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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Wah-Shee): Before we begin, I would like to make a statement to the Members. In reviewing the transcript of yesterday, I have noted on page 1125 that the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea gave a return under Item 6. This was a return on behalf of the Hon. Gordon Wray, but was a return to a question asked in committee of the whole. I just wish to correct the record that returns are not given on questions asked in committee of the whole under Item 6. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, thank you. I was in error in that case. I would suggest that in future, what we will do when responding to questions from committee of the whole that cannot be answered in committee of the whole, that they will be returned to the Clerk of the Assembly under a letter from the Minister responsible for the department rather than just being circulated around the desks.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That will be fine, honourable Mr. Butters. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, do we have a Slavey translator? I was not going to make a Member's reply until the spring session, but after observing this Assembly for the last four weeks, I felt that it was time I said something about the operation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, before you proceed, I just want to inform you we do not have a Slavey translator this afternoon, but please proceed.

Mr. Gargan's Reply

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The other thing is, before Mr. Appaqaq left, he said that he hoped that his concerns would not be forgotten -- the speech that I am presenting, a lot of the concerns that he expressed in the East are also expressed in the West. So with that I would like to say that as a Dene of the Deh Cho riding, I have been elected to represent the members of my constituency to the best of my ability. I know we have worked together as a body to improve the conditions in all the communities of the Northwest Territories. I am being honest when I say I am not a token Indian. I am not here to make points for myself or others of this Assembly. I am here to serve the needs of the people in the Deh Cho riding as well as the whole of the North. What the native people really want and need for their survival as a nation is all decision-making powers accorded to any other nation.

I will direct my comments to the Commissioner's Address and the concerns of my constituency. I am sure my concerns are shared by most of the communities in the Northwest Territories. With all due respect to Commissioner Parker, it is not great insight on his part to recognize that alcohol and drug abuse remains a serious problem in the Northwest Territories. I would suspect that this joint effort on the part of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education to solve this problem will have the same results as current programs. I doubt very much that these two departments have much insight into the alcohol abuse problems of the native people in the Northwest Territories. May I, as a Dene, offer some insight into our problems?

#### Rehabilitation Of Alcoholics

Alcoholism is a symptom of the devastating problems facing community people today. All programs directed toward alcohol and drug abuse treat the symptom, not the cause. The government who obtains revenue from the sale of beverages has been the major participant in the cause of alcohol and drug abuse among northerners. This can only be rectified by giving back the native people the right to choose. It will not be rectified by labelling native people as alcoholics and sending them to non-native rehabilitation centres that are based on a non-native culture. Mr. Speaker, I just want to elaborate a little bit on rehabilitation. I guess the word "rehabilitation" means to make better than what it was. So as rehabilitation centres in the North go, an Indian is an alcoholic and goes to these centres and they rehabilitate him to become a better alcoholic, not a better human being. I would propose to the Members of the Legislative Assembly the development of cultural survival centres, based on a holistic approach to the development of the native people in the mental, physical and spiritual aspect of human development, based on the native culture that has been suppressed through the years. This cultural survival centre would serve a multipurpose use for the Dene and I will be alluding to this idea many times through my presentation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to elaborate on the word "holistic" for people who might not know what it means. Basically the holistic approach means that the native culture used to be based on a holistic approach to their way of life. The way the system now works is that the education system looks at the mental aspects of the individual. The physical aspect is being dealt with by doctors. The spiritual aspects of an individual are taken care of by a priest or missionaries and so we have three different bodies of people dealing with one being. The native culture is based on the whole being. You cannot isolate one at the expense of another. This cultural centre would be based and run completely by native people, helping them to regain pride and self-worth in their nation. An individual without pride attains nothing. An individual with pride has a vision to attain great things. This is also true of a nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again elaborate on the nation. In this world today, according to the native teachings that as there are four directions, four seasons, there are also four races of people that are supposed to serve in this world. There are the red people that come from the North, the yellow people that come from the East, the black people that come from the South and the white people that come from the West with their western ideology. They all serve a purpose in this world. The red people are philosophers, they have wisdom to teach their culture based on the land they live on. The yellow people are engineers, they are good with their hands and they come from the direction of the sun. The black people basically have rhythm and they are good as musicians. The white people that come from the West are industrious people, they are movers of earth, builders. So, all nations in this world do have a purpose in life and so there has to be integration, not assimilation.

#### Training Through A Cultural Survival Centre

We want to hire our teachers and administrators to ensure they have a positive and co-operative attitude toward the promotion of values reflected, traditions of the native culture. Again I will allude to the cultural survival centre in providing what I have outlined. The cultural survival centre will operate training programs according to the occupational interests of the Dene. Training programs geared toward seasonal occupation would be offered locally, allowing the Dene to practise seasonal occupations such as spring and fall hunting and fishing. This would give the Dene a way to maintain traditional lifestyles in their home environment which would speed up the learning process, as it would also allow their family unit to remain together. We must focus on training the Dene in occupations currently available at the community level, such as teachers, social workers, community health representatives, settlement band manager, business and public administrators and allow the placement of the Dene people in positions predominantly filled by non-Dene, a very important step toward self-government.

Another area of concern is economic development. Income employment for the people of the Northwest Territories depends on two sources; the government, major development and major development projects. About 40-some per cent of the wages and salaries of the NWT originates in government employment, 10 to 12 per cent in government operated enterprise. The export of minerals, oil and gas accounts for the large percentage of the remaining income but only a small percentage comes by the way of sale of furs, fish and miscellaneous crafts. More emphasis is being placed on non-renewable resources while very little is done toward the stimulation of renewable resource enterprise such as trapping, fishing, farming and tourism. This would also include community skill, economic enterprises designated to meet the needs of the community in a more self-reliant fashion. Once again I would refer to the cultural survival school serving as multipurpose. The component would be set within this type of school to identify local community resources and to train people specifically for this type of economic activities.

#### Dene Involvement In Tourism

One local economic activity that has been seriously overlooked is that of tourism. Here the Dene have so much to offer. The word "tourism" means one that makes a tour for pleasure or for culture. Would this not be an opportunity to give travellers to the North a unique experience while simultaneously promoting pride and their culture among the Dene, who will finally recognize as having something of value that they can share with others? I believe that tourists visiting the North do not have the interest in being exposed to native culture. Non-Dene enterprises have been aware of this for years; as evidence, the fishing guides that work for minimum wage all summer frying fish for tourists; the many establishments in the major centres that buy native crafts at a nominal price turning a fine profit to the tourist trade. I have a better vision, I see more Dene involvement in all levels of tourism. I see it as a potential income for every community in the North.

Emphasis in the past has always been on summer activities. As Canada's last frontier I feel there is much more to do. Skidoo expeditions, ice fishing, outpost camps, travelling by dog-sled, etc., are just a few of the things that could be promoted, managed and run by Dene. In order for tourism to be economically viable at the community level the Dene must deal directly with the public and eliminate the middleman. I feel it is our responsibility as the Government of the Northwest Territories to provide funding for economic ventures of this type for the betterment of the whole of the Northwest Territories. Up to this point I may seem ungrateful in mentioning the employment opportunities that do exist for the Dene. However, it hardly seems a blessing to me to have non-Dene controlling the general aims and purposes of business, education and employment opportunities for my people.

In speaking about renewable resources we must not forget our most valuable asset, the land. Right now Canada is interested in developing the North while at the same time the Dene and Inuit are trying to hold on to the traditional way of life. At present there is some protection by way of regulations and policies for the people living off the land, but this must be guaranteed protection. Right now the mines and the oil and gas companies do not feel a responsibility for the damage done both on the land and the water and the negative effect it has on the hunting, trapping and fishing. As development will take place regardless of possible negative consequences, I propose the government implement policies for stronger protection of the environment and the people living off the land as well as giving parallel importance to the major development impacts and socio-economic impact of development. One should not take precedence over the other.

Another issue is forestry. I feel forestry programs need improvement. The first concern is with regard to the priority zone; 40 to 50 per cent of the Dene still use the land in one way or another as a livelihood. Therefore, I propose the priority zone should encompass the entire Northwest Territories. There should be a three year transfer of devolution, transferring control of forestry from the government to the community level. More emphasis should be put on prevention rather than intervention. This could be achieved by building more fire towers, upgrading fire patrols and implementing better training programs. Priority for employment should be given to the Dene.

In closing I realize that my requests have been many. I realize the challenge I have offered the Government of the Northwest Territories will be hard to meet. However, in all good faith I cannot interpret the needs of the people in the Deh Cho riding to suit this government. I must tell it like it is. I am not about to accept initiatives on the government's behalf for more studies and more research in these areas that conceal the true problem. I am committed to putting more control in the hands of the communities. They have the right to accept and assume responsibilities for

themselves. We have the knowledge, the ability and certainly we have the experience. I appeal to this Legislative Assembly, if we put our minds together to share a vision that is limitless in its potential, in this way surely to God we will reach some success.  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mahsi cho, Mr. Gargan. Item 2, Members' replies. That appears to conclude Members' replies. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. Patterson.

### ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

#### Minister's Statement On Tungavik Federation Comprehensive Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the initialled municipal lands provisions of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut aboriginal claim but before doing so I would like to take this opportunity to provide this Assembly with an overview of the progress being made toward settlement of that particular comprehensive claim.

As you are probably aware, initial progress was made in negotiating this claim during the summer and fall of 1981 which culminated in the initialling of the wildlife provisions of an agreement in principle. The agreement provided the Inuit of Nunavut with a package of harvesting rights and a significant role in the management of wildlife in Nunavut. The Ninth Legislative Assembly and its Executive Council quickly endorsed that agreement, subject to a number of fairly minor concerns being adequately addressed in the final agreement.

The federal government, though, had some major concerns with the initialled provisions and have yet to endorse them. We have continued to urge them through the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as well as the Minister for Fisheries and Oceans, to ratify the agreement in principle as initialled. Their concerns were primarily with the extent of the powers of the wildlife management board. Several weeks ago, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development indicated to this House that agreement on changes to the provisions had been reached. Unfortunately, it was later learned that there were some misunderstandings on both sides as to the extent of the changes to be made. While the matter remains unresolved, there now appears to be a willingness on the part of both parties to resolve these outstanding problems quickly.

Almost a year passed from the initialling of the wildlife provisions before there were any further serious negotiations. Talks began again in July 1982, with government responding to a document tabled by the TFN negotiators entitled "The Land and Resource Elements of an Agreement in Principle". Most, if not all, of the negotiations since then have been centred around the topics contained in that complex, comprehensive proposal. Between September 1982 and January 1983, negotiations concentrated on developing provisions respecting resource development, project impact and review. The Inuit were seeking to establish a significant role, not only for themselves but also for the territorial government of the day, in this extremely important area of public government administration and control. However, negotiations reached a critical impasse in January 1983, the main issues being the powers of the development review board and ministerial discretionary powers -- essentially much the same issues as encountered with the wildlife provisions.

Negotiations recommenced again in April at Cambridge Bay and a new approach to negotiating the claim was taken. It was agreed that negotiations should, for the time being, concentrate on the less contentious issues related to land and resources. As a consequence, there were some preliminary discussions respecting the purpose of Inuit land title and the principles to guide Inuit land identification. Two short agreements in principle were subsequently initialled. Since then, momentum has built and seven more subagreements have been initialled. These include provisions for outpost camps, archaeology, national parks, conservation areas, territorial parks, ethnographic objects and archival materials, and, I am pleased to announce, within the past few weeks provisions dealing with municipal lands.

#### Municipal Lands Provisions Of Claim

I said I was pleased to announce the initialling of the municipal lands provisions because, of all the subagreements concluded this past year, it is the most significant for the territorial government. I would like to take a few moments of your time to briefly recount its main features.



First, it should be remembered that this subagreement is not yet cast in stone. Its final form will take shape in negotiations toward a final agreement. Second, I would like to make clear that the provisions do not deal with the structures and functions of municipal government or attempt to supplant the various territorial ordinances pertaining to municipalities. In fact, the paper deals in a very straightforward and satisfactory manner with a number of issues that this government has expressed concern over, with respect to municipal lands and aboriginal claims agreements. It ensures that municipalities continue to be creatures of the territorial government and that municipal by-laws will still apply as they do at present.

A key section satisfactorily deals with and provides for adequate long-term municipal boundaries. A process involving the territorial government, the municipalities and the TFN is to be developed between now and the signing of an overall agreement in principle, to determine the extent of these long-term boundaries. This will clear the way to getting on with Inuit land identification, while at the same time safeguarding the current and future functions and growth of municipalities. There is also acknowledgement that the current block land transfer program can continue in the interim. Provision for future expansion of municipal boundaries is also included.

A second key section provides that title to lands defined in the agreement as municipal lands will be conveyed to the municipality by the Commissioner in an orderly manner over time at a pace that, to a large extent, can be determined by the municipality.

