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FORT SMITH, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Wah-Shee): Item 2, Members' replies. Are there any replies this morning? Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 3: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Appointed Hospital Boards

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a short statement here regarding appointments to hospital boards. Mr. Speaker, I would like to report to this House on a matter which has arisen from a recent Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities meeting when a motion was passed requesting hospital boards of management in the Northwest Territories to be elected rather than appointed. I discussed this with the Department of Health and also with my colleagues on the Executive Council, and we have decided to retain the present method of appointment as described in the Territorial Health Insurance Services legislation and the 1983 procedures approved by the previous Executive Committee. I would like to briefly outline some background of the selection process before going into reasons for maintaining this system.

In most provinces, hospitals are owned in some part by the community and the government, or by a religious or charitable non-profit organization. Membership on hospital boards varies throughout the country depending upon the ownership of the hospital. In fact, in some provinces where the government alone owns the facility, there are no boards. The Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance was amended in 1976 to allow for government appointments to hospital boards using various selection criteria. This was done because the Government of the NWT was moving toward total ownership of new and existing hospital facilities. In 1983, broader procedures for bringing prospective appointments to the Executive Council for review and recommendation were implemented. These procedures which are still in effect today allow for recommendations to the Department of Health from local Members of the Legislative Assembly, the hospital board requiring the appointment and the community councils which the hospital serves. Nominations are then reviewed by the Executive Council and recommendations are made to the Commissioner for appointment.

Mr. Speaker, factors influencing the decision to maintain this system are numerous. Hospitals are complex operations. It is therefore important that board members be of a high and a varied calibre. This selection and variety does not always occur in civic elections, as many qualified candidates would not run for election to a hospital board but they will accept an appointment. Hospitals provide an essential legislated service that must meet particular standards. Since the government must ensure these standards are met, there is not a lot of discretionary choice open to

the boards. Locally elected education boards and community councils collect local taxes to finance their operations. There is no municipal tax levied for the operation of hospitals, and in addition, hospitals in the Northwest Territories often service more than one community.

Mr. Speaker, I hope this will help the Members of the Assembly and the NWT Association of Municipalities to understand the reasons why the Executive Council prefers the practice of appointment to hospital boards. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Mr. Patterson.

Minister's Statement On Task Force On Spousal Assault

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the past few years, there has been considerable attention paid to the long-standing problem of family violence and spousal assault in particular. It has been estimated that one in 10 Canadian women in a relationship is beaten by her partner. In the spring of 1982, as a result of demands and pressure from womens' groups across the country, a report of wife battering was tabled in the House of Commons. The report reflected the seriousness of a widespread crime which had until recently been virtually ignored by law enforcers, courts, social and health agencies and all levels of government in every provincial and territorial jurisdiction.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Judy Erola, Minister responsible for the Status of Women and all other provincial and territorial Ministers, including my predecessor the Hon. George Braden, identified the issue of wife assault as a matter of high priority which required a practical plan of action. A group of senior officials representing the Ministers undertook to develop such a plan and will be submitting a report at the Ministers' next meeting in May. This government has responded by identifying this as a first priority for the Status of Women activities begun in October, 1983. A ministerial committee on wife assault was formed composed of senior officials of all concerned territorial and federal departments and agencies. It has worked on a plan to co-ordinate an approach to deal with spousal assault in the Northwest Territories. This group and myself agree that the problems encountered by the battered women and their families in obtaining protection and support and the frustrations of the communities and front line service delivery people in responding can only be obtained by communicating directly with them. Also, we feel it is important that the general public be sensitized to this issue.

Consequently this government has committed supplementary funds, for which we will be seeking your approval, to fund a task force on spousal assault. This task force will be responsible for determining the community level problems and views and reporting back with recommendations for co-ordinated action to myself and my ministerial committee on spousal assault. The Advisory Council on the Status of Women approved of this plan and will be consulted before final recommendations are brought before the Executive Council. Mr. Speaker, family violence is unacceptable in any of our northern cultures. It is a matter of grave concern which affects all segments of our society, whether they be rich or poor or live in cities or small communities. It is an unacceptable crime and I ask your support for this first positive step toward ending the battering of innocent family members in the NWT. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Item 4, oral questions.

ITEM 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 16-84(2): Status Of Director, Proposed Eastern College

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Education. I asked him about the new proposed eastern college to be set up in Frobisher Bay. He indicated in his reply that it would have its own director, its own budget. I wonder if I could just have it qualified. That person who will be in charge of the eastern college, would he be associated with Thebacha College or will it have its own director?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 16-84(2): Status Of Director, Proposed Eastern College

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you. The new head of Frobisher Bay college campus will be an assistant director who will work with the director of Thebacha College at Fort Smith.

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

Question 17-84(2): Breaking Down Of Housing Contract

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Minister of Housing. I wonder if the Minister would explain the rationale for starting an experiment to break down the contract for the supply and shipment of new housing in the Keewatin district. I wonder if he could indicate here what is proposed in it and does he foresee or does he have any idea of the additional cost that will be involved in breaking down that particular contract?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 17-84(2): Breaking Down Of Housing Contract

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to clear one thing up. The experiment will take place not only in the Keewatin, but in the Kitikmeot Region as well. The result of that contract was most if not all small contractors and communities were eliminated from the tendering process because of their inability to come up with the cash for housing contracts so we are going to undertake a small experiment in Keewatin and Kitikmeot, not this summer but the following summer, whereby we will split the contract and there will be two contracts.

There will be a supply and ship contract and there will be an erect contract. The rationale behind it is to try to allow more northern businesses to acquire some of the capital funds which are put into the Territories. The corporation in 1980-81 construction season had severe problems, however, I feel comfortable now that the corporation has managed to bring some of the problems under control. Hopefully on this small basis we will see if, in fact, the corporation does have the problems solved that were experienced four years ago and if they do, then I would like to extend the whole practice to the whole Territories in the 1986-87 construction season. In terms of cost, now, we have no idea on the extra cost. I am actually hoping that the cost will not be any extra. The major cost that was involved with the corporation in 1980-81 was basically because of foul-ups in this system. We feel we have worked the kinks out of this system so hopefully the extra cost will be negligible and if there is any extra cost, at least we are satisfied with the knowledge that it is going to northern businesses.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question 18-84(2): Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Social Services and it relates to a motion that was passed at the last session with regard to making provisions for Social Services broadening its mandate to make provision for the operation and maintenance of vehicles for senior citizens homes. I would like to ask the Minister what is the progress of that motion?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 18-84(2): Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question was asked in the last session and at that time when we passed the budget there was nothing in Social Services for the capital nor for their operation and maintenance, to hire staff to drive them. I have asked them to look into such alternatives as providing contributions to local services or organizations, which might be one way of providing the operation and insurance costs of vehicles. I will get back to the Member on that in detail once the department looks at whether they can allocate money for that.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question 19-84(2): Policy For Provision Of Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Minister and Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question again to the Minister of Social Services. Right now there is, I believe, a regulation for the expenditure of moneys for the Department of Social Services, but what I am asking the Minister is whether he would be able to put a broader mandate for the Department of Social Services in its regulation to have provisions in there for people in senior citizens homes to have a vehicle if they require it. Would the Minister tell me whether he would be able to put it into the Social Services regulation or policy so that the provision is there for vehicles? They do require vehicles in senior citizens homes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 19-84(2): Policy For Provision Of Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The provision of services like that would require a change in the policy of the government and I have to go to the Executive Council for that. I will put that on the agenda for discussion at Executive Council, but in the meantime I still will pursue the idea of seeing if there is some method of taking advantage of local groups to provide that service.

