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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Arreak, Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Curley, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. McLaughlin, Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Noah, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sayine, Mr. Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Stewart

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): At the end of a long session, Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Patterson.

Question 112-80(1): Means Test For Applicants For Social Assistance

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, this is an oral question for the Minister of Social Services. In view of the Minister of Social Services surprising assertion in yesterday's debate that he is against means tests, will the Minister tell this House whether or not he, therefore, plans to eliminate the means test for applicants for social assistance in the Northwest Territories?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 112-80(1): Means Test For Applicants For Social Assistance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Other oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question 113-80(1): Training Program For Wildlife Officers

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, this is to the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. Since this Assembly has not dealt in full with the paper that he has tabled regarding the training program for wildlife officers, could the Minister indicate his intentions as to how he will proceed in this manner?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Partial Return To Question 113-80(1): Training Program For Wildlife Officers

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I think I would say in the manner that I would probably have to present it at the next session for discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley.

Question 114-80(1): Allowing Students To Go Home For Spring Break

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. I have a question to the Minister of Education. In view of the fact that all of the regions pretty well have petitioned to the Minister of Education, students from those areas where there are no high schools, will the Minister indicate to the House whether he is prepared to direct next year that all students will be allowed to go home for Easter or the spring break?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 114-80(1): Allowing Students To Go Home For Spring Break

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the matter raised by the Member is of very keen interest to me and I expect to be pursuing that matter over the next few months. What I will be recommending at this time I am not sure because there will be some study required. I would like to have the opportunity to carry out that study before I speak to it.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, a supplementary.

Question 115-80(1): Study Re Allowing Students To Go Home For Spring Break

MR. CURLEY: Yes, supplementary. Could the Minister be more specific as to what kind of study? Is that going to be referred to the Executive Committee again for study as we did last night with the problem? Maybe he could be a little bit more specific as to the way he intends to go about that study, whether or not he is going to, in fact, refer it to the education committee. I was not clear on that.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 115-80(1): Study Re Allowing Students To Go Home For Spring Break

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, that is certainly one of the options, referral to the education committee, but I would like to see the matter referred to the regional school bodies that are now beginning to put in an appearance in the Northwest Territories. They have not yet taken on a life of their own and there is still a requirement to look to the authorities and the responsibilities that they might take upon themselves, but there is a regional body in Baffin. There is a regional body representing students who attend Akaitcho Hall which met in Yellowknife this week. There is a body in the Inuvik region which has had one or two meetings and this is another body which would be approached as well. So the question will be on the benefits to accrue to the students from the government of implementing the type of policy the Member is recommending.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Butters. Other oral questions? Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 116-80(1): Eligibility For Social Assistance

MRS. SORENSEN: My question is to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In light of the answer you have just given to the hon. Mr. Patterson concerning the possibility of eliminating a means test for social assistance, I wonder if the Minister could advise this House on what he plans to gauge the eligibility for social assistance in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 116-80(1): Eligibility For Social Assistance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question from the Member from Frobisher Bay that he asked me, on what I plan to do as to working toward the removal of the means test in dealing with social assistance, in terms of my reply to him, I replied that he was correct, that I would work toward the removal of a particular means test. There were no particular means, set within myself, as to what I would want to see as a replacement for it. We have talked in the past of trying to apply universal supplementary benefits to people in the North. We have difficulty in that because of our financial arrangements with the federal government. Obviously there would have to be some kind of assessment made of recipients of any kind of assistance given by the government. I have not changed my mind in indicating to this House that I am against the idea of going through a means test if there is a particular need, a requirement to make some kind of assessment for people who are to require assistance, obviously. I would simply indicate to the Member and to other Members of the House that I would prefer that we not get into as harsh an arrangement as total assessment, having people apply through a means test, and that is what we would continue to do.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other oral questions?

Item 3, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

No written questions. Are there returns from Ministers? I am sorry, Mr. Patterson.

Question 117-80(1): Grants Or Bursaries Received For Children Of Public Servants

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, could the administration provide a list of public servants of the Government of the Northwest Territories and their positions, whose children are receiving grants or bursaries for higher education?

MR. SPEAKER: Other written questions? Returns from Ministers?
The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 23-80(1): Government Of The N.W.T. Capital Investments,
Nanisivik

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns. The first is in response to Question 23-80(1) asked by Mr. Patterson concerning the Northwest Territories government capital investments at Nanisivik.

We have not yet been able to compile the information which Mr. Patterson requested about capital and program costs to this government with respect to Nanisivik. This information will be sent to Mr. Patterson as soon as it is available and will be presented at the next session.

MR. SPEAKER: The other return.

Return To Question 43-80(1): Effects Of NCPC On Tuktoyaktuk

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: The second return, Mr. Speaker, is in response to Question 43-80(1) asked by the hon. Member from the Western Arctic concerning the effects of NCPC on Tuktoyaktuk.

The administration asked the Northern Canada Power Commission to respond to Ms. Cournoyea's concern about power outages at Tuktoyaktuk. Mr. J. Long, the general manager of NCPC responded as follows:

Short-term: It is not possible for us to determine whether there was any cost to individual businesses, home owners or constituents, although there would be some inconveniences as a result of power outages at Tuktoyaktuk. The total outages at Tuktoyaktuk for the last six months are as follows: July 1979, nil; August 1979, nil; September 1979, one hour, 41 minutes and 30 seconds; October 1979, two hours, 24 minutes, 30 seconds; November 1979, nil; December 1979, 15 minutes; January 1980, three hours and 38 minutes.

Long-term: (a) Close monitoring is being done of the behaviour of the Inuvik/Tuktoyaktuk transmission line and maintenance as required will be continued as this line is still the most economical method of providing power to Tuktoyaktuk. (b) The commission has a fairly extensive capital program in 1980 to improve the generating facilities at Tuktoyaktuk. (c) Extensive overhauling of all the major engines at Inuvik will be completed by the end of March 1980. This should improve the reliability of the Inuvik plant considerably for several years. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. The Hon. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 87-80(1): Winter Maintenance Of Roads, Resolute Bay

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, last night the hon. Member for the High Arctic requested a return to Question 87-80(1) relative to the winter maintenance of roads in Resolute Bay.

The Department of Public Works, highways division, in conjunction with the Department of Local Government headquarters and Frobisher Bay regional office, will be evaluating the existing road maintenance situation in Resolute Bay. A visit to Resolute Bay by the highways staff is scheduled in about three weeks. The result of this evaluation should be available in mid-April.

Return To Question 72-80(1): Hand Over Of Housing To Hamlets

Question 72-80(1) asked by the hon. Member from Frobisher Bay on February 22, relative to the hand over of housing to hamlets.

The policy of the Government of the Northwest Territories is to turn over to a newly incorporated hamlet those houses occupied by the staff that are transferred. This is usually two units. This was not done in the case of Frobisher Bay because the Government of the Northwest Territories did not own the housing units occupied by the staff at that time. The Government of the Northwest Territories leases the majority of the housing units occupied by the Government of the Northwest Territories staff and currently subleases to the village of Frobisher Bay the units occupied by village staff. This matter has been under study for several months and a proposal has been made by the village of Frobisher Bay. Further discussions will take place with a solution to be reached by March 31, 1980.

MR. SPEAKER: Other returns?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I have a number of others, other returns.

MR. SPEAKER: Please proceed.

Return To Question 86-80(1): Emergency Measures Plan, Pangnirtung

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in response to Question 86-80(1), asked by Mr. Arreak on February 28, 1980, regarding emergency measures plans for Pangnirtung.

The Department of Local Government encourages municipal governments like the hamlet of Pangnirtung to develop plans to deal with emergencies such as wind storms, blizzards, etc. It is our understanding that the hamlet of Pangnirtung has such a plan but the Department of Local Government has not requested that these plans be filed with this department. The hamlet has purchased a combination arc welder/stand-by generator which can be used to provide a limited amount of power in the case of an emergency when NCPC could not provide this service. The Department of Education also has a generator in the school. We are not aware of any plans to provide extra water tanks or emergency food supplies to the school. If the hamlet were to think this is a good idea, we would assist them in their planning.

Return To Question 90-80(1): Extension Of Spence Bay Airstrip

There is a return in reference to a question asked on March 4, Question 90-80(1), regarding the Spence Bay airstrip and I notice the Member is not in the House, Mr. Speaker, so I would just ask that this be filed for his attention.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

Return To Question 106-80(1): Dissatisfaction With Air Routes In The Keewatin Region

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I have a return related to Question 106-80(1), asked by Mr. Curley, the hon. Member from Keewatin South on March 12th, regarding the Calm Air service in the Keewatin.

In consultation with the Keewatin communities, the Department of Local Government will endeavour to identify any further specific concerns regarding the Calm Air operations. The new schedule would appear on the face of it to provide an improved level of service but this will be reviewed as well.

Return To Question 109-80(1): Dock Facility In Broughton Island

Question 109-80(1), asked on March 12th by Mr. Arreak regarding the Broughton Island dock.

The responsibility for public docks in the Northwest Territories has been consolidated in the federal Department of Public Works, Edmonton. Prior to this year the program was administered by several regional offices each dealing with such sites. The program that was transferred from the Quebec region to the Edmonton office does not include any money for the Broughton Island dock. The Department of Local Government will work with the Edmonton office of the federal DPW to see what action can be taken to improve the docking facilities.

Return To 105-80(1): Fire Alarm And Equipment At Rankin Inlet

The final return, Mr. Speaker, to Question 105-80(1), asked on March 12th by the hon. Mr. Curley relative to the Rankin fire alarm system and equipment.

A full response to this question will not be possible until the investigation into the Rankin Inlet Lodge fire is completed. As already indicated in a previous reponse, the Rankin Inlet fire alarm system will be examined and upgraded as required as soon as possible. According to the information available at this time, the Rankin Inlet fire brigade has received all of the equipment and supplies usually associated with a community like Rankin Inlet. New hoses and nozzles were provided as recently as January of this year. Ample ladders and fire axes have been provided and it is not known at this time why they were not taken to the fire.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Other returns from Ministers? Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 96-80(1): Class "B" Guiding Licences In N.W.T.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: A reply to Question 96-80(1), asked by Mr. Patterson on the names and occupations of current holders of Class "B" licences. It is quite lengthy so I would like to table it for your information.

Return To Question 100-80(1): Compensation, Keewatin Region Hunters

Question 100-80(1), asked by Mr. Curley as to assistance to Keewatin hunters.