A third key section deals with the placing of limits on alienation of the lands to which the municipality will have title. At the date the settlement legislation comes into effect, a referendum will be held in each municipality to determine whether or not the municipality should be able to sell its lands or be restricted to granting long-term leases. At any time after 20 years, a municipality may elect by referendum to remove the restriction on alienation. This acknowledges the principle that municipalities themselves should be the ones to determine how they shall bind themselves on such an important and potentially sensitive issue.

In the development of all of these subagreements the territorial government has been fully involved. Indeed, where a topic is clearly within the jurisdiction of this government our senior negotiator has been able to exert considerable influence in negotiating provisions that meet the concerns of the territorial government. Our various departments, too, have been called upon from time to time to provide technical expertise and support and have greatly facilitated the successful conclusion of the subagreements initialled to date.

In conclusion, I would like to state that an early and satisfactory resolution of this claim is possible. The will and determination is evident on both sides of the table. There have been fruitful discussions on various economic provisions such as equity participation, resource revenue sharing and benefits to Inuit from major development projects, to name but a few. Over the next few months it is anticipated that good progress will be made on these and other major topics including land use planning and resource development project impact and review. If the current pace of negotiations continues and builds, it is conceivable that an overall agreement in principle for this claim will be concluded by the end of 1984. This government can and will continue to meaningfully participate in this claim and, to the extent possible, assist its early satisfactory resolution for all parties concerned. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions, Mr. Ballantyne.

#### ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

##### Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

MR. BALLANTYNE: I would like, Mr. Speaker, to direct a question to Mr. Patterson as the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, and get a little bit of clarification on the statement that the Minister has just read. I would like to ask, number one, within the municipal boundaries will the municipal councils have the option of actually selling land to individuals or is it thought that land would be given away on a sort of lease basis? Is that option possible within those municipalities?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, municipal lands will be conveyed to the municipality by the Commissioner and that option will be available, by referendums, to each municipality within the Nunavut land claims settlement area. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very encouraged with this aspect of the negotiations. I think it is something in the West we should look very seriously at, is giving control to municipalities of land within municipal boundaries. I am very pleased to hear that. My next question to Mr. Patterson is that, I think he said the land would be conveyed to the municipalities in a rational, logical manner. Is it envisioned -- the way I see it in the West is that perhaps the municipality would like to take over the whole block of land at once and then make their own decisions as to how they want to convey the land within the municipality. Is there a possibility that that might happen in the process of these negotiations?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is precisely what is intended. The entire municipal lands within the municipal boundaries will be transferred and then it will be up to that local government to determine whether lands can be leased long-term or transferred in fee simple. I might add that most municipalities in the Eastern Arctic have rejected the concept of fee simple transfer to date, including Frobisher Bay. However, this agreement will not preclude them from approving that action if a majority of electors decide that they wish to go for that option. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last question on this topic. Again I am very pleased to see there will be a local community option. I think that in the West we should look very much toward that idea, because what is right in one community may be not so right in another community. So I am happy to see that. Also in these negotiations, is there the recognition of a sphere of interest that is not directly within the community but an area around the community where a community will have some sort of a control?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 138-84(1): Options To Municipalities Re Tungavik Claim

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps profiting from our experience with other claims we have addressed that very problem in the TFN municipal lands provision. There is a section elaborating on a process which will provide for expansion and anticipate long-term future requirements for municipal lands and I am quite confident that with this claim, with these provisions we will not see the Tungavik Federation selecting lands in their claim which will conflict, in any way conflict with municipal boundaries or delimit municipal expansion. I am pleased that the Member recognizes that this might avoid many problems that we have experienced elsewhere. I think this is a better approach to the whole situation than has been found in other claims. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 139-84(1): Comparison Of Grade 12 Marks, Alberta And NWT

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. In yesterday's Edmonton Journal there was a report that the Alberta government had received back the marks from the grade 12 examinations that were implemented in January. Could I ask the Minister

whether this government has yet received an indication of the marks that were received by our grade 12 students and if so, in the major subject areas, how does the performance of territorial students compare with those of Alberta students? In other words, the percentage of honours, the percentage of passes and so on.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

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HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I saw the article in yesterdays Edmonton paper and I too am very interested in how our students compare not only with Alberta, but how their marks under the 50 per cent departmental exam system compare this year with their marks under 100 per cent territorial exam last year. However, I regret to inform the Member that while the NWT departmental marks have been tabulated they got mixed up with the Alberta results and were not mailed in time to reach us yet. We do anticipate that these marks will arrive tomorrow and I will undertake to make sure that the Member's question is answered at the first possible opportunity, once we have had a chance to analyse those results he has requested.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McCallum.

Question 140-84(1): Minister's Report Of Meeting On Young Offenders Act

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I first apologize to the Minister of Health and Social Services for not giving him prior notice, but we were unable to come together. However I do not imagine it will come to him as any surprise that we would want to get some idea of how his meetings went with his provincial and territorial colleagues and the federal Minister, the honourable Mr. Kaplan. I refer to his meeting in Montreal earlier this week. On Thursday last the Minister indicated in reply to a question that this meeting would be the final meeting to be held before implementation of the Young Offenders Act and that there will be a formula through which all the provinces and territories will have funds made available to them. He indicated that undoubtedly we would not be able to get all those funds. There would still have to be further negotiations. Could the Minister indicate now to the House the extent of his deliberations at this meeting and how well the Territories did fare in terms of financing?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The meeting with the honourable Mr. Kaplan was fortunately lengthened by the weather, by the fact that people could not leave Montreal. It gave us the opportunity, as Ministers, to have a meeting with him without officials. Previous to that the positions taken were fairly, I guess, rigid political posturing, that happened in the open forum. Once we were able to have a meeting with the Minister in private I think he better understood individual problems of the different provinces. The federal government, Mr. Speaker, is attempting to put this Young Offenders Act into place so that everybody will be treated the same. In each province the program will be identical except that in the initial start-up the provinces obviously with a bigger population are going to get a larger signing bonus, if you want to call it that.

The basic line that came out of the meeting was that on April 1 the Young Offenders Act will be implemented -- not proclaimed, but implemented. The Minister indicated to us it would be proclaimed shortly. The federal government does not intend to cost-share the construction of capital buildings, which was the main thing that the provinces and the Yukon Territory and ourselves were trying to get changed. The length of the term is still officially by cabinet to be four years. However, at the meeting with the Minister he said that he would go back to his officials and try to come back to us within a day or two with a letter -- and I just checked, nothing has been telexed to us yet -- making changes that he felt he could do within his department. Some of the things that our officials brought up could be re-looked at; for example, the possibility of leasing the buildings we require rather than constructing them and he would share in the leasing costs. So there are some areas that were put to him where he did not get a clear message from the provinces until we had this sort of one-to-one with him. He did not want to go public with that at the meeting until he had a chance to talk to his officials in detail on some of the things he thought he could do. I did not intend on making a statement today, not having

received the letter or telex from the Minister. I think what I will probably do is, if I do not get a letter from him by tomorrow I will come up with a statement that covers what he sort of publicly said to us he will do and leave the rest until later. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 140-84(1): Minister's Report Of Meeting On Young Offenders Act

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that the Minister will have to wait to make a full statement, but can he indicate to us just what, of the \$20 million he suggested it would cost us over four years to implement the program associated with the young offenders, just what percentage of that will this government get? What percentage will we get from the federal government under the program, so that you will now be able to know how much we will have to negotiate through the Minister of Finance to check the base and how much are we going to have to generate ourselves?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The basic position that the federal government has had and still has is that they will not put any money into capital. They will cost-share with the other jurisdictions on what happens after the judge has rendered his decision. The police, the court and legal aid would not be areas where they would cost-share. They would cost-share in the community dispositions, the rent, the use of facilities, in other words, all this which comes after the court. The pre-detention and pre-trial detention would not be cost-shared. Those are the areas where we have tried to get them to make some changes. We have also indicated to him that this pre-trial stuff will be affected by the act. Their position was always that it would not and now I think we have made a pretty clear case to them that there is a consequence for the courts and for the police and for legal aid. Those are the areas where he is going to come back to us.

To give a general extrapolation of what would happen to us, the province of Ontario felt that approximately \$100 million would be their cost for capital and O and M for the very first year and that what the Minister had given for them -- they had enough officials with them at the time to compute what it meant to them and by many I mean like dozens -- but they were able to come up with a figure of \$1.2 million. In other words, one per cent is how much he moved toward what they wanted in their case, which could be applied to us on a proportional basis, so it is a very insignificant improvement that he has essentially made. However, in some of the areas we made a good case to him afterwards, which he seemed to understand better, such as these pre-trial detentions and legal aid going up -- there are possibilities. One thing which is public is the idea that instead of having to put up a building you could lease one. For example, the province of British Columbia has a capital buildings corporation and they lease their buildings to each one of their departments. So they would be able to get a 50/50 sharing on any new construction because the department will in fact be leasing it from this corporation they have. So we could look at opportunities like that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

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MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have some concern. I understand the Minister to say that the federal government will not cost-share capital moneys. I understand that you are going to try to work with negotiations with the Minister of Finance to get something in the base for O and M. I understand as well that within next year in the correction services you have nothing in place, either for leasing or construction, of any kind of correctional facilities or facilities to handle this particular program coming in. I just wonder what you are going to be able to do within this coming year. With the Juvenile Delinquents Act being repealed and the Young Offenders Act coming in, whether it comes in place or is proclaimed or not by April 1, you as a government have to be concerned with what you are going to do. I do not know where you are going to lease buildings in the Territories that would be the kind of buildings that you would want. There is very little here. I just wonder what the Minister or the government intends to do.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Maritime Provinces, the Yukon and ourselves are all basically in the same position that we do not have the facilities we feel will be required and we do not have the money. Basically those six jurisdictions all put it to the Minister that this is a federal initiative. It is going to cost us money and we do not have the money, we are going to depend upon them for that money. We would need his support in the Treasury Board submission in order to get the funds necessary to increase our base operating costs and also to get funds for capital construction regardless of how we do that construction, whether we build it or whether we find some way of leasing it. We have to get the money from them, otherwise we cannot implement this federal program the way they would like to have it implemented. The Minister said, and he said this publicly too, that the federal government does not think that the needs for capital are as great as the provinces and territories think they are and the federal government does not want to be seen to be giving money to the provinces to build facilities to lock teenagers in. That is practically quoting him verbatim, what he said. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 141-84(1): Exact Cost To NWT To Implement Young Offenders Act

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to the questions Mr. McCallum has been asking, again directed to the Minister of Social Services. It still is not clear after all that back and forth, Mr. Minister, how much this government has estimated the implementation of the Young Offenders Act, and our own ordinance to complement that, will cost this government in the first year if we are to do the kinds of things that that act calls for us to do. What is the exact dollar figure that your officials sent with you to Montreal to present to the federal government in terms of what the costs were?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: We did not take a figure with us describing exactly what this was going to cost us because our problem is, first of all in the area of capital, we do not know how the courts are going to react to this legislation. We also know that initially we will not need the capital facility immediately because the 16 and 17 year olds will not be in a position to be put into these closed custody facilities for the first year, so we have the first year that we can get by. We have open custody facilities already in the way of group homes in various communities which we can use for that situation. The idea is, I think I mentioned dealing with the budget earlier, that we will use trailers at YCC if we have to use a closed custody situation. So we do not expect judges are going to require that for anyone in the age range of 12 to 15 in this next calendar year, but if they do, that is our plan. We just do not have a handle on how much this is going to cost. That was one of the essences of the meeting, that the provinces were trying to find out exactly how this would be shared, what the Solicitor General would pay and what he would not pay. We are expecting a detailed answer on that in the mail shortly or hopefully by telex. Until we know that, we are not going to know what our costs are going to have to be.

The federal government does not seem to believe the provinces when they say how much this is going to cost them in capital and O and M. It is impossible for our government to detail this until we know exactly what some of the ramifications are going to be. We went there basically to explain to them that we felt that if they want us to go with them with this new federal legislation which affects young offenders in a different manner than the present system does, if they want us to be in this risk with them, if they do not want to share the risk of the costs with us -- that is the point we were trying to make to them. We were trying to convince them that this legislation will cost the other levels of government additional expenses which we presently do not have and that they should share those costs with us. They are saying two things. They do not believe our costs are going to be high or higher than presently under the present Juvenile Delinquents Act. They say your costs are there and we are sharing those 50/50. We will share in the young offenders in the same manner. You are not going to have any extra costs more than you are presently experiencing under the Juvenile Delinquents Act. We are saying we are going to have more expenses and we want you to cost-share them and they are saying no. They say we do not believe you are going to have those higher costs and even if you do we are not going to cost-share.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 141-84(1): Exact Cost To NWT To Implement Young Offenders Act

MRS. SORENSEN: A further supplementary. The Minister has indicated to the House that he did not go down with even an estimate of what the costs would be of the new Young Offenders Act to the territorial government and the people of the NWT, yet other jurisdictions went. He admitted Ontario put on the table their best estimate of the cost of the new act. He has also indicated that the federal government said they will not cost-share. I fail to understand how the Minister could go to a meeting fully intending to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement when he did not have any indication of what those costs would be. Of course the federal government is going to say "We will not cost-share" if you are sitting at a table and saying "We do not know what the cost will be." Surely, Mr. Minister, you could have come up with the figures. Why did you not take figures with you?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our government has not discussed this with the Executive. We have not had the Financial Management Board present us with something that we are going to live with and commit ourselves to. We still have not gotten down with the provincial governments as to what the basic deal is. We do not know what they are going to cost-share and what they are not going to cost-share.