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

Question 20-84(2): Wrigley Highway Extension

MR. BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You look splendid this morning. I would like to ask a question to the...

AN HON. MEMBER: Surprisingly.

---Laughter

MR. BALLANTYNE: ...Minister of Public Works. I wonder if the Minister of Public Works could give us an update on the Wrigley highway.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 20-84(2): Wrigley Highway Extension

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Wrigley highway extension has been approved which will include the clearing and the grade construction of the remaining 14 kilometres to Wrigley. The work will be undertaken, commencing this summer. Approximately half a million dollars will be expended with the band to start the clearing process. The Hire North equipment and all camps will be reactivated, and the equipment will be brought up to shape. The total amount of the project is approximately \$13 million with permanent bridge construction adding about another \$10 million to the project. In 1985-86 we will see the start of the major work, but I am pleased to advise the Member that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs have now approved this extension which, once again, should put a considerable amount of money into this part of the country. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. At this time, I would like to recognize Mr. Jim Sinclair, who is the president of the Metis and non-status Indians of Saskatchewan. As well, he is also the executive member of the Metis National Council.

---Applause

As well, I would like to recognize Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Gow and the grade seven classes of Joseph Burr Tyrell School.

---Applause

Thank you. Item 4, oral questions. Mr. T'Seleie.

Question 21-84(2): Protection Of Aboriginal Languages

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Leader of the Executive Council. Everyone knows that one of the items of debate that is going to be coming up at this session is on languages. I would like to ask the Leader of the Executive what kind of guarantees does he have from the federal government, if any, on the protection of aboriginal languages in the Northwest Territories?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 21-84(2): Protection Of Aboriginal Languages

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that particular item will be an item of discussion at the Monday meeting of caucus, at which time I will explain, prior to introducing the sessional paper in this House on Monday.

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

Question 22-84(2): Funding For Women's Projects

MR. PANILOO: (Translation) This question is to the Minister of the native women, Mr. Dennis Patterson. There are many committees being formed in the communities in regard to native women, especially regarding the battering of women and people who have no place to go when they are no longer welcome in their house. The women are identifying many areas where they can have economic development, especially for the unilingual people. My question is, the women want to get clarification as to how they can go about getting funding for skin tanneries or nutritional teaching in the communities, will they be able to qualify for funding through the native women's organizations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 22-84(2): Funding For Women's Projects

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could clarify that. I am the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, all women, not just native women, but I am very pleased that women in the Member's constituency are thinking about economic development and particular projects which could improve their work and economic situation. I should make it clear, Mr. Speaker, that the Status of Women activity in this government is new and at the moment we have only enough money to fund the operation of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and a small office within the government.

The subject of assisting women who wish to obtain grants to pursue economic development or other activities came up at the first meeting of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women held last fall, and they recommended that the best support that could be given by the Status of Women office would be to act as a place where women's groups who wish assistance on funding could approach this government and be given the necessary assistance to make application for funds. In the case of the particular project proposed by the Member, we would likely refer such an application to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. So we will be glad to assist any women's group in the Member's constituency or any other constituency to make application to the appropriate territorial or federal department so that they can pursue their goals. I would welcome more information from the Member about the women's group he refers to, but the funding would not come from the Status of Women office. We would be very glad, however, to assist any group which would like help and perhaps make it easier for them to apply for funds to this government. I hope that answers the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 23-84(2): Regulation Regarding Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to again refer my question to the Minister of Social Services, and one of the objectives of the Social Services is to promote and preserve the well-being of territorial residents. Mr. Speaker, regarding moneys allocated to senior citizens

homes, all senior citizens homes right now do have care people living there taking care of them, so it is a matter of maybe purchasing one vehicle every four years or something like that to transport senior citizens to and from stores, to and from churches, to and from hospitals, etc. I would like to again ask the Minister whether he might be able to put such a regulation in the Social Services regulations so that the provision is there for the communities that cannot afford it otherwise. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

Return To Question 23-84(2): Regulation Regarding Vehicles For Senior Citizens Homes

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Social Services does not necessarily even provide programs to all elderly people. The NWT Housing Corporation provides housing for elderly people in the Northwest Territories. My Department of Social Services provides some home care services under what is called level one, and under level two, we have what is called personal care where elderly people do need help 24 hours a day, and then those levels of care go up into Health after that. There is provision made by federal Health and Welfare to provide funds for health services, but they do not consider the provision of housing or the provision of vehicles, etc., as being part of a health service. So, we get no funding from the federal government when people are in nursing homes or hospitals for extended chronic care, for services like that. But I will take this issue to the Executive Council and see what they think about the possibility of changing that policy, and as I said to the Member, I will see what I can do about seeing if contributions can be made available to local groups which might be able to partially fund the purchase and operation of vehicles.

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

Question 24-84(2): Interest Rates On Loans

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Recently, because of the downward trend in interest rates, the Minister responded by reducing interest rates to people who have loans. Now with an upward turn in interest rates, I wonder if the Minister is contemplating any movement of this rate, which I think is at 12.5 per cent. I may be wrong, but I wonder if he could comment on what he will now do.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Return To Question 24-84(2): Interest Rates On Loans

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, the Executive Council and myself have not at this time reviewed the very recent upward trend of the interest rate, and I am sure that will be one of the topics that will likely be raised when the Executive Council meets. But I really do not have any major plans at this time. I did indicate yesterday that our government is attempting to incorporate that through our Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance, where our present jurisdiction allows us to at least have a policy established with relation to the prime rate with our business loan fund. But I will take that question as notice and try to see what further comments I can give back during this session.

