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FORT SMITH, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1984

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): I would like to inform the House at this time that we have a new table officer at this session. It is my pleasure to announce the appointments of Mr. Joel Fournier and Mr. Rick Hardy as Law Clerks of this Assembly. Mr. Fournier is seated at the table today and brings extensive experience to the position and is available to assist Members at all times.

---Applause

Orders of the day for Thursday, May 10. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Curley.

ITEM 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mr. Curley's Reply

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and all the Members of the House. I think that I want to say that while we are here in Fort Smith I would like to recognize the welcome that we have received here from the residents of Fort Smith, the town council and the mayor. The Speaker has welcomed us here to Fort Smith and I would like to thank them for the hospitality that we are receiving.

I would like to make a short statement that the town of Fort Smith is a beautiful place. It has got all services available and a good town council and they have a college and there are a lot of students that have come from the East and also the college curriculums are numerous and they are appreciated by the students. I would like the support of other Members of the Legislative Assembly, if we will be proposing a college in the East -- because it is much better to have a college of your own in your own constituency -- and we would like to propose this when the funds are available, so the young people can finish off their higher schooling. We would like to get support from all of the Members to be able to get a college in the East and also we would be able, like the Fort Smith residents, to have a big gym. Mr. Speaker, I do not have very much more to comment on but I would just like to inform the Members from the East especially, that the town of Fort Smith is a beautiful place, even though the Members are now different from the previous Members, we can see that the town is beautiful and we would like to make our place a little bit better. So perhaps if we were able to meet more than once a year, in the springtime and summertime, if we would be able to have a vacation, that would be very much better perhaps for sure. In our caucus meeting we will be talking about this.

Land Claims Process

Mr. Speaker, I would like also to make further comments. Last winter we were informed through the newspapers, local radio stations and various other people as to the land claims process and we have found out that they are not too happy about the constitutional forums. Due to this fact, I

myself did not like some comments that were made. Perhaps some people had different ideas as to our problems and I do not think that we should be talking about it when we are thinking differently. I think we should be working together toward the process of land claims. Some of the comments that we heard -- I myself have to make a reply on those comments that were made. As my constituency is inside Hudson Bay, I as one of the MLAs, am not going to approve of that if they are going to split into two. For example, Fort Smith would never approve if they were going to be put together with the East; I know for sure they are not going to approve of this. If we are going to be trying to put the West and the East together, it would not work.

Mr. Speaker, I know for sure that our discussions are going to be long and hard. We have talked about language, I would like to be here perhaps next week when we come to that topic. The federal government should not just be trying to tell us what to do because we have our own territorial government. We should not be able to be bossed by them all the time. I thought I would mention this too because we are going to be dealing with it when the bilingualism paper comes to be discussed in this House and whether we should recognize our own official languages too.

I will not be talking on this too much now but I would like to talk about similar stuff concerning the Keewatin, and I would like to thank Richard Nerysoo and the Commissioner for appointing Gerry Tanner as regional director. Everybody in the Keewatin likes Gerry Tanner. We were informed prior to his appointment about the appointment and I appreciate this and I know that he has a lot of work ahead of him doing the work of the government in the Keewatin Region because there is a lack of recreational facilities. I know that he is going to have to be working on this and the Members of the Legislative Assembly will have to keep following the recommendations from the government over there.

Unemployment Situation

Mr. Speaker, my last comment is, like I said, in the springtime -- spring is sometimes harder to -- there are a lot of people going out on the land right now getting ready for the summer hunting. This summer in the East there are a lot of people not working because of the lack of employment. I know that the Inuit people sometimes do not ask the government for employment even though they want to get a job, but in the South the people that are unemployed are always thought of and their politicians help them to get jobs. Every day they talk about them, that there should be more employment for the unemployed. The Inuit people should be able to go to the hamlets and ask for openings and to create jobs, not now but for the future too. So for that reason I know that the territorial government should be helping the unemployed much better. The GNWT has tried to create jobs. There are some people who are unemployed or people who do not work for the government; the development areas that are connected with the government that are in the Territories, it would be better if they would be able to hire the local people. Maybe that way we would be able to make our own local money within the Territories and ask the government leaders. I think that we should be happy about this within the Baffin Region and Keewatin Region. A lot of hamlet councils have no by-laws stating that you have to find your employees from the North instead of getting them from the South. I think this has to be resolved, so that we would be hiring more people from the North who are qualified. If it was done like that, I think that we would have more job creation but as of now -- I have been talking for a long time. I do not think some people really understand, but Mr. Speaker, I and also the MLAs from the Keewatin Region would just like to say thank you for the hospitality of Fort Smith and we will go to a barbeque after the session. Mr. Speaker, my reply is finishing now. When we come to the language subject I will be making further comments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 2, Members' replies. There do not appear to be any further Members' replies for today. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Initiatives Undertaken By The Department Of Renewable Resources

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce several specific initiatives undertaken by the Department of Renewable Resources since the February session of this Assembly. In the matter of Keewatin polar bear and musk-ox quotas, recently both myself and the deputy

minister met with hunters and trappers associations in Keewatin communities and with the Keewatin Wildlife Federation. As a result of representations made, I have approved the allocation of two special polar bear tags for Baker Lake...

---Applause

...and a quota of 10 musk-ox to be administered by the Keewatin Wildlife Federation.

---Applause

In the matter of water management negotiations, our department, as part of the team representing the Northwest Territories, is actively involved in negotiation of a water management agreement with the province of Alberta. We are participating on several working groups developing technical information which should form the basis for negotiation later this year. Correspondence has also been forwarded to the province of British Columbia to initiate discussion and eventual negotiations with that jurisdiction. The department has recently contacted the Northwest Territories Water Board, urging them to study water quality standards, priorities of use and compensation. We intend to participate in this review to produce some definition of the rights of the traditional users.

In the matter of the northern conservation task force, the Department of Renewable Resources has placed high priority on this effort, led by the active participation of the deputy minister. The task force will produce a conservation policy, recommendations for implementation, and an indication of priority areas as part of a report to be submitted to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and to the Ministers of Renewable Resources of both territories. The conservation strategy will form an essential component of northern land use planning efforts as that program becomes operational.

