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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Arreak, Hon. George Braden, Mr. Curley, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Fraser, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. McLaughlin, Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Noah, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sayine, Mr. Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Tologanak, Hon. James Wah-Shee

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): Please be seated. Members, it has come to my attention that there is a matter of pressing importance that ought to be considered by us so I would like to take the prerogative as Speaker and recess the proceedings for a few moments. We will meet in Room 23.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Recognizing a quorum I will call the House to order and apologize to people in the gallery for the delay. There were very complex questions that had to be dealt with before we could proceed. The Hon. Member from Sanikiluaq, Moses Appaqaq, was not with us yesterday and is not with us today and he has sent along his apologies. There are personal problems at home that have made it impossible for him to be here with us at this time and he indicates that he will be here next week. We will now carry on with the items on the order paper.

Item 2, continuing replies to the Commissioner's Address. Are there any replies? This is the second day for replies.

Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Are there any oral questions? The Hon. Member from Keewatin South, Mr. Curley.

Question 1-80(1): Medical Problems, Keewatin Region

MR. CURLEY: Yes. My question today is of the Minister of Health and Social Services. Yesterday he handed me a copy of the proposed health measures in the Keewatin region. I would like to ask him how soon the study can proceed in that area so that the medical problems in that area can be relieved. The people in the area have been assured that steps are being taken to ensure proper medical services.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and provide an answer.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Are there further oral questions?

Moving on to Item 4, questions and returns. No returns, of course. Are there any written questions? No written questions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees. We are just pausing a moment. The Hon. Member from Yellowknife South indicated she wished to speak. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give my report from the standing committee on finance but they have not yet arrived from the printer. I wonder if I could request that we come back to Item 6 because I feel it would be much easier for the Members to follow if they had the report in front of them. However, I would like to give it today.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there agreement? Unanimous agreement would be required if we leave off this item, that we would return to it later. Agreed? There is agreement. Very well.

---Agreed

Item 7, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

There are notices of motion for bills, Bill 1-80(1), Appropriation Ordinance, Mr. McCallum.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-80(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 1-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1981, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I should point out that these notices were first raised yesterday. There was a problem with the manner in which they were raised and this is why they are being brought before the House again today. Bill 2-80(1), Mr. McCallum.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 2-80(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, 1979-80

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 2-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 3-80(1), Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-80(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1980

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Pardon me, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall ask that Bill 3-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Bill 4-80(1), Loan Authorization Ordinance, Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I have no notice of motion at this moment on Bill 4-80(1). However I do have notice of motion on Bill 18-80(1) which I would like to introduce at this time if it is your pleasure.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 18-80(1): Loan Authorization Amendment Ordinance No.1, 1979-80

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move Bill 18-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Loan Authorization Ordinance No.1, 1979-80, to be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Bill 5-80(1), Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance. Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 5-80(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1980

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 5-80(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Money, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 6-80(1), Tobacco Tax Ordinance, Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 6-80(1): Tobacco Tax Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 6-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 7-80(1), Income Tax Ordinance, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 7-80(1): Income Tax Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 7-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 8-80(1), Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 8-80(1): Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 8-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 9-80(1), Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance, Mr. McCallum.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 9-80(1): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services (Amendment) Ordinance, 1980

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 9-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, sir, my reading of the rules in this matter is that no person is able to move more than two notices of motion and Mr. McCallum has already done that, and on this basis I submit that the notice given is not in order.