The trappers and hunters disaster compensation policy approved on July 27, 1979, provides compensation to individual hunters and trappers who sustain financial loss as a result of natural disasters such as forest fires or severe storms. This policy does not cover claims for lost equipment where the individual has not taken due care and caution to protect his equipment. To be eligible for compensation under this policy a person must be a holder of a general hunting licence, resident in the Northwest Territories, or be a person who receives at least one half of his total income from trapping and/or hunting. Applications for compensation will be accepted by the area wildlife officers who seek recommendations from local hunters and trappers executive. The application, together with their joint recommendations, is forwarded to the regional superintendent of wildlife. The claim will be reviewed by the regional superintendent who will forward it together with his recommendations to the regional director. The regional director has the authority to approve claims for payments.

Return To Question 80-80(1): Thelon Game Sanctuary

Question 80-80(1), asked by Mr. Noah on the Thelon Game Sanctuary.

The original intent of the Thelon Game Sanctuary when it was created in the 1920's was to protect a remnant population of musk-ox in the central barrens. Hunting and trapping in the sanctuary was prohibited and the mineral rights to the area were withdrawn to preclude exploration or development of resources in the area. There is no immediate plan to rescind the wildlife regulations or industrial development controls in the area at this time. However, the pressure to reassess the relevance of the sanctuary by both the mineral industry and the residents of the Keewatin has identified the need for a comprehensive review of resource use and management needs and objectives for the area of the Thelon Sanctuary. As a part of the development of the resource management strategy for the area, the most appropriate regulative regime or regimes will be determined with full public participation.

At present there is not sufficient information to manage any of the resources of the area. Recently the wildlife service drafted a proposal for a major resource inventory of the area as a basis for integrated resource management planning for the area. The Department of Renewable Resources and the regional office of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs are exploring the possibility of a three to five year project being funded under a special DREE subagreement. If this is feasible, the communities in the Keewatin will be contacted for their evaluation of the proposed studies and their direction as to the best method of involving the public in all aspects of this resource inventories and subsequent resource management planning program.

Return To Question 89-80(1): Killing Of Polar Bear, Wager Bay

Return to Question 89-80(1), asked by Mr. Curley.

The report on the killing of the polar bear at Wager Bay by the wildlife service technician was given to the Members of the Assembly. Departmental officials are satisfied that the death of the bear was unavoidable and that the report is accurate in that respect. Unfortunately the officer responsible for the preparation of the report has left the service.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other returns from Ministers? Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 101-80(1): Married Employees Of The Public Service In In The N.W.T.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: In reply to Question 101-80(1), asked by Mr. Patterson concerning married employees in the public service of the Northwest Territories, I have the following reply.

A list as requested is presently being prepared and will be presented as an information item at the next session of this House. Difficulty is being experienced in providing a definitive list as marital status is no longer listed on application forms due to current human rights legislation. It is also difficult to identify husbands and wives who do not use the same surname or those living in a common-law relationship.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other replies from Ministers?

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. McCallum, do you have a document to table?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the following:

Tabled Document 41-80(1): Annual Report, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services and Medicare, 1978-79.

The Clerk has copies of this for the other Members as well.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Other documents to be tabled?

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 7, notices of motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I wanted to table a document. I put my hand up.

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have unanimous consent to return to tabling of documents?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a document provided by the Science Advisory Board of the Northwest Territories. It is the annual report and I would like to take the opportunity to table it:

Tabled Document 42-80(1): Third Annual Report, the Science Advisory Board of the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 7, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion 40-80(1): N.W.T. Heritage Council

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a notice of motion regarding the Northwest Territories Heritage Council for which I will later be asking unanimous consent. I hereby give notice of motion that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the Hon. George Braden be appointed to the Northwest Territories Heritage Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion. Mr. Patterson.

Notice Of Motion 41-80(1): Increased Liquor Prices

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of a motion for which I will later ask unanimous consent. The motion is: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. Member for Yellowknife South, that this Assembly request the administration to make up the estimated \$500,000 shortfall in fuel taxes to be collected by imposing an across-the-board increase of 4.1 per cent on the price of liquor.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Other notices of motion. Hon. Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion 42-80(1): Motion Of Appreciation To Mr. P.F. de Vos

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I also wish to give notice of a motion which I will put today or request unanimous consent of the Assembly to put today. The prayer of the motion is: Now therefore, I move that this Assembly express to him -- this is Pieter de Vos -- its most sincere appreciation for the most effective and conscientious manner in which he has at all times carried out his responsibilities to this House and to the individual Members thereof.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion, Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice Of Motion 43-80(1): Appointments To N.W.T. Water Board

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I will proceed in the same manner of asking unanimous consent to deal with this motion. Now therefore, I move that this Assembly request the Commissioner to convey to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development its recommendation that the following persons be appointed to the Northwest Territories Water Board to fill the existing vacancies:
Lou Menez of Fort Resolution and Don J. Gamble of Ottawa.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion?

Item 8, motions. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have unanimous consent to go back to Item 3. It went by without my realizing you had called that section.

MR. SPEAKER: Does Mr. Curley have unanimous consent to return to written questions?

---Agreed

MR. CURLEY: I am sorry, Item 4, petitions is what I am asking for.

MR. SPEAKER: Does Mr. Curley have unanimous consent to return to Item 4, petitions?

---Agreed

Item 4, petitions.

ITEM NO. 4: PETITIONS

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this petition, Petition 7-80(1): Return of Frobisher Bay Students in April. It contains 82 signatures asking the Government of the Northwest Territories to make every effort to have students from Frobisher Bay come home in April.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley.

Item 8, motions.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

Motion 35-80(1), Right to Work Legislation, Ms. Cournoyca.

Motion 35-80(1): Right To Work Legislation

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS this Assembly desires to encourage the maximum employment of northern residents where there are opportunities for employment in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS there may be obstacles to the hiring of northern residents based on qualifications, membership in a trade union, the location of hiring, or other requirements;

AND WHEREAS there are and will be significant developments in the Northwest Territories which could provide significant employment for northerners provided there are no obstacles to their obtaining employment;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly instruct the administration to proceed as quickly as possible to bring in right to work legislation.

That is a motion by myself, seconded by the hon. Dennis Patterson.

MR. SPEAKER: Duly moved and seconded. To the motion. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I realize that much work, or more work should have been done in providing to the Members the right to work legislation in other provinces and in other areas. However, this motion only requests that the administration proceed to bring in right to work legislation which would be discussed at a later time when this right to work legislation is brought in. What I see is the administration is gaining some knowledge from unions, maybe from the Public Service Alliance and, upon gathering this information to bring to us a paper on the right to work. The reason that I have brought forth this request is that on many occasions in our area there are statistics being gathered which indicate exactly when a person was hired, when they were let go, exactly how many minutes of work they missed, on what condition they missed it, and when they did not show up to work and the reasons for those lack of showings. I am becoming concerned that these detailed statistics on people will be used in the future when our people want to work. I believe now they are in a learning process and many of the jobs that are being made available are being tried by our people and many of them are trying their best to fit into the employment and in the work area. However, from time to time there are many reasons why people drop out, they do not continue the employment and this can range from wanting to go hunting or feeling inadequate on the job and I feel these statistics will bring forth a great bearing on whether they are going to be so-called employable in the future.

No Time To Gain Necessary Qualifications

I myself have requested why a number of residents in the Western Arctic have not been hired and I have been very concerned when I have been immediately presented with a very detailed document on their work record. I am very concerned about that. As well, I believe that development is being forwarded and pushed ahead and our people in the Northwest Territories, and I do not mean just native people, may not have the time to gain the qualifications required for various jobs that would probably be...

MR. SPEAKER: Something has gone wrong, I think with the electrical system. Could you just pause a moment until we have sorted it out? Would the interpreters try it now and see whether it is working all right? Would they translate what I am saying, please? Is it coming through all right?

MR. PUDLUK: Hardly.

MR. SPEAKER: Not very good?

MR. PUDLUK: No.

MR. SPEAKER: Will it be all right?

MR. PUDLUK: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: We will try proceeding again. Ms. Cournoyea, please.

MS. COURNOYEA: To go back to qualifications. I believe it takes time to gain qualifications to take on many of the jobs that will be available. In terms of projects such as pipelines, at the beginning when there are ditchdigging jobs available, I know anyone can do that, but as the technology progresses with the projects, many of our people will have to spend much time gaining the qualifications necessary. Most of our people do not have membership in trade unions and there is the question as to whether they would be qualified to belong to trade unions.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, I guess the problem is not solved and people are missing out on what you are saying. It is coming through but weak, is that the problem? All right, we will recess for three or four minutes while we check the system.

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MR. SPEAKER: I am going to test the system again and would the interpreters please translate what I am saying and I am getting an indication it is all right. So, we will reconvene please. The House will come to order and please proceed, Ms. Cournoyea.

Location Of Hiring

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the other situation that would probably arise on a major project is location of hiring and this is a concern whereby many of our people probably will not be able to journey to the location of hiring. I believe that there may be other requirements in the future that would make it difficult for our people scattered in this vast Northwest Territories to gain employment. This may happen at a time, Mr. Speaker, when people are equipped and want employment...

MR. SPEAKER: Could you slow down a little please, Ms. Cournoyea?

MS. COURNOYEA: I feel we should have some kind of protection that would allow them to continue to work. Mr. Speaker, I realize that this legislation has been asked for in the past and it was not received very well, and I realize that it may not be received well at this time. However, I would like to say that this motion is only for more work to be done and another piece of paper being brought to this Assembly for further discussion. I would like the support of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to allow us to take that next step. I realize that some of us are more pro-development with lesser stipulations on how that development should take place. However, I will say that among native people especially there is a fear that once large developments take place with many new people coming in, they will be put aside. I feel with some kind of assurance like right to work legislation this would be one area where the fear can be alleviated. I realize that before presenting an additional paper to this Assembly that much work will have to be done weighing the pros and cons of such legislation and I realize that some Members who have unions in their areas will have to consult with their membership. So, I am merely asking that we proceed forward with this legislation and the answer as to how it may be done.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: A point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I wonder if the motion in my book is correct. It says "The administration proceed as quickly as possible to bring in right to work legislation" and yet the Member mentioned three times an additional paper and bringing in another piece of paper. Was the motion amended?