Anti-Trapping And Sealing Lobby

In the matter of the anti-trapping and sealing lobby, the department is very concerned about the protests in Europe and North America, and I have solicited the support of federal and provincial ministers in actively combatting the movement. The deputy minister accepted the position of interim director on the board of the Fur Institute of Canada and has been nominated as a permanent director. We hope to stimulate activities that will protect our fur markets. Along with departmental officials, I personally will be attending the federal-provincial wildlife conference and both the deputy minister and myself plan to attend the annual general meeting of the Fur Institute of Canada immediately following. Our department sponsored hunters and trappers representatives to attend an aboriginal trappers workshop dealing with the anti-trapping issue. The department continues to be actively involved in the sealskin revitalization committee and was instrumental in supplying statistical data upon which an \$88,000 federal subsidy on the sealskins was based.

In the matter of co-operative wildlife studies, we are co-operating with the federal government in the following studies: with the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, (a) population status of Peary's caribou and musk-oxen on the Arctic Islands and completion of species management plans on these issues. (b) On the winter range studies of the Beverly caribou herd, effect of forest fires on the distribution and conditions of caribou. (c) Polar bear ecological studies in the Arctic and co-operative population studies in Foxe Basin, evaluation of the allowable harvest and quota allotment. And with the Canadian Wildlife Service, (d) analysis of pesticides and heavy metals in falcon eggs and polar bear tissue to monitor environmental contaminants. The co-operative wildlife studies with the Department of Indian Affairs Canada, (e) the Keewatin caribou monitoring in relation to caribou protection measures; release of regulated areas for mineral exploration if caribou are not present. As well, (f) reaction of caribou to mine developments; assessing interaction of human and caribou to develop strategies to minimize potential harmful effects.

Pollution Control Programs

In the matter of pollution control programs, the department is revising the Environmental Protection Ordinance and regulations. Further, a review is being carried out of related operating procedures with other territorial and federal agencies. The need for the review of existing administrative arrangements in this field became particularly clear during the past season of responding to spills on the winter roads. This administrative review is intended to clarify the

respective roles of the various federal and territorial agencies to eliminate unnecessary overlap and to make the division of labour clearer to the public. The Department of the Environment has been particularly receptive to the need for revision of the working agreement with our pollution control division. The pollution control division has actively supported the federal Environment 2000 program by helping communities develop applications and by working with the Department of the Environment in reviewing the proposals; 17 applications, involving approximately \$680,000 have been processed, and further applications are currently under review.

The division is continuing to contribute to the national acid precipitation research program. A soil sensitivity study to acidic deposition is ongoing with an anticipated completion date of late August. The program's intention is to indicate the sensitivity of NWT soil and surface bedrock to acidic deposition. Work has begun in conjunction with the inland water directorate to obtain data on the sensitivity to acidic deposition of NWT surface waters.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Renewable Resources has received approval of the Executive Council to initiate the transfer of forest management, fire suppression and legislative authority to the Government of the Northwest Territories. Members of the Legislative Assembly have been requested to provide their thoughts on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Are there any further Ministers' statements? Mr. Curley.
Minister's Statement On Measures Taken To Improve The Territorial Economy

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Perhaps, yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will give my presentation on the second occasion since my appointment. (Translation ends) Mr. Speaker, you may recall from the winter session I spoke about a number of ideas that I had during my early days as Minister and promised you that I would have a serious look at whether some of these measures to improve the territorial economy could be taken. I would like today to report progress on some of these ideas to the House and to inform you of some of my other activities as Minister.

I believe that our government must turn its attention from the distribution of wealth to the creation of wealth. If the private sector is to play its full role in creating new jobs and additional business opportunities in the North, I believe that as a government we must have an extensive dialogue with the business interests in the Northwest Territories and attempt constantly to incorporate the thinking of our business leaders into our government policy. In the last three months I have been actively engaged in a dialogue with business in the Northwest Territories. I have met with the leaders of the native economic development corporations who will be playing an important role in the evolution of the territorial economy in the future when the land claims are settled. I have had several discussions with local Chambers of Commerce as well and have heard the views of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce in detail. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the mayor of Frobisher Bay held a highly successful economic conference in Frobisher recently, and while I was not able to attend because of the weather problems, I have received reports of the conference and will be taking steps to follow up some of the recommendations which were made at that time.

---Applause

Establishment And Members Of Northwest Territories Business Council

As part of this ongoing dialogue I am pleased to announce that the government has approved the establishment of a Northwest Territories business council.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: This council consists of 12 representatives of the business community in the Northwest Territories and is representative of all the regions in the Northwest Territories. The council has the responsibility for advising the government on all matter of policy questions and on specific steps that our government can take to improve the territorial economy. I am pleased to inform you that the following Northwest Territories business people have agreed to participate in

this council: Mr. Jim Robertson of Inuvik, Mr. Leo Hardy of Norman Wells, Ms Marion Lavigne of Yellowknife, Mr. Don Fergusson of Hay River, Mr. Harry Deneron of Fort Liard, Mr. John Todd of Rankin Inlet, Mr. Andy Clark of Yellowknife, Mr. Mark Kalluak of Eskimo Point, Mr. Charlie Evalik of Cambridge Bay, Mr. Jacques Belleau of Frobisher Bay, Mr. James Arreak of Clyde River, Mr. John Willson of Cominco in Yellowknife. These business leaders will have their first meeting in June and I look forward to a productive and useful process with them.

Mr. Speaker, I mentioned in my speech in January that tourism was the sector of our territorial economy with enormous potential to create ongoing jobs and new business opportunities for northerners. Everywhere I travel in the NWT, tourism is on the minds of the local people and I am delighted to see a movement taking place across the NWT in the direction of improving and expanding our hospitality industry. We are joined in our desire to develop the territorial tourism industry by various federal agencies as well, and I am pleased to tell you that on May 2nd I had discussions with two federal cabinet Ministers respecting the Northwest Territories tourism industry: the Hon. Charles Caccia, Minister of the Environment, who is responsible for Parks Canada, and the Hon. David Smith, Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism, who is responsible for Tourism Canada among other things. While Mr. Caccia unquestionably would like to develop further national parks in the NWT, I am pleased to tell you that he sees the NWT government playing a critical role in their evolution and he has indicated to me that they will not proceed with major park initiatives without the full concurrence and co-operation of this government. Because of the enormous value of national parks as tourism generators, I am not prepared to support the development of parks anywhere without the full concurrence of our communities and without the full consideration of land claims.

