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BAKER LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1980

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SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): I will ask our Chaplain, Rev. Brian Ford, to recite the prayer.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

REV. BRIAN FORD: I will read first in Inuktitut followed by English. Almighty God, from Whom cometh all wisdom and power, we the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in session assembled, humbly beseech Thy blessing on our deliberations, to the end that, inspired by Thy divine wisdom, and setting aside all prejudices, private interests and partial affections, we may work to the benefit, welfare and happiness of the people, and to Thy Glory. Amen.

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. I would like to welcome everyone to the third session of the Ninth Assembly, and I would ask Members' indulgence to permit me a few brief remarks. I am very especially pleased that this session was convened in Baker Lake, since Baker Lake was my happy home and that of my family from 1966 to 1969 while I served as the principal of Kamanituak School. I find that the face of the community has changed in the intervening years, but the hearts of the people have not and I am very grateful to say that I have been greeted warmly by townspeople on a number of occasions and since my arrival two days ago nothing has given me greater pleasure than to renew old acquaintances, and to recall some of the very happy memories that I have had of my time in Baker Lake.

Recognition Of Honoured Guests

As Speaker, it is my prerogative to invite special guests to sit in the Speaker's gallery at sessional openings and first I am pleased to invite notables from the community including civic leaders and other community leaders as well. We had particularly invited Jessie Oonark, since Oonark had presented to the Assembly at its last session here in 1969, the wall hanging that has since graced the chamber at Assembly sittings ever since that time, and of course since then Oonark has gone on to become an artist with an international reputation.

As important as it is to give recognition to notables, I am particularly proud and very pleased to be able to give recognition today to some ordinary citizens of Baker Lake, and that is those who worked with me at the school when I was here, and that includes the small hostel supervisors and the cook and the janitors and the water and oil service people and the nurse and the classroom assistants, all of whom helped me at that time to make this, and I hope I will be forgiven for saying so, but at that time one of the finest schools in the Northwest Territories and perhaps the most up-to-date. I must confess it gives me a very warm feeling to be seated amongst these same people once again.

Just before getting on I would like for the benefit of the Members to introduce the Pages who will be assisting us during our deliberations. Inside the chamber today, and I would ask each Page to stand as I speak the name, we have Joseph Tunguag, Patrick Tagoona, Beverly Ungunai, Winnie Kunangnat, David Parker and Sheila Iyago. Outside the chamber but who will be working inside the chamber on other days, Team B, including Dean Aldridge, Ruby Aqiqaaq and Susan Narkyagik, Haley Simms, Jeff Stadnyk and Johnny Aquitirataq.

---Applause

Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk, would you please see if the Commissioner is ready to address this Assembly?

ITEM NO. 2: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, ladies and gentlemen, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this third session of the Ninth Assembly of the Legislature.

I am particularly pleased to welcome the people of Baker Lake and other Keewatin communities to the opening of this session. One of the important considerations in reaching the decision to hold this session in Baker Lake was that it would provide residents with an opportunity to observe the legislative process first hand. It is of vital importance that government, and in particular the legislative arm, be understood well by the people of the North. You will come to realize that your elected representatives are faced with difficult decisions as they chart the course of government in the Territories. You will also learn that each Member brings his or her own experience, enthusiasm, dedication and sincerity to the deliberations. You will note as well that while Members present very well the views of their constituents, they must also consider the views of their colleagues as they seek to do what is best for the Northwest Territories as a whole, and for our wonderful country, Canada.

A second benefit of meeting away from the capital city of Yellowknife is that Members will be exposed to the views of people of the Keewatin. They will gain a better understanding of your regional concerns and the conditions of life with which you must cope. It is my hope that you, the people of the Keewatin, will seize upon this opportunity to learn something of the views and concerns of the Members representing both western and eastern areas of the Northwest Territories. It is essential that we all learn much more about each other, including our similarities and our differences, and the physical and political settings from which we have come.