MR. SPEAKER: The motion was not amended, Mr. Butters. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: The reason why I stated that three times is because when the right to work legislation is brought forward we would have to discuss it at this Assembly and it would have to be duly passed by this Assembly and I feel that the process is to set forth legislation which can be further discussed and debated at a later session.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

What The Legislation Should Contain

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak in support of the motion. I would suggest that we consider it in the context of an earlier motion of this Assembly which asked that the Department of Justice and Public Services establish a law reform capability and be guided by directions from this Assembly. Now, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that this kind of legislation, if the motion succeeds is exactly the sort of law reform activity we would wish our able servants in the Department of Justice and Public Services to look into for us and they can be guided by the remarks of Members during this debate and by the remarks of the mover of the motion as to what particular mischiefs she sought to remedy by the legislation.

For my own part, I would be concerned that such legislation should protect the interests of trade unions in the Northwest Territories but, at the same time, without threatening the rights of local people to work in the Northwest Territories. There is such legislation in place in other provinces. This is not a radical idea and I would like to see what the administration can come up with, particularly our legal services division. I already know, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Lal and his staff, in anticipation of some activity in this area have already gathered precedents from other jurisdictions on right to work legislation. If the motion succeeds I would think it would give them our mandate to develop draft proposals for further consideration by this Assembly and in the possible context of a suggested paper on right to work legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I think this matter is urgent in the Northwest Territories. We have always been concerned about providing guarantees of employment to northern residents in such projects as the significant Arvik mine project. Many Members of this Assembly have been very concerned that the territorial government should seek to obtain as much income tax revenue from local residents through these elements as it can, but there are more reasons that that, of course, for seeking to guarantee local employment. There is the community and local economy in the Northwest Territories which if such legislation could encourage more local employment would greatly benefit and many of those communities are sorely in need of a cash flow. So I do not see why any Member should be afraid of a request to bring forth legislation. At that time we can consider it and seek representations for whoever might be concerned. So, Members need not feel that the preparation of legislation is irrevocably heading us in that direction. Let us take a look at it, see what the Department of Justice can come up with and check out this new law reform capability that we have already recommended and I will look with great interest at the legislation when it is presented. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Hon. Mr. Butters.

Union Movement Is Powerful

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I think every Member of the House sympathizes with the objective that the Member is moving in, but yet I would caution that what is being recommended in the motion may be precipitating this Assembly into one of the greatest non-profitable arguments we have ever been involved in and this is with the union movement of the western world. The words "right to work legislation" are very misleading. They are words that have been coined by employers who wished to hire and intend to hire scab labour. That, in my understanding is the simple fact of the meaning of those words. The union movement is a very powerful movement. While I have been a member of a union at one time I recognize their power and I think they are too powerful. This House some five years ago attempted to bring in under our Labour Standards Ordinance, special benefits for northern workers. We attempted to ensure that there was no union seniority with which to compete with. We intended to ensure there were training provisions and training grants for northern people. We intended to ensure that southern hiring halls would not be a disadvantage that could not be overcome by northern residents. These were all included in a draft paper. In fact, I think the legislation was even before the House.

Unfortunately at that time that legislation was found to contravene or be subservient to certain provisions of federal legislation and most particularly the Canada Labour Act, I believe it is. As a result I can recall at the witness table were unions from across the country. I remember one union leader after we had told him what we wished, and it was very much in keeping with what the hon. Member here was just suggesting, our objectives for territorial people and for this House. I can recall him leaving the chamber in a huff and the last words as he disappeared through the door were "I have friends in Ottawa." It appears he had friends in Ottawa because our legislation was pulled back and never placed again. So I caution Members that right to work legislation is not what the words seem to imply or suggest and I believe that it would be more profitable if the administration developed a paper, not legislation, but the paper that the hon. Member mentioned on three occasions and I believe the hon. Member from Frobisher Bay also reflected on a paper. I suggest that that is the way we should go. I suggest that such a study may indicate to us that there are other more productive and positive ways to obtain the end we all seek than developing right to work legislation. I suggest that the Executive Committee when it meets with the new Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development when he comes to the Territories should put to him, as I did when he was Minister of Labour, our desire to have the Canada Labour Act changed to allow our legislation to have precedence, especially in labour matters.

MR. PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The hon. Member supports me and I welcome his comments, but the response I received from the federal Minister of Labour at that time was not so encouraging but he is wearing another hat now. He understands our need and our requirement and maybe we could have a friend in cabinet if we go this other route.

Amendment To Motion 35-80(1)

So, having said those things in response to the remarks of the mover and the seconder, I would like to move an amendment to the motion and the amendment would come in after the word "to" in the second line and so the motion would read "I move that this Assembly instruct the administration to place before this Assembly, as soon as possible, a paper reflecting on all aspects and implications of promulgating right to work legislation." I suggest it is in order and does not change the motion and would give us an opportunity to study this most important question.

MR. SPEAKER: Could you read the amendment again more slowly, Mr. Butters, so we all get it?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Following "to" say "place before this Assembly as soon as possible a paper reflecting all aspects and implications of promulgating right to work legislation." I have said "as soon as possible" because I would personally take it upon myself to speed that paper along so there would be no delay as far as I am concerned in providing that paper to the Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that amendment? Mr. McLaughlin. It is morning coffee time. We will proceed with debate on the amendment when we return.

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MR. SPEAKER: The House will come to order. We have an amendment placed by Mr. Butters, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, which makes this change in the second line of the motion following the word "to" to replace whatever follows with the words "place before this Assembly as soon as possible a paper reflecting all aspects and implications of promulgating right to work legislation." To the amendment. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Sir, I have spoken.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other debate on the amendment? Mrs. Sorensen.

Urgency For Right To Work Legislation

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to vote against the amendment. I feel that there is definitely some urgency to bringing forth right to work legislation as quickly as possible and as it is brought forth surely the administration will bring the paper that Mr. Butters has talked about, the pros and cons and the implications to right to work legislation and what it means and what it does not mean if we do not introduce that kind of legislation. In discussion this Legislative Assembly will look very seriously at the implications. There is no doubt in my mind that that will happen, but even more important and which reflects the urgency in this matter is the fact that we have three development projects that are slated to go on stream. We have the Arvik project; we have increasing exploration in the Beaufort Sea and we have the proposed Mackenzie Valley or 12 inch pipeline from Norman Wells. We learned earlier that that project will be before the National Energy Board this summer, very, very quickly. So I think it is very important that along with the paper on the pros and cons comes the actual legislation so we can debate it.

Personally I am not threatened by the words "right to work". It is my opinion that that is one of the very few things that we as a Legislative Assembly can guarantee our people. We cannot guarantee them royalties. We cannot guarantee them right of way or rental from any of those development projects, but we can hope to guarantee them jobs and with jobs will come the training which is so very important. So, Mr. Speaker, I would urge that Members consider the amendment very carefully and vote against it.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment. Mr. Stewart.

A Strong Stand Must Be Taken

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I rise to say that I will not support the amendment. Actually what is asked for in this motion is really a document or a paper until such a time as it is approved by this Assembly as legislation so that the end effect is basically the same. Only we will have something that if we feel that we want to propose, we have then a paper we can put into legislation rather than having a paper that we will discuss the matter on, whether we should have it or not and then have to go back and have legislation made up. I point out that it is what the motion is asking for, just a paper. After we have a look at it, it could become legislation. So I would rather see us approach this matter because it is long overdue that we take a strong stand and although as the hon. Minister has mentioned it, it may indeed be contrary to the federal legislation, but I think we have to take a strong stand and say this is what we want in the Northwest Territories and if we are prepared to go as far as we can I think it improves our bargaining position with the federal people relative to it rather than another paper. My God, we are buried in papers around here.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, just a brief remark. I am heartened by the remarks of Mr. Stewart not to downgrade the idea of the paper, but let me suggest, Mr. Speaker, that we do not need to vote for this amendment to get that sort of work done and I would remind Members that there is a legislation committee which will meet to consider any legislation that is prepared. I think the debate today will encourage the legislation committee's legal advisor who will undoubtedly be asked the implication of the bill, he will undoubtedly be asked about all aspects and implications of the legislation as the Hon. Mr. Butters' motion seeks to have advice on it.

So, that can be done through the preparation of legislation and by this House's standing committee on legislation which has a special interest in legislation, developing legislation and should be trusted to take into account any concerns and interests that should be considered before the bill is presented to the House. I suggest that the amendment, while it is sensible, is not necessary and can be accomplished in the process of the standing committee on legislation's review of the proposed bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion 35-80(1), Defeated

MR. SPEAKER: On the amendment. Those in favour of the amendment please indicate by raising your hand. Down. Those opposed please indicate. The amendment is lost.

---Defeated

To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is being called and Mr. Butters spoke to the motion. To the motion. The question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 35-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: It is moved and seconded that this Assembly instruct the administration to proceed as quickly as possible to bring in right to work legislation. Those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

A little bit of information for me. How many will attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting, luncheon meeting in Katimavik A at 11:45? Could you keep them up so I can get a count? It is a special meal, hot food and I have to put in an order. So...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hot food!

MR. SPEAKER: I see a lot of hands went up with that. Eleven, and I will be there which makes 12 plus support. Have you got that, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: All right. Motion 36-80(1), Feasibility of Providing Television Coverage of Fall Session. Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion 36-80(1): Feasibility Of Providing Television Coverage Of Fall Session

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS it is in the public interest of the residents of the Northwest Territories that they receive accurate and full information relating to the proceedings of this House;

AND WHEREAS due to the size of the Northwest Territories and the resultant geographic constraints it is not feasible for the constituents in the remote parts of the Northwest Territories to attend at the sessions of this House;

AND WHEREAS the media coverage of the proceedings of this Assembly has at best been sparse in comparison to coverage in the past;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that adequate and first hand information of the proceedings of this House be made available to the people of the Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member from Keewatin South, that this House recommend to the Speaker of this House and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to seriously examine the feasibility of providing television coverage of the proceedings of this House at the fall session this year;

And further that the Speaker be requested to report the findings of such an examination to this House at the spring session of this year.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. I notice a slight changing in the wording from what the notice of motion stated. Is it agreeable to Members that that change should take place, "Speaker" instead of "Executive Committee"?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: In all of the debates from the motions today I would ask that you listen attentively and if you find someone has already said the things you wanted to say, then I would ask you to resist the urge to say them again.

MR. CURLEY: You said that yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. It is duly moved and seconded. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. I think that most Members will agree with the sentiments expressed in this motion. However, I will not take the credit for putting it together, Mr. Speaker, it was the hon. Mr. Curley's motion and I agreed to put it on the floor because he already had two motions he wanted to present in one day.