MR. SPEAKER: Would you like to comment on that point of order, Mr. McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I think it has been the practice of this House in the introduction of bills, on notices of motion for bills of this House to have bills receive -- or for the Speaker to receive all bills or notices of motion of bills. In the case of substantive motions, I think that I would agree with the hon. Member opposite, that indeed, one should only introduce two. However, I think it has been the practice of this House to accept notices of motion for government bills so that, in fact, Members may have the opportunity of reading these bills at the earliest possible opportunity and I would therefore ask, Mr. Speaker, that you allow the Members of the Executive to continue to introduce or give notices of motion for the other remaining bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Sibbeston, having considered the arguments that are presented, having read the section dealing with notices of motion, I can agree with Mr. McCallum that the intention there is with respect to notices of motion of substance, the type that Members would raise individually. The purpose seems to be to prevent individual Members from obstructing the business of the House by continually raising such motions. I would have to agree with Mr. McCallum that there is ample precedent in this House that government bills are introduced en masse. Prior to 1974, a single individual introduced all of the government bills to this House, and the practice has been followed through the years, including last year. I can also agree that in the interests of informing Members as early as possible with respect to the substance of bills that it would be a desirable practice to introduce bills as early as possible, and I, therefore, rule in favour of Mr. McCallum and we accept that notice of motion. Bill 10-80(1), Pharmacy Ordinance, Mr. McCallum.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 10-80(1): Pharmacy Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 10-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Pharmacy Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 11-80(1), Defamation Ordinance, Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 11-80(1): Defamation Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 11-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Defamation Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 12-80(1), Legal Questions Ordinance, Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 12-80(1): Legal Questions Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 12-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting the Resolution of Legal Questions, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 13-80(1), Arbitration Ordinance, Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 13-80(1): Arbitration Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 13-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Arbitration Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 14-80(1), Creditors Relief Ordinance, Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 14-80(1): Creditors Relief Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 14-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Creditors Relief Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 15-80(1), Exemptions Ordinance, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 15-80(1): Exemptions Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 15-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Exemptions Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 16-80(1), Various Ordinance Amendments and Professional Fees, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 16-80(1): Various Ordinance Amendments, Professional Fees

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move Bill 16-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend Certain Ordinances with Respect to Professional Fees, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other notices of motion? Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 4-80(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1980-81

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 4th, 1980, I shall move that Bill 4-80(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds from the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1980-81, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion? Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I had intended to give notice of motion on Bill 17-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Elections Ordinance, 1978. I do not intend to proceed with that bill at this time, Mr. Speaker. However, if I may, I would simply like to indicate that the intent of that bill was to bring the bill more in line with northern conditions. One of the sections of the Elections Ordinance of 1978 indicated that there was a period of time of four months by which candidates who stood for election would have to complete their various forms and in point of fact, the forms respecting election expenses. However, that particular clause of that bill was taken directly from the federal bill and in my opinion and in the opinion of other Members of course, did not take into account geographic conditions, climatic conditions, the difficulties of communication and the difficulties of language. However, I think that at this time, Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to put forward that particular bill but I wanted Members to understand the rationale behind the bill. Thank you, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for your explanation Mr. McCallum. Are there further notices of motion? The Hon. Member from Mackenzie Liard, Mr. Sibbeston.

Notice Of Motion 1-80(1): Museum Of The N.W.T.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the museum of the Northwest Territories has been named "Prince of Wales" by the former Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Stu. Hodgson;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Hodgson did not properly consult with all representatives of the peoples of the Northwest Territories and therefore did not have the mandate for so naming the museum;

AND WHEREAS there is dissatisfaction shown by all segments of the northern people of the Northwest Territories towards the present name of the museum;

AND WHEREAS there are already many geographic names and government buildings honouring various members of the royal family: Princess Alexandra Falls, Lady Louise Falls, Virginia Falls, Princess Alexandra School in Hay River;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Executive Committee be instructed to change the name of the museum of the Northwest Territories to a more appropriate name after consultation with the Legislative Assembly, and all other major organizations, both native and non-native in the Northwest Territories.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. We will now have a brief pause while the interpretation is made into Inuktitut. Are there further notices of motion beyond the Hon. Member from Keewatin South, Mr. Curley?

Notice Of Motion 2-80(1): The Hon. J.A. Epp's Invitation To Appear Before The House

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I give notice of motion that on February 4, 1980, I shall move that this Assembly delay the intention of the Hon. Mr. Epp, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to appear before the House to announce policy matters for the Northwest Territories until March or after the federal election.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further notices of motion? The Hon. Member from Mackenzie Liard, Mr. Sibbeston.

Notice Of Motion 3-80(1): Attendance Of Director Of Northern Services, CBC

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the CBC has the mandate to provide radio broadcast services to residents of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS a majority of the people in the Mackenzie Valley are of Dene ancestry;

AND WHEREAS the Slavey speaking Dene of the Mackenzie Valley are not presently being adequately served in their language;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Speaker request the director of northern CBC services to attend at this Legislative Assembly or the following Assembly to deal with this matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further notices of motion? Yes, we will have a pause for the translation into Inuktitut. Are there further notices of motion?

Item 8, motions.

Item 9, introduction of bills for first reading. The Hon. Member from Slave River, Mr. McCallum.