Development Of Legislature

This Legislature is an institution which is continuing to evolve and develop. Keewatin people will meet Members who represent every part of the Northwest Territories. When the Legislature last met in Baker Lake in 1969, the term "Territorial Council" was used to describe the seven elected and five appointed Members. The Executive Committee of that day consisted of the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and one Assistant Commissioner. Today there are 22 Members, all elected; and those Members have chosen five of their number as Executive Members to serve as full time Ministers for the government. While the pace of constitutional and administrative change may not satisfy all persons, it must be recognized that very substantial advances have been made.

Turning now to the business proposed for this session, Mr. Speaker, two Supplementary Appropriation Ordinances will be introduced. The first deals with additional expenditures for the fiscal year 1979-80, and the second with expenditures proposed for the fiscal year 1980-81 to cover a portion of the hamlet of Baker Lake court case costs, and to finance a program of assistance to municipalities to enable them to determine the probable effects of aboriginal rights proposals.

Sessional Papers To Be Presented

The sessional paper on Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, which was tabled in February of this year, will be brought forward for discussion together with a summary of the conclusions of the Drury report. A sessional paper on student grants will be introduced in response to the motion passed at the last session. A proposed renewable resources on-the-job training program will be the subject of another sessional paper. A sessional paper on a police commission will be introduced for review. My Ministers will present reports to this House on a number of subjects, among them being energy policy, wildlife matters, health, and programs and spending priorities for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

In closing, I would like to thank Special Constable George Kuksuk for acting as my aide-de-camp today. I now commend the business of this session to your wise consideration. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Orders of the day.

Item 3, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 4, tabling of documents. Are there no documents to be tabled?

Item 5, replies to Commissioner's Address. The hon. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, could you go back to notices of motion for me, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin, that is notices of motion for first reading of bills and I believe we have no bills. It is simply a standard item on the order paper.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: You are forgiven.

Item 5, replies to Commissioner's Address. The hon. Member from Keewatin North.

ITEM NO. 5: REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Noah's Reply

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, especially the president of ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, who is in town and ladies and gentlemen, I would like to welcome you. Members of the Legislative Assembly, I would like to welcome you too, while you are in Baker Lake.

I would like to welcome everybody, the Inuit and white people. I would like to also welcome the interpreters and the staff members of the Legislative Assembly and welcome the Clerk of the House. Right now I do not have very much to say to the Commissioner, but here in Baker Lake I would like to talk about the development of Baker Lake, to explain to some of the people who have come here for the first time, the Legislative Assembly who are here in Baker Lake, that if you would like to go out camping or fishing you could tell the development officer, Hayward Simms, and could contact him at 2992. I do not know how much it would be for one person, but you could ask the development officer.

On Sunday there is a service at 11:15 at the Anglican Church in Inuktitut and in English at 10:15. There will be an English service at 10:00 o'clock at the Christian Arctic Fellowship, and there is a service at 2:15. At the Anglican Church there is another service at 7:00 at night in Inuktitut. In Baker Lake the radios run from 12:00 to 1:00 and they report the announcements at 12:30. On Sunday nights the radio runs and they play gospel music at the radio station. We hope that tonight the Commissioner is having a banquet at the community hall. The people who have been invited would be glad to go there and are looking forward to the dinner. For the people who like to buy carvings and arts and crafts there are different stores. There is the Sanavik Co-op. It opens at 9:00 in the morning. It closes at lunchtime and opens at 1:00 o'clock again and closes again at 5:00 at night, in the evening. If you would like to get more information, you could phone the Sanavik Co-op at these numbers. You could buy at the Sanavik Co-op prints and carvings and arts and crafts and other things.

In the same building there is the sewing centre on the top floor. There are different clothes that are on sale and on the same floor in the same building there is the Inuit Miqsurvik where they make Inuit things. In Baker Lake there is a ladies group store in the same building as the coffee shop. There is a coffee shop here in Baker Lake and at the hotel there is a canteen.

