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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1979

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ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Patterson): Please be seated. I have as the second item on the orders of the day, continuing replies to Commissioner's Address.

ITEM NO. 2: CONTINUING REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Are there any replies? I recognize the Honourable Speaker into whose chair I have been somewhat unexpectedly thrust. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Hon. Robert MacQuarrie's Reply

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My constituency of Yellowknife Centre is a new one. There was no such creature of Yellowknife Centre prior to the election of October 1st. Since I am the first and thus far the most distinguished Member to serve that constituency, it is exciting for me to be a part of this diverse and dynamic Assembly and I consider myself especially fortunate to have been chosen by the electorate to help guide the affairs of the Northwest Territories at this very critical time in its history. I feel I was especially fortunate, Mr. Speaker, to be in the House yesterday afternoon. What happened in this House yesterday, although one would hardly think so because of the attention that was paid to it by the press, other media and by the numbers of people who were sitting in the gallery at the time, what happened in this House yesterday afternoon was of historic importance. In some ways it was rather sad but it was necessary and not unexpected. I refer of course to the setting aside of the positional paper on constitutional development which had been adopted by the eighth assembly.

I say it is historic because it marks, not its withdrawal yesterday but the setting aside of it yesterday marks an important point in the political development of the peoples and institutions of this northern territory. The event was somewhat sad because of course members of the eighth assembly in some ways looked upon that paper as their crowning achievement and it is somewhat sad. I say that sincerely, to have that work set aside by another assembly, but it was necessary to do so because that position paper should never have been passed in the first place in that it was obvious to me last year when it was passed that it did not have majority support of the peoples of this territory. Therefore, it was not unexpected yesterday that it should be set aside in that the representatives of those peoples who objected to its passage last spring, and now sitting in this House, should seek to free themselves from its constraints.

### Factor In Running For Election

I will say it was the adoption of that constitutional position paper which I considered to be a misguided and wrongful adoption which more than any other factor induced me to run for position in this Legislative Assembly in the October election. I remember sitting in the gallery last spring when that paper was being discussed. I remember at a recess asking whether I could have a copy of it. I remember taking the copy home and reading it carefully and shaking my head with respect to its comments because I remember thinking very clearly that they are just not listening to what is being said in the territories. They just do not recognize the real political situation in the North.

I decided then, somewhat reluctantly because of the many sacrifices that I knew I would have to make, that I must seek a seat in this Assembly in order to put as forcefully as possible a view which was then simply not being heard. Because both the Dene Nation and ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, had remained aloof from this government I suspected at that time that I would be the one to put a motion to put aside that constitutional paper, that I would say what I have to say in support of it, in support of my own motion to set aside the paper and that I would then have to sit by in frustration while my motion went down to ignominious defeat. Of course, between the time I made that decision and yesterday some important changes had occurred. The situation was altered dramatically in that representatives of native groups are here in this Assembly and they were prepared to make that kind of presentation themselves. Hence I was enabled to sit as a relative bystander while the motion was passed, debated and passed by others.

### Not An Obstruction To Development

I know that there are many people who would see what happened yesterday as a kind of obstruction to development. I say not at all. I am pleased that that is the method by which the native people of the Northwest Territories chose to deal with that problem. They chose to become involved and to try to change it in a lawful way and I commend them for that, because of course they deeply disagree with it. The alternative would have been to remain aloof and then when the march was started towards full responsible government and provincial status they then would have been left with no alternative but resistance. Who knows, I would not want to wish it but perhaps by violence to try and prevent something happening which they really did not want to happen. So, I do not see what happened yesterday as obstruction at all but a clear statement from the people of the Northwest Territories.

Now the eighth assembly, to its credit and I say this sincerely, made it possible for those representatives to be here because the eighth assembly was concerned with democracy, but my own opinion is that they were slightly wrong in their perspective. The problem arose because many of the members in that last assembly had a sincere and deep commitment to a form of democracy rather than to the real substance of democracy. They had a commitment to representative and responsible government and were determined to bring those things to the Northwest Territories. In doing that I feel that they overlooked the very fundamental principle of democracy which must come ahead of any form that it may take and that is that government is legitimate only if it has the consent of the people and that the people's voice must be heard by their government. Those are fundamental principles of democracy.

### True Democracy In The North

In this case it is a bit of an irony that the form which the members of the eighth assembly were determined to put in place has yielded the substance of democracy. Of course, it is not necessary that that should have happened because the form could yield something other through influences of money or other kinds of influences. It need not have yielded a true representation of the voice of the people but in this case it seems to have and thus we have a situation where this Assembly I believe very fairly reflects the values, the divergences of opinion and the various cultural and ethnic groups of the Northwest Territories. That is something that I am very pleased to see and now the voice of the people is being heard in this Assembly and that voice is generally united in saying that we do not want that position paper on constitutional development to be something which we are bound to follow. So we have come one step along the way and that is in saying that the course charted by the last assembly is not the only course that must be followed on the way to true democracy in the North.

That is only one step along the way. There is another and major step that has to be taken. It was very easy, it seems, for all of the native people of the Northwest Territories to unite and say "We do not want that." The next problem is to see whether we can get a united voice, not only the native people but we non-natives as well as to what we do want and I hope -- as I say, yesterday in the passage of that, the setting aside of that paper, one of the major reasons why I ran was fulfilled. There is one other important thing that I must do before I would ever consider stepping out of this Assembly and that is to get at the job of trying to find out, if that is not what is wanted, is there something we can agree on that is wanted? Hence I have a great deal of hope that a committee on unity to investigate possible ways of bringing the people of the Northwest Territories together will be carried out and that if we cannot bring people together successfully because of the great divergences of opinion, that at least we come to some understanding as to what will happen in this territory then and that we do it amicably and with respect for one another.

### In Defence Of Public Servants

I would like to turn for a moment to consideration of my own constituency, Yellowknife Centre, which is largely comprised of non-native people and in the Northwest Territories there are non-native people who have interests, concerns that must be addressed. I certainly intend to try to address the concerns of the people that I represent and to try and ensure that their legitimate interests are safeguarded. There are many, many public servants in my constituency and I, for many years myself, was a public servant. I must say without question that among public servants there are many, many distinguished, dedicated, intelligent and hard working people. I dislike the frequent reference to bureaucrats as though they were mindless people who had no other concern than the entrenchment of their own position. Having worked with public servants for many years, I know that while that may be the case occasionally, it is certainly not true in the majority of cases.

Many of these people have come to the Northwest Territories out of a sense of good will hoping only to do what was best for the people of the territories. If they could not always perceive precisely what that was, it was not a fault of the heart, but perhaps of the mind. All of us have debilitations. We cannot always see what is right to do but many of us would want to do right if we could see. What I am saying then is that right at the present time among the many public servants in the Northwest Territories there are good people.

I as a Member of this Assembly am open to change, to change as long as it is acceptable by the people who are going to be affected by it so I am willing to make a number of changes in order to try to make this government acceptable. I will be concerned while those changes are being made that the public servants who have a sincere desire to serve the people of the Northwest Territories and who have a sincere desire to follow the direction of this Assembly, are not treated shabbily in whatever might occur. I would not for a moment protect any individual who deliberately tried to obstruct what was evidently the wish of this gathering, but any public servant who says only "I am willing to serve this government; tell me what it is you want and I will do my best to bring that about," I would want to see that person was treated fairly. I cannot believe that any public servant who was told by this Assembly or any of its representatives "This is what we want"; I cannot believe any public servant who said "But have you thought of this or have you thought of this?" -- that is not obstructionism. I think this government would not be well served if we did not have people who asked questions about what it is that we are trying to do and we must be able to answer sensibly. If those people in the end are willing to yield to changes and abide by the will of this Assembly I do want to see them treated fairly.

With respect to public servants as well, as in the case of Mr. Braden, I am very concerned that civil servants do not have political rights. I would like to introduce an amendment to the Public Service Ordinance at the next session if possible, which would change that situation and bring political rights to all but perhaps the highest level of public servants who are involved in policy decisions.

Commissioner Parker, A Loyal And Dedicated Public Servant.

I have stated a concern over the treatment of public servants and now I want to come to a specific case. This is not a servant of the territorial government but of the Government of Canada, Mr. Speaker, and he is involved with the Northwest Territories and I am referring to our Commissioner, John Parker. Mr. Parker in my estimation is a loyal and dedicated public servant. He has the very difficult job of trying to satisfy the wishes of this Assembly and also to satisfy the serious legal obligations which he has under the Northwest Territories Act to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the federal government. It is not an easy position at a time like this.

First of all are the initiatives that Mr. Parker took shortly after becoming Commissioner of travelling to consult with native peoples. I commend and very much approve of that initiative. I say now that this Assembly has to carry on and take the initiative in that respect. In the remarks that Mr. Parker has made to us on several occasions and in meeting with us a couple of weeks ago he has indicated to my satisfaction that he is willing to accept direction from this Assembly and willing to accept reasonable change. I commend the attitude that he has in his office.

A Point Of Courtesy

Now, what concerns me is this; that last spring the eighth assembly decided that Mr. Parker must not sit with us during formal session. At that time I wrote a letter to the News of the North challenging what was done by the Assembly. I said that regardless of what this Assembly might wish, the truth is that Mr. Parker is the Chief Executive Officer of the Government of the Northwest Territories. Because he is, I can only believe that the Members of this Assembly would continually want him to hear what is going on in this Assembly. Yet, what has been done? Now I challenged that on an intellectual basis in the spring and now I challenge it on an emotional basis. It offends

my sense of courtesy and hospitality to expect someone to hear what we have to say and yet not have the courtesy to provide him, during the long hours in which we are speaking, with the same kind of comfort and conveniences which we have ourselves, but expect him to remain outside the ropes on a straight-back chair during that time. He has remained these days, I have noticed that, out of a sense of duty, but we must realize that if we exclude him from the chamber he need not sit there. He could decide he has other things to do and leave and I would not want that to happen. I think it is important that he hear what is happening here. Therefore, there are so many motions before us now I am not going to introduce a motion now but I inform this House that I will introduce a motion at the beginning of the next session which would invite the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to sit with us during our deliberations.

I certainly would not expect anyone to listen to me personally, to insist that I would remain in my home when I speak to him, then make him sit outside in the street and listen through the window to what I have to say. I can only transfer that same thing to here. I am not so uncertain about my rights as a Member of this Legislative Assembly that I would feel threatened by extending the courtesy of having the Commissioner sit with us. I am not so threatened about the power of this Assembly that I feel it would be jeopardized by having that distinguished gentleman sit with us during our deliberations and I will make such a motion at the beginning of the next session.

#### The Role Of Speaker

The last thing I want to address is the question of myself as Speaker. All the traditions in Commonwealth parliaments insist the Speaker be impartial; I guess that is the word that is often used. It would be unheard of that the deputy chairman of committee of the whole be sitting in the chair and the Speaker would be down here speaking to the Assembly in formal session in any other House but we do not have a party system here and I feel that it is quite permissible that this should happen.

If ever I were called upon as Speaker to judge the truth or the value of the substance of arguments, then holding and expressing arguments would certainly violate my impartiality, but the fact is that I am not expected to do that. There is no party system and while I am in the chair I am expected only to rule on matters of procedure. I am confident enough of my own objectivity that I would not try to prohibit someone who disagreed with any point of view that I might have held, from speaking up to explain his point of view.