My discussions with the Hon. David Smith covered a wide range of topics concerning the evolution of the tourism industry in the NWT. Certainly it is my hope that this new relationship with the federal cabinet Minister responsible will yield dividends for our tourism industry. In terms of an improved exposure for the NWT in federal tourism, advertising is one area where I have raised a matter with the federal Minister. As well, the capital dollars for tourism infrastructure were discussed with him.

I also had the pleasure during the same visit, Mr. Speaker, to visit Rendez-vous Canada which is a large travel wholesaling and buying fair aimed at bringing international tourism dollars into the country. I was extremely impressed with the representation of our tourism operators at this remarkable travel show and I am pleased that my department has been prepared and able to make a contribution toward the cost of our efforts at Rendez-vous Canada. The Rendez-vous Canada show will be held in 1985 in Edmonton and will be co-hosted by the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and the province of Alberta. Our tourism industry will have a remarkable opportunity at this time, Mr. Speaker, to sell its product in a location more closely at hand to the NWT.

Development Of Renewable Resources

Mr. Speaker, when I spoke to you in January I talked at length about the need for us to develop further our renewable resources. Since that time my deputy minister has met with the NWT Farmers Association respecting the agricultural sector. While, Mr. Speaker, I am in support of this area, agricultural capability in the NWT, this certainly cannot be at the expense of the resolution of native land claims in the Mackenzie. However, in response to the wishes of the Farmers Association, I am prepared to reopen the question of an agricultural policy for the NWT and plan to begin again to consult with the various groups to seek their views without making any further commitment to the area.

Some of you no doubt have heard of the desire of the Hay River Dene band together with two Alberta companies to establish a major egg production facility at Hay River. We have before us a proposal for a facility for some 220,000 -- just imagine -- egg laying chickens. This proposal, if it comes to fruition will employ as many as 40 residents of the Hay River area. The intention would be to supply the domestic market in the NWT and also to export three quarters of the production to the province of Alberta. The proponents have asked me to enter into negotiations with the federal government to determine if the NWT can obtain production quotas from the Canadian egg marketing agency. My deputy minister and other officials of my department will be meeting with the Hay River band and the federal regulatory people in Hay River during the week of May 24 to determine whether this would be possible.

I believe that our territorial fishing industry can be developed much further than it is at the present time. I was delighted to learn recently that the prices of whitefish offered by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and some other species of fish have improved somewhat in the

past few months. I am pleased to inform you that I have corresponded with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and have requested that he enter into negotiations with us allowing us to withdraw from the corporation for the purpose of marketing northern arctic char. I believe that this species of northern fish, which is extremely attractive in the southern market, could be sold by our northern fishermen at a better price than what is secured presently by the corporation. I intend to pursue vigorously our withdrawal from the FFMC as far as arctic char is concerned.

Production Of Lumber In The NWT

My ministry has not had a great deal of time, Mr. Speaker, to examine our forestry industry during my early months. However, I continue to believe that we can reap job and business opportunities by increasing our production of lumber in the NWT. We import great quantities of lumber into the NWT at the present time and in the process of so doing, we create jobs and wealth in Alberta and British Columbia that could really remain in the NWT. I continue to be committed to the development of our lumber industry and intend at a very early date to meet with some of the lumber interests in the NWT to see what else we can do to develop our forest industry. Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to announce that the Executive Council has approved a proposal to provide some wage support to the Slave River sawmill in case you are wondering what happened to that. While the sawmill is not a profitable operation at the present time, I believe that it can be in the future. Thus, we plan to enter into an agreement with the sawmill that will see this government's financial support to the sawmill reduced over a period of five years, at which time the expectation will be that the sawmill will become a self-sustaining operation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Some people are more lucky than others. Mr. Speaker, as you probably have heard during the past few years I mentioned to you in general that it was my belief that we must first begin to make some extensive use of furs in the North before we can expect the rest of the country and the rest of the world to support the fur industry. To this, Mr. Speaker, my officials, along with my colleagues from the Department of Renewable Resources, are studying a number of measures which can support the territorial fur industry. I am currently investigating the possibility of establishing a commercial enterprise in Broughton Island which will have the purpose of manufacturing useful articles for the northern market of sealskins. We hope that this enterprise will employ at least eight local people in the manufacture of products of our sealskins and will encourage the hunters in that community and elsewhere to return to sealing to produce the raw materials for this business. In an effort to get more northerners to wear fur coats for instance, fur coats and whatnot, I intend to investigate the possibility of rebating some of the purchase price of northern fur coats to northern consumers.

Shortage Of Commercial Credit

Mr. Speaker, in January I spoke about the shortage of commercial credit for individuals in business in the Northwest Territories. I noted that the southern recession appears to have invaded the chartered banks operating in the NWT and I know of many stories where northern businessmen and women have had their lines of credit reduced and have experienced difficulty getting financing for new business initiatives. I have received great encouragement from the business sector to take some steps in this regard and in this I appreciate the support I have received from the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and other business people. At the present time, Mr. Speaker, the department is conducting a brief survey of some of the financing problems being experienced by the northern business people, and we are approaching the local banks and the resident banks to determine the constraints they face in approving commercial loans. Once we have a clear picture of the problems, Mr. Speaker, I intend during this summer to invite senior banking officials from the South to travel to the North to see the opportunities that are present in our territorial economy. I will also be attempting to influence them to change their restrictive lending practices. In that, Mr. Speaker, I will also be asking the NWT business council and some of the Chambers of Commerce for their advice in this exercise.

In the face of this apparent drying up of commercial credit, additional demands are being placed on our business loan fund. Mr. Speaker, I intend to bring before this House in the fall session new legislation concerning the business loan fund. This legislation will be directed toward improving the access of businesses to the fund and speeding up our response to our loan proposals. A central piece of the legislation will have to do with the establishment of regional boards that will be capable of dealing with loans up to a predescribed limit without reference to officials in

Yellowknife. I am pleased to inform you that the federal government has indicated to us a willingness to consider patriating the Eskimo Loan Fund to GNWT. At the present time, due to bureaucratic delays in the approval process, this fund is virtually inaccessible to Inuit business people in the Arctic, and I feel that by moving it to the NWT an important additional source of commercial credit can be made readily available to us.

Venture Capital Corporations Being Investigated

Mr. Speaker, some of you will also be aware that venture capital corporations have been established by several of the provinces. These corporations, which take various forms in the provinces, are intended to provide equity investments in new businesses. In certain provinces tax incentives are made available to investors in venture capital corporations and other government funds are made available to take positions in new businesses. While I cannot commit myself definitely as to whether such corporations can be established in the NWT I am pleased to inform you that our officials are studying these initiatives in the provinces and will be tabling a comprehensive report to me in the next couple of months. If we can come up with a promising method to proceed, this will become a major priority for my department. I know that all of you are aware that the absence of start-up capital holds back the creation of many promising businesses in the NWT.