If I could say more, Mr. Speaker, I am just about done but if you would like to go out fishing across the lake it is about ten miles to a fishing place which is called Qikiqtaujaq, and around Baker Lake there is another place for fishing, about 12 miles, over 12 miles. Lastly, I would like to welcome everybody who is in Baker Lake but there is one thing I am sorry about, there is no bar in Baker Lake because we do not need a bar in Baker Lake. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah. Are there other replies to the Commissioner's Address? The hon. Mrs. Sorensen.

Mrs. Sorensen's Reply

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, hon. Ministers and hon. Members of the Legislative Assembly. First I will digress from my prepared text to congratulate the Executive Committee on its decision to provide some funding to the hamlet of Baker Lake. As the mover of the motion I have watched with great interest the debate which has taken place following that motion which passed unanimously in this Assembly during the last session, and I am pleased that the Executive Committee saw fit to follow the direction of the Assembly and help the people of Baker Lake.

May I say how pleased I am to be meeting in Baker Lake. The people of Baker Lake must be complimented for their very warm welcome, for the good food we have enjoyed so far, and may I say that all of us will go home at least ten pounds heavier, and for the excellent accommodation which we have found at our disposal in Baker Lake.

Coming to the region like this does serve to acquaint western Members with the realities of living in the East. Certainly as a Yellowknife Member, and I represent Yellowknife South, I look forward to learning a great deal about Baker Lake and about the Keewatin region while I am here. One of the first things I thought of as we landed on Monday, as I looked out of the window of the Electra to see Baker Lake and the Thelon River at the end of the runway, and let me tell you it was not very far from the end of the runway that we stopped, was the hon. Mr. Noah's motion passed during the last session which requested that the Baker Lake runway be lengthened. I voted to support that motion but somehow in Yellowknife it did not seem as real as it did when I looked out fully expecting to end up in that water. That, Mr. Speaker, is just one of the reasons why I support the Legislative Assembly meeting outside of its capital.

It is very true that travelling is expensive, that perhaps it is inconvenient for staff and somewhat difficult administratively, but one cannot place a price tag on the benefits to ourselves as territorial legislators, and to the people in the regions who, while they may not fill the public gallery on a daily basis, will know that their government has seen fit to come to them.

Future Of North In Jeopardy

Well, Mr. Speaker, one cannot be in the East without speaking about Nunavut! During the last session in reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address and in reply to Thomas Suluk's address to the Legislative Assembly on February 22nd I stated that I accepted the right of the people above the tree line to present the Nunavut proposal as a viable alternative to being governed by this Legislative Assembly. I also firmly believe, and I stated it during the last session, that the North's future, and its right to move toward responsible government, its right to join confederation as an equal partner with full responsibility for land and resource management and ownership is very much in jeopardy at this time in Canada. Because of this I believe that we in the North could be much better served by staying united. It means that white, Dene and Inuit would have to work together. We would have to put aside our differences. We would have to develop and maintain respect for each other's point of view. The question of course, is, can that be done? Can three very different races of people work together for the good of all? Can three very different races of people live, work and play side by side without destroying each other? Can three very different cultures trust and respect each other as they live side by side?

Many in the North and in the South would say no, and I am not certain as well that it can be done. However, for the first time the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories reflects the true Inuit and Dene majority in the North. We have strong, articulate, hard-nosed leaders here among us. Consider this however; while this Assembly can make the changes in government which would allow the Northwest Territories to remain united in the Territories, is that in fact impossible, is it too late as Mr. Overvold, director of aboriginal rights

for the Dene Nation said in his address to the Assembly on March 11? Do I and do we who are attempting to institute new policy, new direction for the Government of the Northwest Territories become then enemies of Nunavut? I hope not because if in the end Nunavut does become a reality I at least want to feel that I tried to keep us together and that a division is not so much the result of an insensitive Legislative Assembly or an inability of this Legislative Assembly to govern with respect for the individual and collective needs of the people of the North, but in fact a decision arrived at as a result of common sense, efficiency of government and mutual trust.