ITEM NO. 9: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1981, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: I believe we would require unanimous consent. We require a motion for unanimous consent, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I realized that it would require that. I will speed it up. Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent of the House and move first reading of the bills for which notice has been given.

MR. SPEAKER: Was that for all the bills, Mr. McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Does he have unanimous consent? Agreed?

---Agreed

First Reading Of Bill 1-80(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1981, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: All those agreed? Opposed? Agreed? Let me have some indication, please. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

First Reading Of Bill 2-80(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, 1979-80

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move Bill 2-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: All those agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-80(1).

First Reading Of Bill 3-80(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1980

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: All those agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 4-80(1), Mr. Braden.

First Reading Of Bill 4-80(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1980-81

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-80(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds from the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1980-81, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 5-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading of Bill 5-80(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Loan Ordinance, 1980

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-80(1), an Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Money, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 6-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading of Bill 6-80(1): Tobacco Tax Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 6-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 7-80(1), is it? Mr. Wah-Shee.

First Reading Of Bill 7-80(1): Income Tax Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 7-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder for the bill? Mr. Braden. All agreed? Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. Are we supposed to have seconds for all those bills that have just been read?

MR. SPEAKER: Would you repeat that, please, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: The bills that were just introduced did not have any seconds, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Your point is well taken, Mr. Fraser. We will return to those. Bill 8-80(1), Mr. Wah-Shee.

First Reading Of Bill 8-80(1): Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 8-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have a secunder? Mr. Fraser. Secunder? Mr. McCallum. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-80(1).

First Reading Of Bill 9-80(1): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services (Amendment) Ordinance, 1980

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move Bill 9-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Fraser. Thank you very much. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 10-80(1), Mr. McCallum.

First Reading Of Bill 10-80(1): Pharmacy Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I move that Bill 10-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Pharmacy Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Braden. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 11-80(1), Mr. Braden.

First Reading Of Bill 11-80(1): Defamation Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move Bill 11-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Defamation Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Nerysoo. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 12-80(1), Mr. Braden.

First Reading Of Bill 12-80(1): Legal Questions Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I move that Bill 12-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting the Resolution of Legal Questions, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Fraser. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 13-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 13-80(1): Arbitration Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 13-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Arbitration Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 14-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 14-80(1): Creditors Relief Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 14-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Creditors Relief Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Curley. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 15-80(1), Mr. Wah-Shee.

First Reading Of Bill 15-80(1): Exemptions Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 15-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Exemptions Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Braden. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 16-80(1), Mr. Wah-Shee.

First Reading Of Bill 16-80(1): Various Ordinance Amendments, Professional Fees

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 16-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend Certain Ordinances with Respect to Professional Fees, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Fraser. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 18-80(1).

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Sir, I am not able to do first reading on that bill today.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 1-80(1). To get seconding, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, do I now inquire for unanimous consent to go into second reading?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum, I am asking that we do Bills 1-80(1) to 6-80(1) again. There was a challenge because we had not had seconders. Would you please repeat it and we will get seconders?

First Reading Of Bill 1-80(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1981, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Noah. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 2-80(1), Mr. McCallum.

First Reading Of Bill 2-80(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, 1979-80

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 2-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Braden. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-80(1).

First Reading Of Bill 3-80(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1980

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Fraser. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 4-80(1).

First Reading Of Bill 4-80(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1980-81

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-80(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds from the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1980-81, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Arreak. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 5-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 5-80(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1980

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-80(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Money, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Braden. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 6-80(1), Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 6-80(1): Tobacco Tax Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 6-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Fraser. Agreed? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Moving along to the next item on the order paper.

Item 10, second reading of bills.

Item 11, consideration in committee of the whole of bills. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 1-80(1) at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there unanimous consent? Agreed?

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 10: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Proceed, Mr. McCallum.

Second Reading Of Bill 1-80(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-80(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1981, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for expenditures for the public service for the next financial year.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Fraser. Following second reading it is permissible, in the rules, to debate the principle of a bill which will be done in committee of the whole. Is there any particular principle? It has been moved and seconded for second reading. Those in favour? Agreed. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Any other bills for second reading?

Item 11, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and other matters. Mr. McCallum,

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to go into committee of the whole on Bill 1-80(1) at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well, Mr. McCallum, then that would be the only one possible there. No third readings and so we would return now to Item 6.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mrs. Sorenson, are you prepared to proceed with that at this time?