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

Question 25-84(2): Request From Grandin Alumni Association

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Leader of the Executive Council. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me whether there has been any response to the request for assistance by Grandin Alumni Association of Grandin residents. Have you any response or have you been able to meet about it as yet?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 25-84(2): Request From Grandin Alumni Association

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, at the moment we do not have a response to the request that was made by the Alumni Association. The Executive Council has not had the opportunity to meet. It will be an item that I will raise and place on the agenda. Whether or not we receive approval is

really up to the total Executive Council and the manner of the response again is a decision that is jointly made by the Executive Council. So at the moment, I have not made a decision and neither have the Executive Council.

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

Question 26-84(2): Assistance For Handicapped And Disabled

MRS. LAWRENCE: I would like to ask a question of the Minister responsible for Social Services. (Translation) This is a question for the Minister responsible for Social Services. Here in the NWT there are some people who are unable to work and disabled people of the NWT. Does he have any idea what would help these people?

Return To Question 26-84(2): Assistance For Handicapped And Disabled

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have programs for people who are physically handicapped or have a chronic illness which prevents them from working and they are eligible for social assistance.

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

MRS. LAWRENCE: These people that work for Social Services, some of them may not realize this, so this is why I am asking you this question.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Member has any particular people in her constituency that do have some chronic illness or physical handicap or request assistance and are not being dealt with properly, if she is concerned she can provide the names of the people, or the person to me, and I will make people in my department aware of that at the regional office here this afternoon.

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

Question 27-84(2): Forest Fire Suppression Policy

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources and it is with regard to the transfer of the fire suppression program to the NWT government. My question is, if this transfer does take place would the Minister consider fighting all fires rather than just priority zone fires?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question 27-84(2): Forest Fire Suppression Policy

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the negotiations for the turnover of the forest fire suppression program from the federal government it has just recently been directed from the Executive Council that we should negotiate for the total turnover of the program. I will assure the Member that in the negotiations we will take the direction that this House has given in the desire that the negotiations include enough to fight all fires.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. That appears to conclude Item 4.

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

ITEM 6: RETURNS

Return To Question 1-84(2): Hay River Reserve Senior Citizens Home

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: I want to respond to Mr. Gargan's question. There was a reserve established recognizing the distinct status and since this winter they have received \$93,000 and they have been receiving money from Fort Smith and the community is being looked after like all of the other communities. It would be better if he asked Gordon Wray about his concerns.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

---Laughter

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please. I am sure the Minister meant to be very helpful. Any further returns? Mr. Patterson.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Appaqaq on May 10, concerning the school in Sanikiluaq. The low tender for the Sanikiluaq school has resulted in the project being on budget at \$4.2 million. The \$150,000 surplus identified as a possible carry-over from last year is now not required. Should any fine tuning of the project budget be required, this will be done later in this fiscal year or in the 1985-86 fiscal year. The amount for the Sanikiluaq school has not been decreased.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any other returns?

Item 7, petitions.

Item 8, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 9, tabling of documents.

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Motion 2-84(2), Establishment of the NWT Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM 12: MOTIONS

Motion 2-84(2): Establishment Of NWT Sports Hall Of Fame

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre:

WHEREAS the NWT has and has had national and internationally acclaimed athletes and sportsmen;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that the achievements of these people be recognized;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate that distinctive northern games and athletes be recognized;

AND WHEREAS such recognition should be perpetuated;

AND WHEREAS memorabilia associated with athletes and games should be enshrined for public view;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Legislature recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories establish an institute to be known as the NWT Sports Hall of Fame;

AND FURTHER, that the Department of Justice and Public Services bring forward legislation that will enable the establishment of the institute.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Your motion is in order. Do you wish to speak to your motion?

MR. McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I talked about this in my reply to the Commissioner's Address. I touched very briefly on what I think would be a rationale for it. We have had a number of people who have been acclaimed nationally. We have had a number of people who have been acclaimed internationally and obviously I am referring on the international scene, to the Firth girls, Shirley and Sharon. I know one of them is retiring and I think that though we have been on record in this House as supporting -- and the government has lent not just moral support but financial support in the past to these card-carrying Olympic athletes -- I think something more should be put in place. I think, and other Members will recognize, the contributions of many people with the TEST program in Inuvik. One of the first people involved who has just recently

passed away was Fred Kelly and I think again his contribution to it should be recognized as well as others. I think that we have had experience of nationally acclaimed athletes, teams and individuals -- nationally acclaimed athletes such as Vic Mercredi of Yellowknife who was the first territorial resident to make the grade in the National Hockey League. There are others. I think of the Yellowknife junior men's fastball team who won the national title. I think of the Brazeau rink here from Fort Smith with Jimmy Schaeffer, Mickey McEachern and I think Dick Cisarowski at that time, who won two national curling titles, one with a perfect record and one with one loss, in successive years. I think of the contribution that people like Ernie Barnhardt have made to the northern games. These things, I think, should be recognized and kept together. I think it would be very nice to have some of the memorabilia that is associated with some of the sports there. I think of the work of T.C. Robinson and Fred Henne who worked hard to get recognition at a national level for curling teams and now it is an accepted thing. I think of the athletes that we have sent to other parts of the country, to universities, such as Bob Beaulieu who is an athlete who has gained stature at a national level intercollegiately.

I think all of these things, Mr. Speaker, require some move by the government to help bring it about. I do not suggest that the government is going to start to put on and spend a great deal of money in terms of this. I think the setting up within a piece of legislation will allow for a board of governors to be appointed. There can then be representation made to a number of groups and other organizations for assistance in setting it up. I am not talking about the government putting up a new building. There are present facilities that can be used. But I think what I am asking for is the concept to recognize what really has gone on with a number of athletes, only a few of whom I have made mention of, both native and non-native. So I think that it is well past time to recognize the accomplishments of these athletes, these builders. It could be done very quickly with a minimum amount of energy and a minimum amount of time, if you like, and money. It would be up to the people selected within the constitution of such an institute to select a board of governors, if you like, to see how it would operate, but I think it is high time -- well, I know I can overkill this. I do not mean to. I just think it is something that has had a wide acceptance by a lot of people with whom I have been in conversation. So, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that I would get the support of a number of people to this particular motion. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. MacQuarrie, do you wish to speak to the motion?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to second the motion. I sincerely believe that sport plays a very important role in human lives, and I think that it is time that we began to give some permanent recognition to people who have done a great deal for the furtherance of sport in the Northwest Territories. I would only say that I know when it is called a "sports hall of fame", perhaps some Members envisage something grander than is necessarily intended and therefore shy away from it. I think the spirit of the motion is not that at all. A part of a facility that is already in place, such as the museum in Yellowknife, could be designated as a place for the storage of this type of information for displays and so on, and that would be adequate, but I think it is time to begin taking formal steps to preserve the memory of some very grand sports accomplishments in the Northwest Territories. I hope Members will support the motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. McLaughlin. To the motion.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to speak in favour of this motion. I have been involved with various sports in the Northwest Territories, and also through Sport North. We had an archives committee where they attempted to keep track of some of the important events that happened in the Northwest Territories and some of the firsts in sports that happened up here. I could not help but think Mr. MacDonald, the schoolteacher who was in the gallery whom you introduced earlier -- I remember in Frobisher Bay in 1976, I think, there was a hockey game where a team from this area was playing Inuvik and the team from here scored three goals in about 30 seconds, all from the same players -- A to B to C and into the net, three times in a row and about 30 seconds off face-offs. Surely that was some sort of amateur hockey record in Canada, but through lack of anybody to keep track of things like that, I am sure it is lost by now. So I favour something like this to keep track of all the firsts. I would suggest that maybe there should be a place on the wall for a picture of the first teacher brought north for the sole purpose of playing hockey.