Something For Everybody

Mr. Speaker, the CBC recently passed out little buttons which said "Something For Everybody". Well, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Curley and myself, and I hope this Assembly, wish to collect something from CBC. We would like to see CBC live up to its promise by providing television coverage of the proceedings of this House during this fall session. The preamble to the motion states that few people can attend our sessions because most of our sessions are held in Yellowknife and many of our people live outside the capital city, and so very seldom have the chance to see their government in action. We feel, or I feel, and I am sure the Assembly feels that historic decisions are being made with the election of a majority in this House of native Members particularly. We know that there is a television crew located in Yellowknife, and I know there are some ten to 12 people who are responsible for the northern television programming and so we would like to give them something to do.

The CBC was willing to spend, what I am sure amounted to thousands of dollars for a 90 second live spot out of Yellowknife, during the recent election. The fact that it was done proves that there is money available for television in the North and the money that has been available was used for what, I would have considered, a fairly frivolous matter, a 90 second spot in the Yellowknife Inn. I do not think that that was cheap by any means. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that Members would support this. It is going to be a good educational experience for our people in the North and as well, we will see ourselves on television.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, very briefly, I think this motion is important because the Members are certainly concerned with the Northwest Territories population and the fact that in order to receive such co-operation with the more remote areas of the region we must ensure that our people are fully aware of what this government is doing. I would urge that the Members give quick consideration and vote in favour of it. The CBC director the other day, Doug Ward, indicated to us that he welcomed any suggestions we had. I think this is a very valuable suggestion and it would also give the hon. Member from Yellowknife South an opportunity to show her bellybutton in parts of the North. Thank you.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion 36-80(1)

MR. PATTERSON: I would like to move an amendment to the motion. The amendment reads, after the words "at the fall session this year", after the words "television coverage of the proceedings of this House at the fall session this year" add the words "and the summer session in Baker Lake in co-operation with the Inukshuk Anik B project".

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All right, an amendment has been moved by Mr. Patterson. Is there a seconder for that amendment? Mr. Butters. The amendment states following the phrase "fall session this year" the words be added "and the summer session in Baker Lake in co-operation with the Inukshuk Anik B project". To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. Those in favour of the amendment please indicate by raising your hands. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Motion 36-80(1), Carried

To the motion. The question is being called. Those in favour of the motion as amended please indicate? Those opposed? The motion as amended is carried.

---Carried

Motion 37-80(1), Inuit Dog Research Foundation. Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion 37-80(1): Inuit Dog Research Foundation

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS there exists in the Northwest Territories an Inuit Dog Research Foundation, incorporated in 1976 as a non-profit corporation, which was established to help preserve what was in 1976 a believed near extinct breed of aboriginal dog by establishing a pedigree line that would be registered with the Canadian Kennel Club;

AND WHEREAS a viable population of pure Inuit dogs now exists at the research foundation so as to permit re-establishment of this breed in the various outpost camps in the Arctic;

AND WHEREAS over the last three years the foundation has provided at no cost, over 100 pure Inuit dogs to Inuit outpost camps at Perry Island, Holman Island, Anderson Bay, Repulse Bay, Cape Dorset, Lake Harbour and Frobisher Bay;

AND WHEREAS more and more outpost camps are requesting these dogs, resulting in an increasing demand; the latest request having come from hunters on Victoria Island and Wager Bay;

AND WHEREAS the Inuit Dog Research Foundation which has helped to re-establish this breed of dog is in serious financial difficulty, caused by the high cost of feeding these dogs;

AND WHEREAS if funds to feed these dogs are not forthcoming the project will be terminated and the dogs disseminated;

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Will what?

MRS. SORENSEN: And whereas terminating this project at a time when the...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Who wrote your script?

MRS. SORENSEN:

AND WHEREAS terminating this project at a time when the registration of these third generation dogs is within sight would result in a biological and historical loss to the North and to all Canadians;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend, seconded by the hon. Member from Keewatin South, that the Executive Committee review the financial situation of the Inuit Dog Foundation with a view to providing some financial assistance and that if funds are made available to this foundation for the feeding of the dogs, that the money be spent in the Northwest Territories.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

Location Of The Project

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, this motion is an effort on the part of the mover and seconder to have this government after a review of the foundation's financial situation, and only if necessary provide some financial assistance for the feeding of these dogs. Mr. Carpenter, the executive director of the Inuit Dog Research Foundation, had provided me with a background paper on the project which I have circulated to all Members. There is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that this project has been an extremely worth-while undertaking by Mr. Carpenter and his board of directors, Mr. Evalik, representing the KIA, Mr. Kitekuolak, representing the Holman Island Hunters' and Trappers' Association. Mr. Alinga of Frobisher Bay and Mr. Cooper of Yellowknife. Mr. Carpenter has also informed me that he has received approval and support for the project from the ITC, from the KIA and from the Baffin Region Inuit Council. With the increasing number of outpost camps the demands for these dogs has increased and indeed, next week some 14 dogs will be going to hunters on Victoria Island and another team to hunters in Wager Bay this spring.

Over 100 of these dogs, as I said, have been sent to new Arctic homes at no cost over the past three years. The problem right now, Mr. Speaker, is that there are over 100 dogs being housed at the kennels and the non-profit foundation has only six to eight weeks worth of food left. Either more food must be found or more money must be found to purchase more food. Having said that, however, I think that the time has come for the foundation to seriously reconsider the location of its project. If it were located closer to areas where food such as seal and whale were more accessible I think that food would then not be such a tremendous problem and certainly would be, I would think, a bit cheaper.

In addition I feel a review of the numbers of dogs in the kennels should be suggested. In any case, Mr. Speaker, the foundation is certainly to be congratulated for its work and it should be noted that the registration of the third generation of dogs is now within sight. Therefore I would hope that this Assembly would give its approval for the administration to look at the financial situation of the foundation and to find within its means the necessary money to provide some support.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

Inuit Have Been Preserving Eskimo Dogs

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, very briefly I would just like to indicate to the House that I agreed to second the motion because I think it is very difficult to not accept the request for funding when it provides employment to young people around this area. I think that motion was important, particularly to Mr. Carpenter, that if he was to get any support for the students they would be working during the summer jobs that it definitely requires support from the Eastern Arctic. I am not at all impressed with the way the dog foundation is being handled because it is not a tradition of the Inuit, in order to preserve it, that you have to locate them in a place like Yellowknife and it becomes impossible for you to handle them and therefore you must go to Yellowknife for assistance. It is certainly not a tradition of the Inuit to do that in order to preserve a dog. I personally know of six individuals, some of them are my relatives, who have preserved huskies and therefore are able to contribute to any hunter in the region or anywhere if they request to have some dogs for transportation.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: You have to get a permit under Motion 28-80(1).

MR. CURLEY: Any assistance or any needs that would be provided to this foundation should be obtained from the northern communities, places like the Arctic Coast and the Central Arctic and Keewatin, meat like seal this spring and whatnot this fall. We would have to be able to provide a contribution to the people in the area. On these conditions I agreed to second the motion because it would definitely be a shame not to put in support to Yellowknife when in fact, we from the Eastern Arctic can do so. Thank you.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Did you get a permit under Motion 28-80(1)?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, as I have long suspected, Yellowknife is now going to the dogs. I presume that the next project will be to move buffalo out of Wood Buffalo Park into the Arctic and then we will have to import food up there to feed the buffalo. I do not mind supporting this particular motion as long as it is understood that it is for this year, until such time as this project can be properly moved to the place it should be and that ought to be in the Arctic. It is ridiculous to have it here in the first place.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not agree with the motion. I have had a look at these dogs and there might be half of them that are husky dogs from the Arctic but the others have been in Yellowknife so long they are just like Curley's dogs, all mixed up. Further, Mr. Speaker, like every other motion -- most of the other motions that were put before this House were left up to the Executive Committee. Maybe we should leave it up to the Executive Committee to feed these dogs.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I think this is a serious motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: You think?

MR. PATTERSON: If the Executive Committee is going to feed the dogs, they should try not to feed them fish because I believe it is merely a habit of the Inuit to not feed their dogs fish. This is one observation that has been made often about these dogs in Yellowknife. Walrus meat, seal meat, whale, etc. I would suggest that, as well, until the location of the foundation can be moved that the right food should be purchased from communities which can provide it and particularly areas where there is lots of seal hunting and maybe surplus seal meat.

Reduce Our Dependence On Fossil Fuel

Mr. Speaker, the only other thing I want to mention is to me the preamble to the motion which leaves out one of the most important reasons for supporting more dogs being available in the Northwest Territories and that is to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel. We are in an energy crisis in the Northwest Territories and I notice that the new policy paper, Principles for the Development of an Energy Policy, number four, suggests that new energy saving principles should be adopted where practical and including wood and hydro-electricity and so on. I would suggest that dogs are another effective alternative energy source which are extremely cost effective. So seriously I would support the motion because we are going to have to rely increasingly on dogs in the Northwest Territories as the price of gas and inavailability of gas increases. This is happening in the Eastern Arctic and should be encouraged by more dogs being available. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I used to have dogs, many dogs. The husky dogs are not human beings. They are good. It is good to see dogs being used to move around the North. If I wanted dogs I would raise them by myself. Also they would know about me. When you have dogs, when they are in the adult stage they do not know too much about you. Also the dogs tend to use a lot of meat to survive because there are over 100 husky dogs now. I used to have ten dogs myself. Those ten dogs, I used to feed them half a seal or more a day. I know you have to order the meat specially from different places for Yellowknife and it is going to be very expensive to achieve the country food. It would help the hunters who catch the food. It is going to help the hunters in the way of wages when they catch the food for the dogs. It was also mentioned that with the increase of oil the dogs are going to be used more. It was mentioned that the dogs are good for people who want to have dog teams. The last drop of energy. Also we need country food from the South so we can eat it ourselves but without having to pay for the food in the store where they get this meat for the dogs.

I remember once in an isolated case where they did not have any meat or food and I am concerned about this motion because I know one of my constituents is going to order dogs from Yellowknife. It is pretty awful. Mr. Fraser said that he was going to see the dogs over here. I do not think they are all huskies. In my belief I do not think they are all purebred huskies. Concerning that motion, I am not really supporting the motion. I would not mind supporting the dogs here for a year but I do not want to have to feed the dogs forever. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Evaluarjuk.

In Support Of The Communities

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, to the motion. I would like to support the motion, not for myself but for the communities, thinking about the communities, and that is why I want to support the motion. At the present time some of the communities have all different kinds of breeds of dogs and some of the communities are starting to want purebred huskies and at the present time in the Eastern Arctic the people are beginning to have husky dogs and therefore I would like to support the motion. I have heard some of the Inuit people have stated that they like the idea of having dogs because they do not break down.