When our officials began talking with their officials, and I mean all the provinces, there was disagreement about what does this sentence mean? What does this line mean? So right now there is nothing in place that we can accurately calculate what they are going to pay for and what they are not. Because they said they would not pay for capital. Now in one of the indications they thought, "Well, maybe lease to purchase, we will share that 50/50." So in a way that is like paying for the capital. So what they have given us for information that we can calculate our costs from was not clear enough and still is not clear enough. So what we have asked the Minister for at the meeting is, just exactly what are you going to do? When the four year term expires does it stay the same or are we going to stop and start again? None of this is answered anywhere clearly enough for us.

I think the provinces of Ontario and Quebec were able to extrapolate what they are doing. They have a couple of existing homes that they are going to shut down. They had the prices with them to rebuild these facilities. They are not sure if the federal government will accept this particular type of facility as being what the federal government wants because they do not know what the government wants in the way of closed custody, what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. So the details just are not there yet to work with. In other words, we cannot tell what they mean by cost-sharing leases. Does it mean lease to purchase? They do not know, they did not have answers.

So there never has been anything that you could come up with -- cold, hard figures. What the provinces came with were worst-case scenarios and best-case scenarios. I guess our worst-case scenario is that we will not do anything different than we are doing right now because we already have to deal with the Juvenile Delinquents Act and we will have to deal with the Young Offenders Act. If we do not have some assurances from the Minister -- this is what I tried to seek, that the Solicitor General would help us when we made a Treasury Board submission to get the funds we require. I told him, you can pass any law you want -- the territorial government and Maritime Provinces said the same thing, if you do not give us the capital and O and M money that we require to do this, we just cannot do it. That is the case we put to them. The figures that we have been using here, you know, in the order of something like five million dollars a year in each year for the next two years, \$20 million for the next four years, are figures that we are pulling out of the air because we do not know what our expense is going to be. We do not know what judges are going to do and that is why we are telling the federal government, "You are saying there is no risk here, you are saying there are going to be no additional costs. Well, put your money where your mouth is and share these costs which you say are going to be insignificant." But they will not do it. That is the best I can do, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 142-84(1): Government Plan For Mandatory Provision Of Facilities

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address another question on this very important subject to the Minister of Health and Social Services. The federal Minister, Mr. Kaplan, has unequivocally stated through the media that he has not perceived any increased capital costs by the provinces or the territories. It seems to me that their logic is based on that. I wonder if the Minister could answer this question. I think we have to look at the worst-case scenario which would be, number one, the law is enacted as is and number two, the judges will interpret it according to that actual letter of the law. From that, we get an idea of what the costs will be. I wonder if I could ask the Minister, what will happen if that worst-case scenario does happen? The judges say you have to provide these facilities. We do not have any sort of funding arrangement at that point and we are talking about a two year or three year building cycle, so really the one year is not enough. What will this government do?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: A point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters, your point of order.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: This matter will be going into the committee of the whole and I think possibly the discussion would give a lot more Members an opportunity to get involved. I think if we allow this discussion to proceed there, later on this afternoon, it would be more effective, rather than a question and answer exchange with the Minister and Members across the floor.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters, on your point of order I would like to indicate that we are under Item 4, under oral questions. Members have every right to ask the Members of the Executive Council questions that pertain to this particular item. So, I do not see where you have your point of order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: A good try.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the worst scenario would be that if we could not convince the federal government that we needed O and M money to put some community disposition programs in place, then the judge would have no alternative except to put these young offenders into open and closed custody facilities which we may not have enough of. Then we would have to rent trailers and designate single family residences in small communities. I did make a point to the Minister that his government has to recognize that we could appoint a single family residence in small communities as an official open custody facility so that we would not have to have a facility in every community. So we would just have to react. I gave notice to the Executive Council this morning that we are going to have to come up with a decision on this as soon as possible because we do not have the funding. We are going to have to approach the federal government with a plan to get the funding. If they want their act to operate up here the way they would like to have it operate, they are going to have to give us the funding. Otherwise we will be operating under the worst-case scenario which is no plan and no facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 142-84(1): Government Plan For Mandatory Provision Of Facilities

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to that in another area, I would like to ask the Minister a question. Has his department done a study of the extra person years that might be necessary if this plan is brought into effect? It seems to me that unless we have this data we will not be able to convince the Minister that there will indeed be increased costs because he is saying right now there will not be. So the question is, have you done an O and M study of the potential increase in person years?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: We feel that it will cost us about five million dollars a year to operate this program. The federal government does recognize that there will be O and M costs but it is the capital costs that they do not recognize as being significant. So we do have an estimate, you know, approximately five million dollars a year to operate this program in all the different communities. We do not have the funds in our base budget to operate that program.

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

Question 143-84(1): Response To Treasury Board Submission From NWT

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have further questions for the Minister of Health on this very important matter. He indicated that he had spoken with the federal government asking them to seek help with a Treasury Board submission. I wonder if we were not at a disadvantage at this particular time in throwing in our lot with the provincial governments. At any rate if the Minister raised that matter, what was the response? Will we get understanding if we are in the position of having to make a specific submission to get funding for this area? Are we going to get sympathy and help from that end?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: The Solicitor General was under the impression that these things just came automatically to the Territories, that we did not have to worry about these things. DIAND would take care of us. I pointed out the difficulty we have. I am sure Members of the finance committee are aware that when the RCMP made a Treasury Board submission to spend more money in the Northwest Territories, the Treasury Board approved it. Then when the RCMP sent our government their share of the bill, 67 per cent, the Solicitor General's department was able to get their 43 per cent approved from Treasury Board but we were not able to get ours approved. So there are no guarantees for us. I pointed that out to him as an example that we have no guarantee, that we cannot count on the Treasury Board and that we would need his support. He said that he would try to help us. He also said he would try to help us in other areas, to convince the Minister of Justice that we would need more funds for legal aid. There are half a dozen different building programs that could be used, other departments like CMHC, something called SCRAP and a few other places have funds that could be made available to our government to put these facilities up. So, he was amenable to helping us out any way he could. But I did point out to him that this government just does not automatically get its money from DIAND any more no matter how much we spend and how we spend it.

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

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MR. MacQUARRIE: Supplementary to that, Mr. Speaker, it seems that there is so much unclear surrounding this whole area that I would ask the Minister whether it was part of this government's position to press the federal government not to implement on the date that it had intended. Did you do that and what were the results of that? But more than that, Mr. Minister, if that was pressed and if the answer was that there is not to be any change at all, the question then is, is this government prepared to reassess its own position about going ahead with the Young Offenders Ordinance in this session?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, you put up your hand. Do you wish to reply on behalf of the Minister responsible?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then have you a point of order or privilege? What is your point?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.



MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like some clarification as to exactly what are the rules according to who answers. The question was put to Mr. McLaughlin. Does any Minister have the right to answer for any other Minister? I make it a point of order then.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please. Order! Mr. Ballantyne, in regard to your point of order it is within the general practice in the past that when a Member directs a question to a particular Minister responsible for a particular department, then it is the usual practice that the Minister responsible replies to the question directed at his department. He has the option of taking it as a point that he will return and reply to the question at a later date. However, it is also within the general practice in the past that if a Member responsible is being asked a question in regard to his department or her department he or she has the right to ask another Member of the Executive Council to reply on his behalf, but in doing so I would like to caution this House that when a question is being directed at the administration that the replies to those questions should not be debated. In other words, the question should be taken as one that that Member may wish to reply to at a later date, but please I would like to caution that this is not a debating period. This is a question period. Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

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HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In answer to the Member's question, all of the provinces and the Yukon and ourselves pressed Mr. Kaplan not to go ahead with the April 1 date. We said we did not mind if he proclaimed it then, but have it come into effect three or four months further down the road to allow some of the jurisdictions to attempt to put up the capital facilities they feel they are going to require. The Minister was adamant, not that it was going to be proclaimed April 1, but it would be implemented April 1 and it would be proclaimed any day now. So that answers the first part of your question.

The other part of your question is, do we as a government still intend going ahead with the Young Offenders Ordinance? I have to point out to you that it would be irresponsible of us not to, because regardless of what we think about the federal legislation, whether a particular government or individual Member of the Assembly does not like it, it is going to be a fact on April 1. It is going to affect young people in our Territories. The Juvenile Delinquents Act will be rescinded at the same time the new act comes into place. We are trying to do a few things in our own ordinance to make the implementation of this new federal legislation in the Northwest Territories in concert with what we would like to see done up here, how we would like to see our young offenders treated, taking into consideration that there are native people and trying to keep people in their communities. Therefore the ordinance will allow regulations to be set up which will carefully consider how individuals are going to be treated under this. One of the main points is that our legislation will exempt these people from being charged under the Young Offenders Act as it relates to municipal by-laws and territorial ordinances.

So without doing anything ourselves, we have the opportunity to guide how this legislation will come into place in the Territories by having our own ordinance in place. If we do not, then we are going to be allowing the judges to make all the considerations and I feel it would be irresponsible of a Legislative Assembly to leave the fine definitions of the law in this area entirely up to the courts. In relation to the courts, I have to say that this act will cause court costs, police costs, legal aid. This all falls under the department of the Minister of Justice and Public Services and I defer to his making a few comments now, Mr. Speaker. I believe that is my privilege.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, just with regard to some historical perspective, I believe the former Minister of Health and Social Services and the former Minister of Justice and Public Services, along with the province of Newfoundland, were the only two jurisdictions in this whole country that were against the implementation of the Young Offenders Act because they did not know and had no idea of the total cost to the respective jurisdictions. So the reality is that we have been against the implementation until we were clarified on the total implications costwise, man years, resourcewise to this government and that has been our position. That was the position that the Minister a few minutes ago explained to this House. So that was just to give you some historical perspective on the issue.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Erkloo.

Question 144-84(1): Support For Co-operative Movement

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Tagak Curley. First of all I would like to ask about the co-operative movement in the NWT. Are you supporting the co-operative movement in the NWT? I know that you are now Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. The next question is in the communities the co-ops have got a large amount of debts, and also some of them are almost facing bankruptcy. I just wanted to know if you are going to support these co-operatives. I am not asking that you help them with funding, except I guess the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. I am not quite sure whether you give them funding and I just wanted to know how you deal with these. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Curley.

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HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask you, because I did not quite understand, but I would like to say Economic Development and Tourism are supporting all the co-ops in the NWT and we would not want to see them going bankrupt. I know that they all need more assistance in funding. For that reason the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and my department have been trying to make an agreement but we have not heard from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs up to now, but we are trying to come up with something to assist the co-ops in the NWT with funding. At the present time the money that is going to be used to support the co-ops, we are going to have to try to think a year in advance to find out exactly how much the co-ops will need. We are going to have to be talking to Arctic Co-operatives Limited as to exactly what their position is going to be a year from now. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Erkloo, supplementary.

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MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Supplementary to my question. As you said, Mr. Minister, you would be supporting Arctic Co-operatives in funding. The only way Arctic Co-ops are existing is because they are members of the co-ops in the Northwest Territories. I think the only reason the Arctic Co-op Limited exists is because they seem to be using the lowest interest of the co-ops in the NWT for their operation. You can try to get the co-ops to freeze their interest, Arctic Co-op Limited and the co-op federation. I do not know how the federal government and your government would be able to negotiate some sort of funding for the co-ops. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Further Return To Question 144-84(1): Support For Co-operative Movement

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you. Right at the present time we are going to have to decide. We are negotiating right now with the federal government as I mentioned and we all know right now we are in a position like this. We do not want the co-ops to close down, but the federal government says if we are going to assist the co-ops some of the co-ops are going to have to be closed down. That is the federal government position right now but as the territorial government we have stated that we would like to assist the co-ops if they could stay open, to keep them open for one more year at least to assist them that way, but some of the co-ops will have to eventually close down. That is the position we are in right now. The Arctic Co-op Limited problems right now would be dealt with a little bit later on and we are going to have to meet with them and discuss their present problems. What we are saying right now I cannot state exactly, because we are still negotiating. The territorial government knows that the debts of the co-ops are a huge amount and the territorial government does not have any money to assist to pay their debts. So the federal government has stated that we could just close some of the co-ops right now, but our present position is for the co-ops to try again, to negotiate with them and decide something.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Erkloo, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 144-84(1): Support For Co-operative Movement

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Minister. I would like to ask a supplementary. He stated that the Government of the Northwest Territories would like to support the co-ops in the NWT, but, as he stated, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs would like to close up some of the co-ops that are in heavy debt. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Further Return To Question 144-84(1): Support For Co-operative Movement

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, perhaps I am just guessing on the part of people. There are many co-ops that have heavy debts. They have to have credit limits, perhaps 50, and some even have gone over 50 per cent, the ones that are having a hard time. The Government of Canada says that they will probably not be able to assist those ones that are heavily in debt, especially those three communities. But, Mr. Speaker, since we do not have an agreement with the federal government so we cannot release the names of these three communities. When we have an agreement we will be able to issue a public statement.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will take a 15 minute coffee break.