Nunavut Proposal Not A Threat

Contrary to what I have read in the newspaper, Igallaq, I as a western MLA, in particular a Yellowknife MLA, am not threatened by the Nunavut proposal. The fundamental principles of public government are reflected in it and therefore it is an acceptable option to this Legislative Assembly. Rather than being threatened I am challenged. Certainly on the surface Nunavut makes sense in terms of size, communication and transportation difficulties alone. However, I believe we must look beyond the obvious. We must question in this Legislative Assembly and in the Northwest Territories, what we might lose as well as what we stand to gain because of Nunavut.

Contrary to what some people might say about the West, I do not see a rising lobby to keep the North together, I do not hear a strong and determined case being made for a united Northwest Territories. Is it apathy, or is it resignation to the inevitable, or is it to be left up to the federal government to decide? Should it be the federal government that makes decisions or should we do it in the North? I believe that this Assembly is the proper arena for the discussion of political and constitutional change, and I look forward to the fall session when I suspect that a motion to divide the Territories will be debated.

I would like to speak just a moment about Yellowknife.

MR. CURLEY: Where is that?

MRS. SORENSEN: There have been quite a few things said about Yellowknife over the last few months and most comments have not been particularly pleasant and it has not been easy to be a Yellowknife MLA. I am not complaining about that. As most of you know I am able to rise to the occasion should it be necessary. What I have learned however is just a bit about what it is like to be in a minority situation and because of that have developed I think a much better understanding of the frustration and even bitterness that comes with what some might term oppression. Again I am not intimidated by that. It is at times uncomfortable but I accept it and shall continue to work within the existing framework as best I can.

People Of Yellowknife Not To Blame For Problems

With respect to Yellowknife however, I was elected by over 800 good people, many of whom turned out just recently to support me during our constituency meeting last week. These people are Yellowknife, and it is not the Yellowknife people who are to blame for the mistrust and ill feeling that has been separating Yellowknife from the regions. I believe that part of the cause of our regional disparity has been the policy of the territorial government, but you and I know that policy can be changed and it is through this Assembly that the direction will be given for change. Let us direct the criticism to the policies and the goals and objectives, let us look at our legislation and our constitution with a view to what changes must be made rather than spending the time blaming Yellowknife and Yellowknifers for all the problems in the North.

During the presentation recently by Doug Ward of the CBC to the last session, I responded to a comment he made about the fact that a reporter could sit for two days in our Legislative Assembly without having anything to report on, by countering with the fact that historical decisions of significance were being made and perhaps the problem lay with CBC and not with the Legislative Assembly. I am convinced that that is true. This Legislature is moving ahead very quickly now. It is time for reality to take the place of dreams, the time for fighting suspicion, backbiting, deliberate misunderstanding is over, because what is at stake is a northern heritage, distinctive cultures which must be nurtured, a way of life which must not be lost and a last chance to do things right.

Development Of Resources

I would be remiss if I did not talk about economic development because I come from a region that is very interested in economic development at this time. All of us at one time have said development of the people is as important as, and must go hand in hand with the development of our resources. That is a very easy statement to make, but a much harder one to translate into action. My time on the finance committee has shown me what seven people determined to shoulder responsibility, tackle issues and work hard can actually achieve. Translating that statement into action was one of our priorities when we met to discuss priorities for government spending for 1981-1982 and later on in the session I will be giving the standing committee on finance's fifth report to the Legislative Assembly which we hope will be discussed in committee of the whole.

Resource development, however, waits for no one and during this session we will no doubt be discussing the Norman Wells pipeline. I have publicly come out in support of the pipeline with certain conditions and plan on defending that position during any debate which may arise. I am seriously concerned that as a revision to the federal Oil and Gas Protection and Conservation Act is currently under way and even as we discuss revenue sharing, northern authority and job and business opportunity guarantees with respect to our non-renewable resource development, our future may be already determined by proposed changes to that act. I plan to question our Executive about its participation in the preparation and discussion of those proposed amendments.