Mr. Speaker, also in the winter session I received encouragement from you to bring in measures to support the co-operative movement in the NWT. While many of you are great believers in co-operatives, it is a source of great regret to myself and some Members that many of the co-ops in the NWT are suffering great financial difficulties, in part as a result of the collapse of the northern art market in southern Canada. As a measure of relief to the system, my department and the Government of Canada have entered into an agreement to provide over the current fiscal year a total of some one million dollars in interest relief for the co-operatives that are struggling. This interest relief will be applied selectively to co-operatives that are suffering extremely high debt and it is felt to be sufficient to allow the member co-operatives to work their way out of their financial difficulties. While I have some hope for an improvement on the part of the co-operatives in the coming operating year, it is my view that we cannot financially support businesses indefinitely that are not succeeding and I shall be reluctant to sponsor a support package of this nature in the future.

Increased Funding For Economic Development And Tourism

Mr. Speaker, I was delighted in the winter session when this Assembly passed a resolution instructing the administration to consider devoting additional moneys to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the future. We are taking this resolution seriously as our fiscal planning for 1985-86 and beyond occurs, and I hope that you will see a gradual increase in the financial resources made available to the department in years ahead. I plan to take funds which have been lapsed in future years and propose that they be utilized in support of some of the initiatives that I have mentioned to you today.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased with the progress my department has made so far and I also wish to take this opportunity in conclusion to acknowledge the support and optimism that has been expressed to me from my staff, region to region, and to that I wish to give every single official in our regions my support whenever needed. There is a great deal of work to be done and in this I invite the participation and criticism from all of you at this time. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Ministers' statements.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a grade eight class from the Paul Kaeser School, with Mr. Malanchuk, Mr. Hobart, and Mr. Jones. Welcome on your visit to the Legislative Assembly.

---Applause

I also understand that we have a class from grade three from this school attending this afternoon with Mrs. Manton present as teacher. Welcome.

---Applause

The orders of the day for Thursday, May the 10th, Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 2-84(2): Status Of Negotiations On New Hospital, Yellowknife

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. McLaughlin. I wonder if Mr. McLaughlin could give us a status report as to the negotiations with the federal government on the new hospital to be built in Yellowknife.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 2-84(2): Status Of Negotiations On New Hospital, Yellowknife

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health officials have been meeting in Ottawa with Department of Health and Welfare officials and people from Indian and Northern Affairs. Because Indian and Northern Affairs will be paying two thirds of the cost of the building and Health and Welfare Canada will be paying one third of the cost, a joint Treasury Board submission has been drafted up by the three different departments. It has been approved by the Executive Council of this government and has been forwarded to Ottawa for the signature of the two federal Ministers concerned. We expect that within the next couple of weeks, those two departments will be prepared to go toward Treasury Board approval, hopefully before they adjourn for the summer.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 3-84(2): Warehouse, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Public Works. I had a document that I received from the Housing Corporation concerning the Cape Dorset warehouse, and later I saw another document that the warehouse Cape Dorset is asking for will be directed only for Broughton Island. I would like to find out what you have on this matter. Also, when I first learned that Cape Dorset was going to get a warehouse -- we would like that warehouse to be sent to Cape Dorset instead of Broughton Island. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question 3-84(2): Warehouse, Cape Dorset

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member is correct, there was a plan to put a warehouse into Cape Dorset this coming summer. However, after tenders were received, it was found that the tenders were too high for the price that we had put aside for the warehouse. Therefore I have made a decision that the warehouse is cancelled and that the only work we will be proceeding with this summer is the foundation and the gravel work, and the warehouse will be constructed the following summer. But the Member is right, the warehouse has been cancelled. It has not been given to Broughton Island. It has just been outright cancelled, and the only work that we will be doing is for the gravel and the foundation, and the warehouse will be completed not this summer but the following summer. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, could you give us the location that the foundation is in? That appears to be part of the question.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The foundation will be built in Cape Dorset. The warehouse is going to Cape Dorset. It is just not going there this summer.

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

Question 4-84(2): Federal Agreement Respecting Young Offenders Act

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Social Services. We learned from the Commissioner's Address yesterday, Mr. Minister, that your department has reached an agreement in principle with the federal government respecting the implementation of the Young Offenders Act. I know that at one point, Mr. Minister, you were concerned about what seemed to be the federal government intransigence about funding necessary changes. So could you inform the House about the details of the agreement that you have reached or are reaching?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 4-84(2): Federal Agreement Respecting Young Offenders Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The indication yesterday that the Commissioner made, that we have signed an agreement with the federal government, was a mistake on behalf of my department in communications to him regarding his Address. When I was meeting with the different ministers in Montreal we definitely gave a commitment that our government wants to co-operate with proper implementation of the Young Offenders Act up here, and we have passed our own Young Offenders Ordinance in order to accomplish that. What we have done to date ourselves, as a government, is approve three person years and relevant funds so that the training can occur in the regions, so that the programs can be implemented later during the year when the funding is hopefully finally approved and the programs can be in place when the 16 and 17 year olds fall, then, under the Young Offenders Act.

In actual fact the agreement itself still awaits the signature of this government and the federal government. We are hoping that Mr. Kaplan, the Minister responsible, will be in the NWT and that will be the opportune time to actually formally sign the agreement. There are still a few minor problems which have to be finalized, and that is the formula. The federal government is not willing to give capital moneys for the construction of facilities from the Solicitor General's department, but they have agreed to cost-share leasing. They have also agreed that if we put our own facilities up, they will share the costs of the depreciation of these buildings, but we are still working on what the formula would be.

The other outstanding issue is that because we have so many communities in the Northwest Territories we have to have some sort of facility as a minimum requirement in each community. What we would like to do is have a residence in every community assigned by regulation as being an open custody facility so that young offenders will not have to leave their communities if they are taken into open custody. We do not have agreement yet on that either, but we are expecting to have that agreement because Mr. Kaplan is patently aware of the unique problems the Northwest Territories has in this area. The agreement in principle is that we want to implement the act but there are three areas where the details have to be worked out before we are going to sign an agreement.