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Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. I wanted to ask a question of the Minister of Local Government.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister of Local Government has returned, so proceed Mr. Gargan.

Question 145-84(1): Money For Community Hall, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to Mr. Sibbeston. You are sitting there very quietly and I think that you do not want questions. I would like to talk to you about the community hall at Fort Providence. Is there any money? You said that there was money for the community hall.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can we have the translation, please?

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) You said there was money available for the new community hall spending over the next two years. Can you tell me about it?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Return To Question 145-84(1): Money For Community Hall, Fort Providence

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: (Translation) Thank you. The community hall that you are mentioning -- there is now \$30,000 available. You can use it now. We told them this. The money is available for repairs to be done to the community hall. The government in Fort Smith is aware of this. You made a motion but we have not really spoken about the new community hall that is to be built.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, a supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 145-84(1): Money For Community Hall, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, there is going to be a meeting between April 1 and 4. Would it be possible for you to attend? Maybe you can tell the people about a new community hall.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Further Return To Question 145-84(1): Money For Community Hall, Fort Providence

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: (Translation) The dates that you have mentioned, I can attend that meeting. By then I will be able to know how we can help them with a new community hall and I will tell them about it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Minister of Education, regarding professional development funds. Could the Minister indicate what, if any, are the plans to provide professional development funds to teaching staff at Thebacha College?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Member for notice of this question. A proposal has been recently submitted for professional development of staff at Thebacha College and calls for the establishment of a professional development fund as a percentage of the salary base similar to what the teachers association have negotiated in their collective agreement. However, these employees being members of the Public Service Alliance, education leave or professional benefit funds are held by the Department of Personnel and delivered through educational leave. So we have submitted this proposal to Personnel suggesting that it could be raised at collective bargaining. It does not appear that there is any other way of solving it because of the college's limited budget. We do not have any funds available to establish such a benefit unless we were to find these professional development funds through the wage item. However, this would require cutting back the minimal five per cent salary increases planned for those employees April 1 according to our present wage increase guidelines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, again to the Minister of Education, Mr. Patterson. Is there a figure being talked about for this development fund? I think with the NWTTA it is two and a quarter, two and a half per cent of the gross salary. Is there a figure involved here and further, if there is no other way about it has there been any or does he know of any kind of movement by the teaching staff there to move into the NWTTA to have them represent them? Does he know of any kind of discussions that are going on in that regard?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The proposal for professional development has been submitted to the college administration. I have not seen it and I do not know if it is based on a specific percentage of the wages as with the teachers association although I presume they want the same kind of deal. As far as a move to join the teachers association on the part of college staff, I am not aware of any such initiative at the moment.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the teaching staff there, could the Minister indicate to me whether the teaching staff, not all the staff at the college but those who are in teaching, is there any move toward certification of these teachers under the teacher certification board? Would these teachers be eligible for that certification either interim or permanent or in fact is there to be a new category developed by the teachers certification board to recognize the teaching staff at Thebacha College?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the Member for notice on this question as well. I am at a bit of a loss to understand why this is an issue because college and university faculties across the country commonly do not, are not required to have teaching

certificates as a prerequisite for hiring. Of course, we do not require that now either. Instructional staff at Thebacha College, of course, are eligible for teaching certificates. If they have the necessary academic background they could apply. However they could not get a permanent certificate because our present requirements require two years of teaching experience in the kindergarten to grade 12 school system before permanent certification can be granted. Our present rules do not credit instructional experience in adult education or at the college level when granting teacher certification. The teacher certification board has looked at special problems of vocational instructors in the school situation and have made provision for journeyman trades people getting certified when they are teaching in the K to 12 system but the teacher certification board has not addressed the issue of certification at the college level so far. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, just to get it clarified from the Minister. It is not a requirement to hold a teaching certificate to do upgrading work at Thebacha College, or in the social development courses. I can understand it in terms of the instructors that are on contract or doing trades, but is it not the requirement to have a teaching certificate at Thebacha College to do upgrading work? If it is not, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would look into that. I think that there are some of the courses there that in my opinion should require teacher certification.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question 146-84(1): Professional Development Funds, Thebacha College

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is quite correct that it is not now necessary for instructors at Thebacha College to have teaching certificates because the whole teacher certification regime has been designed for the school system, kindergarten to grade 12. I expect that when instructors are hired, of course their relevant educational experience, including teaching ability and teaching training is certainly considered. I will certainly accept the Member's suggestion that we should look into it. It may be that there should be at least some kind of a policy if there is not one in place to require some relevant teaching experience of our instructors. I will follow that suggestion and look into it but it is not presently within the jurisdiction of the teacher certification board. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of communications, the Hon. Tom Butters. Mr. Minister, I am aware from the NorthwesTel annual report that the CRTC has in the past looked at quality of service when making a decision regarding rate increases for NorthwesTel and in fact handed down a decision on quality of service measurements in mid-November 1982. During the last fall session of the Ninth Assembly the issue of poor service was raised by Members of the Legislature and I believe you gave an undertaking to contact the CRTC which is the regulatory body for NorthwesTel regarding the possibility of action. I now understand that NorthwesTel will be filing today a request to increase its rates. Is the Minister aware of this and has he had any success in getting the CRTC to hold public hearings in the western and central Arctic areas on the quality of service given to telephone customers in the Northwest Territories?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, although the Member and I discussed this matter two or three days ago, I do not have the correspondence that I have received from the chairman of the CRTC with me, so what I will be relating to the House is from memory. As the Member indicates, this government did submit very detailed documentation by way of complaint with regard to the current services being provided in the Northwest Territories by NorthwesTel. The chairman of the CRTC in responding indicated that he did not see a requirement to hold a public hearing at this time, but if I recollect, indicated that there would be this request by NorthwesTel for a rate increase and suggested that such rate increase hearing would be a time when concerns with regard to the level of

service being offered by the company might be made by the public at large. So, yes, I was aware that NorthwesTel would be applying for a rate increase. I believe it falls within the federal restraint guidelines. I just did not happen to be aware that that request was being made today.

I would like to add that some three weeks ago when Mr. R.C. Franklin, the chairman of the board of NorthwesTel was in Yellowknife, myself, the Commissioner and other Members of the government did meet with him and indicated to him orally our concern with regard to the service offered by the company. He did not attempt to excuse the fact that it was less than adequate, although he did point out they had been having trouble with their computer and also the 920 exchange. He has indicated that with the establishment of a senior official of NorthwesTel in Yellowknife, Mr. Don Yamkowsky, it is his expectation that the troubles and problems that have been experienced over the past year could be quickly addressed and rectified. I found on the part of Mr. Franklin a desire to improve the service as quickly as possible and I am hopeful that that will be done. Certainly we will be looking at opportunities to make some representation on behalf of the government with regard to the current service of the company.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

MRS. SORENSEN: I thank the Minister for that somewhat helpful comment. I would hope that this government would continue to press for public hearings, particularly since, Mr. Speaker, we know that there will be a request for an increase in the rates, based on the fact that the CRTC itself has said in the past that quality of service is very important and should be linked to rate increases. I have a supplementary question with respect to representation from the Northwest Territories on the NorthwesTel board. I believe the Minister also made a commitment to seek representation on that board from the Northwest Territories and I am wondering if he does have anything to report to us at this time on the response from NorthwesTel or the government who appoints to those boards with respect to NWT representation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters.

Further Return To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the answer to the Member's first question is yes, we will continue to press for a public hearing with regard to the NorthwesTel service if that is deemed appropriate. Secondly, I neglected to mention that one of the matters that was raised with Mr. Franklin was the desire of the western part of the Northwest Territories served by NorthwesTel to have a resident appointed to the board of the company. Mr. Franklin was very positive in his response and I am hopeful that some action will be taken in that regard in the relatively near future. However, in saying that, I did not receive from him a commitment that it would be done, but my expectation is that it will be done.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, the Minister has indicated that the government will continue to press for a public hearing on the rate increases and quality of service if deemed appropriate. May I ask the Minister who will deem such hearings appropriate in order for him to continue to press for the hearings to be held?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters.

Further Return To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I will have to check the records. I do not think I said anything about this government or myself having any effect or influence on the hearings. This is at the direction and determination of the CRTC. What I indicated was the participation of this government would depend on the level of service being provided by the company. I have not looked at and had an assessment made of the level of service for some four months now and I would like to assure myself that improvements have not been made before I would take forward some request for improvements in service. As I say, I have not made an examination of the most current assessment of service being provided by the company.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, does the Minister plan to do an assessment and will he invite MLAs to present to him the problems that they have experienced most recently and I refer to the 920 line in Yellowknife being down and several recent problems that I have been involved with personally and members of my constituency? Is the Minister then inviting people to demonstrate to him that there is indeed a problem still existing with NorthwesTel and the quality of service that the people in the western part of the Northwest Territories are receiving?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Further Return To Question 147-84(1): NorthwesTel Rate Increase And Quality Of Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, we monitor on an ongoing basis the level of service being provided and certainly the government has been more keenly interested in that particular aspect of NorthwesTel services in the last year. So the monitoring will continue. With regard to welcoming recommendations from Members and other persons who are the recipients of NorthwesTel service, yes, of course, if there are complaints or problems I would be very interested in hearing of these. The initiative to approach CRTC came as a result, I believe, of the reply to the Commissioner's Address made by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South when she indicated the problems she was having and we acted on the basis of the concerns and complaints that were contained within her reply.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 148-84(1): Monitoring Of NorthwesTel Service

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question on the same subject to the honourable Mr. Butters. If there is ongoing monitoring are there copies of the monitoring reports that can be made available to Members who might be interested?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 148-84(1): Monitoring Of NorthwesTel Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I do not know that we have monitoring reports as such. What I have available to me is the complaints that have been received by this government and I have offered to Mrs. Sorensen the package that we presented to the CRTC which contains these areas of concern and these complaints and I would certainly make available for the honourable Member for Yellowknife North the same package.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 148-84(1): Monitoring Of NorthwesTel Service

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a supplementary to that, do you have somebody on your staff who can be identified if, indeed, people on the NorthwesTel system do have problems? Is there a contact person they can relay those problems to?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters.

Further Return To Question 148-84(1): Monitoring Of NorthwesTel Service

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, no, not specifically. The Member for Yellowknife South in describing me as Minister of communications was most generous. I do not feel that we have yet determined or identified a communication responsibility in the governmental sense. I have been responsible for the internal communications of government and when there was a number of concerns raised by the public at large we consolidated and combined those concerns with our own. So as to the name of somebody who would be willing to accept such letters or comments I would suggest that the best person would be myself and my telephone number is 873-7128.

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

Question 149-84(1): CEIC Sponsorship For Adult Upgrading, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is addressed to the Minister of Education. I am still having some concerns with regard to the upgrading class in Fort Providence, with regard to sponsorship of students attending the upgrading class. There are over 30 communities with upgrading and they are all getting a training allowance. I believe it is somewhere in the neighbourhood of around five million dollars that has been spent by Canada Employment and Immigration for sponsorship of that training and upgrading. I would like to ask the Minister whether any progress has been made with CEIC as far as sponsorship goes for my community.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I would like to take that question as notice and give the Member a reply tomorrow, please. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Paniloo.

Question 150-84(1): Office Space, Clyde River

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for DPW. In my community the civil servants do not have adequate office space and when the school is completed the old schools will not be used any more. I wonder if the Minister of DPW could look into more office space this year in my community? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson. Would you like to take the question on behalf of Mr. Wray?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Mr. Wray. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further oral questions? That appears to conclude oral questions.

Item 5, written questions. Item 6, returns. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 131-84(1): Municipal Taxation Rates And Assessment

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, this is with reply to a written Question 131-84(1), asked by Mr. Pedersen with respect to assessment and taxation. In order to answer this question properly it is necessary to provide a brief overview of the system of property assessment and taxation.

The Department of Local Government, on behalf of the GNWT, administers property assessment and taxation under two different ordinances. Under the Municipal Ordinance the department assesses the properties in seven tax-based municipalities. These communities are known as tax-based municipalities because their municipal councils have the legal authority to set their own mill rates and therefore to establish their own property taxes. These tax-based municipalities are Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Frobisher Bay, Hay River, Inuvik, Pine Point and Yellowknife.

In the other communities which have been assessed in the NWT, the department assesses properties and the Commissioner sets the mill rates, under the Taxation Ordinance. All of the communities which today have a mill rate of 25, had property assessments done before 1980. These assessments were based on the 1963 Alberta Assessment Manual, using Edmonton as the reference. For example, this would mean that for a building which was assessed at a value of \$5000, it would have cost \$5000 to replace that building in Edmonton in 1963.