Enforcement Of Mining Safety Regulations

Mine safety is of increasing importance as more and more mines are developed and more and more northerners choose careers in mining. I think it is time that this Assembly had the control through an elected Minister for our Mining Safety Ordinance. The recent death of a Yellowknife miner and my own frustration at the delaying tactics of the mining industry have prompted me to prepare a motion for the immediate territorial enforcement of the Northwest Territories Mining Safety Ordinance.

---Applause

Finally, for more than four years I have felt that the amount allowed under the small claims court procedure should be raised from \$500 to \$1000 or perhaps \$1500. I plan to bring a motion forward concerning that, and I look to this Assembly for support for that motion.

In conclusion may I say how welcome I feel in Baker Lake, how excited I feel about the decision and direction which will be given to our Executive Committee over the next few days and how important I feel it is that before we leave here on the 21st of June, we have an announcement to make concerning the choice of a leader for the Executive Committee, a leader who has the confidence of the Assembly, a leader who will for the next four years speak on behalf of the elected representatives of the Territories. A step in our development towards responsible government.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Before we proceed, for the benefit of Members and the gallery this will be a normal working day. Members intend to carry on until 6:00 o'clock, but we will have a coffee break at 4:00 o'clock. That is another 45 minutes from now, so you can plan your afternoon around that, I guess.

Are there other replies to the Commissioner's Address? There being none, I have been informed by the Clerk that Executive Members were taken by surprise when I called tabling of documents. Mr. Butters, do you have something to say?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I might have unanimous consent to return to agenda Item 4, tabling of documents.

MR. SPEAKER: Does he have unanimous consent?

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 4: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Sessional Paper 2-80(2), Student Financial Aid. This is the report of the advisory committee on student financial aid which is this large volume. There is an Executive summary both in Inuktitut and Kabloonanuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document: Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Are there other documents to be tabled? We will move ahead then to Item 6. Before leaving Item 5, I will remind Members that the rules state that replies to the Commissioner's Address may be given over a period of five days.

Item 6, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

The hon. Member from Yellowknife South.

Question 1-80(2): Document Re Areas Of Common Concern

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development. I think it is perhaps more of a quest than a question. I would ask that the Minister table the document known as the May 23rd, 1980, areas of common concern of the Dene Nation, the Metis Association and the Northwest Territories government.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will arrange to have that document presented to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon. Member from Fort Simpson, Mr. Sibbeston.

Question 2-80(2): School Budget Cuts

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. In light of the fact that during the past budget session, in fact on February 21st at page 659, the Minister of Education, Mr. Butters, stated that all education programs that are currently in place will be carried forward at what might be described as a 1979-80 level and he went on to say there could be minor cuts in small areas. In view of this statement, could the Minister advise why the budget of the Fort Simpson school for school supplies has been cut from \$31,800 for 1979-80 to \$20,040 for 1980-81 and does he consider a cut in the amount of 37 per cent a minor cut?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Butters, please.

Return To Question 2-80(2): School Budget Cuts

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member will recall during the budget debate that it was made quite clear on the items on materials and supplies that there was a cut of some 42 per cent which would be prorated across the four regions of the Northwest Territories. That cut then elicited a great deal of discussion from Members and many, many questions from Members. At that time I recollect responding and saying that where there is a demonstrated need that that need will be examined and met. That is the explanation that I have indicated to members of the department and in the regions, that where there is a need we will examine that need and certainly programs will not suffer as a result of a problem in reduced funding.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Sibbeston?

Question 3-80(2): Fort Simpson School Budget

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister state whether he will look into this particular matter and advise me in due course as to whether the Fort Simpson school is stuck with having to put up with a cut or whether it may still be possible to make up the difference from other sources?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 3-80(2): Fort Simpson School Budget

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I will certainly look into the matter, but I would expect to be receiving from the Fort Simpson local education authority an expression of the situation that they find themselves in and a demonstration of the need and why it requires additional funding.

MR. SPEAKER: Other oral questions? The hon. Member for the Western Arctic.