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, I am, Mr. Speaker, if the Clerk would please have the reports distributed. Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the Inuit Members for not having the translation available. I have agreed to read my report slowly for the benefit of the interpreters and have been informed by the interpreters that work is progressing quickly on the translation and we will certainly have the translation available when we begin discussion of the recommendations next week.

Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance

First of all, membership on the standing committee on finance consists of myself as chairman, Kane Tologanak, Don Stewart, Ludy Pudluk, Bruce McLaughlin, Peter Fraser and Nellie Cournoyea.

Committee meetings were held December 10th to the 14th to review the working figures for the 1980-81 main estimates, to discuss energy concerns, and to establish the fiscal impact study as approved during the November session. We again met on January 27th and 28th to review the main and supplementary estimates, and to finalize the standing committee on finance report to the Assembly.

Generally it is our feeling that there is a very important function for your standing committee on finance, the most important being leadership and direction, through our recommendations to the Assembly, in setting the spending priorities of this government. A second and equally important role, given our consensus-type government is to provide support, and sometimes critical support, to the Executive Committee. Again, we would do that through our recommendations to the Assembly. A third function is that of monitoring the spending so that it does, in fact, reflect the wishes of this Assembly.

With regard to our role, we determined immediately that we would attempt to affect the 1980-81 budget, in order that it would better reflect this Assembly's wishes. While we do not pretend to say that we have succeeded in doing that, we feel we have taken the first few steps required in order to make sure that the control of setting priorities in spending is back in the hands of the elected representatives.

Overview Of The Budget

Just a few words to give you an overview of the budget. Your committee Members found the December budget review a most difficult task and, frankly, a very concentrated learning experience. Each department head or his representative and the Minister, when available, appeared before us to answer questions and voice concerns regarding the working figures for the 1980-81 main estimates. We were confronted with overwhelming evidence of the difficulties and in some cases even hardships, which have to be faced in the foreseeable future as a result of restraint in government spending. The committee spent several hours on each department's review and do have several observations and recommendations to present to the Legislative Assembly.

Before we do that, however, we must point out that this budget presentation is unusual for the following reasons:

1. You will note that the government's operating and maintenance costs are in excess of its income by \$13,923,000. Our Executive Committee therefore is presenting this Assembly with a deficit budget. We have been told that the deficit represents the escalating energy costs. Mr. Speaker, the North has accepted all along, that, together with the rest of Canada, we would have to do our share of belt tightening to overcome the economic difficulties assailing us. What we were not prepared for, however, was the fact that the North was being called upon to make a disproportionate sacrifice because we are so much more vulnerable to the devastating effects of the rise in energy costs.

2. In all frankness, at this point in time, there is no guarantee that this deficit will be covered by the federal government. The government is expected to live within the fiscal framework agreed upon by federal and territorial representatives during financial negotiations. In other words, this Assembly will be forcing, or better yet, perhaps facing the issue by going with a deficit budget. The standing committee is concerned about the decision to submit this budget. However, the only other option was to cut the budget by some \$13 million. This would have meant severe restrictions and in some cases postponement or cancellation of some important programs and services particularly in Education, Renewable Resources, Public Works, Social Services and Finance. The standing committee reviewed the working figures in December with an emphasis on what hardships would be imposed upon the people of the North if this Assembly was to vote a balanced budget.

It was the standing committee's observation that this government, over the past several years, had imposed restraint measures amounting to several million dollars and that it indeed had come to the point where further restraint would have had a direct impact on even basic services, particularly in the regions. This is not to say that Members, during the next few weeks, will not find money here and there which can be redirected, however, in all probability the amounts you pinpoint will be in the thousands when in fact we are looking for several million to make up the deficit. But, of course, thousands add up, as we all well know, so let us be very diligent about our review of the departments.

General Recommendations Of Finance Committee

Moving on then to general recommendations: (a) that departments be required to review their revenues regularly and report to the Executive Committee on any potential for new or increased sources of revenue;

(b) that departments be required to keep statements that clearly reflect the relationship of departmental revenue to the corresponding departmental expenditure to collect that revenue;

(c) that departments be encouraged to determine ways of optimizing revenue by levying fees where practical;

(d) that departments be required to define the total underlying cost of their various programs and services; for example, what does education really cost?;

(e) that regional input be a priority if and when budget cutbacks have to be determined, particularly in a period of midyear restraint as experienced in 1979-80. Local communities involved must be fully consulted in order to determine where they can afford to reduce expenditures and where they have to maintain spending in order to better reflect their priorities...