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

Supplementary To Question 4-84(2): Federal Agreement Respecting Young Offenders Act

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Minister. You said that Mr. Kaplan would be coming to the Territories and it would probably be signed at that time. When is that likely to be? Have you got a ballpark figure as to the amount of assistance that we will likely get each year in order to implement it?

Further Return To Question 4-84(2): Federal Agreement Respecting Young Offenders Act

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Apparently Mr. Kaplan may be a guest of the NWT bar association. I am not exactly sure when that is going to occur. I believe Mr. Lal and a few others would know that. To the other question, from the Solicitor General's department, once we make the agreement there is a half million dollars available to this government; approximately half of it this year and the balance next year. We are making a separate Treasury Board submission in the order of four to five million dollars for each of the next two years, and that includes some capital in order to put secure custody facilities in place by April 1st, 1985. The money that has been advanced to date by the Executive Council to the department by a special warrant, is on the assumption that it will be covered for sure by the \$250,000 which we will get this year, but no more money will be advanced to the department until we have some sort of good reception signal from the federal government on our Treasury Board submission.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The honourable Member for Foxe Basin, Mr. Erklou.

Question 5-84(2): Assistance To Parents Attending Graduation

MR. ERKLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question to the Minister of Education, Dennis Patterson. In Frobisher Bay, students last spring that were in grade 12 -- I understand that those students who are asked to go to that school, when they graduate their parents or relatives come over to attend the graduation and they have to pay a portion of that. I wonder if more assistance could be given to those people to attend the graduation.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 5-84(2): Assistance To Parents Attending Graduation

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel very strongly that parents whose children graduate from grade 12 deserve a great deal of the credit for that graduation, particularly for students that have to leave home to attend high school. I am pleased to tell the Member that in recognition of the contribution made by parents, from communities outside the regional centres, whose children graduate from grade 12, this year the Department of Education will be able to sponsor a return fare for one parent or guardian of each graduating grade 12 student to attend their child's graduation this spring. This will apply in all high schools in the Northwest Territories where parents live outside the regional centres. It is expected also -- or I hope also -- that because of excursion and family fares that families will then be able, in many cases, to cover the additional cost for bringing the other parent or guardian. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 6-84(2): Housing Units Number And Location

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for Housing. Would the Minister advise this House how many units will be made available in 1984-85, and as well, how many units are being assigned to the individual regions and communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question under notice and have the information prepared for the Member. It is a fairly comprehensive list, so it will take some while to put it together.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: (No translation)

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, I did not get a translation on that. Is there a translator in the booth, Mr. Clerk? Do you wish to try it again, Mrs. Lawrence?

MRS. LAWRENCE: Okay, yes. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Economic Development...

MR. SPEAKER: That translation came through on channel one, but I did not get it. I will address it to the Minister it was directed to. Mr. Curley, did you hear the question?

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I did not get the -- I would certainly like to reply, but I did not get the message as yet. I was confused with which channel.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, listen to channel one and we will try it again. Channel one, go ahead with the question.

Question 7-84(2): Assembly Input On Members Of Business Council

MRS. LAWRENCE: (Translation) I am asking the Legislative Assembly to have input in considering individuals for a report to advise the Department of Economic Development.

Return To Question 7-84(2): Assembly Input On Members Of Business Council

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I understand your question. While we considered the subject of the business council we have to make further considerations. If somebody has quit then we will find someone that is definitely interested, but at this time we are all in agreement now. If there is a vacancy this year, then we would be able to replace him or put someone in his or her place.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

Question 8-84(2): Appointments To Business Council

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, could the Minister indicate who we are that are in agreement about the method by which these people were selected to serve as an advisory committee? Who are the "we's" we are talking about?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 8-84(2): Appointments To Business Council

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: You probably realize that the Ministers, when we say "we", we are talking about "we" as the Ministers. You are aware that as an elected Member and as an Executive Member you have certain responsibilities, so we say "we" concerning your department or your body as an Executive. "We" was really the GNWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Mr. McCallum.

Supplementary To Question 8-84(2): Appointments To Business Council

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take it then the answer from the Minister is that it has been an Executive Council decision to select the individuals and I just wonder who on that Executive Council is looking after the interests of the people south of the lake. You have done well to represent people north of the lake in the East and West but certainly in two of the communities one of which is represented by a Minister on the cabinet -- there is no representation from Pine Point and Fort Smith and it seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that the action of the Minister and the cabinet to select these people without any consultation of other Members is directly opposed to the kinds of things that the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism would do because the Minister was talking about the previous five years.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum, please, it is not debated as an oral question.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister to indicate to me how then we get the representation of the business people, business expertise from south of the lake into this advisory committee. Are we going to wait until somebody dies or passes away to get in?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 8-84(2): Appointments To Business Council

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, the GNWT, as I just mentioned -- and following the act regarding the business council we have an act in which there are 60 councils in the communities and I can tell you that in the NWT there are still 50 who are not involved with business council. I would like to also tell you I would be happy -- as I mentioned, when I mentioned the Fort Smith Region, there are four representatives that are in this council; in the Baffin Region there are two Members; in the Keewatin, two; from Central Arctic one; and from the Beaufort region, one. I would be happy if I were you because the Fort Smith Region has four Members in the business council. One of the members, Don Fergusson, operates a hotel which I like staying at.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Appaqaq.

Question 9-84(2): Funding For Educational Facility In Sanikiluaq

MR. APPAQAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister for the Department of Education. Last February when we were dealing with financial matters, we were in agreement that Sanikiluaq would get a new educational facility and we understood that there was money. There was over three million dollars stated and while in Frobisher Bay I was given by the Department of Finance -- it seems like there was a lot less than what we originally understood it to be, about two million or so. What happened? Could you explain it to me please, what happened to the money that we expected? As we see, it is a lot less than before.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take that question as notice and answer it tomorrow. (Translation) Is tomorrow okay?

MR. APPAQAQ: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question 10-84(2): Information On Diseased Caribou

MR. PUDLUK: My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Where are we going to get information that some of the caribou are diseased in the Baffin Region? I think it is dangerous that we are not informed about the caribou sickness or eating a caribou that has had a disease. I wonder if the Minister could inform the people as to why the caribou are diseased right now, whether they are poisonous, and especially inform the outpost camps because they rely on the caribou for food. I wonder if the Minister could have the people informed, mostly in the outpost camps. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the question that is put forward is one that I cannot give you an answer on today. I would assure you that the extent of the coverage that we receive on the condition of the caribou will be provided to the outpost camps. I will take this as notice of the question and I will prepare an answer for tomorrow.