I agree very much with the thought of John Stuart Mill who says that if you are sincerely interested in truth then you must listen to those who challenge what you have to say. I am sincerely interested in truth and I would not try to prevent someone who opposed my opinion from speaking at this Assembly. I would try only to apply the Rules as they have been agreed upon by the Assembly. If I should ever fail to be impartial in the sense in which I have outlined it, then that would be a great shame upon me and I would invite immediately a motion of non-confidence. I would inform this Assembly right now that if ever such a motion was presented and a quorum of Members agree with it I would step down immediately. I would not try and cling to the position if I did not have that confidence.



I hope that such a situation will not arise because I will try my utmost to be fair and impartial in the chair. I also want to finally assure this Assembly, to assure my constituents, to assure the people of the Northwest Territories that it is possible that I might fail as a Member of this Assembly because of intellectual limitations, because of my inability to comprehend everything that has to be comprehended, because of my inability to keep up with the tremendous volume of reading, thinking and listening that has to be done in order to be fully apprised of all issues that are brought to this Assembly. I may fail for those reasons, but I will not fail if hard work and sincere interest in the well-being of all the people of the Northwest Territories contributes to the success of a Member of this Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Are there other replies? I recognize the Honourable Mrs. Sorensen.

Mrs. Sorensen's Reply

MRS. SORENSEN: Honourable Mr. Patterson in the Speaker's chair, Honourable Members, it is with great pleasure that I rise in response to the Commissioner's Address. May I extend to you, Mr. Speaker, my warmest congratulations on your election and congratulations as well to the five Honourable Members who have accepted responsibility through the Executive Committee positions for the actions of this government? The years ahead will be challenging, exciting and no doubt difficult ones before you, as you translate the wishes of this legislature into action through administration.

To the Eastern and High Arctic Members who have appointed the so-called "shadow cabinet" for want of a better name, you are not alone. I too, will be shadowing but it will be the Commissioner, Mr. Parker, because you see, I would like to see this government's finances under the control of the elected representatives. So I am serving notice now, Mr. Speaker, that I am putting myself in training too, for the position of minister of finance, a position that I hope will become available sometime in the future. I intend to return to the very important subject of finances in a few minutes but first I would like to tell you something of my constituency.

I believe I represent the largest number of constituents in the Northwest Territories, some 2600 plus people who live in Yellowknife South. My constituency includes federal and territorial civil servants, including the RCMP and armed forces personnel. It includes over 50 local businesses from bakeries and meat markets to gas stations and printing services and it includes one of our two Yellowknife gold mines. The people in my constituency are hard-working, dedicated people who for the most part and for the last month have kept me extremely busy.

Concerns Of Constituents Of Yellowknife South

These people are concerned, Mr. Speaker, about the increasing costs of fuel and power. Many of them own their own homes, they have started new businesses to serve the people of Yellowknife and in some cases the people of the North. These people pay taxes, they contribute to the economy of the Northwest Territories, they contribute to the quality of life in Yellowknife. Their concerns cannot be ignored. For that reason I will do all in my power over the next four years to make the Northern Canada Power Commission justify each and every rate increase.

---Applause

I will do all in my power to urge changes in the NCPC Act to allow for southern Canadian subsidy of power development in the Northwest Territories.

In addition I will pursue my platform campaign promise toward working for a tax credit for northern taxpayers to provide a more equitable means to provide for the higher cost of living North of 60. Over the last week many Members, particularly those representing Inuit and Dene people, have talked about their discontent with the Wildlife Ordinance and the regulations governing that ordinance. Some of my constituents are unhappy with that ordinance too. In fact I have already had one written brief and one oral representation with regard to the licensing which I will be pursuing in time to make a representation to the February session. My constituents have asked me to do that and I will follow through with their wishes.

My constituents too, are concerned about government restraint policies. Current cutbacks have already had a drastic effect on the construction industry in Yellowknife and many fine people have had to leave our city in search of jobs elsewhere. I will be meeting with parents of children enrolled in the YWCA day care program because the YWCA's grant has not been increased enough to accommodate inflation. Last night the chairman of the public school board called asking for a meeting because of their financial difficulties.

#### Restraint Necessary At All Levels

Well, all of us will be hearing from our constituents as things get tighter and tighter. Decisions will have to be made, difficult decisions which might not be popular with the people that we represent. So I say we must be sure, we as the elected representatives, we must be sure that each and every civil servant position is vital to the administration of this government. Each and every program instituted is clearly defined for what it is and for what it must do, that each expenditure can be justified because our constituents will be watching and if they must accept restraint, then so too, must this government do everything in its power to lead the way. I am accountable and if I hear of wastefulness in government or within the civil service I will come in fighting.

#### Responding To Northern Needs

I am concerned as well about some statements made in this Assembly regarding cutbacks on major development while at the same time statements that we must as a government respond to increasing northern needs. In my books, responding to northern needs will most often translate into an increase in the expenditure of funds. An increase in the expenditure of funds means an increase in the deficit funding from the federal government and perhaps an increase in territorial taxation of residents.

Well, Honourable Members, let us explore where this money really comes from. Let us be realistic and honest with ourselves. The federal government raises the majority of its revenue through taxation, corporate taxation, development royalties, personal income tax. The territorial government, raises part of its revenue through the taxation of the people who live and work in the North. When we ask the federal government for money we are in fact demanding that it increase its revenue. To do so it then must increase the development that takes place in this country and the number of jobs available to people. We cannot pretend that the money which is given to or collected by the territorial government in order for it to be able to operate in the North is not tainted by development or taxes from people who work for development projects. So, my fellow Members, consider that when you ask for special programs and services to be instituted for your constituents. Consider that when you do so in concert with everyone else in Canada you are in fact pressing for development.

Now I understand a need for orderly development in the North and I too am concerned that the people be able to grow along with that resource development but we cannot hold back with our head in the sand much longer. I cautioned Members in this Assembly the other day that the energy hungry South would begin to make our decisions for us and unless we are prepared for development, unless we have thought through the kinds of controls which we feel are necessary to safeguard our future as Alberta has done. Unless we meet development head on, accept it and do what we can to limit the negative result and increase the positive result, we will not be fulfilling our responsibilities as representatives of the people. It is fine to say no development until land claims and leave it at that, but development is here. The Arvik proposal is going ahead and we were not involved. The Norman Wells pipeline is almost a positive thing and we have not been consulted by the federal government. Dome Petroleum is bigger than ever in the Beaufort Sea and Tuk is bursting at its seams because of it. Well, I say we have no choice in the matter. Let us bring our heads out of the sand and accept development. Let us turn it around to our benefit. Let us demand the jobs and the contracts for supplies. Let us demand impact funds from the federal government to help ease the local effects of a boom and bust economy. Let us demand recognition in our budget for the royalties and corporate income tax collected from the development projects. Let us speak as one united force through this Assembly before it is too late. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any other replies to the Commissioner's Address? This I believe is the last opportunity Members will have to reply to the Commissioner's Address without unanimous consent.

If there are no other replies, Item 3, oral questions. The Honourable Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege if I may. Yesterday during the debate of setting aside the principles of the land claims as put forth by the previous assembly, I got into some kind of a discussion with the then Speaker as to whether I would have the right to speak to a motion and, of course, Mr. Speaker at the time indicated that he believed I had spoken to that motion and of course had to make a ruling. He ruled, of course, that he would allow me to speak. I questioned Mr. Speaker at the time as to whether I had originally spoken on the main motion and I indicated at that time that I was speaking on a motion to refer. I do not want to prolong anything in here. I simply rise on a point of privilege because there were certain Members who had indicated that I was attempting to use the wrong means to speak twice in debate. I am sure if Members will check yesterdays transcripts they will find that on page 189 I in fact did make a motion to refer when I first rose and I subsequently spoke to that motion, so I just wanted Members to realize I was not attempting to use trickery or deceit to speak to a motion twice in a formal session. That is the point of privilege I am making.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I think your point has been made and is well taken.

Moving on to Item 3 on the orders of the day, oral questions. Are there any oral questions? If not, then Item 4, written questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. Clerk, are there any returns?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have six returns.

Return To Question W2-79(2): Northern Police Force

A return to Question W2-79(2) asked by Mr. Patterson. The administration has provided the following information:

On the various occasions when the subject of a northern constabulary was raised, the administration studied the matter but nothing conclusive was decided. One of the problems identified was the question of financing and whether or not it would be possible to redirect funding which is now used to cover the costs of the existing policing agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Solicitor General of Canada. Subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, the administration proposes to bring forward a summary paper on this subject at the next session of the Assembly.

Return To Question W7-79(2): School Children, Rankin Inlet

Return to Question W7-79(2) asked by Mr. Curley on November 14:

The Commissioner has advised the Rankin Inlet education committee that all eight classroom assistants will be retained at the Rankin Inlet school. The school committee was also advised that the number of classroom assistants at Rankin Inlet would not be reduced in 1980-81. It has also been confirmed that the current freeze on hiring will not apply to classroom assistants and, as such, the administration is now taking action to fill all vacant classroom assistant positions as required. A decision on future staffing requirements will be held in abeyance until the new minister of Education has had an opportunity to review the spending priorities of the department for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Return To Question W8-79(2): Amendments To Regulate Dempster Highway

In reply to Question W8-79(2) asked by Mr. Nerysoo on November 15, the administration advises:

Various options with respect to changes to the Dempster highway regulations are available and will be presented for discussion at an early meeting of the Executive Committee.

Return To Question W9-79(2): Television Service, Whale Cove

A return to Question W9-79(2) asked by Mr. Curley, November 15, the administration advises that:

The territorial government's northern communications program is designed to provide CBC northern television and radio service to 18 communities with populations between 250 and 500. Whale Cove does not meet the population criteria. Since beginning the northern communications program, service has been provided to Fort Liard, Fort Norman, Pelly Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, Arctic Bay and Coral Harbour. The communities of Snowdrift, Holman Island, Sanikiluaq and Hall Beach are scheduled to receive service next year. Once the program has serviced communities between 250 and 500, it is expected that developments in satellite direct to home broadcasting will provide a cost-effective method of serving many of the smaller communities in the North. The Department of Information is following developments in this new technology and is excited about the possibilities it could afford to the territories.

Return To Question W10-79(2): Search And Rescue Regulations

Question W10-79(2) asked by Mr. Curley on November 15, the administration advises that:

Local community councils and various community associations are encouraged to take an active role at the local level in establishing precautionary measures which would hopefully prevent loss of life. The co-ordination of search and rescue measures for lost persons is the responsibility of the RCMP. Searches for lost aircraft are co-ordinated by the Canadian Armed Forces. The Government of the Northwest Territories also provides support to community councils and/or hunters' and trappers' associations to assist them in responding to search and rescue requirements.

Return To Question W11-79(2): Employment By Government Of Military Ex-servicemen

A return to Question W11-79(2) asked by Mr. Sibbeston on November 15:

In the Department of Justice and Public Services there are eight employees who previously served with the RCMP and six employees who were members of the armed forces.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any written questions? I recognize the Honourable Robert MacQuarrie.

MR. CURLEY: I wish to proceed...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not yet, Mr. Curley. I have recognized the Honourable Robert MacQuarrie but I will not forget you.

Question W12-79(2): Justice And Corrections Advisory Committee

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I have a question which I will pose on your behalf, Mr. Speaker. This is a question for the Commissioner or minister responsible for Justice and Public Services.