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mrs. Sorensen. I think they are having trouble keeping up. Could you pace it a little more slowly?

Further General Recommendations

MRS. SORENSEN: (f) That the finance committee and individual MLA's in the regions be consulted with regard to capital planning. The finance committee can give direction regarding overall trends in capital planning, while MLA's as the representatives of the people, can help to ensure that community wishes are reflected in the capital plan. Capital projects should be announced by the MLA of the region or community concerned;

(g) that government officials be required to make every effort to contact local MLA's when going into communities;

(h) that work begin immediately to develop a comprehensive energy policy for the Northwest Territories;

(i) that the elected Members of the Executive Committee be encouraged to undertake frequent northern tours; the MLA for the region or regions involved to be invited to accompany the individual or group on tour;

(j) that the Executive develop a plan of action to establish a public service commission for the Government of the Northwest Territories; and

(k) that the principle that MLA's shall have immediate access to information; particularly discussion papers, draft legislation, proposed policies and background papers be adopted by the Assembly and that direction for the preparation of an appropriate policy statement be given to the Executive.

With respect to the individual departments we have recommendations for most of them.

Department Of Local Government

For the Department of Local Government: (a) that the administration attempt to provide the additional amount of \$84,000 required for the completion of the assessment program in order to generate the estimated revenue of \$640,000. Mr. Speaker, the committee notes that the main estimates reflect this recommendation.

(b) That, in the absence of a properly substantiated approach by the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities for increased per capita grants, the decision of the Executive Committee not to increase the \$50 per capita grant to local authorities, be supported;

(c) that special note be taken of the department's present review of funding arrangements for local authorities below hamlet status and that the Assembly express itself in favour of an increased level of funding;

(d) that, as far as possible, special consideration be given to upgrading and road and site development for Tuktoyaktuk; and

(e) that the Legislative Assembly lend support to the proposed efforts of the Minister of Local Government to raise the level of public awareness and understanding of the process of government.

Department Of Public Works

With regard to the Department of Public Works: (a) that full support be given to the administration's move to institute a charge-back system of accounting for departmental expenditures. The committee felt that if departments were actually charged the costs of services, maintenance and utilities, such as for staff housing, it could encourage greater efficiency and would give a more accurate cost of programs such as, for instance, Education and Social Services;

(b) that the feasibility be investigated of building a deterrent factor into the cost of utilities for staff housing and government apartments. As far as staff housing is concerned, the committee has in mind measures such as the setting of acceptable standards of consumption and the institution of a policy whereby any consumption in excess of such standard would be paid for by the tenant. In instances where tenants are already paying for utilities, but at a subsidized rate, the excessive consumption should be paid for at the full cost;

(c) that the administration be requested to investigate the implications of instituting a ferry toll or tax. The Department of Public Works has been requested to supply information regarding the cost per vehicle crossing at each of the Northwest Territories ferries;

(d) that, in view of the rapid and constant rise in the cost of energy, the Government of the Northwest Territories capital expenditure be directed to conservation measures wherever possible;

(e) that detailed, long-term projections of the O and M cost of each proposed project be included in the capital estimates and the five year capital plan;

(f) that a close look be taken at the policy concerning private business operations located in government homes to ensure that economic or market rent, whichever is the higher, be levied on that portion of the building being used for the conduct of business. The committee is not, as such, opposed to the conduct of private business out of government homes as long as government permission has been obtained, but wants to be sure that the government is recompensed from any costs resulting from such private businesses, for example, utilities and wear and tear; and

(g) that the House express its support for the principle of capitalization of project management and that the administration be requested to report, annually during the budget session, on the utilization of man years and dollars against the various capital projects.