Question 4-80(2): Beaufort Sea Development

MS. COURNOYEA: A question directed at the Minister of Economic Development. Could he tell me what progress has been made in developing stronger protection in support of the Beaufort Sea communities, to the people and businesses, in regard to the socio-economic arrangements between the government and Dome-Cánmar? Who has been assigned from the territorial government to ensure this socio-economic arrangement and show maximum benefit to those living in the Western Arctic region where this development is presently going on? When the Minister of Economic Development went to Ottawa and had his discussions recently with the Minister of Indian Affairs did he bring forward the concerns that the socio-economic arrangement was not adequately serving our Beaufort Sea communities, people and businesses?

MR. SPEAKER: Did you get that, Mr. Braden?

Partial Return To Question 4-80(2): Beaufort Sea Development

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, there are a number of questions and I will try to respond as best I can. With respect to the socio-economic agreement, I would caution the Member and Members generally to recognize that we have been given a certain measure of responsibility with respect to the Arvik project. That particular arrangement does not entail additional staff, additional dollars. It is just a general responsibility to negotiate an action plan.

With respect specifically to the Beaufort Sea oil and gas exploration we have in the Government of the Northwest Territories now a resource development committee which is a committee of senior officials of our government which has the responsibility to not only get involved in planning and development for major projects, but also for the monitoring of major projects. I cannot at this point in time, Mr. Speaker, give specific points and information but I will endeavour to speak with the hon. Member and look at the transcript of the remarks and I will report back in more detail tomorrow or at the earliest possible time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Are there other oral questions? The hon. Member from Keewatin South.

Question 5-80(2): Transfer Of Communications Centre

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Local Government. In view of the fact there has been a long understanding between the Department of Local Government and the federal Ministry of Transport about the Chesterfield Inlet communications centre to be transferred to Rankin Inlet, could the Minister confirm whether or not this will take place this winter, and if so, what guarantees have the Minister of Local Government planned for the security of jobs presently being used at Rankin Inlet?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the question under advisement and will provide the answer to the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. There has been a concern raised within the Rankin Inlet hamlet council, and the fact that the Minister of Transport has not guaranteed there would be job security for the positions that are presently in Rankin Inlet and so I would urge the Minister to try and ensure these jobs will not be disallowed.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Curley, but it is a question that was put and we must not be argumentative at this time. Mr. Curley.

Question 6-80(2): Property Tax Policy, Keewatin

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have another question to the Minister of Local Government. In view of the fact there has been tremendous opposition in this region for the Department of Local Government's property tax policy to be implemented some time this winter in this region, could the Minister tell this House what response he has for the request of the Keewatin region, particularly the concerns of the Chamber of Commerce, to disallow the property tax to the users of the property in this region?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 6-80(2): Property Tax Policy, Keewatin

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have discussed the matter with my officials in my department, and we have come to the conclusion that the area in question should pay their tax, their property tax, but they could do it over a two year period. The feeling is that I think that they should go ahead and pay these taxes but I think we are prepared to consider that they will pay the tax over a two year period.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other oral questions? The hon. Member from the Central Arctic.

Question 7-80(2): Classroom Space, Gjoa Haven

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education concerning additional classroom space in Gjoa Haven. The local education authority and the Gjoa Haven council have expressed their concern about the completion of the upper portion of this school, which is the mezzanine. There is already an influx of people from other settlements moving in to live there as expected, and therefore there will be no teaching area unless some other teaching facilities are identified and renovated until such time as the mezzanine is completed. What is the status of this request from the community?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 7-80(2): Classroom Space, Gjoa Haven

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Member for notice of his question and I would also like to thank the hon. Member from Mackenzie Liard for similar notice. I believe the Member pursued this question in the budget session and I think at that time we answered there was nothing in the capital plan to improve the situation at the Gjoa Haven school. Since that time the Member and the Commissioner toured the Central Arctic and as a result of representations made by the Member it was recognized that something should proceed, in the case of that school, with some haste. The proposed arrangement at this time is that the government would draw up plans of this improvement this summer, that is Department of Public Works, then tenders would be called in January, the materials would be flown in, with construction to be ready to begin in next fiscal year. That is the intention at the present time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, Mr. Tologanak.