When did the justice and corrections advisory committee last meet? If the justice and corrections advisory committee has stopped meeting, then why? Finally, if the justice and corrections advisory committee has stopped meeting then how will the justice and corrections and law reform functions of this government receive all-important advice on justice, corrections and law reform policy and planning?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Mr. Curley.

Question W13-79(2): Polar Bear Prosecution, Rankin Inlet

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been brought to my attention that the hunters of Rankin Inlet have overkilled their polar bear quota by one this year. Furthermore, the game office has informed the hunter involved and the local hunters' and trappers' association that the person involved will be prosecuted and that the hide will be retrieved. Will the administration assure this House whether or not they will proceed with prosecution?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any other written questions? If not, and there are none, Item 5, petitions.

Item 6, tabling of documents. No documents to be tabled?

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees. Are there any reports of committees?

Item 8, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

I recognize the Honourable Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Notice Of Motion 21-79(2): Annual Legislative Ball

MR. EVALUARJUK: I would like to place before you a notice of motion. I would also seek unanimous consent from my fellow Honourable Members to move this motion today. I move that this Assembly continue this practice by holding a suitable function on the night of the opening day of the February session.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: All right, Mr. Evaluarjuk, I believe we have received unanimous consent of the House that your motion will be considered today and we will address your motion when we get to Item 9. Are there any other notices of motion? I recognize the Honourable Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, seeing that there are no further notices of motion, I am wondering whether I could seek the unanimous consent of the House to turn to Item 13 at this time and then we can deal with the matter of motions.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston has asked that the House give unanimous consent to go into continuing consideration of business in committee of the whole, the establishment of a special committee on unity, Item 13 and I take it, Mr. Sibbeston, that you wish this House to move directly to that item at this time?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before standing down any business on the order paper including motions, is it agreed, does the Assembly agree we move on to Item 13? The Honourable Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I had wanted to proceed with the Motion 4-79(2) before getting on to the business of the committee of the whole. I was under the impression you were going to ask for further motions to proceed and so I did not catch you at that particular moment.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, I was about to proceed to Item 9, motions when Motion 4-79(2) would have been considered but the Honourable Mr. Sibbeston has asked this House for its unanimous consent to move instead to Item 13, committee of the whole discussion on the establishment of a special committee on unity and I had asked the House if there was unanimous consent. Do I take it that you are not consenting to moving ahead to Item 13, Mr. Curley?

MR. CURLEY: That is right, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: In that event we shall proceed to Item 9, motions.

ITEM NO. 9: MOTIONS

The first motion I have for consideration is Motion 4-79(2), and that is the motion of the Honourable Mr. Curley. Are you prepared, Mr. Curley, to proceed?

Motion 4-79(2): Commercial Air Services, Transair Versus Calm Air

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Keewatin South, the following:

WHEREAS the Canadian Air Transport Committee is considering the proposed transfer of commercial air services from Transair to Calm Air International Limited;

AND WHEREAS the Keewatin residents and small business would be harshly affected with exorbitant air fare and freight rate increases;

AND WHEREAS the Chamber of Commerce of Keewatin district, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Inuit Development Corporation are intervening against the proposed transfer of commercial air services from Transair to Calm Air;

NOW THEREFORE, Mr. Speaker, I move that this Assembly express to the CATC its opposition to the application by Transair Limited to transfer its commercial air services to Calm Air International Limited and that this Assembly encourages other carriers to bid on air services for the Keewatin region before any licence changes are made.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for Mr. Curley's motion? The Honourable Mr. Noah.

MR. NOAH: I second the motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion made by Mr. Curley and seconded by Mr. Noah. To the motion, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. This particular motion is at this moment very critical because the Keewatin settlements and local business enterprises in that region have been asking support from all various government levels. People in that region including the hamlet councils have been sending petitions to CATC. If this proposed transfer happens, if Transair is successful in handing its licence to provide commercial air services in that region to Calm Air, which is a very small airline, people in that region will be very harshly affected and the air freight and air fares would be increased very drastically. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, we are seeking support of this Assembly to express its opposition to Transair and Calm Air. Many of you people here might know the fact that Pacific Western Airlines has bought Transair and as a result they are no longer interested in that region and for that reason, Mr. Speaker, it is an appropriate motion to reject the proposal and give other carriers an opportunity to bid. That would be more acceptable to the people in that region. Air is our only mode of transportation in that region. We have no highways in that area, so we are asking that this Assembly encourage other air carriers to take an opportunity to bid for this region. I believe the motion itself is explicit and I would hope that it succeeds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question has been called. The Honourable Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Just a point of clarification if I may, Mr. Curley. Am I to understand from the motion that in a sense Transair is trying to hand pick a successor? Is that what I am to understand?

No Public Hearings In Region

MR. CURLEY: That is right, Mr. Speaker. The people have not been given an opportunity to even hold public hearings in that region. The CATC is taking the normal course and no doubt people in that region could not fly all the way down to Ottawa to express their opposition. So for that reason as a responsible government we should take this action that a licence not be given to Calm Air this time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Curley, I should draw to your attention that since you took the floor in rising to reply to the Honourable Robert H. MacQuarrie's question I think you have closed the debate since you are only allowed to speak twice. The question having been called, the Honourable Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this may be a point of privilege or a point of order, but who speaks for the Assembly in this motion? Would it be the Speaker that sends the communiqué or does the Commissioner send a letter saying that this motion was passed or would the motion be more properly worded that the Assembly requests the Commissioner, the Government of the Northwest Territories, to so advise the CATC of this decision? I am just wondering what to do.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: There has been a question requiring clarification of the motion. Therefore I will ask the mover to reply only to clarify that question. Mr. Curley, can you enlighten the Assembly and the Honourable Mr. Butters?

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Honourable Member from Inuvik would like to amend that motion to that effect I have no objection to that at all.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Mr. Butters, did you wish to introduce an amendment to that motion?

MR. BUTTERS: No, sir. I would imagine in view of the willingness of the mover to use the most productive method possible to communicate his message if his motion is successful, that the Speaker on the passage of this motion could take it upon himself to determine how that process should go forward.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: All right. The question has been called. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I note I neglected to read the motion and perhaps as a precaution I should read the motion before we vote. The motion: That this Assembly express to the CATC its opposition to the application by Transair Limited to transfer its commercial air services to Calm Air International Limited and that this Assembly encourages other carriers to bid on air services for Keewatin region before any licence changes are made.

Motion 4-79(2), Carried.

All in favour, would you signify in the usual manner? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

The next motion is Motion 5-79(2), Financial Assistance for Oil. That is a motion of Mr. Stewart.



Motion 5-79(2): Financial Assistance For Oil

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS petroleum costs are too high now for the economic conditions prevalent in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS it appears certain that drastic increases in the price of these products can be expected in the immediate future;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories relies heavily on these products to supply the necessities of life such as heat, light, water, transportation, etc.;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that a committee be established at this session to make representations to the Northwest Territories administration and the federal government presenting relative facts, costs and the resulting chaos that will result if immediate financial assistance is not forthcoming to bring these costs of oil in line with the North's ability to pay.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Is there a seconder for this motion? The Honourable Mr. Butters. It has been moved that a committee be established at this session to make representations to the Northwest Territories administration and the federal government presenting relative facts, costs and the resulting chaos that will result if immediate financial assistance is not forthcoming to bring these costs of oil in line with the North's ability to pay. To the motion. The Honourable Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Yes Mr. Speaker. It is obvious from the press and the oil talks that are going on at the present time that we can expect a dramatic increase in petroleum products in the immediate future. Information I have at present would indicate that we can expect a 40 cent per gallon increase in gasoline and diesel fuel. That is 40 cents on the raw product from the wellhead. Now when we add to this, in the Northwest Territories the added costs of transportation, we must realize that transportation essentially is also tied up directly with the cost of energy or petroleum products, be it by rail, boat or truck. In the instances of some of the regions even by airplane but the resulting costs to the consumer in these places can be expected to increase over the 40 cents increase at the wellhead. It would probably be closer in the range to 60 cents or 70 cents in the Northwest Territories. Undoubtedly transportation will increase. This main expense, of course, is the use of energy.

Increase In Expense On All Products

On this basis the snowballing effect that the Northwest Territories is going to suffer will be tremendous. It will not only be, of course, on oil itself. It will be on all products that we buy, whether it be food, clothing or whatever. Energy costs are a part of the basic cost of all of these industries and the resulting cost to us when you add that extra distance that we are from the market place, that we are from the production place I should say, is going to be tremendous. So it is not just oil. It is not just the price of oil at the wellhead that we are faced with. It is everything that we consume and buy today. We have got to be able to make this point to the Government of Canada and see if we cannot get some relief because it is going to affect the Northwest Territories to a much greater extent than anywhere else in Canada because of our distance from the point of production.

Now I have used the term "a committee". At the time this motion was written committees had not been completely formed. It is quite possible as the Assembly also has a financial committee, probably this is the place you may wish to put it. I do not necessarily think it has to be a new committee to be formed, so as far as the committee situation is concerned I would be quite happy to see the financial committee look after this particular problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

A Special Committee Needed

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, to the motion. I would expect that if the situation develops as projections from southern Canada indicate, that in five years we could be paying three times the amount we are currently paying for fuel oil in the Northwest Territories. I believe on January 1 the cost of a barrel of Canadian crude will be \$14.50. I believe the OPEC, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, are now demanding an average of \$23.50. Recently the Economic Council of Canada suggested that there should be an increase of an average of five dollars a barrel, I believe, for the next five years. So, you are looking at \$40 a barrel.

The motion mentions other facts and this is why I think I would support the intent of the original motion and not unload this most grievous responsibility on a finance committee which is already overburdened in attempting to set fiscal priorities within our current budget and find out where we are going to find some \$20 million to defray the proposed deficit for next year. I think that is expecting and asking too much of our finance committee that to date has already proved its willingness to work itself into the ground, under a chairman who has proved similarly that the fiscal concerns of this government are so important that committee meetings are held many times in the evening or day. I know I have missed many of them and I know that the other night a supper meeting was called for the committee to sit and discuss priorities and concerns that face it.

However, I think it should be a special committee. I think we should separate that concern so it stands alone when we go to the federal government. I am quite convinced that any representation made to the territorial government will be made by letter so it will become a post office. Therefore, I think when we go to the federal government, not only should we point out the fact that we are aware that we are burning Iranian oil in the East and oil from Aruba in the Keewatin, Alberta oil around Great Slave Lake and we are burning Norman Wells oil in the valley communities and the Western Arctic coastal communities. I think when the approach is made and we ask for special consideration for the non-discretionary increases in oil, we should also be telling the Government of Canada how we are saving energy, how we are saving energy in our office buildings, our homes throughout the territories and maybe we can give some indication of the amount we are saving.

Policies To Conserve Energy Must Be Implemented

I do not know, and maybe I am wrong, but I do not know that as yet we have seen many outward signs that this government is willing or is currently implementing policies and practices to conserve energy. I know that if you are paying your own oil bill, you can always tell who else is paying their own bill, because around their house there is a bank of snow. I think too that the committee should look at a suggestion made by the Honourable Member from Yellowknife North during his opening remarks, and that was that if it is the intent, and it certainly has not been determined yet, but if it is the intent that the 300 million barrels of recoverable crude at Norman Wells is to be sent south in a pipeline then there is an object example of the North supplying the South. Maybe we should be saying, "Well, if you get a little perhaps you had better give a little." I say we should be approaching the federal government and pointing this fact out.