Department Of Renewable Resources

Under the Department of Renewable Resources: (a) that the wildlife services division be considered a priority area and that, in the event that the expected additional funding is not forthcoming, the administration take another look at the severity of the restraints which would have to be imposed on this division;

(b) that the concept of environmental protection be fully supported and that, in view of the importance of this work, every effort be made to ensure that the function is carried out correctly and efficiently, without duplicating any effort. To this end the committee considers it essential that the recently created environmental services division be re-examined and would appreciate receiving, from the Department of Renewable Resources, justification for the creation and size of the environmental services division and would also appreciate information on its mandate, position descriptions, levels of the various positions, suitability and special qualifications of the incumbents and the salaries involved;

(c) that the administration be requested to supply, in regard to the energy conservation division, the same information requested in (b) above. It would also be appreciated if information could be supplied to Members on how this division would tie in with the energy conservation projects undertaken by the Department of Public Works;

(d) that the administration be requested to thoroughly review the fur incentive grant and the trappers' assistance program; a paper, detailing, among other things, the pros and cons of these programs, to be prepared for the Assembly by the department after consultation with individual Members of the Legislative Assembly. The committee has noted that the fur incentive grant program has been reinstated and strongly suggest that for maximum benefit, payments under the program for one season be scheduled to coincide with the commencement of the following trapping season in any given area;

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me again, he is having trouble keeping up, Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: (e) That, as a service to hunters, trappers and fishermen, retailers of gasoline and hunting equipment be encouraged to deduct the allowable excise tax percentage on the purchase of such items by hunters, trappers and fishermen and claim the amounts involved back from the federal government under the existing program. We further recommend that an awareness program, through Anik Info and the hunters' and trappers' associations, be launched to bring to the attention of hunters and trappers the existence of the rebate program;

(f) that every effort be made to have the training of renewable resources personnel concentrated on native people through on-the-job training. The committee has noted that an on-the-job training program has since been developed and recommends that money be identified in the existing O and M budget to start this program during this 1980-81 fiscal year. The program should complement the existing Adult Vocational Training Centre renewable resources training program, which must be maintained at at least the present level; and

(g) that, based on established need, funding for two positions of biologist, one in Inuvik and one in Frobisher Bay, be identified in the 1980-81 O and M budget.

Department Of Education

Under the Department of Education: (a) that, should the Department of Education be required to live with fiscal restraint, the various regions be allowed to set their own priorities;

(b) that the administration be requested to accept the completion of the second year of the teacher education program in Frobisher Bay as a priority that must be funded, irrespective of any restraint program which might be imposed during the course of the next fiscal year;

(c) that, in the event of restraints being imposed again and because the committee looks upon adult education as a priority, a contract-type system be investigated for delivery of adult education programs in communities. Contracts could be arranged as and when required after the need had been identified by people. The feasibility of using teachers on location for this purpose should be investigated. Communities that identify their adult educator as high priority, however, must be allowed to retain their full time adult educator;

(d) that the Department of Education be requested to supply Members with the true cost of employing teachers. In addition to salaries and the more obvious benefits, these cost figures should include items such as housing, travel benefits, the cost of continuing education, and so on. Mr. Speaker, I might note that we have received some figures which will be distributed to the rest of the Members.

(e) That a high degree of priority be given to the establishment of a regional high school in the Keewatin.

(f) Each Member of the standing committee on finance has indicated a deep concern for the education system in the Northwest Territories. Some of the concerns that they indicated at the meeting were: the low attendance rates in some communities; the increasing dropout rate; the increasing population of young people who will be looking for wage employment; the language of instruction; the cultural aspect of education; the need for northern teaching staff; the degree of parental and community involvement; the low number of native graduates from the system and the low number of native students graduating from university and vocational schools.

There were many more concerns as well, but rather than addressing our concern through attempting to pinpoint the blame on any one body associated with education in the North, we would like to recommend that this Assembly take the first step towards solving this very real and urgent issue. The committee recommends that the Members of this House take the lead towards improving the situation by discussing the issue in committee of the whole during this session.

Perhaps some Members will call for a formal review; perhaps a few suggestions and direction to the Department of Education is all that is necessary. Whatever the case, unless we, as leaders, take the initiative and tackle this concern we will find ourselves continuing to sink money into an education system that may not be serving the northern child's basic need, which is an equal chance to develop his or her human potential through education.

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

With respect to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism: (a) that the 83 in-house apprenticeship man years be transferred to the Department of Personnel; the monitoring of training to be retained by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on the same basis as for all non-government apprenticeship positions in the Northwest Territories;

(b) that administration of the Subsidized Term Employment Program, referring to STEP, be transferred to the Department of Social Services; and

(c) that, in an effort to make the in-service training programs for native people more viable, the feasibility be investigated of establishing term positions for the trainers. The trainee could then take over the position of the trainer upon successful completion of the training program.