MR. TOLOGANAK: I have further questions to the other Ministers.

MR. SPEAKER: That is fine.

Question 8-80(2): Health Facilities, Keewatin And Central Arctic

MR. TOLOGANAK: My question is directed to the Minister of Health, the Hon. Mr. McCallum, and it concerns the Central Arctic and Keewatin as well. What are the plans or the present situation on the \$100,000 identified in this years budget to look into improving or constructing or reconstructing health facilities in both Keewatin and the Central Arctic? I have asked this question before but have heard of no further development in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 8-80(2): Health Facilities, Keewatin And Central Arctic

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, the Member will know that there has been \$150,000 placed in this years budget for planning money for medical facilities or health facilities in the Keewatin and Central Arctic. At the present time in the Keewatin, the federal government, the Department of National Health and Welfare, have entered into a contract with Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, to review the health delivery and specifically look at whether there should be a facility in the Keewatin. The lead responsibility to provide these kinds of facilities rests not with this government but with the federal government, that is the National Health and Welfare.

In the case of the Central Arctic and Cambridge Bay area, the Clarkson report, and other consultants' reports have indicated that indeed there should be a facility in Cambridge Bay. We have again set aside money to begin to look into that. Once again however, the lead responsibility rests with the federal government and not with this particular government in both of those instances.

Now, I am not suggesting that to move away from the question, not to evade as to what is being done, but that is simply the fact, that the federal government has the lead responsibility. However, what we would want to do, because of the ITC being involved in the Keewatin, we would prefer to see what would come up from that particular report as to the kind of facilities before we actually get into any real planning with the federal department on the location, if there should be two additional health facilities.

As Members well know I have indicated that I would be speaking to health and hospital matters and hopefully we can talk further on the total subject of health and hospitals but that is the present status of it.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Is this a supplementary or another question? If so I will move to someone else and come back later. The hon. Member from Keewatin North.

Question 9-80(2): Runway Extension And Terminal Building, Baker Lake

MR. NOAH: (Translation) The question I would like to ask is to the Minister of Local Government on the motion I made concerning the extension of the runway and also the terminal building in Baker Lake. Have you ever been notified by the Ministry of Transport on this matter and has there been any action taken, and if you can answer me on that? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Partial Return To Question 9-80(2): Runway Extension And Terminal Building, Baker Lake

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We had meetings with the officials of Transport Canada and we have reached an arrangement I believe, to lengthen the existing airstrips. So, I would really have to say that we are pretty satisfied with the arrangement we have, but regarding the particular lengthening of the airport here I will have to get more information on that and I would like to provide that tomorrow to the hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a supplementary, Mr. Noah?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) That was the question I was asking but there is the other question about do you know what is happening to the terminal building that was to be erected?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. There was a problem with the translation. Did you get the question clearly?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Would you repeat the last question, the last part of it?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Could you answer on the question as to whether the terminal building will be constructed or are there any plans to build the terminal, and could he supply us with an answer if there is to be an extension to the runway?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Baker Lake airport is owned and operated by Transport Canada and we realize the urgency of improving the air terminal facilities in Baker Lake. We have discussed the matter with the Transport Canada officials and an attempt is presently under way to locate and airlift three modular units into Baker Lake which will be set up this fall as a temporary arrangement. As well Transport Canada has brought forward its capital plan regarding the new facility for 1982-83. Previously I think the schedule for the construction of the new terminal was scheduled for 1985-86, but it has been brought forward to 1982-83.

MR. SPEAKER: Other oral questions? The hon. Member for the Western Arctic.

Question 10-80(2): Inuvialuit Hunting Rights In Yukon

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the question is a progress question from last session. It is a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Could the Minister tell me what progress has been made in securing co-operation from the Yukon territorial government in reinstating and protecting the hunting rights of the Inuvialuit in the northern Yukon?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 10-80(2): Inuvialuit Hunting Rights In Yukon

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have agreed with the executive from the Yukon Territory that we now will begin discussions in the area of protection of hunting and trapping rights of not only the Inuvialuit but the Dene, both status and non-status.