---Laughter

---Applause

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

Amendment To Motion 2-84(2), Carried

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With all respect to the mover of the motion, I would move an amendment which would add a comma after the word "athletes", delete the word "and" and add the words "and sportswomen" after sportsmen.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, your amendment is in order, if you wish to proceed.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the mover of this motion did not deliberately intend to exclude sportswomen from the hall of fame, and I certainly note that he mentioned the Firth sisters, who have perhaps brought the Northwest Territories the most international acclaim in the athletic field, but I think it is important that we be conscious of women in everything we do, recognizing that they are a little more than half the population in the Northwest Territories. I am sure that my amendment will be supported. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Your amendment has been carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 2-84(2), Carried As Amended

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

---Carried

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: Bills 1-84(2), 5-84(2), 6-84(2), 7-84(2), 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(2), PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TAX ORDINANCE; BILL 5-84(2), TEMPORARY BORROWING AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE; BILL 6-84(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 4, 1983-84; BILL 7-84(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 1, 1984-85

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. We will take a 15 minute coffee break. I would like to remind the Members that we do have coffee in the caucus room.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 1-84(2). Mr. Butters.

Bill 1-84(2), Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This bill requires a small amendment to the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance. The effect of the amendment will not have any impact on the current taxation of petroleum products for NWT residents. The amendment is being advanced really, as I

mentioned in the purpose of the bill for second reading, for a number of minor reasons, including housekeeping and bringing the legislation into line with our constitution. But the major intent of the bill is to apply our ordinances and especially our Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance to fuel oil that is brought into the Territories by major developers and sits in the Beaufort or offshore and is used to service the exploration activities. At the present time, although we have made attempts to tax this fuel that is in these large vessels, the companies have refused to pay tax on their products. What this legislation would do would be to ensure that our legislation is quite precise on this point and does include product in those tanks. You will notice that we are not seeking retroactivity to cover such fuels that have been used in the past. The ordinance will only affect and apply to those products that are on site at the present time, or at the time the legislation is put into force. The standing committee on finance has examined the proposed amendment and I believe the chairman of that committee might have some additional comments to make at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Ballantyne, as chairman of the finance committee, do you wish to comment?

MR. BALLANTYNE: Yes, the standing committee on finance examined it, and the one concern that we had was whether or not it would affect the day to day operation in the Territories of boats or planes and vehicles, and it does not. The standing committee agrees with what is trying to be achieved with it, so we support the concept.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to underline that point. The exemptions contained in the amendment do permit for vessels and aircraft, fuel in tanks to propel those means of locomotion, to be exempt from the tax as well, as Mr. Ballantyne has pointed out.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments from Members. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I ask the Minister whether there are precedents in other jurisdictions for this type of thing, and if so, where?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I have not examined the precedents in other jurisdictions. The fuel is in the Northwest Territories. In fact, when the tax notice was presented some years ago to one of the companies it was paid. So I think companies recognize the requirement to do that. What we are just asking for is what we think is a legitimate requirement of anybody operating in the Territories. It is not correct, I think, that such large companies would not have to pay tax like any other resident of the Northwest Territories. I may mention that the amounts under consideration here probably are in the order of \$300,000 or \$400,000 annually.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments from Members. Do the Members agree to proceed with the bill, then, clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 1, Bill 1-84(2), agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 2, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, maintenance of records. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, audit or examination of books and petroleum products. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, seizure for failure to pay tax. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, seizure for failure to report. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, search warrant. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee recommend that Bill 1-84(2) is ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 5-84(2), Temporary Borrowing Authorization Ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Bill 5-84(2), Temporary Borrowing Authorization Ordinance. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, this is a new ordinance but it covers a very minor matter. As Members probably realize, to borrow, this government requires approval of the governor in council, the federal cabinet to do so. We bring such requests to borrow before you every year. This requirement to borrow is of a short term nature and we would only use it when the cash reserves of this government are inadequate to meet commitments. It is just to prevent this government from bouncing cheques, to ensure that we have sufficient funds in the bank to cover our cheque issue. In the recent past, we have been very close to that and what would occur in such a situation in the past is that there would be an overdraft, but this is not permissible, and so what we are doing is setting up a situation where we could borrow the funds necessary to cover any overdraft situation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Ballantyne, any comment?

MR. BALLANTYNE: The standing committee on finance again reviewed this. I think the thing that really convinced us it was important is that if the territorial government cheque bounces, they put the Commissioner's picture in YK Foods, and we did not think that should be allowed to happen, so we support the concept.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. General comments from the Members. General comments. Does the committee agree to proceed with the bill clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, authority to borrow. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, powers to implement obligations and rights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 1, short title. 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 5-84(2) is ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 6-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Bill 6-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill 6-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84, deals with those additional expenditures required by the government from the time of the winter session up until the end of the 1983-84 fiscal year. There are two items that can be found on numerous pages in Bill 6-84(2) which probably we might explain now and prevent questions throughout or further on. There is one item relative to the computer operations and the funding for chargeback costs to the various departments. Members will recall that when chargeback was originally set up, there was an allocation developed for each of the user departments, and the money transferred to those departments to pay for the costs of their operations. In the usage experience, we found that some departments have required more money and some may have required less, and there has to be a readjustment in those allocations, and that readjustment is reflected throughout the pages of this document.

The second item relates to the movement of this government to accrual accounting and the accrual accounting system provides for the proper matching up of the revenues and expenditures in the same fiscal year, so that you will find a number of places where allowances for doubtful accounts or accounts receivable are mentioned. What we have to do is put aside money for those loans which we do not think we will collect. So you will find that this item, "allowances for doubtful accounts receivable", will occur throughout the supplementary estimate requirement. The supplementary estimate has been divided up, as was the case in the past, in additional operations expenditures and capital expenditures. The Ministers will respond to any questions with regard to the requirements of their departments as we proceed through the bill.