They have expressed their wanting of the dogs again so they can use them and they will not break. If you want a dog you cannot always get it anymore and if I wanted a dog and there are none in the community and I would have to purchase it from some place else. One of the reasons I am in support of the motion is in allowing a community like Pond Inlet or say in Igloolik, especially in Igloolik, there is plenty of food, walrus meat, they could always get the walrus meat and in Pond Inlet there is some whale meat. In Arctic Bay the whale meat is not used very much by the people, the hunters, and it would be helping the hunters in that community and that is one of the reasons I am in support of the motion. The person who is looking after the husky dogs, if he could write to the community saying that he has dogs available that could be bought by the community and telling them about the number of them, because on television you have promotions and advertisements and if this is such a good thing, why not buy some of this and maybe they could do the same thing and that is one of the reasons why I am in support of this motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Noah.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Motion 37-80(1), I am going to support it. We have outpost camps and they do not have any husky dogs but they have not heard about this and that is why they have not ordered any dogs. I know they would like husky dogs and I know they do not want to use too many skidoos because whenever there is a blizzard they cannot smell their way back.

---Laughter

They cannot smell game when they go out hunting, they just pass by game. As soon as I get home the outpost camps, they do not know that there are dogs here. If there are dogs here, they did not raise dogs themselves, the dogs that are here, but maybe the litters from these dogs perhaps they could teach in their own way. Maybe if they could get them from here and teach the litters in the way they feel they should. So, I am supporting this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. Are you ready for the question? We will soon learn if the Members are willing to run the risk of disseminating huskies. It has been duly moved and seconded that this Assembly recommend that the Executive Committee review the financial situation of the Inuit Dog Research Foundation with a view to providing some financial assistance and that if funds are made available to this foundation for the feeding of the dogs, that the money be spent in the Northwest Territories.

Motion 37-80(1), Carried

Those in favour, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

So, we will recess for lunch and reconvene at 1:00 o'clock.

---LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

MR. SPEAKER: I now call the House to order. We have been dealing with motions and we are at Motion 38-80(1), Calm Air services.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, may I have the consent of the House to go back to agenda Item 7, notices of motion? I want to put a motion regarding filling the vacancies that exist on the board of directors of the Housing Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: Does he have unanimous consent?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: Please give the notice of motion.

Notice Of Motion 44-80(1): N.W.T. Housing Corporation Appointments

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice of motion that I will move that certain vacancies that exist on the board of directors of the Housing Corporation be filled with recommendations from this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion 45-80(1): Appointments To Education Committee

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I give notice that I will put the following motion if I receive unanimous consent this date and that is: Whereas this Assembly at its current session by adopted motion provided for the establishment of a special committee on education; now therefore, I move that the following persons be appointed to the special committee on education: Nellie Cournoyea, Tagak Curley, Bruce McLaughlin, Dennis Patterson, Kane Tologanak and James Wah-Shee.

MR. SPEAKER: Does Mr. Butters have unanimous consent?

---Agreed

We will consider notice to have been given in that case. Mr. Patterson.

Notice Of Motion 41-80(1): Increased Liquor Prices

MR. PATTERSON: I too would like to request unanimous consent to consider a motion: That this Assembly recommend that the administration make up the estimated \$500,000 shortfall in fuel taxes to be collected by imposing an across-the-board increase of 4.1 per cent on the price of liquor.

MR. SPEAKER: We have returned to notices of motion. Are there others? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I would like to ask unanimous consent of this Assembly at this time to present my motion...

MR. SPEAKER: I had better pause a moment there. Does Mr. Patterson have unanimous consent?

MR. FRASER: Nay.

MR. PATTERSON: I notice that Mr. Fraser said "nay" and I would like him identified.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: A point of order. Mr. Speaker, I suggest that it is not necessary for each Member who wishes to give notice to have unanimous consent to do so. Once the agenda item has been agreed that we would move to and so consider there is no other requirement except on that first occasion. On the first occasion there were no "nays" placed on the request made by the hon. Member from...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Slave River.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: ...Slave River. It is not necessary for successive Members to seek unanimous consent.

MR. SPEAKER: You are right, Mr. Butters, we did return to notices of motion and so Mr. Patterson's notice is accepted. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I gave my notice of motion.

MR. SPEAKER: You have given notice already? All right, we will carry on then with motions if there are no other notices of motion.

Item 8, motions.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, we are still under agenda Item 8, is that correct?

MR. SPEAKER: With Item 8, yes, and I am following the order on the order paper and the next motion is Motion 38-80(1), Dissatisfaction with Calm Air Services. Mr. Curley.

Motion 38-80(1): Dissatisfaction With Calm Air Services

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS Keewatin residents, hamlet councils and other citizens organizations have expressed strong disapproval of Calm Air International Ltd. licence application to Canadian Transport Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Transport Commission did not accept the request by Keewatin residents to hold public hearings prior to granting Calm Air International Ltd. commercial licence to take over routes from Transair Ltd. last fall;

AND WHEREAS the present schedules and routes are inadequate to meet the needs of the Keewatin people and business groups;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member for Keewatin North, that this Assembly strongly urges the Executive Committee to convey to Calm Air International Ltd. the dissatisfaction of this House with the proposed routes and schedules due to come into effect 29th of March, 1980, and further that the Executive Committee urges its good offices to persuade Calm Air to realign its route and schedule so that they are more suited to the needs of the people in that region.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Patterson. Duly moved and seconded. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I think the Members are well aware that Calm Air was issued a licence in spite of the wishes of the people over there to have the commission hold public hearings but unfortunately that did not happen. There continues to be a problem with the schedules and routes in that area, and I received a telephone call from Eskimo Point the other day that Calm Air, with only one airplane will now be serving a number of communities, even five communities in a day in an attempt to try and serve the passengers' needs. That in one day will not provide some of the communities, especially places like Eskimo Point on the return route and they will have continuing problems in being guaranteed seats on the way to southern points. On that basis it was strongly recommended by the hamlet council of Eskimo Point that I express this dissatisfaction and that the Assembly urge the Executive Committee to look into it.

Mechanical Problems Would Adversely Affect Communities

The other possible problem is that if the plane, the Hawker-Siddeley 748 has any mechanical problems it would affect at least four communities in a day and would then not be able to meet the needs of the people, particularly also when we consider the medical needs of the people there for patients who must go out there urgently and that would prevent them from having direct access to travel to southern hospitals. So, on that basis, I would urge the Members to quickly approve this motion so that the proper discussions can take place with the communities and the routes and schedules would be in accordance with the wishes of the people in that area. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Question being called. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, just very briefly I would like to quote from the president of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Michael Amarook, in a special submission to the health services review of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall, March 5th, 1980, which was tabled in the House yesterday. He says: "In my view physician services are insufficient. I cannot do anything about geography, but Inuit Tapirisat is very worried about the adequacy of transportation. Again to give you an example from the Keewatin we protested vigorously to the air transport committee of the Canadian Transport Commission about the transfer of Transair routes to Calm Air in late 1979. The medical services branch also protested this transfer. Calm Air's planes are irregular and infrequent. How can you have reasonable access..."

MR. SPEAKER: Can you slow down a bit, please, Mr. Patterson?

MR. PATTERSON: "...Calm Air's planes are irregular and infrequent. How can you have reasonable access if the means for access are in doubt?" Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Noah.

Baker Lake's Problems With Calm Air

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I was in Baker Lake and I was listening to the problems. We are dissatisfied and we found out that the Calm Air 748 is not appropriate and the mail is usually very slow because of the fact that Calm Air is flying. The orders that the hamlet council had on their order of business, the plane is too small to carry all the stuff so they come really late. Because of the size of the plane they cannot have smoking and that is very dangerous especially for the people who are going on medical leave. Another problem is the steps, steps to the plane, the fat people are usually scared because of the small steps the plane has. There is not enough space between the seats. The Keewatin people do not like that and if there is going to be only one plane running, if there was an emergency or something had to be done, that is another problem. There are a whole bunch of other problems,

but that motion itself states what I am trying to say.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah. Other comment to the motion? Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, the schedule is going to commence on March 29th and the Members from the Keewatin region, I am supporting the Members from the Keewatin region because we know that if the planes are going to run like that problems arise. According to what they were saying I do not think I would want to go to the Keewatin now. If that is the way it is going to be and we have a spring session in the Keewatin, I do not think I will go but I will support the motion. Thank you.

Motion 31-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Comment on the motion? Question being called. It has been duly moved and seconded that this Assembly strongly urge the Executive Committee to convey to Calm Air International Ltd. the dissatisfaction of this House with the proposed routes and schedules due to come into effect 29th of March, 1980, and further that the Executive Committee use its good offices to persuade Calm Air to realign its route and schedule so that they are more suited to the needs of the people in that region. Those who are in favour of the motion, please indicate by raising your hand. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I notice that the Commissioner is accessible now. Would it be agreeable to Members if we move to third reading of bills and assent and get that material out of the way before carrying on with motions? Is it agreed?

MR. CURLEY: Nay. More motions.

MR. SPEAKER: There are several more motions as a matter of fact. It is not any attempt to not deal with the motions. We will deal with them in the order that they appear. It is just to get the other business out of the way. Is it agreed?

---Agreed

All right. We will then move to third reading of bills.

Item 10, third reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 10: THIRD READING OF BILLS

We will give a moment here for the Ministers to get organized. Bill 1-80(1), Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Pudluk. I will remind Members that the bill may be passed or referred back to committee of the whole but that amendments may not be made at third reading, other amendments. Those in favour of third reading of Bill 1-80(1), please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed?

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Evaluarjuk. Those in favour of the motion, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Is there a seconder for that bill? Mr. Nerysoo. Those in favour of the motion, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Patterson. Those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 5-80(1). Who is shepherding Bill 5-80(1)? Hon. Mr. McCallum.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that motion? Mr. Pudluk. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 6-80(1), nobody wants to claim responsibility here? Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Arreak. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 7-80(1), Hon. Mr. Braden.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 7-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Nerysoo. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 8-80(1): Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mrs. Sorensen. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-80(1), Hon. Mr. McCallum.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Braden. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

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

Third 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 third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Fraser. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 11-80(1), the Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 11-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Defamation Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder? Mr. Patterson. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 12-80(1) I believe was withdrawn by the administration.

Bill 13-80(1).