Department Of The Executive

Under the Department of the Executive: (a) that the Executive be commended for having set in motion a review of the land claims secretariat and that it be requested to submit a report to the Assembly as soon as possible to enable the House to take a decision regarding the continued existence or changing of the secretariat; and

(b) that the operation of the Edmonton liaison office be reviewed, and we understand, Mr. Speaker, that that is going on now.

MR. SPEAKER: What was that, Mrs. Sorensen?

MRS. SORENSEN: We understand that that report is taking place right now.

MR. SPEAKER: I want to indicate at this point that since this is the last item that we are going to have to deal with today, I have not stopped for coffee. It may be another 15 minutes or so. Does it make sense just to finish this item rather than taking a break? That was my plan.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Will you proceed then, Mrs. Sorensen?

N.W.T. Housing Corporation

MRS. SORENSEN: Under the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation: (a) that the Legislative Assembly strongly endorse the principle that people should be encouraged to become home owners, particularly in areas where alternate sources of fuel such as wood and coal are available;

(b) that, in the interest of energy conservation, smaller houses be constructed by the Housing Corporation and that wood burning as a supplement be encouraged where possible; and

(c) that a concerted effort be made to encourage, and if necessary enforce, lower energy consumption by tenants of public housing. This could, for instance, be attempted by setting acceptable standards of consumption and instituting a policy whereby any consumption in excess of such standards must be paid for by the tenant. A similar solution has been proposed in respect of staff housing.

Department Of Finance

Under the Department of Finance: (a) that cognizance be taken of the good economics of tank farm expansion or replacement and that tank farms be granted a high priority in general in the department's capital plan.

Department Of Government Services

Under the Department of Government Services: (a) that, in the event the expected additional funding required to offset our deficit is not forthcoming, the financial information system be not considered a priority for the 1980-81 fiscal year. Money must not be taken from existing programs and services to finance the system.

Department Of Social Services

Under the Department of Social Services: (a) that administration of the Subsidized Term Employment Program be removed from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and placed under the Department of Social Services;

(b) that the appropriate legislation be developed to allow for the raising of additional funds for the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council by means of a tax on liquor. The committee realizes that, dependent upon additional overall funding being approved for the 1980-81 fiscal year, adequate funds have been allocated for the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. The finance committee wants to stress the point, however, that, should the Government of the Northwest Territories be forced to live with the restraint program, there be no reduction in the amount allocated to the co-ordinating council. As an alternative to a liquor tax, the possibility was raised of obtaining the required additional revenue by adding a percentage to the profits from the sale of liquor. This would ensure that the amount available to the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council would increase as the cost of liquor increased;

(c) that approval be granted to the Department of Social Services to implement a direct assistance program for day care; the appropriate standards for places of care to be developed;

(d) that, in view of the fact that only about ten per cent of all inmates in the Northwest Territories are hardened criminals, a closer look be taken at the possibility of alternate forms of sentencing for minor offences. For instance, the sentencing to incarceration of a person who cannot pay a \$50 fine can result in enormous expense for the government. The need to find alternative methods of dealing with social problems of this nature becomes apparent if it is taken into consideration that of the total prison population in the Northwest Territories 70 per cent to 80 per cent are native people, and of those an estimated 90 per cent are being held in custody for alcohol related offences;

(e) that the Fort Smith detention centre for women be closed in order to effect an annual saving of \$150,000; and

(f) that the feasibility of an old folks home be examined for Eskimo Point.

Department Of Health

Under the Department of Health: (a) that the Executive Committee, should it appear advisable in the interest of economics, be requested to study the feasibility of re-amalgamating the Departments of Health and Social Services;

(b) that the Executive Committee be requested to review the proposals for the expansion of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital;

(c) that planning for the area hospital at Cambridge Bay and the regional hospital in the Keewatin be proceeded with during the 1980-81 fiscal year;

(d) that the possible impact of the Arvik development on the delivery of health services in the Resolute Bay area be investigated; and

(e) that the necessity of maintaining in the Department of Health a whole section for health information and promotion be reviewed. It is not clear to the committee why the term position of health promotion officer has to be supervised by a head of health information and promotion.