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

Question 11-84(2): Term Of Appointment To Business Advisory Council

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to a question raised by Mr. McCallum for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. I would first briefly say that I admired some of the Minister's initiatives in economic development, including getting the Hay River chickens to lay a few eggs. I hope his business advisory council is not one of those!

---Laughter

I do not think it will be. I think it is a good idea. But the matter of term does arise. Unless I missed something, I did not hear what is the term of the people who have been appointed to that board. Is it a question of retirement or death or perhaps business failure, when you are dropped from the board or something? So could you inform the House as to what the term is? Surely it is not indefinite term.

AN HON. MEMBER: He has not decided yet.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 11-84(2): Term Of Appointment To Business Advisory Council

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, the answer is that they are appointed at present for two years.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. McCallum.

Question 12-84(2): Status Of Arctic College Concept

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. I wonder if the Minister would indicate to me and other Members the status of the Arctic college concept. I read with some satisfaction the Commissioner's Address yesterday, and noted that there is to be an eastern college set up in Frobisher Bay that would be separate from Thebacha College. That means there would now be two colleges. Does that come under the umbrella of the Arctic college, or what is the concept now? I wonder if he would be able to explain what is going on with this whole business of the Arctic college.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 12-84(2): Status Of Arctic College Concept

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although the new campus to be established in Frobisher Bay will be an independent operation of its own with its own director and its own budget, it and other campuses that will be established in all parts of the Northwest Territories will be

overseen by a territorial board of governors and will be therefore linked with Thebacha College, so that there will be the best use made of all resources across the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, in answer to the Member's question on what is happening with the Arctic college concept, the Thebacha College board of governors, which is a territorial board of governors, presented to the Executive Council of the Ninth Assembly in the fall of 1983 a long-range plan for development, eventually, of a university system in the Northwest Territories. That plan has been under careful consideration by my department and in the next several months, once the business of this session is complete, I hope to take before my colleagues on the Executive Council the options and recommendations that are presented by that strategic plan, so that we can develop a long-range plan for the development of a college system in the Northwest Territories. The board of governors' strategic plan did address the Arctic college concept, which is basically in general terms, a concept for consolidating all post-school programs in the Northwest Territories, offering courses in many locations and Thebacha College as a stepping stone to the concept. So I hope that we will make a long-range plan and be able to give detailed consideration to the excellent work done by the board of governors in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Question 13-84(2): Government Assistance For Pope's Visit To Fort Simpson

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure which Minister I should direct my question to, whether it is the Minister of Finance or the Minister of Local Government. It is in regard to the Pope's visit to Fort Simpson. I understand that our government might provide some form of assistance to the community to accommodate the Pope's visit. I would like to know whether the Minister of Finance could provide for this House at a later date, what assistance this government will be providing to the community of Fort Simpson. I am not sure what kind of facilities they may be providing, whether it might be a subway between the airport and downtown, but in any case, I would be interested in also knowing whether the federal government may be providing other forms of assistance as well. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 13-84(2): Government Assistance For Pope's Visit To Fort Simpson

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The answer to the first question, Mr. Speaker, is yes. I will try and have available to Members before we leave Fort Smith details we have available to us now. And yes, there is additional supplementary assistance being provided to the community of Fort Simpson by both the federal government and the church organization. I will try and have that information available to Members for their knowledge.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

Question 14-84(2): Objectives Of Business Advisory Council

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have a question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism concerning the business advisory committee. I think like a lot of us we welcome the initiative. I was a little disappointed that Mr. Curley, who has been a champion of consensus government, did not feel it necessary to consult with ordinary MLAs on this, but I think that many times past statements are soon forgotten. None the less, I want to ask a specific question about the goals and objectives of the committee. Perhaps the Minister can explain to us how often he has been meeting with the committee, what are the terms of reference of the committee, and what does the Minister hope to gain with the input of the committee?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 14-84(2): Objectives Of Business Advisory Council

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have my regrets for not being able to consult with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly. I felt it was important that we put the business council in place because this government is also considering a number of items that it is very important to deal with, particularly with respect to the revisions that this government is considering for business incentive policy, which used to be the northern preference. The Executive

Council has recommended to me that the business council make some comments on the possible changes that we should make to allow for more improvement on the incentive policy to reflect the business community's interests in the Territories. So we will be giving that assignment to them as quickly as possible. I sincerely regret that it was not possible to allow the appointment of these members with full concurrence of the caucus simply because the Legislative Assembly was not in place at that time and we were not sitting, but the scheduling and timing became very important during the last few weeks.

I would like to very briefly outline the terms of reference which I will be able to provide in more detail to you later on, but I would just like to advise the Member that in terms of the role of the council, the terms of reference are pretty broad. They will be able to comment and advise the government on major economic strategies of this government and allow them to make specific assessments also of the government's existing programs. They may want to comment on some of the loan funds that we do carry, and we will be asking them for comments from time to time on some of the initiatives that we are planning. As far as the details of the terms of reference are concerned, I will be pleased to table these during the session so that you may have better information to respond to. Also, in terms of the number of meetings per year, we have recommended they meet at least twice a year, but we have given them an opportunity to meet or hold public hearings if they wish to do so, but that will be at their pleasure. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, Mr. Paniloo.

Question 15-84(2): Policy Of Young Offenders Act

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the MLA, Richard Nerysoo, concerning the young people who commit crimes against people and the laws. I was wondering how that Young Offenders Act is today. Last year in my community, they were not too happy about this policy. I cannot really give them any input when I do not really understand what the policy is. That is my first question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 15-84(2): Policy Of Young Offenders Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to indicate to the Member the actual responsibility for implementation of the Young Offenders Act of Canada is actually under the jurisdiction, I believe, of the Minister of Social Services and Health. With regard to our responsibility as Justice department, we have the jurisdictional responsibility to provide all the court services, all kinds of services that relate to legal aid and those kinds of services that are provided to the carrying out of the justice process, but the actual implementation, while it has some effect on my department, is actually the responsibility, I believe, of the Department of Social Services and Health, as I earlier stated.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to further respond to that question, if I could, which was just asked of the Minister of Justice. My department would like to take the opportunity while the Members are here in Fort Smith -- I could arrange to have one of the people in the regional office here who is working on the Young Offenders Ordinance and will be involved in explaining how the Young Offenders Act will affect young people in the Northwest Territories -- I could arrange for him and an interpreter if the Members from the Baffin area would like to get together and be briefed on that program. I can arrange that at your convenience.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further oral questions? The honourable Members can get together with the Minister if they wish such a meeting to be arranged.