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Seconder? Mr. Fraser. Those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 14-80(1), the Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Patterson. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 15-80(1), Exemptions Ordinance. No one accepts responsibility? Hon. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 15-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Exemptions Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Pudluk. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

I believe Bill 16-80(1) was also withdrawn.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, it was reinstated. It did go forth.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 16-80(1).

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I move that Bill 16-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend Certain Ordinances With Respect To Professional Fees, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: A seconder? Mr. Patterson. Those in favour of the motion, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 17-80(1). I believe that that was not proceeded with. Bill 18-80(1) has received third reading already and assent as well. Bill 19-80(1).

Third Reading Of Bill 19-80(1): Labour Standards Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 19-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Labour Standards Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mrs. Sorensen. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Bill 20-80(1). Hon. Mr. George Braden.

Third Reading Of Bill 20-80(1): Employment Agencies Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 20-80(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Employment Agencies Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Arreak. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Mr. Clerk, would you see whether the Commissioner is available to give assent to bills?

Item 11, assent to bills.

ITEM NO. 11: ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislature, I am please to assent to the following bills: Bill 1-80(1), Bill 2-80(1), Bill 3-80(1), Bill 4-80(1), Bill 5-80(1), Bill 6-80(1), Bill 7-80(1), Bill 8-80(1), Bill 9-80(1), Bill 10-80(1), Bill 11-80(1), Bill 13-80(1), Bill 14-80(1), Bill 15-80(1), Bill 16-80(1), Bill 19-80(1) and Bill 20-80(1). Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Motion 39-80(1), Hunting and Trapping of Game in Thelon Game Sanctuary. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker: Whereas hunting is prohibited in Thelon Game Sanctuary for holders of general hunting licences; Now therefore, I move...

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, but as a point of procedure I should have indicated that having finished with the special items, third reading and assent to bills, we now return to the regular order paper and deal with motions.

Item 8, motions.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

Your motion is next. My apologies, Mr. Curley, please proceed.

Motion 39-80(1): Hunting And Trapping Of Game In Thelon Game Sanctuary

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS hunting is prohibited in Thelon Game Sanctuary for holders of general hunting licences;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member from Keewatin North, that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee and the Department of Renewable Resources to open hunting and trapping of game in the Thelon Game Sanctuary for holders of general hunting licences.

MR. SPEAKER: Duly moved and seconded. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, that particular game sanctuary has been a problem to, particularly, holders of general hunting licences and trappers from the Baker Lake area. The fact that distance in todays age is not a problem any more, and as well that there have been some years when it has been difficult to hunt wildlife in the vicinity of the Baker Lake area, it is the wish of the people in that area that the hunting and trapping be opened for people. This particular motion is equally serious as the motion that was debated last night and I would urge that the Members do support the opening of hunting in that area because it means their economy, hunting and trapping is a means for people

to sustain their families and it definitely would help contribute to the people in that area, particularly for trappers. Trapping near Baker Lake is not always the best in some years. So, the opening of hunting for those people would certainly contribute to the hunters and I would just like to urge the Members to vote in favour of it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Noah.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Speaker...

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, but something has gone wrong with the sound system and I am getting no translation at all. Would you just say a sentence?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Can you hear me...

MR. SPEAKER: Would the interpreter please say something?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Channel six.

MR. SPEAKER: I am not getting a translation on channel six. Would you just say a few words?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Speaker...

MR. SPEAKER: I guess you can relax for a few moments, Mr. Noah.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Dressup, 9:00 o'clock, 10:30 in Newfoundland.

MR. SPEAKER: I can hear the translation now. Mr. Noah, would you just try again a sentence or two to see if we are getting it all right?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Can you hear me now?

MR. SPEAKER: We are getting the English translation and is the rest coming through as well? All right, you may proceed, Mr. Noah.

Problems Caused For Hunters And Trappers

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion that was made, I seconded the motion, particularly for the people in Baker Lake and also the outpost camps. Also people from that area can kill musk-ox now and there is also an outpost camp outside Baker Lake and the place called the Thelon Game Sanctuary is too near for hunters to carry out, and this has been discussed a lot by the people of Baker Lake, to open the Thelon Game Sanctuary to the people with general hunting licences, those who have them. Because of that, in a place called Sand Hills, there is an outpost camp there, two of them, two hunters who live there and they have been there approximately two years or near to that, and they are very close to the Thelon Game Sanctuary and they have requested to see if they can hunt there but the federal government has looked into that matter and it is causing problems for the hunters. I have been asked a few times to bring it up at the Legislative Assembly and they have asked me to urge the government, and also to pass it on to the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to somehow give a short history of the establishment of the Thelon Game Sanctuary because this recommends to the Executive Committee and the Department of Renewable Resources to open hunting and trapping and one must realize that the establishment of that sanctuary was done by federal order in council and in order for us to make any amendments to that sanctuary we would have to get assent to changes and amendments by a federal order in council, which would be necessary to abolish that sanctuary. So, I think that rather than suggest the department open the hunting we have to in fact, review it in order to make a presentation to the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 39-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. It has been duly moved and seconded that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee and the Department of Renewable Resources to open hunting and trapping of game in the Thelon Game Sanctuary for holders of general hunting licences. Those who are in favour of that motion, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. FRASER: Coffee time.

MR. SPEAKER: All right, notice has been given on certain other motions with an indication for certain Members that they would be looking for unanimous consent. Motion 40-80(1), Mr. McLaughlin. I see he is out to lunch. Oh, I see he is back in from lunch now. Motion 40-80(1), Mr. McLaughlin, were you seeking unanimous consent?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My motion deals with an appointment to the Northwest Territories Heritage Council and I would like to have unanimous consent to go ahead with the reading of it.

MR. SPEAKER: Has he unanimous consent?

---Agreed

Motion 40-80(1): N.W.T. Heritage Council

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS it is desirable that a Member of the Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories be appointed to the Northwest Territories Heritage Council;

NOW THEREFORE, I **move that** this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the Hon. George Braden be appointed to the Northwest Territories Heritage Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Hon. Mr. Butters. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 40-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour, please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

A popular choice apparently. Motion 41-80(1), Mr. Patterson.

Motion 41-80(1): Increased Liquor Prices

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS this House has accepted a recommendation by the standing committee on finance and, in so doing, has amended Bill 8-80(1), Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance;

AND WHEREAS passage of Bill 8-80(1) in amended form will result in approximately \$500,000 less being collected in fuel taxes than would otherwise have been the case;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member...

MR. SPEAKER: Are you seeking unanimous consent to go ahead with this, Mr. Patterson?

MR. PATTERSON: I was told it was not necessary by you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Once we had returned to notices of motion and so you would be able give notice of motion. However, whether you would be able -- in other words I would think, and this is not a ruling yet, and I will check with the Clerk but I would think that each of these motions being brought now would have to have unanimous consent to be proceeded with but I will check that out.

Yes, earlier today unanimous consent was requested to return to the item, notices of motion. That unanimous consent was given and that meant that when we returned to notices of motion anyone was entitled to give notice of motion without need of any further unanimous consent, and so Mr. Patterson gave notice of motion. We have now reached a point where in order to proceed with each of these motions which were just given notice of motion today, we require unanimous consent to proceed. So I understand, Mr. Patterson, you are requesting unanimous consent to proceed with this motion?

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Please proceed, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you again, Mr. Fraser.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: He was not paying attention.

MR. FRASER: You were lucky.

MR. PATTERSON:

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member for Yellowknife South, that this Assembly recommend that the administration make up the estimated \$500,000 shortfall in fuel taxes to be collected by imposing an across-the-board increase of 4.1 per cent on the price of liquor.

MR. SPEAKER: Duly moved and seconded. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, just briefly I want to say that while I recognize that this is not the most popular move that we could make, we are making a choice between fuel taxes and a tax on booze. I think this Assembly, since it has called for significant increases in programs in certain areas, must also take its responsible part in recognizing that we have to pay for these programs out of revenues in the Territories and booze is a luxury. It is a pleasure for some but it is not a necessity and therefore, I recommend this modest increase as an alternative to taxing the hunters and wider segments of the population of the Territories in the form of taxes on fuels. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 41-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. It has been duly moved and seconded. Those in favour of the motion...

MRS. SORENSEN: Arnold McCallum, put your hand up.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No.

MR. SPEAKER: Those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: We should have had a recorded vote.

MRS. SORENSEN: Those two pay the drinks tonight.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You are not getting any.

MR. SPEAKER: Apparently Mr. Butters would like to proceed with the motion. Do you request unanimous consent?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: On a point of privilege. It was Mr. Arlooktoo who opened this thing up on motions and when is my turn?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum, I guess you are Motion 44-80(1), not by my accounting.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Who did the counting?

MR. SPEAKER: That I am not sure of. I think we will have time to get to it, though, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Butters, please.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wish unanimous consent to present the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Please proceed Mr. Butters.

Motion 45-80(1): Appointments To Education Committee

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I do not know if this is the right order, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS this Assembly at its current session by adopted motion provided for the establishment of a special committee on education;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the following persons be appointed to the special committee on education: Nellie Cournoyea, Tagak Curley, Bruce McLaughlin, Dennis Patterson, Kane Tologanak and James Wah-Shee.

Motion 45-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Pudluk. To the motion. Question being called. Those in favour of the motion, please indicate by raising your hands? Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Now, coach?

MR. SPEAKER: Just a little longer wait. Motion 43-80(1). Hon. Mr. Nerysoo. That is with respect to the Water Board.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Whereas certain positions on the Northwest Territories Water -- I would like to get unanimous consent.

MR. SPEAKER: Does he have unanimous consent to proceed with Water Board appointments?

---Agreed

Motion 43-80(1): Appointments To N.W.T. Water Board

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

WHEREAS certain positions on N.W.T. Water Board are now vacant;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly request the Commissioner to convey to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development its recommendations that the following persons be appointed to the Northwest Territories Water Board to fill existing vacancies: Lou Menez of Fort Resolution, D.J. Gamble of Ottawa.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

Motion 43-81(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Curley. To the motion. Question being called. Those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

The long awaited moment, Motion 44-80(1), Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: All together now. Mr. Speaker, whereas certain vacancies now exist-- hold the phone. I have to get unanimous consent.

MR. SPEAKER: Does he have unanimous consent?

---Agreed

Carry on, Mr. McCallum.

Motion 44-80(1): N.W.T. Housing Corporation Appointments

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You can be replaced. Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS certain vacancies now exist on the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that Mr. Ib Kristensen of Fort Smith be reappointed to the Housing Corporation board of directors;

And further that the following persons be appointed to the said board: Mr. James Antoine, Fort Simpson; Mr. Simonie Amarualik of Resolute Bay; Ms. Nellie Cournoyea of Inuvik; Mr. William Noah of Baker Lake;

And further that Robert S. Pilot be reappointed as chairman of the said board.