In 1981 the department started to adjust the method of assessment so that the assessments would be more realistic to the costs in northern communities. The base year for assessment purposes was moved from 1963 to 1980, and the local costs of replacing a building identified for each community. For example, if a building is assessed at \$80,000 today in Coppermine, this means that it would have cost \$80,000 to replace that building in Coppermine in 1980. The reason that some communities which were assessed in the same year have different mill rates is that they have different local costs. The major difference is the cost of transporting building materials to the community, but other cost differences include the cost of local labourers and the cost of hotel accommodation for construction workers from outside the community.



With reference to the comparison of total assessed market value between Pond Inlet and Coppermine, a building valued at \$100,000 in Pond Inlet would only be assessed for a fraction of its market value because Pond Inlet is on a 1963 base year. For example, a typical \$100,000 building would be assessed for about \$7000 but it would have a high mill rate and would be subject to property tax of \$175. The same \$100,000 building assessed in Coppermine would be assessed for \$100,000 because the base year is 1980 but would have a low mill rate and would be subject to property tax of \$180. In both cases the tax is approximately the same. There is an attempt by the Department of Local Government to impose the same amount of tax throughout the NWT apart from the tax-based municipalities.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 101-84(1): Provision Of Country Food

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to written Question 101-84(1), asked by Mr. Paniloo on February 22. It was concerning the provision of country food for the elders.

The Canada Assistance Plan allows for financial assistance only to "persons in need". It does not allow for payment of salaries, except in the case of welfare agencies. Paying people to provide food to senior citizens is equivalent to paying them a wage and would not be cost-shareable under the Canada Assistance Plan. All eligible senior citizens could be given financial assistance to pay for country foods; but many senior citizens already receive more in pension benefits than the eligibility level for social assistance. An employment opportunity like this, however, does fall under the guidelines of programs such as STEP which is sponsored by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 68-84(1): Housing In Pangnirtung

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a reply made on behalf of the Hon. Gordon Wray to written Question 68-84(1), asked by Mr. Paniloo on February 14, concerning housing in Pangnirtung.

On January 31, the NWT Housing Corporation forwarded a special submission to the GNWT requesting additional capital funding to adequately address the need for family housing in the communities of Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet and Cape Dorset. If the corporation is successful in obtaining the additional funds required, units could be supplied in 1984-85. The distribution of these units would be as follows: Pangnirtung, five four-bedroom units; Pond Inlet, 10 four-bedroom units; Cape Dorset, 10 four-bedroom units. This would bring the total number of units going into Pangnirtung in 1984-85 to 15. While the corporation recognizes the addition of 25 new family units will not alleviate the need for housing, they will help avert a housing crisis in these communities. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are there any further returns? Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 53-84(1): Naphtha Gas, Cape Dorset

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, on February 10 the honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Arlooktoo, asked Question 53-84(1), which I will repeat. He said "Up to now in Cape Dorset there is no naphtha gas, not even in the Hudson's Bay Company or in the co-op. Also they are thinking of chartering it in but it is going to be too expensive to get it by air. I had a call from them to see if the Executive Council would support this for the people of Cape Dorset because they do not have any more naphtha gas and they want some assistance from the government." At the time Mr. Nerysoo took notice of the question and referred it to me.

I have done quite a bit of research on the problem as it particularly relates to the Cape Dorset situation. About that time, Mr. Speaker, similar questions were asked with regard to this government distributing naphtha in certain Arctic communities. The suggestion was that we look at getting back into the naphtha distribution in those communities from which we had removed ourselves in the recent past. I would just like to refer to that. In the spring of 1982 all the regional centres were contacted regarding the possibility of Government Services dropping the resupply distribution of naphtha. The reasons we considered were two: one was that the inventory was very

difficult to keep secure; and second, The Bay and the co-op were also handling this product. Hence, we as government did not wish to compete with the private sector. Today government is just providing such services in those communities where a private agency does not exist.

Having said that, we are taking note of the general questions asked by Members and we will be reporting back to them at the next session. With regard to the situation in Cape Dorset, this resulted in an unfortunate miscalculation of the community's requirements. The Cape Dorset situation was one community where the government is no longer distributing that product. The Bay store in the community ordered its supply of naphtha based on its historical records of sales. Now the co-op also located in Cape Dorset. The management of the co-op believed they had too much naphtha on hand last summer and as a result shipped 120 drums of fuel back to Frobisher Bay. The Bay was unaware that this action had occurred so that they did not change their supply. The product that was shipped back to Frobisher Bay was sold there so that when we looked around the North recently, in response to the Member's question, we could not find any community where there is extra supplies of naphtha.

The solution then, to see that settlement resupplied, would see bringing the product in from outside at a total resupply cost we estimate to be something in the order of \$50,000 or \$55,000. We did approach the Hudson's Bay Company and the Hudson's Bay Company indicated that had they made an error in their calculations they would have resupplied and sold at sealift cost. The co-op indicated that they would be flying some naphtha fuel into the community but they would be probably making it available to customers at their air landed cost.

I have advised Frobisher Bay of the Member's concern and the Member, if I recollect, was particularly concerned with regard to those people in the Cape Dorset area who live in outpost camps, who operate on the land in the main. I have advised, as I say, the Frobisher Bay regional office of this concern and suggested that we might look at assisting such people through the outpost camp policy if that is possible. However, as I say, we do not have \$50,000 and I doubt that we could respond to the total community's need in view of the fact that there are two private agencies in place that are currently selling the product. This is not the end of the matter, we will continue to investigate and monitor the situation and do what we can to assist those people who are in the most dire need.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further returns? That concludes Item 6.

Item 7, petitions.

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

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 30-84(1), Responsibility for Ambulance Services in the NWT, a document prepared by the city of Yellowknife dealing with responsibility for ambulance service in the Northwest Territories. I will deal with it in more detail in committee of the whole dealing with the Department of Health and Social Services budget.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Item 9, tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 35-84(1): Aboriginal Self-Government

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Monday, March 5, I will move the following motion...

AN HON. MEMBER: We will not be here on Monday.

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MR. GARGAN: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, John T'Seleie, that representatives of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE and ITC be invited, at our expense, to appear before committee of the whole at the spring session of this Legislative Assembly to enable them to express their respective concerns and aspirations regarding development of Indian self-government and related priorities of their organizations and, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking for unanimous consent of the House at the appropriate time today to deal with this motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to deal with this motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Are there any nays? Mr. Gargan, it would appear you have unanimous consent. Proceed.

Motion 35-84(1): Aboriginal Self-Government

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS this government has agreed to support the concept of entrenching the right of aboriginal self-government in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, with the scope and nature of those governments to be negotiated in each jurisdiction with the appropriate provincial or territorial government involved and the federal government and that constitutional recognition be given to the aboriginal governments which result from such negotiations;

AND WHEREAS this government's representation at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights will include the support for aboriginal self-government;

AND WHEREAS this government has not yet clearly defined what the concept or reality of aboriginal self-government will mean for residents of the Northwest Territories, especially in relation to the recommendations contained in the 1983 report of the House of Commons special committee on Indian self-government in Canada;

AND WHEREAS it would be beneficial for the House, as the new government, to become familiar with the plans and priorities of native organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, John T'Seleie, that representatives of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE and ITC be invited, at our expense, to appear before the committee of the whole at the spring session of this Legislative Assembly to enable them to express their respective concerns and aspirations regarding development of Indian self-government and related priorities of their organizations.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, your motion is in order. Do you wish to speak to the motion, Mr. Gargan?

MR. GARGAN: No.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. T'Seleie, as seconder do you wish to speak to the motion?

MR. T' SELEIE: No.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, to the motion.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I really do not have any problems with the spirit of the motion. I think it is most desirable that we foster the good relations that have been built up with the native organizations and that we hear them in this Assembly from time to time as an expression of those good relations. However, I have some difficulty with the thinking and the wording of this motion. First of all the motion refers to the report of the House of Commons special committee on Indian self-government. The House should know and the Member may know that the Penner report on Indian self-government in Canada specifically excluded the Northwest Territories. The Penner report recognized that constitutional development is taking place in the Northwest Territories unique from the rest of Canada, different from the rest of Canada under the auspices of the Constitutional Alliance. So I would respectfully submit that we need not discuss the recommendations of the Penner report very long because they make no recommendations with reference to the Northwest Territories and they specifically state their recommendations are not designed to cover North of 60 because we do not have very many analogies to the southern system. So I question the wisdom of having that in the motion.

Secondly, the Member is talking about with the addition of representatives from this Legislative Assembly, the Member is talking about the Constitutional Alliance created by the Ninth Assembly and endorsed by the 10th Assembly. These native organizations are part of the Constitutional Alliance and the Constitutional Alliance is charged with making recommendations to this House and to the federal government on the very questions in this motion. So I would respectfully suggest that the motion could be better worded and that really we are talking about inviting members of the Constitutional Alliance, not just the native organizations.

Motion To Refer Motion 35-84(1) To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

So for all those reasons and not because I do not support the spirit of the motion, but for all of those reasons, because I think it could be clarified and perhaps amended to better express the current situation with regard to constitutional development in the Northwest Territories, I would move that this motion be referred to committee of the whole to be further, with respect to the Member, further improved. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Could we have a seconder to Mr. Patterson's motion to refer this motion to committee of the whole? Honourable Mr. Butters. All those in favour of the motion to refer this motion to committee of the whole? Opposed, if any? The motion to refer is carried.

---Carried

This Motion 35-84(1) will be referred to the committee of the whole. That concludes motions for today.

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-84(1), Appropriation Ordinance and Tabled Document 4-84(1); Bills 2-84(1), 3-84(1), 4-84(1), 5-84(1), 6-84(1) and Motion 25-84(1), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-84(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1984-85; TABLED DOCUMENT 4-84(1), 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 2-84(1), FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE, 1984; BILL 3-84(1), LOAN AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE NO. 1, 1984-85; BILL 4-84(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3, 1983-84; BILL 6-84(1), TERRITORIAL PARKS ORDINANCE; REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. Honourable Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned yesterday evening, the committee might consider in order, the legislation Bills 2-84(1), 3-84(1), 4-84(1) and 6-84(1) and then we could proceed to complete the study of the Hon. Bruce McLaughlin's responsibilities in Health and Social Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: We might look at Bill 2-84(1) first, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is this agreed by the committee to deal with Bill 2-84(1) first?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 2-84(1), Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1984

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Honourable Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just by way of brief introduction, Mr. Chairman, this bill appears before the House during every budget session and it is the legal recognition and authorization for the Commissioner to enter into agreement with the federal government to obtain the operation and maintenance and capital grants required by this government to carry out its responsibilities during the 1984-85 fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The Members will have to look inside their legislation binders. It is found in the second section. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just to add, Mr. Chairman, I believe the finance committee has considered these bills and maybe the chairman of that committee would wish to make some statement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I will not make a long statement. Dealing with Bill 2-84(1), the finance committee has reviewed it and does recommend passing of this bill. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. We will vote clause by clause then, does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, additional provisions of agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 5, variation and amendment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 6, ratification. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 7, implementation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): This Bill 2-84(1) is ready for third reading. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 3-84(1), Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1984-85

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): In your binders again, I go to section three and it is Bill 3-84(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds and Make Loans to Municipalities in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1984-85. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This bill also appears in the House each year during the budget session. It is self-explanatory. It authorizes the Commissioner to borrow funds and make loans to municipalities. Now I would just possibly point out, by way of additional information, that the amount identified in the bill is five million dollars. We are not exactly sure at this time just what amount it is the municipalities will require. Our best estimate right now is something in the order of three and a half million. We expect that the amount shown in the bill will cover any eventualities during 1984-85.

One other matter I would just indicate to the House is that in past years, as Members are aware, we obtained this funding from the federal government. During the last year the loans required we covered from within our own reserve. For this fiscal year 1984-85 we will be approaching other financial institutions and are currently examining financial proposals from such institutions to obtain funding from those sources.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, the finance committee has also reviewed this bill and comments were made to the Minister and he has taken under advisement what concerns we have. So the finance committee recommends passage of this bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will go into the clauses again. Is the committee ready to go into the clauses?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, authority to borrow. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, authorization to make loans. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, conditions of loans. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, power to implement obligations and rights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule 1, \$5,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule 2, \$5,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 3-84(1) is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will go for a 15 minute coffee break and continue with Bill 4-84(1) after coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 4-84(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1983-84

The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1983-84. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, usually at every sitting of the Legislature, supplementary appropriations are brought forward. This is required of the government in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Administration Ordinance which says that where changes in level of programs or transfers or new programs or additional programs are carried out, such transfers, changes, levels in funding must be made known to the House at the first opportunity so that usually during each session there is a supplementary bill brought forward. This one the Members will note is the third supplementary estimate requirement for the fiscal year 1983-84. The document that is before Members is roughly broken into two sections. One, the front part which deals with changes in the operations and maintenance expenditures. The second section, to the rear of the document, is covering capital requirements. Just by way of notation, where the figure presented in the document is enclosed in brackets it indicates a reduction.