Item 5, written questions. Are there any written questions for today? Well, I can honestly tell you that after listening to the oral question period, there should have been some written questions today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: And a few less oral questions.

---Laughter

---Applause

Item 6, returns. If there are no written questions, there obviously are no returns.

Item 7, petitions. Are there any petitions?

AN HON. MEMBER: Should there have been some?

MR. SPEAKER: Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document. Tabled Document 1-84(2), a newly revised edition of the Northwest Territories Driver's Manual.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, in accordance with section 39 of the Interpretation Ordinance, I wish to report to the House on the orders, rules and regulations made pursuant to the ordinances of the NWT. I am therefore tabling as Tabled Document 2-84(2), the following documents: Numbers 11 and 12 of Volume IV of Part I of the NWT Gazette; Numbers 5 and 6 of Volume IV of Part II of the NWT Gazette; and indices of all regulations, statutory instruments and appointments made pursuant to the ordinances of the NWT for the period from February 1, 1984 to 30th April 1984. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 3-84(2), Northwest Territories Business Directory 1984.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 4-84(2), Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council Annual Report, which covers the period from April 1, 1979 to March 31, 1983.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents.

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 12, motions. No motions for today.

Item 13, first reading of bills. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 1-84(2): Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 1-84(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance to

amend the exemptions to the tax on the importing of fuel into the Northwest Territories; to tax certain petroleum products previously imported under the exemptions to be replaced; to increase the length of time required for the keeping of books and records; to revise the provisions for audits or examinations of petroleum products or records; to provide for searches and seizures with the approval of a justice; and to bring the penalty provisions into accord with other jurisdictions.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the principle of the bill. Are there any further questions? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 1-84(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 5-84(2): Temporary Borrowing Authorization Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 5-84(2), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds on a Temporary Basis, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to authorize the Commissioner to enter into agreements with chartered banks for the purpose of borrowing in order to ensure that the consolidated revenue fund will be sufficient to meet lawfully authorized disbursements.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the principle.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 5-84(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 6-84(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 6-84(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1983-84 Financial Year, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for additional expenditures for the public service for the 1983-84 financial year, to authorize adjustments to working capital advances for the operation of specific revolving funds and to authorize the write-off of debts owed to the Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 6-84(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 7-84(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 1, 1984-85

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 7-84(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1984-85 Financial Year, be read for the second time. The purpose of the bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for additional expenditures for the public service for the 1984-85 financial year.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 7-84(2) has had second reading. Second reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, Bills 1-84(2), 5-84(2), 6-84(2) and 7-84(2) are ready for the committee of the whole.

Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bills 2-84(2), 3-84(2) and 4-84(2). Mr. Gargan.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 2-84(2), SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE; BILL 3-84(2), WILDLIFE ORDINANCE; BILL 4-84(2), COUNCIL RETIRING ALLOWANCES ORDINANCE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. We will take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 2-84(2), Science Advisory Board Ordinance

We are starting with Bill 2-84(2), Science Advisory Board Ordinance, with Madam Minister, Ms Cournoyea. Does Madam Minister have any opening statements?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Science Advisory Board Ordinance in order to establish the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories. In regard to the reason and why the intent to change the make-up of the Science Advisory Board, it relates to the desire of the Science Advisory Board to move forward and to try and secure funds from other government agencies and other agencies that do fund endeavours of this type. The problem that we had encountered in dealing with the various federal government agencies and private donors, was the fact that the Science Advisory Board in the way it was set up had too close ties with the territorial government. Therefore it is anticipated that making these minor changes would put the Science Advisory Board or Institute at an arms length operating ability and allow them to apply for additional funds to carry out projects that are identified either in the Northwest Territories, from some of our Members, or in areas of concern that we have in the scientific arena. The purpose in stating that within the territorial budget is that with the many activities that the NWT government has to support, one of the problems is trying to gain extra funding to carry out some of the research needed by the NWT government. In trying to support the agencies that would give and lend help to the data, the collection of information that is necessary within the Northwest Territories, the indications are that if we make these changes to the Science Advisory Board then the lending institutions and the Government of Canada in their special areas of funding for such institutes would look favourably on allowing us to apply, putting forward the proposals to secure funds from the Secretary of State and, as well, the private donors have indicated that with this arms length operation of the Science Advisory Board, we would be allowed to apply to their agencies. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. MacQuarrie, as chairman of the standing committee on legislation, do you wish to comment? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on legislation has reviewed this bill. It was aware earlier in the year that the government had such an intention and in reviewing the bill we found that the changes that are proposed are all of such a nature as to effect the purpose that the Minister quite thoroughly outlined and Members found those changes acceptable and have voted to refer this bill to the committee. As it is, there is one minor wording change that will have to be taken account of, but the government intends to introduce that at an appropriate time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments from the Members? We will now go through Bill 2-84(2), clause by clause. Clause 1, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 4, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 5, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 6, establishment of institute. Ms Cournoyea.

Motion To Amend Clause 6, Bill 2-84(2), Carried

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I move that clause 6 of Bill 2-84(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Science Advisory Board Ordinance, be amended as follows, by inserting the word "to" in line two of subsection 3(1) between the words "corporation" and "be".

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 6, as amended, agreed? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in discussion in committee dealing with this particular bill, I raised the question at the time about the appointment of the members of the Science Institute -- that is, the members of the advisory board, if you like -- being made by the Executive Member, the change being that it was formerly done by the Commissioner from among people. I mentioned at that time that the change now is for the Executive Member to do it and I noted then that there was no consultation with other Members of the Legislature on it. I had the answer of the Minister indicating that obviously she would consult with this House to get names of people who could possibly serve on the board, that she would look at. I appreciate that particular answer in reference to the question. I am not proposing any further change to it, I would take it as such. I would hope, though, that succeeding Ministers will follow the same procedure as Ms Cournoyea in getting consultation. I note that already we have had an instance where we are not being consulted, about advising or asking the Legislative Members to give their input into it in regard to other things. So I just raised the point here to reiterate again that we would expect that we would be consulted as to putting forth names for her consideration. I am not suggesting that they would have to necessarily go on, but I want to make the point that we would like to have some consultation about people who make up this board, because it is a fairly significant board that we are talking about.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Clause 6, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 7, by-laws and committees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 8, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 10, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill as a whole. Mr. McCallum.