Motion 44-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mr. Braden. To the motion. Question being called. Those in favour please indicate by raising your hand. Very co-operative. Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

Motion 42-80(1), Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, do I have unanimous consent to proceed?

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

---Agreed

Motion 42-80(1): Motion Of Appreciation To Mr. P.F. de Vos

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you:

WHEREAS Pieter F. de Vos has been an effective and faithful servant of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS he has indicated he will shortly be leaving the Territories for employment with the Government of Alberta;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly express to him its most sincere appreciation for the most effective and conscientious manner in which he has at all times carried out his responsibilities to this House and to the individual Members thereof.

Motion 42-80(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? Mrs. Sorensen. Those in favour, to the motion. Question. Those in favour? Down. Opposed? Carried.

---Carried

---Applause

Are there any other motions requiring unanimous consent? Were there any other notices given? Mr. Clerk, were there other notices given? I do not think so. That would be it then. Moving along the order paper. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, if possible I would like to have unanimous consent to return to Item 2 on the order paper.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions? Does he have unanimous consent to return to Item 2? Does he have it?

---Agreed

Item 2, oral questions.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Proceed, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, in view of the urgent problem that has arisen out of...

MR. SPEAKER: To whom is this directed?

Question 118-80(1): Dispute About Polar Bear Cub, Coral Harbour

MR. CURLEY: To the Minister of Renewable Resources. In view of the urgent problem that has arisen in Coral Harbour with the threat of an important renewable resource, a polar bear cub, being sent down to a zoo which was caught accidentally by a hunter's trap, I wonder if the Minister would be prepared to travel to Coral Harbour soon since they have phoned me today asking him to come urgently to try and settle the dispute with the hamlet council and the hunters' and trappers' association? Would he indicate to the House whether he will be able to deal with that problem as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 118-80(1): Dispute About Polar Bear Cub, Coral Harbour

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I will try and deal with that problem. I need the time to find out the situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Other oral questions?

MR. FRASER: Stray dogs.

MR. CURLEY: It is not a dog.

MR. SPEAKER: We have come to Item 9 on the order paper.

Item 9, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and other matters. Is it agreed that we resolve into committee of the whole?

---Agreed

Mr. Patterson in the chair.

ITEM NO. 9: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND OTHER MATTERS

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Motion 32-80(1): NCPC Headquarters Location, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MOTION 32-80(1): NCPC HEADQUARTERS LOCATION

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Committee of the whole will come to order. The order paper shows Motion 32-80(1), NCPC Headquarters Location, but it has just been brought to my attention that an amendment to the motion to refer this to committee of the whole proposed by Mr. Sibbeston would have the motion on NCPC Headquarters Location the last item of business for committee of the whole. So, I therefore, will move it to the last item and we will now consider Tabled Document 33-80(1), Annual Report of Territorial Accounts, Government of the Northwest Territories, Fiscal Year 1978-79. Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I was not anticipating that we would be discussing the tabled documents. I do not think they were moved into committee of the whole.

MR. FRASER: Where are we?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yellowknife.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I will have to look into that, Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that we have passed the point unless we go back to motions and go through the process again that they are not up for discussion at this time. Possibly I could table them at the Baker Lake session if Members wish or put them into the discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I think your point is well taken, Mr. Butters, while the documents are tabled they have not formally by motion, been brought into committee of the whole and therefore need not be considered or should not be considered today.

MR. CURLEY: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Do I understand that Members agree to stand down these tabled documents for consideration at a later time if desired?

---Agreed

In that event then, having agreed to standing it down, we will now move to Motion 32-80(1), NCPC Headquarters Location. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I yield the floor to other Members if they wish to speak.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion To Amend Motion 32-80(1) By Deleting "Other Than Yellowknife"

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move an amendment to the motion. The amendment is simply: I move that this motion be amended to delete the words "other than Yellowknife". Therefore the motion would read: Now therefore, I move that the Commissioner advise the Minister of Northern Affairs and the chairman of NCPC that the headquarters of NCPC be moved to the Northwest Territories as soon as possible...

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Out of order.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I think the amendment is in order. It does not substantially change the direction of the motion. So, the motion as amended will read: I move that the Commissioner advise the Minister of Northern Affairs and the chairman of NCPC that the headquarters of NCPC be moved to the Northwest Territories as soon as possible to a location in the Northwest Territories. That is the amendment. To the amendment.

MR. CURLEY: Yellowknife.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Stewart.

MRS. SORENSEN: Surely I get to speak to my amendment.

MR. STEWART: A point of order.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: I challenge the ruling inasmuch as the deletion of those three words completely changes the text of that motion and the intent of the motion.

MR. FRASER: Challenge.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Fair enough, Mr. Stewart.

MR. FRASER: Progress.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): We will await a ruling from the Speaker.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF MOTION 32-80(1): NCPC HEADQUARTERS
LOCATION

MRS. SORENSEN: A conflict of interest.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Can we get an impartial judge?

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: I will rule that to allow that amendment would alter the meaning of the motion.

---Applause

That is on two grounds; one, the motion would become nonsensical since the first "whereas" already indicates that the Minister has instructed NCPC to move its headquarters north.

MRS. SORENSEN: It could go to the Yukon.

MR. SPEAKER: I am giving a ruling and there is no appeal to the ruling. The second point is that the obvious intent of the motion was to promote decentralization and that would not be accomplished if the phrase "other than Yellowknife" were deleted from the motion. So, I will overrule Mr. Patterson's ruling and not allow that particular amendment. We will resolve once again into committee of the whole.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Motion 32-80(1): NCPC Headquarters Location, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MOTION 32-80(1): NCPC
HEADQUARTERS LOCATION

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee will come to order. The amendment having been ruled out of order, then I will call for comments to the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that this Assembly can in good conscience in a motion rule out any community as a possible site for the headquarters of NCPC. So, I very definitely will be voting against the motion. I say, in good conscience because I believe that when motions are passed and when positions are taken by Members, those positions should be based on accurate and complete information.

MR. CURLEY: Other than Yellowknife.

MRS. SORENSEN: One has only to remember the prayer, Mr. Speaker, that we remain standing and silent for at the beginning of each day, which states, and I quote: "...and setting aside prejudices, private interests and partial affections..."

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Hear, hear!

MRS. SORENSEN: "...may work to the welfare, benefit and happiness of the people and to Thy glory. Amen."

MR. CURLEY: Other than Yellowknife.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Is this one of the first steps taken?

MRS. SORENSEN: Bear that in mind, comely maidens, when you consider that one. Consider this, consider that Yellowknife may indeed, be the best site for the headquarters of NCPC.

MR. CURLEY: You have a prejudice.

MRS. SORENSEN: Can you vote in conscience to exclude Yellowknife?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I could not.

No Studies Which Exclude Yellowknife As Potential Site

MRS. SORENSEN: Based on hard facts what has convinced you that Yellowknife would not be a good site, that economics forbid it, that transportation forbids it; that social aspects forbid it, that the location on the map forbids it? Where are your studies that state all that? Mr. Chairman, this Assembly has not done these kinds of studies and therefore they cannot seek to exclude Yellowknife as a potential site.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: A sad day for objectivity.

MRS. SORENSEN: In addition, Mr. Chairman, I have taken the time to speak at length with Mr. James Smith, chairman of the NCPC Board.

MR. FRASER: Too many dogs here.

MRS. SORENSEN: He and his board will be making a recommendation to the Minister considering the location of the NCPC head offices and as we all know several Northwest Territories communities have been suggested, as has been Whitehorse. Now, I maintain, Mr. Chairman, if we leave Yellowknife, or exclude Yellowknife, then we risk the loss of the entire operation moving to the Northwest Territories, and the reason that I say this is the fact that Mr. Smith was convinced that his board had to make their recommendation for the location of a head office based on good business decisions.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: That is the way it should be.

MRS. SORENSEN: If we advised NCPC and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that we do not wish them to consider Yellowknife as a viable location, and at the same time they were seriously thinking on the basis of a sound business decision that Yellowknife was the location of choice, then I maintain this Legislature might be making it very easy for the Minister to move the whole operation to the Yukon and to Whitehorse.

HON. ROBERT H. macQUARRIE: Shame!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Split it.

MRS. SORENSEN: A little game is what we have here.

MR. FRASER: A big game.

MRS. SORENSEN: A game first being played by Mr. Stewart and now Mr. Butters, a little game and mark my words on this, it is going to backfire.

MR. CURLEY: Like yesterday.

---Laughter

N.W.T. May Lose Out

MRS. SORENSEN: Or maybe some Members feel that this is okay, we can play our little game. Anything is okay, even paving the way for Whitehorse to get the head office as long as Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, gets nothing more. I say shame, Mr. Speaker.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I say "Amen" to that.

MR. FRASER: Hallelujah!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: There is an echo in the corner.

MRS. SORENSEN: This Legislature...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Excuse me, but this is beginning to sound like a gospel meeting and I would ask Members to use a little restraint.

MRS. SORENSEN: Respect. I say shame once again, Mr. Chairman, because this territorial Legislature should be putting the emphasis on moving the NCPC headquarters north...

MR. CURLEY: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...and not spend its time in putting forth what I would call negative motions.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: It is a positive motion for decentralization.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

MRS. SORENSEN: I think that if the motion had stated to move the headquarters north to a suitable location it would have been a commendable one and one I could certainly have supported and spoken most vigorously on behalf of.

MR. CURLEY: Like Yellowknife.

MRS. SORENSEN: I could have amended it in a different way had I chosen to, I could have added "Fort Smith, Norman Wells, Hay River, Inuvik," in fact many of the other major centres in the Northwest Territories and even Pine Point.

MR. FRASER: Put it at Rae Lakes.

Reputation Of The Assembly

MRS. SORENSEN: Maybe that amendment might have carried, but I do not operate that way and I do not think this Assembly wants the reputation of making decisions without all the facts.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Certainly not, it has never done that before.

---Laughter

MRS. SORENSEN: I feel that supporting this motion with the words "other than Yellowknife" would remove from Yellowknife the advantage of competing with other communities, it would kill the community rivalry and competition by choosing some communities and excluding others for special benefits...

MR. CURLEY: Like Frobisher Bay.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...which we all have a right to compete for. I wish to make it clear that I am not advocating Yellowknife for NCPC. I am simply defending Yellowknife's right to lobby for it.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Lobby away.