I take my hat off to the Metis Association with their bold initiative and while I do not know how far they will get with it, I do think they have got ahead of us a step and they are doing things. Maybe this Assembly, which represents all the people and not only the Metis, should be making approaches like that and asking if

you are going to use the oil, the 300 million barrels from Norman Wells, then we would wish to see some reciprocal arrangement by which oil from eastern Canada would be sent into the Baffin and Keewatin at a subsidized or equalized cost.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion? The Honourable Mrs. Sorensen.

Committee On Finance Prepared To Handle Problem

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to speak against the motion, not because I do not think it is a good motion and a very important problem we should be considering but I think we have a very practical problem here of who is going to sit on the committee who is not already on the finance committee. The finance committee has discussed this and is very aware of the problems resulting from fuel oil price increases and the resulting impact on other areas such as transportation and power and utilities. We are aware of a representation that is now being prepared by the administration to go to the Treasury Board early next month. We have asked and received permission from this Assembly to have a Member of the committee, or its chairman, be involved in those meetings and at the same time while the chairman or Members of the committee are in Ottawa we would arrange to meet with the president of the Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance.

So, I as chairman of the finance committee certainly appreciate Mr. Stewart's motion and the concerns brought forth in the motion but I would say that we as a finance committee would be prepared to take on those concerns immediately and begin working on them now. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognize the Honourable Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: A point of order. In view of the statements made, as a seconder I would be willing to withdraw my support to the motion if the mover would do similarly.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Mr. Stewart. I take it a question has been asked of you in explanation of your remarks and therefore if you wish to speak to answer that question I will permit it without revoking...

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the answer is no, I do not wish to withdraw it. The matter is far too important.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The Honourable Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I will speak in Inuktitut. I think that this concern has to be dealt with concerning the oil. I feel that as this motion stands, it will be very difficult to resolve this situation but I feel this is a very important matter, the oil, and there must be close scrutiny concerning the price. I feel that the administration should meet with them again in February to decide whether we will really need a committee and the finance committee should look into the financial matters. So, concerning this, why do the group of the committees not try and look into this and see if anything can be done? I speak in favour of this motion and the Treasury Board and the government I know for sure, they will look into it and we will again maybe make further amendments in February. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the motion? The Honourable Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MACQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I will support the motion because I believe the record will show that the mover does not mean necessarily there should be a separate committee but if the finance committee felt that it could handle it that it should go to the finance committee. So, personally that is what I think should happen. I agree that it is a very important matter and since Mr. Stewart did not want to withdraw the motion I will support it but on the understanding I have just outlined.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Do any other Honourable Members wish to speak to the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question has been called. Are we agreed? Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I thought you were calling the vote.

Motion 5-79(2), Carried

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there are no further Members who wish to debate then all in favour of this motion please indicate in the usual way. Down. Opposed? Any Members abstaining? I declare the motion carried.

---Carried

The hour being 2:30 I now declare this House recess for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): Recognizing a quorum, I now call the House to order and the very first thing I would like to do is apologize to Mr. McCallum. Yesterday you were very correct that you had the first words you stated when you rose were that you moved to refer. I see that from the record. The only defence I have is that the next time it arose was I think ten pages of transcript later and I guess by that time I had not remembered exactly when you said those words. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. During the break I was informed that the recording on translation with respect to the motion, the last motion was incorrectly translated. In fact my short statement with respect to the motion stated that I did not support the motion. I would like to correct that because it was recorded by the translation that I did support the motion. For the record I would like to have that corrected.

MR. SPEAKER: So noted, Mr. Curley. All right. We will move along then, dealing again with Item 9, motions. It appears that the next motion is Motion 6-79(2), Support of Pipeline, Norman Wells to Southern Canada. I believe that is a motion moved by Mr. Stewart.

Motion 6-79(2), Withdrawn

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw Motion 6-79(2). I have information that the matter is being dealt with in a manner that is satisfactory.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Motion 6-79(2) withdrawn. Next on the order paper is Motion 11-79(2), Beaufort Sea, Special Development Area. I believe that was introduced by Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion 11-79(2): Beaufort Sea, Special Development Area

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Motion 11-79(2) made by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Inuvik:

WHEREAS notice has been given that there are budget restraints;

AND WHEREAS it is the federal government of Canada which approves major developments in the Northwest Territories such as the search for oil and gas in the Beaufort Sea;

AND WHEREAS there is no formula whereby the Northwest Territories can institute tax on revenue sharing from resource development to benefit from or make up for extra development costs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada desires to exploit the resources of the Northwest Territories for the benefit of all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the impact coming from resource development from all Canadians is causing great strain on the normal Northwest Territories government funds;

AND WHEREAS the federal government should not only approve major developments but must also at the same time approve funds to ensure provision of adequate services and programs in any major development zone;

NOW THEREFORE, the area of the Beaufort Sea in the Western Arctic, now the home of a major search for oil and gas, in particular the community of Tuktoyaktuk, be recognized and designated as a "special development zone" and the federal government be put on notice to the effect that updating of funds must be made available to take into account this discrepancy.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconded, Motion 11-79(2), Beaufort Sea, Special Development Area.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I think after my presentation to this Assembly and the discussions that have been taking place regarding funds not being available and the extra restraints because of the problems of oil increases, that I do not really have to say too much about this motion. We have also discussed in the finance committee how we could approach the problem of securing extra funds to take care of these developments. I believe that this discussion has been going on here in the Assembly over the days so I do not believe I have to go on about the reasons for this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in seconding the motion I recognize the very valuable and important requirement that has been outlined here for what you might call extraordinary funding for rapid growth communities. Why I mention that is that a similar need was recognized by the seventh assembly of the Northwest Territories and a strong representation was made to the federal government by the Government of the Northwest Territories and latterly by the town of Inuvik for just such funding. Regrettably, the federal government did not see fit to provide the funding that was identified. Even with a little bit of arm twisting they could not agree that there are, in rapid growth communities, particular needs that are not part of the ordinary life and daily living of that community, especially in the service areas, and recognize too that these peculiar needs of development sometimes require that the residents of the community pay higher individual costs.

I must say that I am very grateful to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories and to this government that they did recognize such a need. I think it cost this government something in the order of between two and three million dollars to assist those communities that had gone ahead on their own to provide for this special development and had found when development ceased they had a debenture debt load that was impossible for them to bear. Thankfully this government picked up that financial obligation but at some great cost. The motion made by the Honourable Member for the Western Arctic is a very valuable one and one which I think should be resubmitted to the Government of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: Other debate on the motion? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 11-79(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

The next item, Motion 12-79(2), Inuvialuit Land Rights. I believe that was introduced by Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion 12-79(2): Inuvialuit Land Rights

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, on Motion 12-79(2), Inuvialuit Land Rights, a motion by myself, seconded by the Honourable Member from Keewatin South:

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to an early and fair settlement of outstanding land claims through negotiations;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has signed an agreement with respect to the Inuvialuit land rights in 1978;

AND WHEREAS the agreement signed in 1978 requires the Government of Canada and the Inuvialuit to negotiate in good faith to a final agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has refused to date to negotiate;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Northwest Territories must honour agreements made with native people;

NOW THEREFORE, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories takes the position that the Government of Canada must honour its obligations in the agreement in principle signed with the Inuvialuit and commence negotiations immediately.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded. To the motion.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, again I do not think I wish to dwell at great length on this matter because in my presentation I did bring up some of the problems in regard to the negotiations with the federal government. All I can say about the position here is that none of the negotiations can be realized if the federal Government of Canada sits and does nothing about the agreement that they have already made. In my presentation to this Assembly or Legislative Assembly, there is stressed the importance of moving toward a final settlement. However, we have come to an impasse with the government where they have not wanted to negotiate at all. I understand that there should have been a small pause in time where they needed to evaluate, but the time has passed considerably since the time we have had a new government and they have made no step in commencing negotiations.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. Curley, would you like to speak?

Fair Negotiations Must Begin Immediately

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In supporting this motion I would just like to draw the attention of the Assembly to the fact that the fair negotiations must begin immediately. I think the population, a certain sector of the population in the North, has been led to believe that land rights, land settlement negotiations with native people is something ugly and does not contribute to the development of the North or the northern economy. I would like to submit to this Assembly that you only have to look at the Alaskan settlement. What kind of contribution did it make to the economy of northern Alaska? What kind of contribution did the James Bay agreement make to the people in northern Quebec? Having native people own a fishery or own shares of Nordair, is that something ugly or is it against the will of part of the population of Canada?

We have been made to believe, particularly, I think, and more so in the Western Arctic, that negotiation with the Inuvialuit is something that is not acceptable to people and therefore should not be supported by this government, the Government of the Northwest Territories. In supporting the motion, Mr. Speaker,

I say that the only way we can exercise our responsibility and exercise this government as responsible is to support that negotiations resume fairly and that we not interfere at this time until we get to a certain period where we may have to deal with the matter. No doubt we will be dealing with the matter as the negotiations go on. I do not want to say anything further except to indicate my support to the motion that fair negotiations mean that this Assembly must also encourage the Minister of Indian Affairs not to hold off any longer because when he was in the opposition he indicated, and there were negotiations with native people going on, he said they were going on too long and said a fair settlement must be achieved as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the motion? The Honourable Member from Mackenzie Delta.

MR. NERYSOO: In the past it is quite well known I have taken the position that I do not support the negotiations but I did not support it in one context. That is, the Dene within the McPherson-Delta region were not involved in it but I have had assurances that this will go ahead and consultation will take place, not only consultation but future meetings will begin, and so therefore I have made an obligation to support this motion. I just wanted to clarify that.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the motion? The question being called. I recognize Mr. Stewart.

Amendment To Motion 12-79(2)

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, on this particular motion I find no difficulty with re-establishing negotiations. However, inasmuch as it also states, "...honour its obligations in the agreement in principle..." I do not know what the agreement in principle is. I suggest to you that if you approve this motion as it is written then you are indeed saying that that agreement should be signed. On that basis I would move an amendment, Mr. Speaker, and the amendment is this: "Therefore the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories takes the position that the Government of Canada must re-establish negotiations immediately."

MR. SPEAKER: Could you repeat the amendment please, Mr. Stewart?

MR. STEWART: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The amendment is: "Therefore the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories takes the position that the Government of Canada must re-establish negotiations immediately."

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that amendment? Mrs. Sorensen. Do you wish to speak to the amendment, Mr. Stewart?

Overlapping Of Claims

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I cannot really add too much to what I have already said but I do not feel that this House should, without knowing what the agreement in principle is, demand that the Government of Canada continue with that. Certainly they should negotiate but if there is an overlap of claims or something and other bodies may be interested then, of course, if you vote for the motion the way it is you are saying, "That is all right, that is the way it should go ahead." I do not think that is the intent of the Members. If the intent of the Members is that negotiations should proceed, fine, but certainly not approve the agreement in principle because the agreement in principle as I understand it was not favoured by other native groups in the Northwest Territories. So if the



motion is voted on, the way it stands, you are saying, "Yes, we are happy with it the way it is. Go ahead, sign it." And I do not think that is our intent, or certainly not my intent because I do not even know what the agreement in principle is. Certainly to re-establish negotiations is fine because we are interested, as the first line and we have said, we want rapid conclusion to land claims but I am not prepared as a territorial Assembly to say what you have decided and what that agreement is. Sign it and get it over with, no, because I do not know what the agreement is. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Before I move away from you, Mr. Stewart, I believe that a precedent in this House, or that the common practice in this House is that the mover of an amendment is not given the right of final reply and therefore I would ask if you have anything more to say at this moment. Anything at all?