Department Of Personnel

Under the Department of Personnel: (a) that the Government of the Northwest Territories in-house apprenticeship program be transferred from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Personnel;

(b) that the administration and the Legislative Assembly be requested to formulate a policy with regard to native employment, this policy to include a clear definition of the term "native";

(c) that the feasibility be investigated of establishing some form of staff function audit. It is felt that some mechanism should be brought into existence whereby the continuing requirement for individual positions can be reviewed as and when required. It appears to be an anomaly that mechanisms exist for the creation of positions but not for monitoring the continued requirement for such positions;

(d) that the system of paying salaries on a "present incumbent only" basis be reviewed; the feasibility of establishing some time limit to be investigated. In addition, an incumbent who refuses an alternate government position offered him at the same pay level should lose his "present incumbent only" status in the position he continues to occupy; and

(e) that the existing policies and directives governing outside employment or the operation of private businesses by territorial civil servants be examined with a view to ensuring that no civil servant runs a business in competition with established local entrepreneurs; and

(f) that policies and directives be established to guide the activities of the Office of Native Employment.

Department Of Information

Under the Department of Information: (a) that steps be taken to establish an official language policy for the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Legislative Assembly;

(b) that the replacement of the Information Department man year in Edmonton with a man year in Yellowknife be considered; and

(c) that Lake Harbour receive radio and television service earlier than the 1981-82 fiscal year if any of the communities on the list for 1980-81 refuse the program or if funds can be found.

Department Of Justice And Public Services

Under the Department of Justice and Public Services, and I am nearly finished: (a) that an attempt be made to include in the Police Services Agreement, soon to be negotiated, some provision for Royal Canadian Mounted Police presence combined with a northern constabulary, if feasible;

---Applause

(b) that the feasibility be investigated of establishing for the Mackenzie Delta and Central Arctic a project similar to the Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik legal aid project in existence in Frobisher Bay; and

(c) that the support of the judiciary be elicited for the proposed diversion program aimed at keeping persons apprehended for minor offences out of the prison system.

Schedule For Review Of Main Estimates

Under schedule for review of main estimates, your finance committee recommends that the Assembly review the departments in the following order: Local Government first, Public Works, Renewable Resources, Education, Economic Development and Tourism, Executive, which would include the Housing Corporation, Financial Secretariat, Finance, Government Services, Social Services, Health, Personnel, Information, Justice and Public Services and the Legislative Assembly.

Under supplementary estimates, during our meetings held January 27th and 28th, your committee met to consider the supplementary estimates which are to be placed before this session. Their presentation before the committee was approved.

Motion To Adopt Standing Committee On Finance Report, Carried

That completes my report, Mr. Speaker. I now move, seconded by the Hon. Member from the Western Arctic that the report be received by this Assembly and that the recommendations be discussed during consideration of the estimates in committee of the whole. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

---Carried

Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. With respect to announcements, first there will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance, you devils for punishment, Monday morning, February 4th at 10:00 o'clock and that is at the Cunningham Building. That would be the boardroom at the Legislative Assembly offices. I would like to announce that there will be a meeting of the special committee on unity Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock at the boardroom at the Cunningham building. Mr. Clerk, are there any other announcements?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Then would you proceed ...

Report On Fire In Pine Point

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Assembly that I just returned from Pine Point where I accompanied Mr. Butters and members of his department to review the fire in Pine Point and I would like to report that the fire has caused the school building to be completely useless. Between two thirds and three quarters of the building has been burned to the ground and the remaining third portion is useless due to the fact it has no services remaining to it. I would like to commend the Minister of Education for going this morning to Pine Point and taking the mayor of Pine Point and myself with him which I think greatly helped to encourage, I guess, the people, taking measures in Pine Point to make sure the kids are properly in school, that the government is concerned and taking all necessary action to help out in this situation.

I would further like to take this opportunity to commend, I believe the acting chief of the safety division for the excellent job he did of arriving on the scene and in a very businesslike manner taking control of the situation, ensuring that all proper methods and procedures were taken to ensure that the fire was looked into properly and that everything, action was being taken to check things out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. McLaughlin, for bringing that important information to the Assembly. Mr. Clerk, would you proceed with the orders of the day, that is, for Monday, February 4th?

ITEM NO. 14: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Orders of the day, February 4, 1980, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Continuing Replies to Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions
4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions
6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. Motions
10. Introduction of Bills for First Reading: Bill 18-80(1)
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14. Assent to Bills
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MR. SPEAKER: I believe there is still coffee in the foyer. I hope there is still coffee in the foyer. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., February 4, 1980, at the Explorer Hotel.

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