There is one item I wish to draw your attention to at the very beginning, and that is on page iv, revolving fund working capital advance adjustments. Now, when I and the deputy minister of Finance met with the standing committee on finance we were not aware, although some of those figures looked familiar, that all those items that appear under the "revolving fund" head were presented to the Assembly in January, but owing to a legal wording, or the lack thereof, they were omitted from the text of the appropriate supplementary ordinance. So to ensure that we do things legally, or properly, they have been brought back for re-examination and the proper phraseology to be applied to them. So you have seen those before and in effect approved those items before, that are under "revolving fund working capital advance adjustments". I have nothing further to add, Mr. Chairman. Possibly the chairman of the standing committee on finance may wish to address this item further.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance examined this supplementary appropriation and found it in order. One concept that I think is good is the way the government now is dealing with the concept of bad debts. One question that came out of this new way of doing it is the monitoring of loans to businesses. As everyone knows, when the territorial government

lends money to a business, it is a high risk loan because that business or individual has been turned down at that point by other lending institutions. We were assured by the deputy minister that our loss factor is somewhere around 14 per cent, which is in order, but they will be monitoring that very closely. So we were satisfied with that response. As I said, we went through various parts of this. Perhaps some other Members who were not there might have some other specific questions. We generally were satisfied with the contents of the supplementaries.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. General comments from the Members. Okay, we will go into the Supplementary Appropriation No. 4, 1983-84, this book here. Mr. Curley.

Loss Factor On Business Loans

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat puzzled about the remark made by the chairman of the finance committee to the effect that our loss factor with respect to the business loans is, in his figures, about 14 per cent. I am advised, ever since the business loan was established, when this government took it over, in 1977 or 1978, that the rate of loss for bad loans is about two per cent of the loan fund. I wonder if he could clarify that for me, because it does not seem to correlate with our information. Thank you.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, the figure that the chairman of the standing committee used is the one that he was given yesterday when we met. With the establishment of this doubtful account allowance, this is what will represent the 14 per cent, 15 per cent, debt loss average. In the past we had not determined and assessed which accounts were doubtful or probably would fall into the category of bad debts, and our loss average did indeed only rise to two or two and a half per cent, but the expectation is with the establishment of this doubtful account, then it will be a different situation. So Mr. Ballantyne is just repeating figures that he received yesterday from myself.

Legislative Assembly, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments from the Members. Okay, we will go through the Supplementary Appropriation No. 4, 1983-84. Page one, Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance, total department, \$250,000. Agreed? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I notice it says "for unbudgeted costs". Now, were the budgeted allowances expended and this is an additional sum, or because it only occurs every four years, was it forgotten that there was going to be a ball and so this is the funding that takes care of that?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, no, it is the total cost because nothing was put in the budget whatsoever with regard to this item.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: I imagine that travel accounts for the larger part of the costs. Could I just have some indication of what that item amounted to?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, we would be glad to provide the Member with a complete breakdown of the costs associated with this particular item. My belief is that travel amounted to some \$180,000, but he could look at the breakdown and just determine the exact cost.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance, total department is \$250,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, operations and maintenance, total department is \$8,860,000. Agreed? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems to be a very significant amount and it is for project overruns. Could we have some indication as to what is responsible for overruns to such a significant amount?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$8,860,000 is not all project overruns. The bulk of that is working capital. Up until this past year the corporation front-ended the money and then recovered it from CMHC. However, the interest costs and the bank costs for that kind of money were substantial. So what we are doing is establishing a working capital fund for the corporation so that they in turn can undertake some of the projects and then they recover the bulk of it from the CMHC. However, in terms of project overruns, if a project does go over budget, then CMHC will not fund that. We have to fund that 100 per cent. But this money is just a working capital pool so that we can proceed with the construction this year without having to borrow money from the bank, which would mean incurring a fairly heavy debt load for bank charges.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: So it represents the establishment of the fund for that purpose. Is that right?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

MR. BALLANTYNE: In the discussions yesterday there were two parts to this. One part is we asked, and the Minister of Finance said, that we would be given as a committee on a project by project basis the original estimated cost on what the overruns were, but we understood that there is a very good chance that the overruns will in fact be cost-shared with the federal government. Perhaps I would like some clarification from the Minister of Public Works or the Minister of Finance on what we were told yesterday.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We obviously try and recover some money when we do overrun on a project but our negotiations would seem to be based on a project by project basis if we can, say, justify the overrun. In other words, if our CMHC price was not high enough then there is some chance we get it back. However, every project is negotiated on a project by project basis.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: Well, the impression we got yesterday was there was a good chance that the portion of this money would be recovered. My thinking now is that if it is not justifiable to CMHC it probably should not be justifiable to us either, and I would think that we should probably look into those projects that CMHC do not think were justified to have overruns.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: I have to disagree with the Member. Sometimes what we think is right and what the federal government thinks is right are two different things. They have a base price structure to work from. We insist that because of things like high freight costs into the Eastern Arctic or a late sealift those costs are justifiable. That is what I am talking about. We have to negotiate those things on a project by project basis. There is no blanket policy with CMHC.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the chairman of the standing committee on finance mentioned that he had requested the project by project list and that will be available this afternoon. It is a six page document and it has been compiled and it is on its way down by courier.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you. Based on the experience of the past negotiations what recovery is likely from the federal government with respect to this? What portion is it possible we will recover?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, I am getting advice from the Minister of Finance because obviously I was not around in the past, but he says that probably in the neighbourhood of six million dollars is recoverable.

NWT Housing Corporation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Any more general comments from Members? Okay, the NWT Housing Corporation, operations and maintenance, total department, \$8,860,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Financial Management Secretariat, O and M, total department, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Finance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Finance, debt financing, O and M, \$360,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Administration, \$60,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I realize the Department of Finance Minister did give a brief explanation earlier but I am still not really clear on what that is; to establish the appropriation authority necessary to accrue debt financing interest expense for 1983-84. I know we are moving to that system of accounting, but could the Minister just make one more attempt to explain for my benefit what that actually means?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, this item deals with the loans that we make to municipalities. We have to borrow money as well and we have to account for that money during the time which the loan is active. The money coming to us from the municipalities would not necessarily be received in the same year, so it is to cover those costs, to cover our costs related to such loans.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: So does that mean it is recoverable in the subsequent year then?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In fact, all of these accounts and the doubtful accounts are not write-offs, they are not losses. They can be recovered at any time in the future. In the case of doubtful accounts, although we put up an allowance for them and maybe even recommend they be written off, they still remain on the government's books as potentially collectable.