MR. STEWART: No, Mr. Speaker, I have concluded.

MR. SPEAKER: The seconder to the amendment has the right to speak to it if she wishes.

MRS. SORENSEN: I will be brief as Mr. Stewart covered my concerns very well. I feel there may be changes to the agreement in principle because of negotiations that will result therefore would not like to lock this Assembly into approving anything that we have no control over and because of that I feel I would support the amendment as Mr. Stewart has stated.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the amendment? I would remind everyone if they wish to speak it should be specifically on the amendment and not the motion itself. Is there further debate on the amendment? Ms. Cournoyea.

#### Negotiating To A Final Agreement

MS. COURNOYEA: I take Mr. Stewart's words as the best of a fair statement and the only thing I would say against that is that he had a lot of time to find out what is in the agreement in principle. However on this last -- the obligations in the agreement in principle signed with the Inuvialuit and to commence negotiations immediately, it is a fact that the obligation was that on October 31, 1978, the Government of Canada said it would negotiate in good faith to try and reach an agreement by October 31, 1979. Our obligation in that agreement in principle was to do that on both sides, to negotiate to a final agreement in one years time. The reason for that is that we find a lot of times that the government seems to procrastinate about what they would do and there have been a lot of complaints about how native people are holding back and not doing their job. I have direct experience and I think I have a good reputation of hard work and so have the members of the group I work with. There are certain provisions in the agreement in principle and the motion was to speak to the intent and good will of the government to negotiate to final agreement.

I would prefer to see the motion go ahead as originally because it is not intended to prejudice or put anyone in a position and it is worded in a way that there are certain things referred to in the agreement in principle, but all those things cannot be realized unless there are negotiations. As Mr. Stewart says, he has concerns about what is in the agreement in principle and some other concerns and I have that as well. However, I would like to say in all honesty that nothing that has come up in the last year can be resolved unless there are negotiations. I would like to see the original motion stand.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the amendment? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment Carried

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour of the amendment please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

We will now address the motion as amended. Is there further debate on the motion as amended and it now reads: "Now therefore, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories takes the position that the Government of Canada must re-establish negotiations immediately."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 12-79(2), Carried As Amended

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour of the motion as amended, indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion as amended is carried.

---Carried

The next motion is Motion 13-79(2), a motion with respect to a position on land claims introduced by Ms. Cournoyea. Please.

Motion 13-79(2): Position On Land Claims

MS. COURNOYEA: Motion 13-79(2), Mr. Speaker, made by myself and seconded by the Member from Rae-Lac la Martre:

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to an early and fair settlement of outstanding land rights through negotiations;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories and the Government of the Northwest Territories have the greatest interest in facilitating land claims settlement that will build and strengthen the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Assembly is dedicated to establishing good working relationships with and fostering co-operation amongst all groups and peoples within the territories;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories is dedicated to reaching reconciliation of many legitimate interests in the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories will make itself available, upon request, to advise the federal government and the native groups on any matter they wish in regard to land claims negotiations.

MR. SPEAKER: It has been duly moved and seconded. It just occurs to me something which should be of interest to Members, that if at any time a mover indicates that you are a seconder to a motion, that you have in fact not given consent to seconding, it is your privilege to rise immediately and indicate that to the House. So when there is no point of order called I just assume that the seconder does give consent. Duly moved and seconded. To the motion, Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe in our talks we were trying to find where we could be most helpful in the expediting of land claims in the Northwest Territories. I put this motion forth as a movement in good faith that this Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories will be able to and will be willing to give the advice to both groups on matters relating to claims in areas where they can be helpful.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee, you have the right to speak.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member from the Western Arctic...

MR. SPEAKER: Is your mike on?

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I think that the Honourable Member from the Western Arctic has made the motion quite clear, so I do not wish to say anything else.

MR. SPEAKER: Others to the motion? The Honourable Member from Frobisher Bay.

Role Of Territorial Government In Land Claims

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, if I may ask for a point of clarification from the mover of the motion. What I would like to know is what is meant by the Government of the Northwest Territories making itself available on request to advise the federal government, etc.? It is certainly clear to me who the Legislative Assembly is, but I would like to know what the intention is as far as the Government of the Northwest Territories making itself available and specifically, if I may, which group or groups within the Government of the Northwest Territories the mover had in mind as representing the government if the Legislative Assembly is not requested to do so? We know, for example, that there is a land claims secretariat which has represented the Government of the Northwest Territories during land claims discussions. Is it that group you had in mind or is it the Executive Committee or is it the Commissioner? I would like to know what I am voting for, if I vote in favour of the motion as far as the Government of the Northwest Territories is concerned, because it seems to me that the position we have taken yesterday on land claims policy and constitutional development policy has left these unclear at the moment, what role the Government of the Northwest Territories will play. Therefore, I think it is important that the mover clarify what that somewhat general phrase means for me. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Would you please do that, Ms. Cournoyea? I would appreciate it if rather than speaking to the motion again, you just give the clarification.

MS. COURNOYEA: Could I give an example? When I talk about the Government of the Northwest Territories I assume it is run by the Legislative Assembly. Now from time to time in my experience we have had to go to the game office or the superintendent of game to ask him about laws that exist and often times in order to develop a position in what you want to do, it is advisable to say to the particular department "I would like to know what is taking place in this area." The idea was that the Government of the Northwest Territories would help to expedite claims in terms of giving information and giving advice on things that had happened to them and what they know about as well in the work that they are doing. Does that clarify the point?

MR. PATTERSON: If I may, Mr. Speaker, reply to that?

MR. SPEAKER: Are you going to state whether that explanation is satisfactory or not? I did recognize that you simply asked a question of clarification the last time.

MR. PATTERSON: I am asking a further clarification if I may.

MR. SPEAKER: You may.

Representation At Land Claims Negotiations

MR. PATTERSON: I understand the point that you made, Ms. Cournoyea, and that certainly seems eminently sensible to me, but do I also take it that you wish the Government of the Northwest Territories to make itself available to advise the federal government in regard to land claims negotiations themselves? In other words, are you addressing the whole question in this motion of who represents the Government of the Northwest Territories at the negotiating table? Is that your intention with this motion? Do I understand then that the Government of the Northwest Territories would only be present at these negotiations if requested by either the federal government or native groups and if that happened it could be through any element of the Government of the Northwest Territories as determined by the Legislative Assembly? Is that correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Would you please further clarify, Ms. Cournoyea?

MS. COURNOYEA: This motion had no implications to negotiations, but to give due respect to the Government of the Northwest Territories which is itself running some of the programs that are directly affecting the native people. I did not intend the involvement to have anything to do with negotiations but to draw from information that might be available at the various levels.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: If I may ask for further clarification...

MR. BUTTERS: On a point of order. This is a procedure which I find most interesting. It has never been a matter in the previous assembly that a member could rise on a number of occasions unless the matter is dealt with in committee of the whole. I would say to you respectfully, sir, that the proper procedure here is for the Honourable Member to move that the matter be considered in committee of the whole if further clarification is required from the mover or the seconder and I will gladly second that motion. Let us put it into committee so we can speak, all of us, as many times as we wish.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, would you bring the book of Rules, please, particularly the one we looked at a moment ago?

The Rule which the Clerk has pointed out to me, Rule 20: "In debate a Member will be called to order by the Speaker if he or she (a) speaks twice to a question, except in explanation of a material part of his or her speech which may have been misunderstood, in which case new matter may not be introduced."

I believe that also referred to misunderstanding of a motion which had been put and I was going to rule that it was obvious to me Mr. Patterson is neither trying to advance nor obstruct the motion, but sincerely was trying to understand the motion and, therefore, I had allowed him to do it but it would appear that this Rule does not include that circumstance. So I will find that you are right, that if he cannot understand and accept the motion as it is stated and wants further clarification, that it would be proper to introduce a motion that this be referred to committee of the whole. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to, with your permission, move an amendment to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I will accept that since, again, we are learning the procedure and you may introduce the amendment.

Amendment To Motion 13-79(2)

MR. PATTERSON: The amendment to the motion is simply to delete the letter "s" from the word "negotiations" in the last word of the motion and add the word "preparations". The motion would therefore read "That the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories will make itself available upon request to advise the federal government and the native groups on any matter they wish in regard to land claims negotiation preparations."

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that amendment? Mr. Curley. All right, you may speak to your amendment.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I will not speak at length but I just feel that the intent of the motion, as explained by Ms. Cournoyea, is not really reflected as well as it could be in the motion, since the motion talks about participation of the Legislative Assembly and Government of the Northwest Territories, upon request, in land claims negotiations. That is a thorny issue that I think this Assembly has yet to resolve. I think the clear intent is to make available the expertise of the Government of the Northwest Territories and its various departments to groups who request its help in the interests of advancing negotiation preparations. Therefore, I simply move the amendment to make the motion clearer and not put us into any of the difficulties that we might arrive at further on down the road if this motion is interpreted as expressing our Assembly's direction in regard to this government's participation in negotiations themselves. I think that issue is up in the air at the moment and I simply make the amendment to make it clear that this assistance is for negotiation preparations and not necessarily assistance at negotiations themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: As seconder, Mr. Curley, you have the right to speak now.

Involvement In Areas Of Preparation

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion, understanding the fact that negotiations have not fully begun yet and no doubt this amendment will likely want to have some involvement in areas of preparation. So, for that reason I think the motion itself as amended is appropriate. It will serve the interests of the organizations that are involved in the negotiations and I think the amendment speaks for itself. This government will no doubt want to be prepared if the Government of Canada wants to ask for its advice. That is all I have for the moment on that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further debate on the amendment, and again I would ask you to address the amendment specifically. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to ask a question. What do the Rules state, or have they changed? Those people who have seconded the motion, when they do not want to speak, in the past they did not have to say anything even though they were seconding the motion. Now, if they seconded the motion they did not have to speak up. I want to know how the Rules and regulations of the Assembly are now according to that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Rules of the House would give a seconder a right to speak but does not impose any obligation whatsoever. So, someone who seconds a motion or seconds an amendment to a motion may choose not to speak to it if he wishes. I might say that my understanding would place a mover in the very same position but no one is obliged to speak once a motion is duly moved and seconded. Does that clarify it for you, Mr. Evaluarjuk?

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, yes, it clarifies it for me but it seems that a mover can speak what he moves but then you are putting the question to the seconder if they would like to speak. Maybe you should just ask for any comments on the motion. Maybe it would be better that way.

MR. SPEAKER: Perhaps so and I will take that under advisement. To the amendment, Mr. McCallum.

Recognition As A Government

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I think it is just great that we are now today approximately some 20 hours away now from being recognized as a government, that we are a government and that we will be able to give some input into the various groups whereas yesterday we were not going to do it. In fact we were not going to be able to have anything to do with land claims, either in the preparation or negotiations, which I think is just wonderful, something we should be doing. You could not find a greater supporter in this group of 22 than I would be to Mr. Patterson's motion that this government, that this Legislative Assembly now, upon request mind you, and I hope the request will come often, that we would be able to give our advice, to advise those people in negotiations and I think it is wonderful. When I consider that yesterday we were not a government -- today the motion: Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories...therefore the Government of the Northwest Territories advise...I am very appreciative of the kind of amendment Mr. Patterson made and as I say I am sure everyone here will now go on it.