This document has also been examined by the standing committee on finance and I believe the chairman will wish to address the committee with regard to the deliberations of his committee. I would advise Members that each Minister will be responding to questions raised in the committee when their particular department is under consideration. So possibly with that brief introduction I would ask you, sir, to turn over the floor to the chairman of the standing committee on finance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I am glad the Minister has presumed I have something to say. As it happens I do, but maybe in another case I would not. The standing committee on finance has reviewed this document and like the other three documents, I think to clarify our position, we are recommending that it is passed. I want to make everyone aware that a year from now we will be looking much more closely at all financial bills and this year the standing committee of finance of the Legislature recognized the fact that it is a new government, the bills in front of us were bills prepared by the Ninth Assembly Executive Council. I think that in many ways it was a fait accompli. We thought we would give the new Ministers the opportunity in the year to come, and for us in the year to come, to develop a new budget. If we are not happy a year from now with these same bills I assure you it will be a much more detailed report from the standing committee. Thank you.

Public Stores Revolving Fund, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. We will now turn to page iv. Budget details. Public stores revolving fund, total adjustment, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Executive

Ministers' Offices, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive, Ministers' offices, \$16,700 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive Council Secretariat, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive Council Secretariat, \$58,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Operations Secretariat, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Regional Operations Secretariat, \$6000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$80,700 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



Financial Management Secretariat

Financial Management And Analysis, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page two, Financial Management Secretariat, financial management and analysis, total department, \$79,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Finance

Administration, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance, administration, total 0 and M, \$87,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Justice And Public Services

Directorate, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page four, Justice and Public Services, directorate, \$46,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legal Division, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Legal division, \$63,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Safety, \$52,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Library, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Library, \$58,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Museums, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Museums, \$11,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Police Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Police services, \$1,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,230,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works

Operations/Repair And Upkeep Of Vehicles And Equipment, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page five, Public Works, operations/repair and upkeep of vehicles and equipment, total department, \$41,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

Science Advisory Board, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page six, Renewable Resources, Science Advisory Board, \$13,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Field Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Field services, \$13,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$26,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Local Government, directorate, \$16,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Municipal affairs, \$359,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$375,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

Supplementary Health, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Health, supplementary health, \$83,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Share Of Health Care Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): NWT share of health care services, \$941,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$1,525,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medicare, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Medicare, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medical Transportation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Medical transportation, \$468,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,165,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department of Economic Development And Tourism

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Economic Development and Tourism, directorate, total department, \$22,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Continuing Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Page 10, Education, continuing education, \$45,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

College Programs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): College programs, \$289,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$334,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): NWT Housing Corporation, total capital, \$2,111,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Staff Relations, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Personnel, staff relations, total capital, \$1,076,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Justice And Public Services

Safety Division, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Justice and Public Services, capital, safety division, total department, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Department Of Government Services

Petroleum Products, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Government Services, capital, petroleum products, \$670,500 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motor Vehicles, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Motor vehicles, \$70,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$600,500 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works

Directorate, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Public Works, capital, directorate, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Project Management, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Project management, \$44,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Accommodations Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Accommodations services, \$44,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$321,900 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations/Vehicles And Equipment, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Public Works, capital, page 17, operations/vehicles and equipment, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Energy Conservation, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Energy conservation, \$514,900 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highway Marine Operations, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Highway marine operations, \$402,400 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,103,800 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department of Local Government

Community Planning And Development, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Local Government, capital, community planning and development, \$376,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Land Assessment, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Land assessment, \$46,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Airports, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community airports, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Recreation, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page 20, recreation, \$468,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$900,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

NWT Share Of Health Care Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Health, capital, NWT share of health care services, \$184,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$1,431,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,247,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Directorate, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Economic Development and Tourism, capital, directorate, total department, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Schools, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Education, capital, schools, \$178,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

College Programs, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): College programs, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Student Residences, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Student residences, \$84,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$272,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee wish to go to Bill 4-84(1)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 6, revolving fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule, total operations and maintenance, \$3,235,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total capital, \$1,435,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total supplementary appropriations, \$4,670,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 4-84(1) is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 6-84(1), Territorial Parks Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will go to Bill 6-84(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Parks Ordinance. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The purpose of Bill 6-84(1) is to amend the Territorial Parks Ordinance in order to provide that the Executive Member may enter into agreements with, in addition to municipalities, individuals, sole proprietorships, companies, societies, co-operative associations, partnerships or other bodies to operate and maintain territorial parks. Mr. Chairman, the amendment is very simple. Unless there are any questions I believe the standing committee on legislation has already dealt with the matter and I think they are in agreement with the bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Report Of The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The bill was reviewed by the standing committee on legislation and it was noted that it was in response to concerns that had been expressed in this House in the past. In the review one word was recommended to be changed in the last sentence of the statement of purpose, that is the word "community" was deleted and replaced with the word "territorial". It was not substantive at all. It just had been an error in putting it in there in the first place and the same change was done to this new clause 7(1) and after review the committee agreed to refer the bill to committee of the whole.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Any general comments? Is the committee ready to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 1, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 6-84(1) is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is it agreed by the committee that we deal with Bill 1-84(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1984-85 and Tabled Document 4-84(1), 1984-85 Main Estimates, Social Services and Health? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 1-84(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1984-85 And Tabled Document 4-84(1), 1984-85 Main Estimates  
Department Of Social Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Honourable Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask my deputy minister of Health and Social Services and my assistant deputy minister of Social Services, Mr. Moody and Mr. Dunbar into committee of the whole.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is it agreed by the committee?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

Alcohol And Drug Services, Total O And M

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we left off last time Dr. Ross Wheeler was with me at this table for alcohol and drug services and I believe there was a motion on the floor relevant to that. I thought that maybe Dr. Wheeler might be required by the committee asking questions regarding that motion. Is it agreed then?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Amendment To Motion To Broaden Mandate Of Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): We had a motion on the floor by Mr. Gargan which was amended by Mrs. Sorensen. Mrs. Sorensen to your amendment, do you want to speak? Proceed.

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I made the amendment to say "and further recommend that the appropriate funding be found to provide for same if needed" because I felt that if the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council are being asked to hire support staff and consultants and use the money that to date has been given to the communities to create programs to help those who are involved with alcohol and drug abuse that that would further dip into the funds that are now going out into the communities. I felt that we should make sure that if we were giving direction to the

Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council to hire people that we should also give them the additional moneys that are required to do that. That is why I have placed the amendment on the table. I do, however, have some concerns about the original motion and I will speak to the motion if it is amended about those concerns then. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the amendment. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you. I would like to add on to the motion but I do not know if this is an appropriate time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the amendment. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Question being called. All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed, if any? Amendment carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended. Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion To Broaden Mandate Of Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council, Continued

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have some difficulty at this point regarding the mandate of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council terms of reference to include the hiring of support staff and consultants. I do not feel that we have enough information right now about the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and how it relates to the man years that we have already within the Department of Social Services that also deal with alcohol and drugs. I am also aware right now that the NNADAP group have hired consultants from Resources Management Consultants in Yellowknife here who are travelling up and down the Mackenzie doing interviews on alcohol and drug programs and what people would like to see in such programs. That has confused me because it was my understanding that there was no money available in the funding part for studies. Perhaps the chairman could give us some information on that.

I would like the opportunity to have more discussion on whether the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council should be doing the actual evaluation of its own programs or whether we want an independent body to do that or whether in fact we want someone within our own government, in the Department of Social Services who would be there on an ongoing basis to provide evaluation and support for this very important matter. For those reasons I am going to vote against this motion at this time and I would like the opportunity, following that, to have more of a discussion back and forth with the Minister and his officials and the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: I could, if you wish, Mr. Chairman, respond to the reference made to the survey that is being done. That is under NNADAP using their funds. Dr. Ross Wheeler could maybe describe that in a little more detail if you feel it is relevant to the motion that is on the floor, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Approximately a year ago the federal government, through the NNADAP program, to address Minister Bégin's long-range objectives for NNADAP providing 730 treatment beds across the country, commissioned the department to do a series of regional needs assessments. These are done in the provinces and in the two territories. At the national advisory council it was felt that this was a good opportunity for each of the regions to look at the entire problem of drug and alcohol, not only treatment services. Money was set aside in the research budget of the national advisory council to the ministry, for the NNADAP program to provide each jurisdiction with up to \$50,000 to do this regional needs assessment. That indeed is what RMC is doing for us now. This was money from the central NNADAP research dollars that were held in Ottawa. So what we are hoping to gain from this is a much clearer understanding of the width and depth of the alcohol and drug abuse program across the Northwest Territories, to identify what

services are available as they now exist. To identify the gaps in existing services and to make recommendations to the regional advisory board which is in fact the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council as to how they in the long range can best address these gaps. Not only will we be looking at treatment services but prevention and maintenance services, training that is required for the workers and the boards.

The first phase of this study will be completed by the end of this fiscal year and part of RMCs responsibility is to recommend a follow-on study to go on at a greater depth. What we are doing with the study at this point is that we are having RMC work with the regional offices of the territorial government, the regional offices of the medical services branch, the RCMP, the regional native organizations and those people who are involved in drug and alcohol services across the Territories. We would envision that the second phase of this, were it possible to run this, would include a far more in-depth needs assessment perhaps on a community by community basis. However, this is a long-range plan. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion as amended. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### Possible Duplication Of Support Staff

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way it is worded now I do have some problems with the motion. I think we have to be realistic. If this motion goes as it is, the Executive Council probably will not go for it. I think there has to be a far better appraisal of what has happened in the past. I think we have to, as Mrs. Sorensen said, have a better understanding of the relationship between the council and the government, because what we do not want to do is create a duplication of services where right now, as I understand it, the government is supporting some support staff to the council. Is this motion asking that the council itself can hire support staff? Then is there any need for the government support staff? I suppose ultimately we are going to have to look at the whole philosophical concept if we should give the alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council real independence from the government and that they will take on that mandate. It is too premature to say that now. I think there are some fundamental questions on the wording of this motion. At least I have some reservations. It is too open ended. I cannot support the motion. I do support the concept, that is we have to come up with an improved program to deal with this serious problem. I, in the interim between now and May, and hopefully today, would like to ask a lot of questions and I want to talk to other people about it. I would be prepared in May, unless something happens today to change my mind, to debate a motion dealing with the alcohol problem. Right now I do not have enough information and I also hope that after this debate we can ask the Minister and Dr. Wheeler to sort out their ideas of how we can better improve the whole delivery of programs. So, at this point in time, I will not be supporting this motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I ask the mover to explain more clearly what is meant by broadening the mandate to include the ability to hire support staff and consultants? More specifically what does the mover envision, specifically what positions, what kind of support staff and what kind of consultants? The reason I ask is because if this motion were to be implemented that really seems to change the nature of the council's work quite considerably. It is a significant change in mandate. I am reluctant to go along without knowing more about what is specifically intended. So I would ask the mover if he could be more specific in those areas.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mr. Gargan, do you want to clarify the motion?

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say that first of all, until such a time as NNADAP money was in place the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council have gone through a very frustrating time with a limited amount of money. For the last, I believe, four years they were limited to one million dollars, to deal with something like 56 communities. A lot of applications have to be turned down due to that fact. Once NNADAP money comes in it sort of eased it a bit. The only problem right now is that they have a mandate that only rubber-stamps proposals. If it is a good proposal then it is agreed to. But they also have other concerns. They have to see whether these programs are working or not and they do not really have the support staff in place to actually go out to the communities to evaluate programs, to give the support that is necessary to the counsellors and that makes it a worthwhile program. Right now the problem is that the mandate is only to approve proposals and that. The additional staff could be used to support the people in the communities which is what they are lacking right now with the ADCC program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence. To the motion as amended.

MRS. LAWRENCE: I had a question, but it was not to the motion. I am sorry about that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Mechanism Ensured Community Program Funding

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I felt that the mover did not fully answer the question that I asked, although I gather that part of what would be intended would be some evaluating position, but it appears to me that the idea of the terms of reference that were established initially was to try to ensure that any money that was allocated would go directly to community programs and not be consumed in any bureaucracy that might be established in the council itself, that it was a mechanism to fairly allocate the funds where they appeared to be most needed and that all of those funds would go directly to community programs. So there could be the danger that if something like this were implemented that the funds would more and more be diverted toward a bureaucracy in the council itself. That would be one concern that I would have.

