together to complete this work. So, Mr. Commissioner, this is all I will have to say and I want to thank you again. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. The Chair at this time would like to recognize grade five students from J.H. Sissons School with their teacher, Val Carter.

---Applause

Not really wanting any publicity, I believe there is an MP in here somewhere. Would Mr. Nickerson wave his hand? He is lost in the crowd there somewhere.

---Applause

Before we break for coffee, I would like to note that this is the first time in any Canadian Assembly that three languages have been used simultaneously.

---Applause

It is a credit to our department. I wish to thank them on your behalf. To the RCMP; Mr. Sibbeston has noted that you are wearing footwear of the North, which has been complimented.

---Laughter

---Applause

We will stand adjourned for a coffee break for 15 minutes.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, a question of privilege. I would like you to look into something. Something has happened to the seating arrangement since we were here in September. It seems a lot of those people ought to be over here and we ought to be over there. I would appreciate it if you would check into that, please.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: There are quite a few people that do not think we should be here at all.

---Laughter

We will recess for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

The House will come to order. Orders of the day, Item 4, Members' replies. It would appear that there are no further replies today.

Item 5, Ministers' statements.

Item 6, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 7, tabling of documents.

Item 8, oral questions.

Item 9, written questions.

Item 10, returns.

Item 11, petitions.

Item 12, reports of standing and special committees. Item 13, notices of motion. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 2-84(1): Appointment Of Deputy Speaker And Chairman Of Committee Of The Whole

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by Mrs. Sorensen, the Member for Yellowknife South, that Mr. Wah-Shee, the Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, be appointed Deputy Speaker and chairman of committee of the whole of this House. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent at the appropriate time later during this day.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Notices of motion, Mrs. Sorensen.

Notice Of Motion 3-84(1): Appointments Of Deputy Chairmen Of Committee Of The Whole

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho Gah, Mr. Sibbeston, that Mr. Erkloo, the honourable Member for Foxe Basin, and that Mr. Gargan, the honourable Member for Deh Cho, be appointed deputy chairmen of committee of the whole of this House. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent at the appropriate time to deal with this motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Pudluk.

Notice Of Motion 4-84(1): Appointment Of Executive Council

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: Whereas the Commissioner has indicated that the Executive Council shall include eight Members of this Assembly; now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the following Members be appointed to

the Executive Council: Tom Butters, Nellie Cournoyea, Tagak Curley, Bruce McLaughlin, Richard Nerysoo, Dennis Patterson, Nick Sibbeston, Gordon Wray. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent at the appropriate time to deal with this motion today.

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

Notice Of Motion 5-84(1): Appointments To The Striking Committee

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston and Mr. Pedersen be appointed to the striking committee of this Assembly and, Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with that motion today also.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mrs. Sorensen.

Notice Of Motion 6-84(1): Appointments To The Standing Committee On Legislation

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by Mr. Pudluk, that notwithstanding Rule 86 of this Assembly that the standing committee on legislation consist of 10 Members and further, that the following Members be appointed to the standing committee on legislation: Mr. MacQuarrie, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Pedersen, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Erkloo and Mr. McCallum. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent at the appropriate time to deal with the motion today.

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

Notice Of Motion 7-84(1): Appointments To The Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, January 13, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, that notwithstanding Rule 86 of this Assembly that the standing committee on finance and public accounts consist of 10 Members and further, that the following Members be appointed to the standing committee on finance and public accounts: Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Gargan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Paniloo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. T'Seleie, Mr. Wah-Shee and myself, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent at the appropriate time to deal with this motion later today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Are there any further notices of motion? Now for the benefit of the new Members, our rules call that there must be 48 hours from notice of motion until it can be handled in the House. However, if we have unanimous consent we can break that rule and proceed with the motions now. So I have had a request for unanimous consent. Do I have unanimous consent to deal with the motions presented so far today? Are there any nays?

---Agreed

Fine, we will proceed. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 2-84(1): Appointment Of Deputy Speaker And Chairman Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Mr. Wah-Shee, the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, be appointed Deputy Speaker and chairman of committee of the whole of this House.

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

---Carried

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion 3-84(1): Appointments Of Deputy Chairmen Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho Gah, that Mr. Erkloo, the honourable Member for Foxe Basin and that Mr. Gargan, the honourable Member for Deh Cho, be appointed deputy chairmen of committee of the whole of this House.

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

---Carried

Mr. Pudluk.

Motion 4-84(1): Appointment Of Executive Council, Carried

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Commissioner has indicated that the Executive Council shall include eight Members of this Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the following Members be appointed to the Executive Council: Tom Butters, Nellie Cournoyea, Taqak Curley, Bruce McLaughlin, Richard Nerysoo, Dennis Patterson, Nick Sibbeston, Gordon Wray.

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

---Carried

---Applause

Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 5-84(1): Appointments To The Striking Committee, Carried

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

WHEREAS it is required by Rule 84 of this Assembly to appoint four of its Members to the striking committee;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston and Mr. Pedersen be appointed to the striking committee of this Assembly.

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

---Carried

---Applause

Mr. Butters.

Hon. Richard Nerysoo Chosen As Government Leader

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is an appropriate time to make an announcement. It is my privilege on behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories to announce that Hon. Richard Nerysoo has been chosen as the Government Leader.

---Applause

The House extends to Mr. Nerysoo its congratulations on assuming this office which is most important to us all. Congratulations, sir.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Congratulations, Mr. Nerysoo. Motions, Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion 6-84(1): Appointments To The Standing Committee On Legislation, Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by Mr. Pudluk, that notwithstanding Rule 86 of this Assembly, that the standing committee on legislation consist of 10 Members;

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the standing committee on legislation: Mr. MacQuarrie, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Appadaq, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Pedersen, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Erkloo and Mr. McCallum.

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

---Carried

---Applause

Mr. McCallum.

Motion 7-84(1): Appointments To The Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts, Carried

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, that notwithstanding Rule 86 of this Assembly that the standing committee on finance and public accounts consist of 10 Members;

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the standing committee on finance and public accounts: Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Garqan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Paniloo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. McCallum, Mr. T'Seleie and Mr. Wah-Shee.

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

---Carried

Let the record show that all of the motions were carried unanimously.

--Applause

I neglected to note that on two of them I believe. Are there any further motions for today? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice of motion that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Council an increase to the Northwest Territories supplementary old age pension. I will be seeking unanimous consent to this motion and also the rationale to justify the increase.

MR. SPEAKER: This is actually the time for motions rather than notices of motion. Do I have unanimous consent to go back to notices of motion?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry. I do not have unanimous consent. I cannot go back. That is a notice of motion and then to speak to it would be the motion, but you will have plenty of time to deal with that. There are no further motions down for today, no other motions are available.

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills.

Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters.

Item 18, report of the committee of the whole. This would appear then to conclude today's business. Is there anybody with any comments they wish to make? Mr. Clerk, announce the orders of the day please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker there will be a caucus meeting tomorrow morning 9:30 a.m. in the caucus room. A meeting of the standing committee on finance tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the caucus room.

ITEM 19: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Thursday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
2. Members' Replies
3. Ministers' Statements
4. Oral Questions
5. Written Questions
6. Returns
7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

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

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