We have finally gotten the recognition that we have been attempting to get in the past. I do not know what we will advise on, they would get the claims or the federal government -- if the federal government starts asking us for advice that will be a pretty good day as well -- finally, and mind you they will only ask us when they feel like it, we will not be able to lay anything on them as well as we could with the claimants but I think it is great and I think all Members would be 220 per cent behind the business of it. The preparation for negotiations is a step. If when we prepare the negotiations maybe then we can have another motion such as you have made, Mr. Patterson, that we would get involved with it but I appreciate now being recognized as a government. For awhile I did not know who was going to pay us.

---Applause

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the amendment? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to amend the amendment. I would like to strike "on any matters they wish" and to replace "on" and "matters" so therefore it would read: "Therefore, the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories will make itself available upon request to advise the federal government and the native groups on matters in regard to land claims negotiation preparation."

MR. SPEAKER: "...on matters in regard to land claims negotiation preparation."

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER, Yes, I find, and the record will show that I find -- I will not mention that Mr. Lal and Mr. Remnant helped me to find it -- but as I suspected, Mrs. Sorensen, yours is not an amendment to the amendment, it is another amendment and in which case we deal with the amendment. In other words I cannot accept that

at the moment. We will deal with the amendment Mr. Patterson raised and then later if you should wish to amend the motion further it would be acceptable at that time. It is not an amendment to the amendment. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: A point of privilege or a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I do not know what to say as I am rather new at this. I would like to say that when people make amendments, we get confusion. I would like to request we withdraw this motion as I am somewhat confused on Motion 13-79(2). I would like to request the amenders to withdraw their amendments and I will withdraw this motion at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: In which case as I understand it we would need the permission of Mr. Curley, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Wah-Shee before it could be completely withdrawn. Do we have that permission? Mr. Wah-Shee.

Motion 13-79(2), Withdrawn

MR. WAH-SHEE: Yes. While I regret I would have to withdraw it, I would like to say I hope that the role of the Government of the Northwest Territories will be defined some time in the future. Thank you.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Specifically I am not clear. You will accept withdrawal of the motion?

MR. WAH-SHEE: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: I think the motion had better be looked at more carefully, although I certainly am not opposed to the principles in it...

MR. SPEAKER: Again if I may.

MR. PATTERSON: The shortest answer is, I give my consent.

MR. SPEAKER: That is what I was looking for, Mr. Patterson and indeed, Mr. Curley as well.

MR. CURLEY: Due to general agreement amongst all Members I will consent to the withdrawal of the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: In which case Motion 13-79(2), Position on Land Claims, is withdrawn. A great exercise. We will move to Motion 14-79(2), Negotiations with Native Organizations. This was introduced by Ms. Cournoyea. The Honourable Member from the Western Arctic, Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion 14-79(2): Negotiations With Native Organizations

MS. COURNOYEA: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, for causing so much confusion. Mr. Speaker, on Motion 14-79(2), raised by myself and seconded by the Honourable Member from Mackenzie Delta:

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to an early and fair settlement of outstanding land rights through negotiations;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to protecting the rights of the residents of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Jake Epp has instructed his department not to negotiate with the Inuvialuit to a final agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is not negotiating with any native organizations in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is failing to protect the rights of native people of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the Minister indicate that he is not willing to fulfil his ministerial and governmental responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly takes the position that Mr. Epp must re-establish the good faith of the Government of Canada resuming negotiations with all native groups immediately and that Mr. Epp take the necessary actions to rectify the compromises to the rights of the people in the Northwest Territories that have occurred during his term as Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

Registered And Non-status Natives

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, an agreement in principle that we have with the Government of Canada in the area of hunting rights was negotiated and as an example one of the agreements that the government did make was in regard to hunting rights in the northern Yukon. The agreement of the Government of Canada is that they would not have the legislature make laws that would take away rights that have been agreed to. For example, in the northern Yukon the Yukon territorial government has made legislation that takes away the normal rights of people who are not registered Indians. Therefore, the new law that they are proposing to finalize, I think this coming week, defines an Eskimo person to be split such as the registered Indians and the non-status. The Government of Canada had previously agreed that the criteria for what is an Eskimo were decided at the agreement in principle stage of our negotiations. What would happen now with the new law going into effect is that a person who is an Eskimo, Inuvialuit, or any person if he is not a registered Indian and if his parents -- if his father was not a native person but had a native mother -- then he would come under the laws established to separate the Metis, as it is now, and the registered Indian.

This is one example of the problems that we are receiving. We feel that the Northwest Territories government in its efforts to help expediting in the game department has recognized that the problems that exist today between non-status and status Indians have caused a great deal of difficulty and we had hoped that in our negotiations that we would not run into the same difficulty.



In the Yukon, as it is now, myself, I cannot receive a general hunting licence because my father is a white man. Another person who has a mother who is not native because he has a father who happened to have a disc number, then he would be able to receive a general hunting licence. This has not been done before. The idea that anyone who lived in the northern Yukon has always been able to exercise general hunting licence privileges there has caused a great deal of dismay in our area because unfortunately at some period of time someone drew a boundary that said this is the Yukon and this is the Northwest Territories. I feel that Mr. Epp should rectify this situation and I would like the support of this Legislative Assembly for those purposes.

MR. SPEAKER: Taking Mr. Evaluarjuk's gentle reproach into account, I will now simply say is there other discussion? It has always been understood that if a seconder should indicate a desire to speak along with others that I will choose the seconder first. Is there other discussion on the motion? The Honourable Member from Mackenzie Delta.

#### Constituency Affected By Yukon Law

MR. NERYSOO: Yes. It seems that most of the other constituencies are not as affected as my constituency with regard to the laws in the Yukon. For those who are not aware, the hunting, traditional land use of my constituency, approximately two-thirds of the area that we hunt and trap on is, in fact, in the Yukon. Unfortunately they too, have a legislative assembly that has the right to make laws but they do not take into consideration the rights of the people of the Northwest Territories within their territory. Although the Yukon or the federal government took and made the North Slope, the northern area into, a park which has not been named. It did not get a name, but it was sort of a park where the native people could make their own laws regarding the regulation of hunting, having quotas on caribou or whatever. It would still remain under the jurisdiction of the native people basically.

The other thing is the idea that non-status people -- one person from Fort McPherson was arrested in the Yukon for shooting a bighorn sheep if you want to call it. It is legal for the status people and in McPherson we recognize that non-status had the right to shoot mountain sheep but that is the case we did not agree with and if that is the fact we will probably contest it. But again laws are being made outside and I think it is necessary that this Assembly somehow approaches that legislature and makes it clear about our issues and concerns with regard to our hunting rights in that area. Maybe none of you will find it necessary but I do and I am going to make it an issue here in the Assembly and probably make it an issue by talking to a number of their Ministers or whatever.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further discussion on the motion? Mr. Butters.

#### Two Territorial Governments Should Meet

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I listened closely to the remarks of the mover and the seconder and I understand their intent and I appreciate the relevancy of the position. However, I do not think it is clear in the motion that is before us what it is exactly that they are seeking to do. I, with my colleagues, represent people who have been refused general hunting licences by the Yukon or have been refused hunting privileges in the Yukon on the grounds of the Yukon Act. Possibly my colleagues have made the same approaches to the Yukon government and have learned what I did, that the Yukon government may be at this very moment because they are now in session ruling void general hunting licences in the Yukon and are establishing some kind of special trapping areas. So the general hunting licence as we understand it in the territories and as it existed formerly under the Yukon legislation is being removed. So this motion suggests that it has something to do with the federal government and it does not. It is directly and specifically the responsibility and I guess a right that the Yukon government is exercising under the Yukon Act.

I think that if the intent is as expressed by the mover and seconder then the wording should be something to the effect, and the seconder suggested this, that the Government of the Northwest Territories approach the Government of the Yukon and discuss this whole problem of harvesting of natural resources by native people in border areas, not Mr. Epp, but the two territorial governments. I think that the Honourable Member would find himself not alone in making his representations but he would find all the Members of the Government of the Northwest Territories at his side in supporting his point of view. What I am saying is nothing new. We said this in the previous House. I am concerned that the motion does not really address the issue and does not make a concrete and positive suggestion as to how it could be accomplished.

#### Possible Amendment To The N.W.T. Act

I think too, and we should look beyond the particular concerns of the area of the representatives from the Western Arctic. Previous Houses, the seventh assembly to my knowledge and maybe the sixth on which Mr. Stewart sat, argued that Metis people in the territories are native people, that Metis people under the law and under the federal law should have the same status with regard to hunting rights and privileges as any other persons of native status. The time to do this is obviously when the Northwest Territories Act is before the House of Commons. I recollect that when the Northwest Territories Act was last before the House of Commons, and that was when we sought to have the number of members changed from 15 to 22, that at that time the federal New Democratic Party was very much in opposition to making that change. I personally approached, in his office, the member for the Northwest Territories for that time and suggested, why not instead of opposing the enlargement of this House, why not add just two words in the Northwest Territories Act when it came before the House. Those two words were "Indians, Eskimos and Metis shall hunt for food as it is required". If we wish to ensure that non-status or Metis people receive the same benefit and entitlement it is the act we should be pursuing. So, I support the very laudible intent of the motion but I think the motion is not directed to the particular and specific areas we should be approaching and attacking.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there other discussion on the motion? I must say I find the discussion is away somewhat from the words I see written in the motion and I would appreciate a discussion on the motion. I have been tolerant because if there is a way in which the mover and seconder wanted people to understand it, I wanted that to come across so people would know what they were voting for. To the motion? Mr. Patterson.

#### Division Between Status And Non-status Native People

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I share the concern of Mr. Butters that perhaps the motion should be more specific. I am very alarmed to hear of the developments, of the detailed developments, as expressed by the mover and seconder of this motion and I feel that the motion should specifically address our concern in that regard. I think this whole error that the Government of Canada very early fell into in making invidious, the invidious division between status and non-status native persons has reaped great harm and hardship upon a large number of people. I am aware that there is a very significant problem with the particular rights of the Metis people in the Northwest Territories, not only with reference to the Yukon border but also with reference to discussions now under way concerning an amendment of the Migratory Birds Convention Act which appears may exclude the Metis, although it involves the Inuit and Indians.

I guess my point, Mr. Speaker, in addressing the motion is that while I do support it now that I understand what lies behind it, I would urge the mover or seconder of the motion to consider making amendments which might more specifically express our concern as to what extent the rights of people of the Northwest Territories have been compromised. I do not agree with the Honourable Mr. Butters, that this does not involve the federal government. Certainly it involves the Government of the Yukon but I think it involves the federal government to the extent that, let us not forget that Mr. Epp still has the power to veto any legislation from that territory, and I am sure that it is that power that the motion addresses. However, I would be happier supporting this motion if it was more specific. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

MR. MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I will defer to Ms. Cournoyea for now.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion 14-79(2), Withdrawn.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, if the motion cannot stand as it is, it is because of lack of understanding the hunting, trapping and fishing rights or the position of the Government of Canada, and particularly Mr. Epp with the native people, and it was my understanding that Mr. Epp is directly responsible for the rights of the native people which he must protect, despite the fact that other more local governments are passing certain jurisdiction over the management of the resources. I cannot see as a government being an arm of the federal government, how it can help in talking to the Yukon government because we have done so already. So, if the motion cannot stand on its merits as it is, the way it reads: Therefore the Government of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly takes the position that Mr. Epp must establish the good faith with the Government of Canada resuming negotiations and these negotiations are with all native groups, in particular hunting, trapping and fishing rights and with all native people immediately and that Mr. Epp take the necessary action to rectify the compromises to the rights of the people in the Northwest Territories that have occurred during his term as Minister. If this motion cannot stand, Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the motion for now, if it cannot stand on its own.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the seconder agree to withdrawal? Motion 14-79(2) is withdrawn.