Total O And M, Debt Financing, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Finance, O and M, debt financing, \$360,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Administration, O and M, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$420,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Personnel, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Personnel, O and M, total department, \$23,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I note that this type of entry occurs from time to time through the supplementary estimates and so I would appreciate a one-time explanation as to exactly how this works. Is it that each department attempts to anticipate what the chargeback will cost and then there is a reconciliation at the end of the year, and some wind-up, some having to pay more and some less? I would appreciate a one-time explanation and then it will apply to all of the other places that this occurs as well.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. When the computer operations section of Government Services went to chargeback in 1983-84 its existing budget was allocated out to departments based on tentative utilization projections available at that time. As there was little historical data available it was felt that these allocations should be adjusted periodically as the usage by the departments became more firm, and so the adjustments that are shown in this supplementary estimate reflect the interdepartmental transfers of existing base funding. So it is just reflecting the reality and the usage and the changes that have had to be made as a result thereof.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Personnel, O and M, total department is \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Justice And Public Services

Total O And M, Legal Aid, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Justice and Public Services, O and M, legal aid, \$62,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$62,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Public Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Public Works, O and M, total department, \$9000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Renewable Resources

Total O And M, Field Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Renewable Resources, O and M, field services, \$57,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Wildlife Management, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Wildlife management, \$14,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$71,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Local Government, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Local Government, O and M, total department, \$10,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Health, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Health, O and M, total department \$68,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Social Services, O and M, total department, \$10,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Economic Development and Tourism, O and M, directorate, \$1,819,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Business Development

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Business development, \$1,800,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I had thought that with respect to this there was a built-in anticipation in the budget that there would be certain loans not recoverable and I remember maybe it was three or four years ago I noted that the record was better than what the allowance was, and at that time I urged that there should be perhaps a little more risk taken by the loan board. Seeing now that there is a fund established, doubtful business loan fund accounts, two million dollars, does that mean that there are more defaults now? I know that this was sort of a little exchange between Mr. Curley and Mr. Ballantyne, but I am still not clear. Has the situation got worse with respect to defaults or is this a new category or just what? Could you explain it a little further?

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

HON. TAGAK CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to, I believe, your comment on the establishment of an allowance for doubtful accounts, the information that I have is that the public accounts as well as the Auditor General were concerned that the government did not have an allowance for possible loans that would default in any given year. There has never been any account before, so this is really the first time that many of the loans have been put forward for write-off and therefore when public accounts and the Auditor General reviewed the figures, they felt it was important that the government should have a fund set aside in the event that some of these loans would default, that we would have an item in our estimates where we can take it out from, rather than having to use up the present loan fund or whatnot, operational funds of the government to deduct it from.

If I may just continue, you know there are always doubtful loans that are hanging in there but we believe that given a good economic turnaround we would certainly like to see that all of the loans that we do have that are marginal at this time will succeed and we hope that we will make an effort to make sure that they do succeed. But to be on the safe side it was felt that we were urged by the public accounts and Auditor General that we really should have accounts set up with respect to the loan fund so that we do not have to get into any more accounting problems. Thank you.

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

MR. BALLANTYNE: The way I understand it is, it is an attempt to reflect the risk factor of a loan in dollars in the year the loan is made so you do not have a given year when you have a large number of loans that default all at one time. I think basically that is the concept.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Members will recall the Auditor General's report that was tabled, I believe almost a year ago now. In the interim since the winter session, the public accounts committee did meet in Yellowknife, and one of the major observations of the Auditor General was on the situation

just described by Mr. Curley. The department responded to the Auditor General and the public accounts committee at that time and indicated the improvements that are now occurring to remove these concerns that were raised by the Auditor General. So there has been quite an improvement occurring in that area. I believe that the House will be soon receiving the report of the chairman of the public accounts committee, and I am sure that this matter will be addressed at some length in that report.

Total O And M, Business Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments. Okay, Economic Development and Tourism, business development, \$1,800,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$19,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Education

Total O And M, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Education, operations and maintenance, administration, \$940,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Continuing Education, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Continuing education, \$75,000. Agreed? Okay, I will try that one again. Continuing education, \$75,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Residences, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Residences, \$25,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$840,000. Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Executive, capital, total department, \$4300, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, capital, total department, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services

Total Capital, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Government Services, capital, directorate, \$4300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Systems/Computer Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Systems/computer services, \$4000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Supply Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Supply services, \$13,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Petroleum Products, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Petroleum products, \$176,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Motor Vehicles, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Motor vehicles, \$14,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$166,700, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works

Total Capital, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Public Works, capital, directorate, \$5000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Accommodation Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Accommodation services, \$20,500, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$287,700, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Operations/Vehicles And Equipment, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Operations/vehicles and equipment, \$12,600, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Energy Conservation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Energy conservation, \$169,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Highway Marine Operations, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Public Works, capital, highway marine operations, \$15,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Highway Maintenance, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Highway maintenance, \$26,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$453,200, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Local Government

Total Capital, Community Planning And Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Local Government, community planning and development, capital, \$594,400, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Land Assessment, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Land assessment, \$1000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Community Airports, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Community airports, \$71,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Recreation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Recreation, \$4000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$525,900, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health

Total Capital, NWT Share Of Health Care Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Health, capital, Northwest Territories share of health care services, \$247,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$61,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$308,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services

Total Capital, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Social Services, capital, administration, \$20,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Family And Children Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Family and children services, \$101,500, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Corrections Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Corrections services, \$391,800, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Services To The Aged And Handicapped

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Services to the aged and the handicapped, \$97,500, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I just cannot let that one go by. "Surplus funds identified from deferring personal care unit, Yellowknife." There is no question in my mind that a facility is needed for personal care for the elderly in Yellowknife, and it is a shame that that was deferred. I hope the Minister will take seriously the motion that was passed in the winter session asking that funds that are in the budget now be specifically allocated for design work for a facility for the elderly in Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Would the Minister like to comment on that?

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The question of facilities being required in Yellowknife has been addressed by the Lorna Willis report on services to the aged and handicapped, and the recommendation there is that at this time a personal care facility, or further facilities are not required in Yellowknife. The need will be addressed by 20 beds in the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital as well as reallocation of facilities and services we have to do in the interim. For example, there are three constituents of Mr. Ballantyne's from Detah living in the personal care unit which already exists in Yellowknife, and Detah is seeking to have something done there. That will help both Detah and Yellowknife. If we can find some way of taking care of the three ladies from Detah who wish to remain in their own community, that will provide more beds in the personal care unit in Yellowknife for Yellowknife residents. So we do not believe that there is currently a need for a new facility in Yellowknife, but we do agree that in the interim before the hospital is constructed, our department is going to have to be very careful in allocating the services of nurses and home visitation for elderly people in Yellowknife.