MRS. SORENSEN: I think with this motion we risk gaining for the Ninth Assembly a reputation of having a new toy called a motion, a new toy with which some Members try to stick it to Yellowknife whenever possible.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hurray!

MRS. SORENSEN: I would ask you to bear in mind as individual MLA's that next time it could be your community.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Aha!

MRS. SORENSEN: Your constituents will be given an unfair disadvantage for absolutely no reason and remember if that happens, I for one, will come to your assistance. I will champion your rights.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Hallelujah!

MR. FRASER: Take all your dogs with you.

MRS. SORENSEN: I will stand up and be counted as someone opposed to your community getting a raw deal.

MR. CURLEY: Divide the Territories.

MRS. SORENSEN: Let us be fair about this, Mr. Chairman, and work towards getting NCPC into the Northwest Territories and let us work towards getting those rates down and do something constructive.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Hear, hear!

MRS. SORENSEN: Let us work towards splitting NCPC into two jurisdictions, one for the Northwest Territories and one for the Yukon.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: You already have split the dog kennels.

MRS. SORENSEN: Let us dictate what community gets the headquarters and with that...

MR. FRASER: Other than Yellowknife.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) I am sorry, I am having a problem hearing. If everybody does not shut up for a while I will go get my tape recorder.

MR. CURLEY: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, with that I would ask that Members defeat this motion in order that they may be able to sleep tonight with a clear conscience...

MR. CURLEY: Away from Yellowknife.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...and I recommend when you decide which way you are going to go on this, that you remember the prayer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen.

MR. FRASER: Do you want to borrow my kleenex?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: The question is, why was that motion ever brought to the floor?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Did you wish to speak, Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Amen!

MRS. SORENSEN: Where is Mr. Butters? The mover of the motion has left.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Did you wish to speak, Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: No, thank you.

Motion To Defer Motion 32-80(1) Until Next Session

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move this motion be deferred until next session.

MR. FRASER: Go get him, tiger.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Curley, I am afraid there is a motion on the floor. Wait a minute.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Do not be impatient, Brother Curley.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Curley, I have had a chance to reconsider your motion which, in effect, is a motion to adjourn the debate and as such it is in order. To the motion to adjourn debate to the next session.

MR. FRASER: Progress.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to all the Members here I think it would be fair to debate the question of the move, relocating NCPCH headquarters outside of the central area, outside of the Mackenzie area, where

it would likely be the choice anyway. I think it would be fair for all the Members to debate that in an area, at least in a neutral area like Baker Lake, I for one would feel that it should be considered by Members. Certainly those of us from the Eastern Arctic would not be left out of the possibility of relocating NCPC headquarters because the representatives from the Mackenzie area, in their view, it seems to be the only place to locate it, in the Mackenzie area. So, on that basis, I think deferring it to the next session is the best solution at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): To the motion to adjourn to the next session. Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: There is no problem in deferral with the exception that the decision will be made on this matter prior to another meeting of this Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Brother Patterson. I think the mover of the motion should make that decision, Mr. Chairman. The mover of the motion is not here.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: That does not make any difference.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: To carry on with what Mr. Stewart says, the decision is going to be made very shortly and I believe it will be made before the next time we sit and that was the reason for the motion to be brought up at this time. I think that we really should deal with the motion in order to give some direction before a decision is made. I think it would be, although I would normally agree it could be deferred, but at this time if we do defer it until Baker Lake, then we will not have to discuss it because the decision will already have been made.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Defer Motion 32-80(1) Until Next Session, Defeated

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The question has been called. Any more comments on the motion to adjourn and defer this discussion to the Baker Lake session? Ready for the question? All in favour of the motion to adjourn? Opposed?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Tough luck, men.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Recorded vote.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I will read the motion once again: Now therefore, I move that the Commissioner advise the Minister of Northern Affairs and the chairman of NCPC that the headquarters of NCPC be moved to the Northwest Territories as soon as possible to a location in the Northwest Territories other than Yellowknife. Mr. Curley.

Motion To Amend Motion 32-80(1) To Read "Other Than Mackenzie District"

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment. Rather than Yellowknife, I would put "other than the Mackenzie district."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. FRASER: Nay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I will reserve my ruling on whether or not your motion is out of order until after the tea break, Mr. Curley. We will rise for 15 minutes.

---SHORT RECESS

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The committee of the whole will come to order. Order, please. I am now prepared to make a ruling on Mr. Curley's amendment and I might say that in making the ruling I considered the previous ruling of Mr. Speaker on an earlier amendment which was proposed and I also ask the question: Does the proposed amendment go beyond a modification of the motion? Does it alter the original thrust of the motion? My ruling is that the proposed amendment that the headquarters be moved to the Northwest Territories as soon as possible to a location in the Northwest Territories other than the Mackenzie district is not inconsistent with the notion of decentralization presented in the original motion. It can be seen that the Mackenzie district is a more central location than other parts of the Northwest Territories and therefore I will permit the amendment. We will now hear comments on the amendment proposed by Mr. Curley. To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Recorded vote.

Motion To Amend Motion 32-80(1) To Read "Other Than Mackenzie District", Defeated

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The amendment is that the Commissioner advise the Minister of Northern Affairs and the chairman of NCPC that the headquarters of NCPC be moved to the Northwest Territories as soon as possible to a location in the Northwest Territories other than the Mackenzie district. We have called for a recorded vote so I will ask all in favour of the amendment please to stand until the Clerk calls your name. All in favour of the amendment?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Arreak, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Curley.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Opposed to the amendment, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. McCallum, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Butters, Mr. Sayine, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Abstentions, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Sibbeston and Mr. Braden.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The amendment is defeated.

---Defeated

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: To the motion, Mr. Chairman. I would suggest now that any Members who are not from Yellowknife but from elsewhere in the Mackenzie district who voted against that amendment because they recognize that it was unfairly discriminatory, that it would now be shameful of them to vote in favour of a motion which is unfairly discriminatory against the city of Yellowknife.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Curley.

Motion To Amend Motion 32-80(1) To Include Fort Smith, Hay River and Pine Point

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment that after Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Pine Point.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Curley, in keeping with my earlier ruling that an amendment specifying other than the Mackenzie district was in order, I will rule that your proposed amendment, since it refers to locations which could be called central, is in order. Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman. It would appear that the motion has given the Members a great deal of pleasure and fun. I am just wondering if it might be possible now for me to withdraw, as mover of the motion to withdraw the motion and determine if the seconder would also withdraw, and the mover of the amendment. I think it has been quite clearly put that the Northwest Territories wants the NCPC headquarters and will allow each community to make their own pitch to the commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Butters, I would say that the amendment would have to be withdrawn first. If the mover of the amendment agrees to withdraw the amendment, then I will permit you to withdraw the motion, although I would require the consent of your seconder as well. Mr. Curley, can we have your advice on whether or not you would consent to the withdrawal of your amendment?

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, that puts me in a difficult situation because I would have liked to speak to my amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Could you repeat that, please?

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, that puts me in a bit of a difficult situation because if I withdraw it now it would not allow me to speak as to why I moved such an amendment. I would have liked to have given the reason for moving such an amendment. If you allow me to confer with the mover, I will do so in a minute.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Please do, Mr. Curley.

Motion To Amend Motion 32-80(1), Withdrawn

MR. CURLEY: I have discussed the situation with Mr. Butters and I will now withdraw my amendment.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. McCallum, you seconded the motion, I believe.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think it was Mr. McLaughlin. I am not trying to get out of anything but I do not think I did.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The Clerk's motion from his book says that you seconded the motion, Mr. McCallum. Our records confirm that you did. The reason I am asking is that the mover of the motion has requested that it be withdrawn and he would have to have your agreement.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I will agree.

---Applause

Motion 32-80(1), Withdrawn

HON. TOM BUTTERS: In keeping with my statement to the House I would now wish to withdraw the motion that is on the floor.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): In view of all that then I will permit the motion to be withdrawn. Is there any further business? There is nothing on the order paper. So I will now rise and report progress. Pardon me. I will rise.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF MOTION 32-80(1): NCPC HEADQUARTERS LOCATION

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the committee of the whole has met and I wish to report that Motion 32-80(1) was withdrawn, and Tabled Documents 33-80(1) and 14-80(1) were deferred for consideration at the next session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Are there any announcements, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: No, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: One I have and that is of course, that Members are welcome to join me next door beginning at 4:00 o'clock for a quiet reception. The support staff is welcome as well and so are the media if they would like to join us.

I would like to note also, we had a formal motion earlier, but I would like to note as well that this is the last time that Mr. Pieter de Vos will be sitting at the table and I personally would very sincerely like to thank him for the fine work that he has done, for myself and all of the Members, I am sure.

---Applause

Mr. Clerk, would you see whether the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is ready to prorogue this session?

Commissioner's Closing Remarks

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, first of all I would like to deal with the matter of appointments to various boards. These are appointments which are Commissioner in Council appointments. First of all, it is my pleasure to accept the recommendation of the Legislature to appoint the Hon. George Braden as a Member of the Heritage Council.

---Applause

Secondly, in accordance with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Ordinance, section 6(1)(b), on your recommendation I hereby appoint James Antoine, Simonie Amarualik, Nellie Cournoyea, and William Noah as members of the board.

---Applause

In accordance with section 6(3) of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Ordinance, I designate Robert S. Pilot to be chairman of the board.

---Applause

Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to commend all Members for the hard and diligent work that has been carried out at this session. It has been a long session but it has been a most productive session. I am sure it will go down as a session in which Members have learned a great deal about the process, a considerable amount about the operation of government, and I commend you for testing the limits as they exist. I commend you for taking as many steps ahead as you possibly can take.

I would also like to say that the standing committees established by this Legislature have done a tremendous amount of valuable work. Undoubtedly...

---Applause

...standing committees have reduced the length of the session a bit.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

COMMISSIONER PARKER: The work of any Legislature can only go forward if the work of its standing committees is done properly and with diligence. Again, I commend the chairmen of your standing committees and the Members for the sincere efforts which have been put into their jobs. These committees have established excellent records of performance and I am confident that the work of the committees will continue throughout the life of this House, and I include among those committees the caucus of the House.

ITEM NO. 12: TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

It is now my responsibility to name the time and place of the next session and on your advice I name the time at 2:30 p.m., June 11, 1980, at Baker Lake.

---Applause

ITEM NO. 13: PROROGATION

Mr. Speaker, I now prorogue this session of the Legislature of the Northwest Territories.

---PROROGATION

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