In view of the time we will recess 15 minutes for coffee and doughnuts.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Recognizing a quorum I call this House to order. Continuing with the item motions we have one further on the order paper, Motion 16-79(2), an amendment of the wildlife regulations. Before I move to that it was pointed out earlier today that Motion 15-79(2) had been erroneously placed on the orders of the day and in fact it had been dealt with and carried the other day. So it is Motion 16-79(2) and that motion was introduced by the Honourable Member for Keewatin North, Mr. Noah.

Motion 16-79(2): Amendment Of Schedule H Of Wildlife Regulations

MR. NOAH: I wish to move this motion and am seconded by the Honourable Member from Keewatin South. Mr. Speaker, my motion is written and first I will read it in Inuktitut:

WHEREAS by regulation made under section 34 of the Wildlife Ordinance, the open season for Barren-ground caribou and Peary's caribou in wildlife management areas B/5, J/1 and J/2 has been limited to July 15 to May 15 for general hunting licence holders;

AND WHEREAS general hunting licence holders, especially those resident in inland areas such as Baker Lake, who do not have access to sea mammals will continue to suffer if this regulation is not changed;

AND WHEREAS the regulation in schedule H of the regulations made under section 34 of the Wildlife Ordinance was passed without consultation with Inuit of the Baffin and Keewatin regions through their hunters' and trappers' associations and does not therefore have their consent;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that schedule H of the wildlife regulations, made under section 34 of the Wildlife Ordinance, be amended to change this open season for caribou in areas B/5, J/1 and J/2 be amended to July 1st to June 30th each year.

Mr. Speaker, would you like me to repeat it?

MR. SPEAKER: No. The motion has been made and seconded. You may now speak to it.

MR. NOAH: Mr. Speaker, the motion is well written, but I will talk about it in short. The commercial food that we get from commercial stores is very expensive for hunters and trappers and for the arts and crafts persons. The population of Baker Lake has increased to over 1000 and the people of Baker Lake, the majority of the people in Baker Lake are hunters and trappers. The majority in Baker Lake do not like or consume commercial food. For many years we have been sustained by caribou food and to this day we still would like to have caribou meat. Mr. Speaker, the caribou have been driven away by low flying aircraft and the people of Baker Lake now have to hunt further away from the community.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Baker Lake can only be supported by the food of caribou and fish. As I said earlier concerning my motion, we do not have sea mammals, for example, seals. I do not want to talk so much. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

Amendment To Motion 16-79(2)

MR. SPEAKER: I just had it pointed out to me by the Legal Advisor that there is some little confusion with respect to the terminology and that the intent that you have would be properly served, in his opinion, if the motion were to read: "I move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that schedule H made under section 34 of the wildlife regulations be amended to change this open season." As I say, the Legal Advisor feels that that serves the intent of your motion, Mr. Noah. Are you willing that the motion be read that way into the record?

MR. NOAH: Yes, if it was to read this way I agree.

MR. SPEAKER: And the seconder as well?

MR. CURLEY: Yes.

Amendment Carried

MR. SPEAKER: All Members then should note that the motion actually reads differently from what it initially read on your motion paper. All right. In the "whereases", as well the first "whereas", should say section 34 of the wildlife regulations. The third "whereas" should say "section 34 of the wildlife regulations."

---Carried

On the motion as Mr. Noah and Mr. Curley have brought forward. To the motion. Further discussion? Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In seconding the motion I would just like to comment on the impact that this regulation has had with the people in the Eastern Arctic as it was previously and originally designed. It has caused tremendous fear among the hunters and trappers in the Eastern Arctic and has had quite a response from even the national organization directly to the Minister opposing this particular regulation because it concerns some certain native hunting rights of the native people who depend on wildlife, caribou for their sustenance. For that reason the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories was advised in Igloolik that we would draw that regulation and afterwards Mr. Commissioner indicated to me that it was a bad regulation and that he would be prepared to change it as soon as the time permits.

I would like to say supporting the motion that the conservation programs are not in jeopardy because I believe we can develop better conservation measures rather than threatening the lives and the hunting rights of native people. I for one, Mr. Speaker, will be taking my first initiative in saying the, normally, 35 caribou I would shoot at or kill, I am going to make sure as a voluntary step that I will not kill as many caribou as I normally would in supporting this motion to allow those who must hunt to live on that sustenance of caribou. So, Mr. Speaker, I think the motion speaks for itself and I would urge all Honourable Members to support the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Informing Constituents

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I should be talking in opposing this as I would like to support this motion. I recall when there was the eighth assembly this was talked about and they were saying they wanted to get a quota that one person should kill a certain number of caribou and we said that we should inform our constituency first. We agreed on this in the legislative assembly but we heard the Keewatin people were not happy about this and this really hurt me to bring a council together for nothing. We did not agree with the Wildlife Ordinance and we said that the Wildlife Ordinance, if it was accepted, then it would be a little more appropriate and the communities would be able to set up the way they want the ordinance to be and because of this I support the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion? Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I support this motion very much. We get food by way of hunting. I do not think they should be held back by the government. If there is no more caribou in the land for anybody -- if they are trying to look for caribou, I have seen a lot.

In my area there are no more caribou in one area, on an island and we know that they were chased away by the biologists. This was going to be a hunting area and I do not think this should be held back. I think these are the ones who are supposed to be held back. I have a picture here, I have a diagram here of a caribou whose antlers were tangled up with a wire. This is breaking the law and there has been nothing done about it. Thank you very much, I am going to support this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further discussion on the motion? Mr. Patterson.

Aboriginal Hunting And Fishing Rights

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise in support of this motion too, but I wish to make it clear to the Department of Renewable Resources that in no way by voting in favour of this motion am I saying that I, nor the people from my constituency who depend on caribou for their physical and spiritual survival, in no way are we saying we do not respect the important goal of conservation.

However, Mr. Speaker, the historic case in Baker Lake which judgment I have not yet had a chance to receive, if one believes the news reports, confirms that aboriginal people do have hunting and fishing rights in the Northwest Territories. Therefore, this government must respect their real interest in those resources and must balance their interest with the administration's concern about conservation.

Mr. Speaker, the regulations, if they continue, will not reap any hardship on any of the people in the areas affected until May 15 when the season will be closed once again if the regulations are not changed as proposed. So, there is time for a dialogue and discussion and consultation to take place and I submit, Mr. Speaker, that to date both in the case of these regulations, or these changes to the regulations, and in the lamentable case of the polar bear seasons this fall, the regulations were dropped on hunters like a bolt out of the blue. Mr. Speaker, Inuit hunters are willing to respect conservation measures if those measures are explained and justified by facts and, most importantly, if they are given the dignity of participating in those decisions.

Shadow Minister Necessary For Renewable Resources

This is perhaps one reason why the caucus from the area north of the tree line has appointed a shadow minister, if you like, for Renewable Resources. We are most anxious that any further changes in regulations receive the prior approval of the people concerned. I hope that this motion, if it receives the support of this Assembly will be an expression of the opinion of this House that these regulations -- although they can be made by the Commissioner at any time, he can sign a regulation in his office and it is law -- but if those laws are to be enforced and respected they must have the concurrence and respect of the people who they affect. I am saying, Mr. Speaker, if we support this motion of the Honourable Mr. Noah we are supporting that process of consultation which can and should take place before the spring season is on us again.

There has been talk of setting up a special caribou committee, that was mentioned by the Commissioner at the Igloolik annual meeting of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. I think it is clear that the Inuit are anxious to be part of the decision making concerning this resource which they have an aboriginal right to hunt. I am pleased to see that through the Commissioner this government seems to feel it is important they be involved too. Progress has already been made in this direction, I know, and we hope more progress will be made in the future, starting with the regulations we are referring to in this motion. So, in summary, Mr. Speaker, I wish to vote in support of this motion, not as a way of demonstrating that we are opposed to conservation measures but rather as a way of urging the administration to consult with the people affected before regulations in this highly emotional area of wildlife management are made in future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further debate on the motion? Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I likewise support the motion of the Honourable Member from Keewatin North. In referring to something the Honourable Member from Frobisher Bay raised, that being the recent decision of Mr. Justice Mahoney, I would request through you, sir, that the Clerk provide all Members with a copy of that decision as soon as it is available and hopefully it is in syllabic translation. I would assume that Mr. Justice Mahoney would have developed a syllabic version of his decision.

An Immediate Executive Committee Concern

There were a couple of other things raised in the remarks by the previous speaker. He is correct that regulations can be effected by the Commissioner in his office. To my knowledge he has never done this. I believe that this change went through the Executive Committee while I was a member. I do not recall the debate or the discussion on the motion, however I recall one meeting at which there were about 12 suggested amendments during the discussion and this could have been one of them. So, I take my share of the responsibility for encouraging the implementation of a regulation which was not in the interests of the members from caribou country.

I would just like to also point out that although there has been no Member named yet for the Department of Renewable Resources as an Executive Committee Member I promise the mover that I will ask the executive secretary of the Executive Committee, I do not see him in the House, but as soon as possible if this motion passes that this direction given by the House would be among the first order of business on the agenda for the new Executive Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further discussion on the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. Mrs. Sorensen.

Consultation Essential

MRS. SORENSEN: I just have a short statement to make, Mr. Speaker. I am very concerned about this motion and I respect what the Honourable Mr. Patterson has to say about consultation and concurrence and respect of the people by this government. I tend to differ, however from what the Honourable Member has said that, if we support this motion we are making sure there is consultation. The motion does not say that, the motion implies that the hunting of caribou will in future take place during the calving season which is a definite move against conservation. As far as I am concerned I would prefer to see the motion reflect what Mr. Patterson has said about consultation.

I could delay things by moving that we resolve into committee of the whole and have a vote, etc., however I know from the type of debate we have had so far, I have not a hope in hell of getting that passed, but I just want to make sure that we know what we are talking about here. I want to make sure.

MR. McCALLUM: Join the club.

MRS. SORENSEN: That is all I have to say but I find this motion really frustrating because it does not really say what I think the mover intended it to say, and I am most concerned about the credibility of the House.

MS. COURNOYEA: I would like to speak in support of the motion and, with due respect to the Honourable Mrs. Sorensen, this is one of the problems we have been having for many, many years in terms of the harvesting of wildlife. The motion put forth, the harvesters of that particular resource have put forth a motion concerning their particular needs. I respect that because I feel that those people who are living in that area are the best people to decide how that resource will be utilized and we have been in a struggle to get this kind of recognition for people who use the resources. The resource user and the harvester have to be working in close co-operation. People from remote areas who do not understand should respect the fact that no honourable hunter would want to delete his resources and I speak in respect to this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion on the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I have a question on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am reluctant, not having progressed into hunting much beyond accidentally knocking a few caribou down with my car once in a while. I do not pretend to be an expert on hunting or caribou migration or anything like that. I am reluctant to go either way on this not knowing the substance of the matter but the point I make to you, Mr. Speaker, is that at a future time in the next Assembly if we would like to go into committee of the whole on this we would still have time to change legislation or regulations at the next session. We could ask in witnesses from wildlife services during committee of the whole so that I am in favour of this motion knowing that we can at the next session bring this topic up again. I would just like to ask my question. Would we be able to do that as a committee of the whole at the next session if we so desire?