Source And Disposition Of Funding

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could ascertain from the government whether this is the only example where moneys are acquired by either a corporation or an institute such as this, or any other kind of government organization, by whatever means, or are there other examples where these funds do not accrue to the particular organization, or do all other funds go to the consolidated revenue fund? Is this quite possibly an example of a new direction of the government? I am not sure I should direct that to Ms Cournoyea. Perhaps to Mr. Nerysoo.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Just to answer the question as it relates to the science advisory body or institute in its new form. In terms of the funds that we would be requesting from other institutions, agencies, the format that is placed before us is that we would have to apply for a specific program, outline our program and put together a budget submission and it would be a requirement for the Science Institute to work under the guidelines and the agenda and the proposal that was put forward. We do not anticipate an extra infusion of funds from the territorial government, mainly because of the other commitments that this government has. In terms of private agencies, the proposals that are brought forward are similarly dealt with whereby you put forward the full proposals and the budget allocations. In the end we would anticipate that the Science Institute would have to submit itself in total to the audit of this government with the funds that it had. So we would have the commitment that we would have to make in making agreements with other agencies and government to follow the budget proposal that was submitted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recognize the intent here specific to this bill. I guess my concern is, is this possibly a new direction of the government that there could be other organizations or other groups if you like that come together under the auspices of the government whereby these groups or organizations or boards could attempt to get further funding from outside government agencies, or from outside the government in addition to their grant? Is the government now looking toward letting these groups or organizations try to develop their own additional funding, by whatever means? And I guess I ask it of the Government Leader whether in fact this is something that is being proposed by the government, because I know it seems to be the government's intention to have municipalities, for example, look for outside or other forms of borrowing funds, other institutions to help them. So is it possible that the government is going to look at this in relation to other groups?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I do not believe it is an intention or a change in direction. The reality is that in creating an arms length relationship with the Science Institute of the NWT and by giving them that particular relationship, you must recognize that they will now have the ability to find funds elsewhere. Generally most situations are that whenever there are funds that come to government, they usually go into general revenues and we make a decision to disburse those funds. In this particular case as it relates to research, those funds will be directed to the Science Institute of the NWT.

We also have a situation where our heritage centre in Yellowknife receives funds from outside agencies and it goes for particular purposes, but there is no statutory situation that exists there. I believe that this is probably the only situation that exists where there is a statutory situation and commitment to ensuring that particular arms length with the Science Institute of the NWT, but that does not necessarily mean that we are going to change our usual policy of ensuring that those institutions that we create still have that relationship with us. It is in this particular case.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. General comments? Bill 2-84(2) as a whole, as amended, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Does the committee recommend Bill 2-84(2) as amended is ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 3-84(2), Wildlife Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 3-84(2), Wildlife Ordinance. Madam Minister, if you would like to comment.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this bill is to prevent the holders of hunting licences from losing their status as residents of the NWT during any period they are absent from the Territories attending educational institutions, providing they return immediately afterward. Mr. Chairman, it has been the experience that a number of students who leave the NWT, whether adult students or students right after high school, lose their residency. Therefore, in breaking the residency they lose their hunting licences and generally have to wait for another two year period before they can reapply. This is basically a housekeeping bill on a concern which has been brought up on a number of occasions. It is to correct an injustice that is done to people who wish to further their education and then are penalized by losing a right that many of the students have to have and feel is necessary to sustain themselves in the communities of the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. MacQuarrie, as chairman of the standing committee on legislation, do you wish to comment?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee reviewed the bill and found no difficulty with it at all and has recommended that it be referred to the committee of the whole here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments from the Members. Okay, we will go to the bill by clause. Clause 1, deemed to have lived in the Territories. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee recommend that Bill 3-84(2) is ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 4-84(2), Council Retiring Allowances Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Bill 4-84(2). Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. While I have the responsibility for introducing this particular legislation, it is an amendment that has come from I believe the Management and Services Board to amend the Council Retiring Allowances Ordinance to provide for a minimum length of service of six years, and if the chairman can possibly clarify this situation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

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MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you. Essentially the bill clarifies which Members will be eligible for a retiring allowance. The reason clarification was needed is because under the wording that existed previously it stated that service of at least six years was required, or the life of two Assemblies. With the inclusion of that second phrase it made the first part -- that is, six years -- kind of meaningless, and yet the intention when it was initially passed, was that once a Member had served for six years that he would be eligible. So this amendment was brought in simply to clarify that. The clear intention is that after six years a Member should be eligible for retiring allowance. The committee reviewed the bill, accepted it and moved that it be referred to committee of the whole here for consideration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. General comments. Clause by clause then. Bill 4-84(2), clause 1, retiring allowance based on current service. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee recommend Bill 4-84(2) ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. There is no other business so I will report progress. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: Council, come to order please. Mr. Gargan.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 2-84(2), SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE; BILL 3-84(2), WILDLIFE ORDINANCE; BILL 4-84(2), COUNCIL RETIRING ALLOWANCES ORDINANCE

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee wishes to report that Bill 3-84(2) and Bill 4-84(2) are recommended for third reading and that Bill 2-84(2), as amended, is recommended for third reading .

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? The report is accepted as presented.

---Carried

Are there any announcements from Members? Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, Bill 6-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84, and Bill 7-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 1, 1984-85, were given second reading this afternoon. I am wondering if the Members would permit those two items to be put into the committee of the whole for discussion this afternoon, beginning with Bill 6-84(2).

MR. SPEAKER: A request has been made to put two items onto the orders of the day that are not there. It is not customary to do this. We would need unanimous consent, and I am not even sure with unanimous consent if there are any absentee people on a matter of this nature -- we do not have a full House. There are Members missing. Inasmuch as these are money matters, I am not sure that it would be proper to do this.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: I am prepared to listen to argument on it, though. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I will take the advice of my honourable colleague, the chairman of the standing committee on finance, that we will do it tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That solves the matter nicely, without any scars for anyone.

---Laughter

Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): There will be a meeting of the CPA Members immediately after recess this evening in the caucus room.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Friday, May the 11th, 9:30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Members' Replies
3. Ministers' Statements
4. Oral Questions
5. Written Questions
6. Returns

7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions: Motion 2-84(2)
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bills 1-84(2), 5-84(2), 6-84(2), 7-84(2)
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 11th.

---ADJOURNMENT