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

Facilities Observed To Be Inadequate

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In responding to some of the comments that the Minister made, first of all he seems to be relying on the Lorna Willis report. As has been pointed out before as with so many government reports, that report was made without consulting with a significant group of people in the city who had been working with the elderly for many years. It was kind of done in isolation. He referred to the fact that the new hospital will have beds for the elderly, but that is chronic care beds. Certainly they are needed, because on a recent tour with the Minister we found that on the medical ward at the Stanton hospital there are 20 medical beds, but nine of them were being used by elderly who are in a chronic state of ill health and require them, and that is not what the purpose of those beds are for at all. But that is a different category of elderly. We have elderly in Yellowknife who are in between. They are not chronically ill requiring 24 hour care, but neither are they independent elderly. They need daily care to one amount or another for personal cleanliness or sometimes for assistance with medication and so on. The Minister referred to a facility like that in Yellowknife, but it is a small house that was not built with that in mind. It has stairs in it and therefore the upstairs is not useful for that kind of person at all. It is a beautiful building but it was not intended for that and therefore it is not at all useful for the specific purpose that I am talking about. I am surprised to hear the Minister say that things are okay. He took that tour with me and I know I was disturbed by seeing the great variety of inadequate facilities for the elderly in Yellowknife. I thought he was at that time too, but he seems to be just falling back to a reliance on a line that is being fed by bureaucrats in that department. There is a real need and there is no question about it at all.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will reiterate more clearly. I agree that there are people in the Mary Murphy Home who require more attention than they are getting right now. There are people in the Mary Murphy Home who need more care and a better facility; for example, a facility you can move around in more easily, that does not have stairs in it, that has a front entrance you can get into and out of. I also agree that the personal care facility, which is the next level of care provided as far as residents go, was not designed for that in mind. There are five people in there right now for whom stairs are a difficulty and ultimately something has to be done to resolve that. There are also definitely some people in the hospital who do not have to be in the hospital if we had a facility which had, for example, wheelchair access. They could probably be in a personal care unit rather than taking up valuable hospital beds. I have pointed this out to a few people on the Executive, but we will be attempting to address all of those things on an interim basis by reallocation of service, providing O and M funds, to make sure these people are taken care of in the facilities they are presently in despite the difficulties.

In the original agreement with Northern United Place, there was an allocation of suites or apartments to the elderly which are not being fully utilized at present by the elderly. So there may be people in the Mary Murphy Home for example, who could move there. I realize it is difficult to get people to move. But I have to reiterate again that the numbers of people in Yellowknife do not presently warrant us putting up another facility for personal level care at this time. We

realize that there is a group that does fall in between the Mary Murphy Home and the hospital type situation and we have to address those needs. The department at this time does not intend to address that through the construction of the new facility.

Service In Other Communities

As I pointed out, there are people from outside of Yellowknife using Yellowknife facilities. That will take a little bit of pressure off of the Yellowknife facilities if we do something in the outlying communities like Detah. Yellowknife has a level of service and care that is not provided in other communities. There are elderly people in other communities who have to haul water and wood in the winter, to take care of themselves, and who live in their own residences which are very poor accommodations in comparison to what the people in Yellowknife live in. Those people do not have a lot of the services, like home visitation by nurses and home care workers.

So I was very sympathetic to some of the situations I saw when I went around to see the elderly people during the tour Mr. MacQuarrie was on. I do realize that there were a couple of specific cases that I reported to my department and asked them to take some action on. But I will stay with my comment, that definitely my department and myself are convinced that we do not have to build a facility in Yellowknife at this time. The numbers just do not warrant it. There are other communities which have more pressing requirements for facilities than Yellowknife does at this time.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: As for taking care of the home, I will remind the Minister that there are quite a number of elderly who let us say were prospectors who came to the North in the 1920s or 1930s. They have no family or anyone else to look after them. The Minister well knows, for example, that on the 10th floor of Northern United Place there was a situation where a 73 year old woman works all day long and looks after a 93 year old mother in the same place. Another situation was a trailer where there was a woman who was unwell and becoming senile who had taken in a couple of other elderly in order to be able to pay for the place. When we went there, a man had to drag himself -- because he was paralysed from the waist down -- to the door in order to let us in.

Modifications To Mary Murphy Home

There are all kinds of things in Yellowknife that are not very nice. It is certainly not a case where they are receiving far better treatment than people in other communities. I think that even if the Minister were to decide that Northern United Place should be used for those elderly in Yellowknife who are still completely independent, that would be acceptable, and then modify Mary Murphy so that the elderly could have easy access to it. There are three different sized steps up into the place right now. There is a special tub for lowering them into the water, but it is in the basement -- another set of stairs -- in a cold area and cannot be used. If there were significant modifications to that place so that it could be used for people who need that kind of personal care, so that it is reasonably convenient for the people who are trying to give them that care, even that would be acceptable.

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

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Mary Murphy Home is owned by the NWT Housing Corporation. I have written the Minister, Mr. Gordon Wray, concerning the necessary repairs to the front entrance and I also suggested that wheelchair access might be considered by his department at that facility. So, I do understand there are some difficulties that have been overlooked. On the couple of individual cases that Mr. MacQuarrie mentioned I specifically asked people in my department to look into those cases, to make those people aware of the funds and social assistance that could be made available to help them. Those people are being visited by Health and Welfare and Social Services people to take care of their needs in general. The people that are being taken care of, I have told the department to look into what we can do for them.

Total Capital, Services To The Aged And Handicapped, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Social Services, capital. Services to the aged and handicapped, \$97,500, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Financial Assistance, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Capital, financial assistance, \$4500, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$615,300, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. At this time the Chair would like to recognize in the House the grade six class in the balcony from this school here and the teachers are Mrs. Jones and Mr. Hardy.

---Applause

Department Of Education

Total Capital, Schools, Agreed

Education, capital. Schools, \$201,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, College Program, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. College program, \$3000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Student Residence, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Student residence, \$3000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$201,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Revolving Fund Working Capital Advance Adjustments, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Turn to page iv at the beginning of the booklet, revolving fund working capital advance adjustments. Revised limit authorized is \$41,025,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Debts Owed To The Territories To Be Written Off, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Debts owed to the Territories to be written off. Total amount is \$271,130.81. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will now proceed with Bill 6-84(2). Mr. Butters, we will deal with that motion later. We will go to Bill 6-84(2), clause by clause. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. 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.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, revolving funds. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, write-off of debts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Schedule 1, total O and M, \$10,438,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total capital, \$1,577,600, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total supplementary appropriations, \$8,861,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Schedule 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule 3, \$271,130.81. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Short title, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Butters, I believe you have a motion.

Motion To Amend Clause 1, Bill 6-84(2), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 6-84(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1983-84 Financial Year, be amended by adding to clause 1 immediately after the word "supplementary" the word "appropriation" so clause 1 would now read "This ordinance may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1983-84."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Short title as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee recommend that Bill 6-84(2) as amended is now ready for third reading?