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, it would be my understanding that if you wish to introduce a motion, for instance, that it be reviewed, it could certainly be brought before the Assembly and if the Assembly wished then it could be turned over for consideration by committee of the whole.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Then I have no reluctance to support the motion at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion on the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 16-79(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

That was the last motion on the order paper. I now remember however, that Mr. Evaluarjuk earlier had received unanimous consent to introduce a motion at this time and, therefore, I would ask him to do so.

Motion 21-79(2): Annual Legislative Ball

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, I was with the eighth assembly and I had made a motion:

WHEREAS the eighth legislative assembly established a practice of holding an annual Legislative Ball;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly continue this practice by holding a suitable function on the night of the opening day of the February session.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that motion? Mr. Fraser. Speak to the motion.



MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I, I do not want them to think I am silly in times of financial restraint in having a Legislative Ball. We used to have negotiations on this in committee of the whole and I made this motion. This is not just a Legislative Ball, even if the name is just a dance. The reason why I want this to go on is because we meet a lot of different people. This is the only way that we could meet different people from the entire Northwest Territories and the people who are invited here could see the Assembly in session. We usually invite people from Ottawa to the Legislative Ball and the opening and they are really happy. They are very happy to learn a lot of things here. I know that this is not just a fun opportunity, but I know people from Baffin Island who used to live in Baffin are now living in the Western Arctic. There are a lot of people who have a lot of friends in Baffin Island and they are really happy to see the people they have known before. The reason I move this is so everybody can get together from the Western and Eastern Arctic so I move this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 21-79(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour of the motion introduced by Mr. Evaluarjuk please indicate by raising your hands. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Curley, please.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I gave notice of motion yesterday which must have unanimous consent before I proceed with it.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley had given notice of motion yesterday and, of course, ordinarily it would not come to the floor of the Assembly until Monday. He seeks unanimous consent to bring it to the floor of the House now. Does he have that consent? Agreed? Proceed, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker: Whereas subsection 17(1)...

MR. SPEAKER: Is it a point of order, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Fraser said nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I did not hear that "nay". Since unanimous consent is required you may not bring it at this time.

MR. PATTERSON: I too, introduced a notice of motion yesterday concerning the Canada Works program of the job creation branch, Motion 20-79(2), and I too would ask the consent of the Assembly to proceed with the motion at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson is requesting unanimous consent to proceed. Does he have unanimous consent? All agreed? Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the motion reads: Whereas by a recent decision of the Government of Canada the Canada Works program of the job creation branch...

MR. SPEAKER: Do I understand again Mr. Fraser said nay?

MR. FRASER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, you will not be able to proceed in that he did not receive unanimous consent. It would appear that under the Item 9, motions, that that completes the business of this Assembly.

Item 10, notices of motion for first reading of bills. To my knowledge there are none.

Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 12, second reading of bills.

Item 13, continuing consideration of business in committee of the whole.

ITEM NO. 13: CONTINUING CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There is a matter pending, Motion 17-79(2), Committee on Unity. This House will therefore now resolve into committee of the whole to consider that matter, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Motion 17-79(2), Committee on Unity, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MOTION 17-79(2), COMMITTEE ON UNITY

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The committee will come to order to consider, or to continue consideration of Motion 17-79(2), for the establishment of a special committee on unity; the motion, for the information of Members, of the Honourable Mr. Sibbeston, that a special committee on unity be established by this Assembly. As Members will recall this matter was discussed quite extensively while in committee previously and is there any further discussion? The Honourable Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could we be given an indication of the estimated cost and could we be given assurances that funds are available, either in the Clerk's office, or just exactly where will we get the money?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Sibbeston, do you defer to Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I believe the motion -- the Honourable Mr. MacQuarrie, are you prepared to answer that?

Availability Of Funds

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes. Yes, I would like the opportunity to answer it. We have been informed by the Clerk that in money set aside for the Legislative Assembly, since a budget had been prepared for a spring session last year and there was no session, and since money has been set aside for a constitutional committee in the budget, this in some sense plays that kind of role. He feels that very likely there would be money available in those categories to carry on this kind of committee. I cannot state the cost for sure but it would seem to me that if it is a five Member committee then it may mean those five people making trips to each of five or six different locations, probably on two occasions to each location during the year. Travel may come to \$12,000 or \$15,000, I cannot say exactly, with the expenses of Members staying a day or two at each of these places. So, I believe that it could be handled with the moneys that are now available. If I may I would like to introduce an amendment to the motion and it does have the approval of the mover and it would address the problem of funding in a general way. Perhaps you would find it acceptable in that sense.

Amendment To Motion 17-79(2)

I would move this amendment, so the motion now reads "That a special committee on unity be established by the Legislative Assembly," -- that was the original motion -- and "that it be comprised of five Members, among them Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Curley, Mr. Sayine, Mr. MacQuarrie and one other Member who will volunteer to serve, that this committee be given authority to travel, that it present a budget to the Members' services board for approval, that it try to determine the means by which a political consensus might be generated among the peoples of the North and that it makes its recommendations to this Assembly at the earliest possible date."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): It has been amended by Mr. MacQuarrie that a special committee on unity be established by this Legislative Assembly, that it be comprised of five Members, among them Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Curley, Mr. Sayine and Mr. MacQuarrie and one other who will volunteer to serve, that this committee be given authority to travel, that it present a budget to the Members' services board for approval, that it try to determine the means by which a political consensus might be generated among the peoples of the North and that it makes its recommendations to this Assembly as soon as possible. To the amendment?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Is there anyone who wishes to speak to the amendment? Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: As mover of the amendment I would simply like to say that among those who were interested in this committee it was agreed that the motion should be made more precise so that if it is approved we may get under way as soon as possible, and I would ask that the amendment be approved.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. To the amendment? Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to offer my services as a volunteer for this other Member.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Mr. Fraser.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion 17-79(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Are there any other persons who wish to speak to the amendment? If not, the question being called. All those in favour of the amendment please signify in the usual manner. Down. Opposed? Abstaining? The amendment to the motion is carried.

---Carried

Now, is there any discussion on the motion as amended?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 17-79(2), Carried As Amended

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The question being called. All those in favour of the motion as amended please signify in the usual manner. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston, please.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I was simply going to move that the chairman report progress.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): It has been moved. Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston, you will have to pardon me for my hesitation. Is it the wish of Members that I report the motion has been adopted as amended and that the business of the committee of the whole is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come to order. Mr. Chairman.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of Motion 17-79(2), Committee On Unity

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that Motion 17-79(2), of the Honourable Mr. Sibbeston, to establish a special committee on unity was adopted by the committee of the whole as amended, the record of which is in the records of this House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I look at the order paper that seems to conclude the business of the House in this session and I must express my own admiration for the excellent co-operation that has been exhibited today which has enabled a great deal to get done because I must frankly confess, when I saw this morning what we had to do, I really did not believe at all that we could reach the point which we have reached now. Mr. Clerk, are there announcements?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, if I might. For the benefit of Members, my office at the end of each session will ship to each Member's home, any documents which he wishes to have shipped. I would suggest that if there is anything you want to take with you, take that with you. If there is anything you want to discard, please do so. Anything you would like us to ship, just leave it stacked on top of your desk and we will ensure that these get to you and they would be shipped probably by Monday of next week.

Committees Of The House

MR. SPEAKER: I have an announcement. I have to say to those who are on the Members' services board and those who are on the unity committee, we will have to meet in a short while to talk about our first gathering. With great pleasure, Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. We also a few hours ago set up a special committee on energy. Is that to be struck as well?

MR. SPEAKER: I would refer that to the mover, Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately while we were in formal session on motions that motion should have been amended to read "the standing committee on finance". That was my intention. It was not done, so actually we do have a problem in this area. It just says "the committee will be struck". It had been my intention to bring it up while we were in committee of the whole and try and say that this would be the group, this is what we would strike as a committee. It would be the standing committee. I neglected to do that and I am sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: I suspect that it would not be too late to do something about that if you still had a desire to do so, Mr. Stewart. The time is just now 5:26 p.m. We have time to work with that. If you would like some advice from the Clerk as to how to proceed, certainly that could be given. Yes, the Clerk will give you advice as to how to proceed if you would like to.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, just on procedure -- if the Member has it solved now I will sit down.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart, would you like to proceed?

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to return to notices of motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart would like to return to Item 8, notices of motion. Has he unanimous consent to do so? Agreed?

MR. FRASER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. Stewart. Mr. Fraser is anxious. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, possibly you might consider the suggestion that I was going to make. The chairman of our striking committee is yourself. I am a Member of that striking committee and possibly while you are in the chair I could serve as the acting chairman of that committee. If the House would agree that that responsibility for striking a special committee is referred to me and if you could ask the Members who are sitting here that I be given the right to turn the responsibility for that committee over to the finance committee then I could serve my role in the striking committee by passing it along.

MR. SPEAKER: Consider that done, yes. Do the Members agree?

MR. FRASER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: Fine. My final announcement. I would ask the Members and officers and all of those people who have helped with this first session of the Ninth Assembly to not forget the Speaker's surprise which follows shortly afterwards. That is in Katimavik A. Mr. Clerk, having concluded the business of the House, would you please determine whether the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is prepared to prorogue this session?

#### Commissioner's Closing Remarks

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker and Members, just before prorogation there are two matters to which I would like to turn your attention. The first matter concerns the Executive Committee. I accept the nomination for membership on the Executive Committee advanced by this Assembly and am pleased to confirm the appointment to that committee of the following persons: George Braden, Thomas Butters, Arnold McCallum, Richard Nerysoo and James Wah-Shee. The sixth member of the Executive Committee is of course, Deputy Commissioner Robert Pilot. I propose to announce the appointment of these persons to particular departmental portfolios within the next two weeks. Consultation in this regard has already commenced.

#### Time And Place Of Next Session

The second matter to which I would like to make reference is the matter of time and place of the next session. On the advice of Members of this caucus the next session will be held in Yellowknife at 2:30 p.m., January 31st, 1980.

I do not propose to make extensive remarks on prorogation, a fact for which you will all be grateful.

Suffice it to say that I offer my commendation to Members for their serious and hard-working approach taken to the business of this House. I commend you for the work you have done and, as the time has gone by, for your efforts clearly to work together. There have been times when your lack of experience, if I could say that, in the use of the Rules has prevented certain things from happening, however I must say that all Members are coming along very rapidly in that regard and, as your Speaker has indicated the Rules are not there to frustrate the desires of Members but rather to ensure that there is order to the discussions that take place.

I commend the Speaker for the manner in which he has learned the role which he must play and I recognize again your good efforts and your efforts in the committee work which must now be done before January 31st. I would like to congratulate those persons who have been appointed to the standing committees of the House.

Now as Commissioner of the Northwest Territories I prorogue this first session of the Ninth Assembly.

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