But even with respect to supposing it were desirable to hire an evaluator, I am not sure that that would be the best place to do it and I am not sure what kind of evaluation we are talking about. If the evaluation were done on the basis of the proposals that were submitted to see whether in fact the groups that got the money followed the lines of their proposal, to me that would not be an adequate kind of evaluation. I would have to say are those programs actually meeting objectives of reducing alcohol problems in the Territories? That is the kind of evaluation that I would prefer to see because a lot of money would be going in that direction and if they are not really effective that should be known. At any rate I prefer that there be much more discussion before having to vote on something like this and, therefore, if the mover intends to go ahead with it right now I feel that I would have to vote against it as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended. Mr. Gargan, you will end the debate on the motion as amended, please. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council is very necessary and I know that it is having an effect on the alcohol problem. I know that it is having a positive effect on the alcohol and drug problem in the Northwest Territories. I do not know that it is really possible to evaluate the success of this type of thing. I do not think it is possible to really evaluate it in quantitative terms. I think the evaluation of it has to remain subjective. I will be supporting this motion, but I am supporting it mainly on the philosophy that the council should be allowed broader terms of reference so that it would be able to deliver its programs more effectively.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended, Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: I think all of us agree that the council is a very, very necessary organization, but I think to fully come to grips with the sort of things that Mr. T'Seleie has said if we are looking at expanding the mandate, what I would like to see is a series of recommendations put forward by the council to this Assembly dealing with the whole situation and not just one part of it. I would like to hear from Dr. Wheeler and from the council how they feel the council can better fulfil its mandate. I would like to hear from them exactly in what sort of areas they think it would be important to hire support staff and consultants. I would like to hear from them exactly how they think the relationship with the federal government funding and with the territorial government can be improved. I think this is so important that I would hate to just deal with this one part of it which is very, very broad and very, very loose right now. I do not think we are getting at the real problems. So, as I said, the reason I cannot vote for it now is not because I am against the sort of things Mr. Gargan and Mr. T'Seleie want to accomplish. I think we can accomplish them better with much more in-depth review of this whole situation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): We are dealing with the motion right now as amended, but if the committee wishes Dr. Wheeler to elaborate he could. Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I could first speak to the question of evaluation. It has certainly been a concern of the council that we were unable to do evaluations to any depth in any one of our programs because we did not have a mechanism either within the government as an evaluation section or any flexibility with money in terms of hiring an independent evaluation to be done. At this point my feeling would be that perhaps on a program-by-program basis it might be better done by an independent agency. The ADCC being in an advisory role merely directs the GNWT to fund such and such a project to a level of dollars. Support is then carried on in a technical assistance role by the support staff of the government for those projects and it has been the feeling on the council over the last couple of years that there are a number of pieces of the support system that are missing. These pieces have not been built into person years within the government and we really do not have the ability with the GNWT dollars to build those things in either. I think that part of Mr. Gargan's motion was speaking to this kind of flexibility so that in consultation with communities and regions where the board felt that certain resource people were lacking, that we would then have the ability to use those dollars to provide those support resources to community projects. We were in the position of recommending the funding and in the case of projects that have come up in the past, that were voted on in this House last year, where we did not have the dollars or the people to visit some projects. For a period of two years we were unable to provide any support so that we were funding and to a certain extent allowing programs to fail and our only mechanism for dealing with the project was to do some crisis management, crisis intervention or shut them down. It was felt that we were building up, opening up communities expectations that they were going to be able to run a viable project in their communities and not really having the depth of support necessary to allow them to do that job.

#### Motion Would Change Mandate

As Mr. Ballantyne says, there are a lot of questions here. It is changing the mandate from being strictly advisory to becoming much more directly involved in the program delivery and I would certainly welcome an opportunity to sit down, however it gets structured, with MLAs and work this out. I think there are solutions that can be found for this. One of the studies I referred to the other day which is being carried out right now, the feasibility study, is to look at the whole question, whole range of questions around the ADCC becoming much more modelled toward the independent commission style in the South and also looking very closely at the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission as a model. We are getting material put together for us that would enable us, I think, to come back with a position paper, a series of recommendations that we could put before MLAs that would allow perhaps a wider discussion and could clear up a lot of these issues because it is only from a few years of working with this that the issues are really starting to come clear in my mind and just having been thrown this, I imagine, will disturb people because it does look a bit open-ended. It was not our intention to have it that way and I am sure from Mr. Gargan's valuable years on the ADCC, I do not think it is his intention either, but I cannot speak for him.

The feasibility study will be completed by the end of this fiscal year, so that in approximately one month we will have material available to us. We are meeting in the latter half of April so that I think we will have recommendations perhaps available for a May sitting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Thank you. To the motion as amended, Mr. Curley.

#### Council's Role Of Co-ordination

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to ask something. I do not know much about the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. Maybe before we vote on the motion as amended could someone explain a little bit about what are you co-ordinating really?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask Dr. Wheeler to give a brief description of the function of his group.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erklou): Dr. Wheeler.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The original mandate of this co-ordinating council was to try to be a focal point for all the federal and territorial programs that were running in alcohol services. I was not on the original council, but as I understand it there were some small initiatives made by this government. There were some programs through the medical services branch of federal Health and Welfare. There were some programs through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development at the time and this board was struck to try to co-ordinate the activities of these various agencies and an additional part of that mandate was to act as advisers to the territorial government and the Legislative Assembly on broad policy matters around alcohol and drug issues in the Territories and as it has evolved what has become of that original mandate, we are still in an advisory role. However, under the NNADAP, the federal program, we have been given the responsibility for functional direction of the program. We have still the advisory role with the territorial government and our main effort at co-ordination now is to co-ordinate as much as possible the delivery of training and support services and project support between the two governments, the territorial government and the federal government through the medical services branch. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion as amended. Mr. Curley.

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To be fair, my view seems to be in this exercise that it does not seem to be very effective at the community level because I know in Rankin Inlet, they do have a local branch but in terms of overall success rate in being helpful, of service to the community, I really have questions about it. What I am really trying to get at is, do you not think the Minister really should be having a good look at this council and see whether or not he could probably not only broaden the responsibilities to hire support staff and consult as required but actually see whether or not it is time to restructure, reorganize it so that it can be more effective in carrying out its program? Obviously I suppose the role is to try and minimize the alcoholism and drug abuse in the communities. At this moment it does not seem to be achieving that role. I am wondering whether or not there are any plans to try and see that it is restructured so that it can be a successful council. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended, can we concentrate on the motion, please? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I really do not want to vote against the motion and I certainly do not want to avoid making a decision in the area. I only want to be sure that we make a decision with as many of the facts available as possible. In view of the fact that Dr. Wheeler has indicated that there is a feasibility study being done, that it should be done before the end of this fiscal year and that having seen it, it might enable the council to make some very specific recommendations, I really would ask the mover to consider withdrawing the motion and then I would like to see in the May session that some very specific recommendations in this area come to the Assembly and we make a decision at that time. I would much prefer that. If the mover feels that he cannot withdraw it then I would still feel in a position that I would have to vote against it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since drug and alcohol abuse is a big problem in the Territories I feel I have to support the motion to improve any programs that are at the community level. In order to improve some of these alcohol and drug preventive programs we need more people to monitor or to evaluate the program to the point where it will be effective and concentrate more on preventing the problem than concentrating on treatment centres. The motion is geared to getting more people, getting more support staff to monitor and evaluate.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion as amended. Mrs. Sorensen.

#### Discussion Of ADCC Recommendations At May Session Preferred

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I think some of the Members are missing the point of what Dr. Wheeler said. He said that to change the mandate now, before they have had an opportunity to review the feasibility study that they are paying over \$50,000 for, through NNADP that is going on right now and will soon be finished, and until they have had a chance within their own organization, the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, to discuss it is somewhat premature. That is all that I am saying when I say I am not ready yet to support an increase in mandate. I think that is all that

Dr. Wheeler has said, that he is not necessarily opposed to an expansion of the mandate but that it is not something that we should rush into when there is a report coming that talks about the gaps in existing services and is going to make recommendation, where the consultants that have been hired are working with the regional offices, the RCMP and with the community councils. I think it is just premature for this Legislative Assembly to direct the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council to expand its mandate without allowing that same council to come to us with recommendations. They are the ones who have been living through the horror of the last few years. They are the ones that have experienced the difficulties. They are the ones who are the experts. They are the ones who should, at the May session, as Mr. MacQuarrie has indicated, give us some recommendations on how they would like to see us proceed. Maybe they would like to stay as merely an agency that approves the funding and has support staff within the territorial government. Maybe they would like to recommend a much broader role for themselves or maybe they have an entirely new set-up that they would like to recommend to us.

I think that we are, so to speak, the lay people in this situation. Each of us certainly in our own communities have had experience with abuses of alcohol and drugs. We certainly have knowledge of some of the community projects. Right now, without the expertise of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council's committee and its recommendations, and without the recommendations of the feasibility study I think that we are pre-empting the experts to whom we have given over the past few years the responsibility of running the program. I would really like to see us, as Mr. MacQuarrie suggested, debate at the May session when we are all not in such a hurry to leave Yellowknife, as we all are now because we want to finish the session, and really talk about this problem that affects everyone of us in all our communities. I do not think that to be opposed to this motion at this time is to be opposed to good community support and evaluation of the programs. It is merely defeat to the motion now to give the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council another two months -- and we are just talking about two months -- to give us some sound recommendations on which way they would like to see this House direct them in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion as amended. Mr. Gargan, do you want to be the last one to end the debate? To the motion as amended.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I presented this motion I indicated that the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council had a limited mandate. What I meant was that the mandate of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council is to recommend proposals for funding related to alcohol and drugs. Now, that means that it is a program mainly geared toward adults. Okay, there is nothing in there, in the past we turned down proposals that were done by youth groups because they were not considered alcohol related. If we can broaden out the mandate so that they deal with all aspects of all kinds of drugs it will make that committee a lot better. But for the last four years this Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council has been limited as to the kind of authority or recommendations they probably could have because the money just was not there. The support staff was never there. To have a Member suggesting that Social Services should be evaluating the whole program -- they will give themselves a pat on the back every time. They will say that the program is running great, sure. You expect that. If there was going to be any kind of recommendation done now I still say that, like this motion has it, we do not need more fancy studies being done to conceal the true problem of the community. When I am speaking to this motion I am speaking to it right from the community level and where the needs are and where the problems are, where the ADCC requires the support staff to give these programs a boost every once in a while so that it runs in a more productive fashion rather than the way it is geared toward hiring any support staff. You have to expect these programs to fail. They are geared for failure. We do not need another fancy study to tell us now that the problem is not there. I would strongly urge the people, especially the people from the community level that understand the true problem to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Do I hear a question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I just reject the implication that I do not understand the problem. I think I understand it very well. It is perhaps maybe that the motion says something different to the mover than it says to me. Both he and the Member for Tu Nedhe suggested that what was really important was alcohol education among the young. I agree that that should be.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I am sorry, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Gargan already talked. That ends the debate. We are going to vote on it now. Is the committee agreed that Mr. MacQuarrie should continue?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): You may go ahead, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee. I really believe that probably more funds should be spent in the front end in education among the young and as someone who had a personal problem with alcohol I am not persuaded yet that spending more and more money on adults who already have a problem and perhaps do not want to deal with it personally is the best way to spend funds. I would like to see it spent more at the other end, but I am afraid that if this motion were to pass that that might not happen. In other words, the funds would not go toward more education and so on, but, rather, in the wrong direction and that is why I just wanted to wait a little while until we see more clearly what the situation is. I again appeal to the Member just to withdraw it. He has every right to expect an undertaking from the rest of us in that case to seriously deal with the matter in May and I would be ready to give that undertaking. We would have more information at our fingertips at that time. I would ask him to withdraw it before the vote.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just to clarify things, I said the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council's mandate right now is geared more toward adults and there are no programs there for youth. Certainly if the mandate is broadened, maybe they could identify drug problems with youth too.

Motion To Broaden Mandate Of Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council, Carried As Amended

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion as amended. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion as amended? All those opposed? The motion is carried, seven to six.

---Carried

We are dealing with the alcohol and drug services at page 14.07, the main estimates. Mr. Ballantyne.

Motion To Ask Chairman, Alcohol And Drug Co-ordinating Council, To Present Position Paper At May Session, Carried

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, I have another motion and it is being translated right now. I am not sure how you want to deal with it. Do you want to wait until it is translated? I will read it now and I think it is even more important that this motion be passed since the other one was passed. I move that the chairman of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council be asked to appear before the Legislative Assembly during the May session to present a position paper giving recommendations how to improve the delivery of alcohol and drug programs in the Northwest Territories. How would you like to proceed with that? That has not been translated yet.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): The motion is in order. Go ahead. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Alcohol And Drug Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

Page 14.07, alcohol and drug services, total 0 and M, \$1,564,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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MR. GARGAN: Before we go on to another page, I want to thank Dr. Wheeler for being with us.

DR. WHEELER: Thank you for the opportunity, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, with the committee's permission I will ask Mr. Dunbar back in again.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Services To The Aged And Handicapped, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Go ahead. Page 14.08, services to the aged and handicapped, total 0 and M, \$2,328,000. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: I would like to ask the Minister a question regarding an elders program for people between the ages of 55 and 65. Is there any kind of assistance or any program for people in this age group?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, as far as I am aware I believe the spouse of someone who is over 65 who has died may receive some benefits, but regarding what our territorial government can do for people who are in that age group and in need I would ask Mr. Dunbar to elaborate on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Dunbar.