---Agreed

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are now on Bill 7-84(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 1, 1984-85. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, this covers additional expenditures, transfers or reductions of this government between the period of April 1 to some four days ago. The item with regard to computer operations I believe is also contained herein on a number of occasions. There is another transfer item relating to the matter that was addressed in the Commissioner's opening remarks, on the consolidation of training in the Department of Education. In 1983-84 the Executive Council approved, effective April 1, 1984, consolidation of all training and manpower programs under one division, advanced education, in the Department of Education. I believe the Minister will be able to answer any of your questions with regard to this reorganization within this government. I do not have anything further to add, Mr. Chairman. I will defer to the chairman of the standing committee on finance.

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

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MR. BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee reviewed the supplementary appropriations and I would like to say one quite positive thing is that this appropriation reflects attempts of the Executive Council to respond to some of the concerns of the MLAs of the Legislature. A few of the examples, if I could just mention, there is money in this for a task force on spousal assault which was a concern of the Assembly. There are significant moneys for energy conservation; the polar bear study has been brought forward. I think one area this Assembly has emphasized is the area of economic development and I was happy to see this \$400,000 for priority tourism programs. This appropriation is responding to the needs for sewer and water programs in various communities so I think that is very positive. I think that some of the concerns that we have expressed have been responded to in this so we as a committee were quite pleased with it.

NWT Housing Corporation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Comments from the Members. Okay, we will proceed with Supplementary Appropriation No. 1, page one, NWT Housing Corporation, O and M, \$86,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Financial Management Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Financial Management Secretariat, O and M, total department, \$117,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Finance, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance, O and M, total department, \$73,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Personnel

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Personnel, O and M, directorate, \$56,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Staff Development And Training, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Staff development and training, \$2,642,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$2,698,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department of Justice And Public Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Justice and Public Services, operations and maintenance, total department is \$88,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Public Works

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Public Works, operations and maintenance, directorate, \$380,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Highways Design And Construction, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Highways design and construction, \$7000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$387,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, directorate, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Wildlife Management, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Wildlife management, \$188,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Field Service, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Field service, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Pollution Control, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Pollution control, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Science Advisory Board, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Science Advisory Board, \$26,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$292,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Local Government, operations and maintenance, directorate, \$25,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Municipal Affairs, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Municipal affairs, \$194,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$219,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Health, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Health, operations and maintenance, total department, \$50,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services

Total O And M, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Social Services, operations and maintenance, administration, \$35,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Family And Children, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Family and children, \$335,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$300,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Total O And M, Financial Services And Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, financial services and administration, \$10,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Manpower Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Manpower development, \$5,110,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Tourism And Parks, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Tourism and parks, \$400,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Business Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Business development, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Expo '86 Project, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Expo '86 project, \$325,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$4,370,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Total O And M, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Education, operations and maintenance, administration, \$1,843,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, College Programs, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. College programs, \$249,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Advanced Education, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Advanced education, \$9,717,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, \$8,123,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, capital. Total Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is \$3,076,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Justice And Public Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Justice and Public Services, capital, total department is \$268,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Government Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Government Services, capital, total department is \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Renewable Resources, capital, total department is \$6000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Local Government, capital, total department is \$1,858,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Social Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Social Services, capital, total department, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Education, capital, total department is \$3,725,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay, we will go back to Bill 7-84(2) now clause by clause. We will start with clause 2. Clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 6, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule. Total operations and maintenance, \$1,957,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total capital, \$9,158,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total supplementary appropriations, \$11,115,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 1, short title. 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 7-84(2) is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Okay, there is no other business. I will report progress. Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If Members have concluded their debate, I would like to recognize Mr. Gargan at this time.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-84(2), PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TAX ORDINANCE; BILL 5-84(2), TEMPORARY BORROWING AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE; BILL 6-84(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 4, 1983-84; BILL 7-84(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 1, 1984-85

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering four bills and wishes to report that Bills 1-84(2), 5-84(2) and 7-84(2) are recommended for third reading; that Bill 6-84(2) is recommended for third reading, as amended.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

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

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. T'Seleie.

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the unanimous consent of the House to return to Item 10 on the orders of the day, notices of motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Are you agreed? Are there any nays? Mr. T'Seleie, proceed.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 3-84(2): Slave River Dam Concerns

MR. T'SELEIE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, May 14th, I shall move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Eliza Lawrence, that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories invite representatives of the Slave River

Coalition, which is an organization of groups and individuals in the south Mackenzie area who are concerned about the effects of a Slave River dam, to appear before committee of the whole.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. T'Seleie. I would like at this time to read a letter that the Speaker has received from Mr. Parker, the Commissioner.

"Dear Mr. Speaker: I wish to inform you and Members of the House that I will be absent from the Legislature on the sitting days of Monday and Tuesday, May 14th and 15th. Madame Sauve is being installed as Governor General of Canada on Monday morning and my wife and I have been invited to attend. I regret my absence from the House but am proud to represent the Northwest Territories on this significant occasion."

---Applause

Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, Members will recall during a caucus meeting I indicated that the local medical centre is holding an open day in conjunction with, I think Fitness Week it is called, from 1:00 to 4:00 today and Members are invited to drop down to the local medical centre to take a look at the displays and take a look at the centre itself and to meet people. So I would like Members to note that.

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

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order with respect to the letter of Mr. Parker. I am wondering if Mr. Parker has considered having a Deputy Commissioner here in his absence, in case he or she will be needed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. NICK SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you personally would inquire of Mr. Parker on our behalf.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the question of privilege. I and other Members on this side of the House have cause for concern. In a little release here, we have been called the Legislative Assembly Whimps.

---Laughter

There are going to be two teams playing ball tomorrow and that side is apparently called Bleeder's Blight -- Leader's Delight, I am sorry, and we are the Legislative Assembly Whimps. But I do not intend to seek redress in this House; we will beat them on the field tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am sure Members of the House would appreciate a little friendly competition from time to time.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Oh, it is not friendly at all!

---Laughter

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

HON. BRUCE McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, further to the announcement that Mr. McCallum made, my department and Health and Welfare Canada will have displays at the Fort Smith Medical Centre on such things as dental health and physical fitness, the evils of smoking and drinking. Some Members may want to get oxygen and I would suggest that the Legislative Assembly Whimps should maybe take some medicals to see if they can even stand in the field tomorrow.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: In regard to the point raised by the honourable Member for Deh Cho Gah, I will bring the wishes of the House to the attention of the Commissioner. Are there any further announcements? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): There will be a meeting of the special committee on housing at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. There will be a meeting of caucus at 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning. Orders of the day for Monday, May the 14th, 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 17: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 3-84(2)
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
16. Report of Committee of the Whole
17. Third Reading of Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 14th.

---ADJOURNMENT