MR. DUNBAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are no specific programs in place at the present time other than the federal government funds that are allocated to persons 60 to 64 years old when the spouse is over the age of 65 and receiving the old age pension.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Dunbar. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: What happens to a widow or somebody who is separated in their 60s before they turn 65? What kind of program is there for people like that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mrs. Lawrence. Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Any resident of the Northwest Territories, despite their age, who has not the finances or resources to maintain an adequate standard of living is eligible to apply for social assistance from our department and that level of assistance will depend upon their need and the size of the family. The department has the Northwest Territories divided into various areas and the levels of aid are determined largely by the cost of living in the different areas.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence. I am sorry, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess again the question is with regard to the green paper on pension reform. I guess at the time when the pension was in place it was basically geared toward southern people who at 65 do not usually age that fast. Up here with the climate and the

harsh living of native people, native people usually age around 55 as opposed to 65. Mr. Chairman, when the Minister is going to be negotiating with the federal government with regard to pension reform, would he consider that age group, between 55 and 64, to maybe get some kind of a pension too?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, I believe it was when the joint committee held their hearings Mr. Butters, on behalf of the government and Mr. Patterson, while he was responsible for Status of Women, made a submission to the pension committee and I believe they did recommend that in the Northwest Territories they should take into consideration people under the age of 65, but I am not 100 per cent sure on that.

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

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion here with regard to the Social Services policy that I would like to have moved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Gargan, could you read your motion?

Motion To Have Department Of Social Services Provide Vehicles For Senior Citizens Home

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whereas the social services to the aged are the responsibility of the Department of Social Services and should therefore be available to all residents of the Northwest Territories without regard to the economic conditions of the communities, I move that this committee recommend to the Executive Council that it consider broadening the mandate of the Department of Social Services to include provisions for operation and maintenance of vehicles for senior citizens homes in those communities that have no other means of provision of such services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Can we have a copy of your motion? Mr. Gargan, your motion is in order. Do you want to speak on it now?

MR. GARGAN: Yes. Mr. Chairman, under the objective on page 14.08 it says, "Emphasis is placed on maintaining people within their home community wherever possible, and providing a continuum of services to meet varying individuals needs. As that segment of the population over the age of 65 increases, a greater priority is being placed on the construction and programming of senior citizens facilities within the communities." Mr. Chairman, on February 9th I asked the Minister responsible for Social Services about vehicles for senior citizens homes. In his reply he said senior citizens homes are operated by the Housing Corporation and that neither the Housing Corporation nor the Department of Social Services provides vehicles. The Minister also said that in some communities local service groups make vehicles with drivers available to senior citizens homes. This kind of informal arrangement is probably adequate in communities such as Yellowknife where the population is large enough to support effective service groups. However, in the case of smaller communities with a limited population and resource base I feel that it is unreasonable to expect that local service groups should support the operation and maintenance of vehicles for senior citizens homes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I ask the mover whether he hopes to be able to get a vehicle for the facility in Fort Providence? Is there a senior citizens facility in Fort Providence?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Gargan, do you want to clarify?

MR. GARGAN: There is a senior citizens home in Fort Providence as well as in Fort Resolution. I do not know about the other communities.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: I know about one other community and that is Yellowknife and we do not have one here. I am certainly not going to vote against a motion that is trying to provide more services

for the elderly but I have to have priorities and for me it would be getting a facility in Yellowknife similar to the one that they have in Fort Providence so that has to be my priority so I guess I will abstain on this motion.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Again, Mr. Gargan is making a motherhood motion and I think we are all in support of whatever assistance we can give to elderly people throughout the Territories but again I emphasize, in one of my small communities in my constituency, Detah, they are trying to get an old age home and if they were as fortunate as Mr. Gargan is, to have a beautiful old age home as in Providence, I think they too would be looking right now for a vehicle but right now what they need is an old age home. So on this particular motion I too will abstain.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Thank you. To the motion. Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Gargan, do you want to end the debate?

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess when I said Yellowknife has enough support to obtain vehicles I did not mean to say that disregarding the old folks home here. Certainly if they do require a vehicle and they cannot afford it that certainly applies to them too. Mr. Chairman, I guess this government is the one that makes policies and regulations to maybe suit the department's needs and I think it is time we started making changes to policies to meet the needs of the communities and basically my motion is geared toward that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Just for my own information and my officials, I wonder if the mover of the motion, Mr. Gargan, could explain what is the intended situation with the vehicle as to who would be operating it? Is the idea to have people on staff operate the vehicle or would these people who live in these homes who happen to have licences be the people to operate the vehicle? Just so we understand that, who would be actually operating the vehicle? Would they have to employ someone to operate it or would it just be available for the use of the people to drive themselves. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Gargan, go ahead.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe in most of the old folks homes in the North they do have people employed to take care of the elders. I guess basically what I am requesting is that a vehicle be made available so that these people that do take care of the elderly have access to a vehicle that they could use to take the elders to church or to grocery stores and that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): To the motion. Do I hear question? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just a final statement. I think it is important for communities themselves to generate interest in helping the elderly. I recall hearing not too long ago on the radio that, I think it was the band in Fort Simpson that held an event that raised a significant amount of money in order to provide wood for the elderly. That is the kind of thing that should be encouraged. I know that in Yellowknife, not just for the elderly, but for the handicapped as well, a couple of the service clubs, Lions and Rotary got together and provided funds for a van. I think there is that type of club in a number of the larger communities that have facilities. Certainly the government just should not be taking over total responsibility. I think it is important for communities to sense that responsibility and to do as much as possible right at home.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, am I concluding? Okay, Mr. Chairman, I believe in Providence they do raise a bit of money to get those kinds of things. Just recently I believe the Fort Providence education committee obtained a vehicle for the school, a bus for the school. But, I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, that it took us at least 15 years of money raising to obtain that vehicle. Maybe other initiatives that we are doing too are that band councils do raise moneys for the

elderly, they also do caribou hunting to supply the elders with caribou meat and that. But again as far as transportation goes, this is where the need arises for the aged and the handicapped to have at least access to vehicles so that they do not have to walk a distance to the stores or to the church, etc. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Have Department Of Social Services Provide Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion has been carried.

---Carried

Page 14.08, services to the aged and handicapped, total O and M, \$2,328,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, if I could return to the problem that I mentioned just a moment ago. Yellowknife is a large centre. There is a big population. That means that there is a large population of elderly as well, certainly the highest number of elderly I would expect in any community in the Northwest Territories. There are at least close to 150 senior citizens. They have varying needs for care. They would range all the way from those who are still healthy and completely independent to those who require chronic care. Of course, in that age group the level of needing care is always in state of flux. Sometimes more care is needed and sometimes less. At any rate, in this situation where we have such a large number of elderly, really the only planned facilities we have for the elderly are those that were planned for the independent elderly. That is what the Mary Murphy Home was designed for. That is what it was intended for. Also some units are identified at Northern United Place as well which can really only be used for independent elderly, or ought to be because of the nature of the building. Then of course, for those requiring chronic care there have been a few beds identified at the hospital. But, there is a need in my opinion for a personal care facility in Yellowknife. In last years budget it had been identified. There was money set aside for a personal care facility in Yellowknife. The intention was, over the years of planning and construction to spend \$500,000 which was a reasonably modest amount compared to others that we see. I think right now they are intending facilities for example in Fort Rae and they are planning \$650,000 and for Inuvik they are planning \$550,000. At any rate, I was pleased when I saw last year that the money was in the budget for such a facility in Yellowknife. So, I was somewhat shocked to come back this year and find that this years spending in that area would be \$140,000 and that the total capital projection was only \$300,000. I do not know what has happened in the meantime. I would ask the Minister to explain that. I feel that it is important that we have such a facility in Yellowknife. So could I ask the Minister to explain where it is all at?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to cover one thing briefly on the numbers of people who need acute chronic care, who need a sort of full service if you want to put it that way and the distribution of that in the Northwest Territories. I am just doing this off the top of my head because it is not actually part of this budget, but it will give you a sort of extrapolation of old age. I think it was in Hay River, 17 people; Fort Smith, 10 people; Inuvik, seven and I think four in Frobisher Bay; four in Yellowknife; two in Fort Simpson and two outside of the Territories. I think probably in Keewatin or Baffin. So, there is a big demand for those services outside of Yellowknife. It seems to be disproportionate to the population at least in that acute chronic care area. I think I would ask my deputy minister to respond to the capital. There is still some capital in the budget. I would like to maybe have my deputy minister elaborate on why the changes and the emphasis in Fort Rae.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Moody.

MR. MOODY: Mr. Chairman, in answer to Mr. MacQuarrie's question, there was that money taken out of the budget. However, the money left in the budget was for use in an existing building for level III care and level II care. That is what is being used now as the nurses annex at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital. Since that time that the money was taken out that Mr. MacQuarrie refers to, we brought on a home on Forrest Drive for level II care, which is the personal care level. That now has six clients in it.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I am aware of the Forrest Drive home but I referred to planned facilities. So, can I ask now what is planned in this area? I mean, what I would like to see is that the money that is in the budget now be devoted to a plan for a personal care facility in Yellowknife; something along the lines of the recommendation number two in the Willis report that indicated that there was some sort of need for that in Yellowknife. A focal place for the focus of elderly activities in Yellowknife and also some range of accommodation depending on the kinds of needs. The deputy minister referred to some thought having been given to an existing building which I guess in a way would have been fine if that worked out. To my knowledge it is not working out. It is not in the works. So, could I have a clear idea of what the plans are in the way of personal care facilities for Yellowknife for the coming year and the next two years and three years?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Minister.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I know Mr. MacQuarrie is aware that the plans for the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital have 20 beds planned for chronic care. The personal care issue I will ask my deputy minister to respond to as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): Mr. Moody.

MR. MOODY: Mr. Chairman, in answer to Mr. MacQuarrie with regard to the plans there are a number of parts to the answer. One is that we have now in hand, which he is well aware of, the Lorna Willis report which he referred to and that recommendation was that the development of housing for the elderly be a priority program as part of improved community services to the elderly. Apart from the two homes which were mentioned previously as a part of the last answer that I made, there will be emphasis on home care services for the elderly at the personal care level and this is not only in Yellowknife, but in the communities as well which goes along with the basic philosophy that elderly people are better off in their own homes rather than in institutions. So until such time as the institutions that were mentioned, the nursing home and level II care at the hospital plus Forrest Drive, until they are filled there are no further plans for institutional care at level II and level III in Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): It is six o'clock now. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I was going to move a motion that we extend the sitting hours beyond six o'clock.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Erkloo): I am sorry. It is too late now. It should have been done before six o'clock. I have to report progress now. Thank you, Mr. Minister and your witnesses.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Erkloo.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-84(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1984-85; TABLED DOCUMENT 4-84(1), 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 2-84(1), FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE, 1984; BILL 3-84(1), LOAN AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE NO. 1, 1984-85; BILL 4-84(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3, 1983-84; BILL 6-84(1), TERRITORIAL PARKS ORDINANCE; REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

MR. ERKLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bills 2-84(1), 3-84(1), 4-84(1), 6-84(1) and wish to report these bills ready for third reading and further, Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-84(1) and Tabled Document 4-84(1) with the Department of Social Services and wish to report progress with one motion being adopted as amended and two motions being adopted.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members have heard the report of the chairman of committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 17, third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 17: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 2-84(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1984

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 2-84(1), An Ordinance Respecting the Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed, if any? Bill 2-84(1) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third Reading Of Bill 3-84(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 3-84(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds and Make Loans to Municipalities in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1984-85, be read for the third time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 3-84(1) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

---Carried

Third Reading Of Bill 4-84(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 4-84(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for 1983-84 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 4-84(1) has had third reading. Mr. Curley.

---Carried

Third Reading Of Bill 6-84(1): Territorial Parks Ordinance

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 6-84(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Parks Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question being called.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 6-84(1) has had third reading.

---Carried

Any further third reading of bills today? That concludes third reading of bills. Any announcements from the floor? Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to inform the Members that I will be leaving tomorrow. I would like to thank everybody and I will probably see you in May. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Paniloo.

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) I would just like to say the same thing and thank everybody because I also will be leaving tomorrow. If nothing happens to me before May, I will see you then. I would like to thank the interpreters and the support staff. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any further announcements? Is anyone else leaving this House tomorrow? If that concludes announcements from the floor, I would like to make a statement to the House. I wish to inform the House that in accordance with Motion 26-84(1) the sitting hours for tomorrow will be the normal starting time of 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., but, of course, the committee of the whole can extend these hours while in committee. In considering the matter of sitting on Saturday to conclude the business before the House if the business is not concluded tomorrow I will consider calling a sitting for Saturday. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

ITEM 19: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day, Friday, March 2nd, 9:30 a.m.

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13. First Reading of Bills
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15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 1-84(1); Tabled Document 4-84(1); Bill 5-84(1); Motion 25-84(1); Motion 35-84(1)
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Third Reading of Bills



18. Assent to Bills

19. Orders of the Day

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday, March 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

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