MR. SPEAKER: Other oral questions? The hon. Member for the Central Arctic.

Question 11-80(2): Resolution, Central Arctic Hunters' And Trappers' Association

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the hon. Minister of Renewable Resources. The Central Arctic Hunters' and Trappers' Association recently held a conference in Cambridge Bay and they have requested an additional wildlife officer in the form of a resolution and as I understand it the department stated at the conference that the Central Arctic is one of its priorities. Is the Minister prepared to comply with this resolution?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 11-80(2): Resolution, Central Arctic Hunters' And Trappers' Association

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The request from the Central Arctic is one that has been expressed not only in the Central Arctic but in the other regions in the Northwest Territories and I am proceeding to come up with a plan by which we could possibly recruit more community officers and hopefully that will be in place at least within the next six or seven months.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Tologanak.

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A supplementary question. I thank the Minister for his favourable response. The Central Arctic being one of the similar sized districts or regions or areas or whatever you call it, only having three officers in the area compared to some of the districts, including the present one I am in, there are a few but there is a priority for the Central Arctic.

MR. SPEAKER: Do you have another question? The rules do not permit you to make comments at this time.

Question 12-80(2): Staffing Priorities For Central Arctic

MR. TOLOGANAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was just getting around to the question there when the cue button went down. The question is: Does the Minister confirm the statement that the Central Arctic is one of his priorities again in regard to staff and wildlife officers in the Central Arctic?

Return To Question 12-80(2): Staffing Priorities For Central Arctic

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I guess I would like to confirm that the changing of the wildlife service is a priority obviously. I have been into various discussions throughout the regions and I feel that there have to be changes and the changes have to come as soon as possible. However, I think that I am going to be making a statement with regard to the report and it is going to be a little more than just saying, "Yes, I will do it", but the money area as well, attached to this question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other oral questions?

Item 7, questions and returns. Are there any written questions?

ITEM NO. 7: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

The hon. Member from Frobisher Bay.

Question 13-80(2): "Differentiated Staffing" Policy, Department Of Education

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, this is a written question to the Minister of Education, the Hon. Tom Butters. Could the Minister of Education provide this Assembly with the Department of Education's policy on "differentiated staffing"? Where has this policy been implemented to date in the Northwest Territories and what financial arrangements have resulted? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Other written questions? Are there any replies by Ministers? The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have quite somewhat of a lengthy reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Less than 15 minutes? We can handle that before coffee break.

Further Return To Question 12-80(2): Staffing Priorities For Central Arctic

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: With regard to the decision or the kind of support that I have been giving over the last two sessions to in fact, devolve responsibilities of the wildlife service, I would like to give a report to this Assembly as to what has gone on and what hopefully will be going on over the summer period.

Members will recall that during the ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, presentation to this Assembly on February 22nd a number of requests were made to us, one being that immediate steps be taken to transfer the control of wildlife management to the people of the Eastern Arctic. The request was a timely one because up to that time you are all aware that I was in the process of orientating myself as the new Minister of Renewable Resources. I have been learning how the department operated and I was at that time also listening to concerns being expressed by this House and by people throughout the Northwest Territories. I came to the conclusion at that time that certain changes and amendments to the wildlife service were required and in fact were necessary. Many of the concerns raised were legitimate and it was my feeling that any action on my part had to involve all major organizations concerned with wildlife in the Northwest Territories. This meant the hunters' and trappers' associations, the MLA's and the native organizations and associations. At the same time I was encouraged and still am by the spirit of co-operation that has evolved among all major groups in the Northwest Territories where before I found that there had been conflict and discontent with the program delivery of the wildlife service.

The request by ITC provided me with the opportunity to bring a new ministerial initiative in reviewing the operation of my department and hearing first hand from all the major actors in the wildlife area as to what their concerns were. I met with the ITC land claims director, Mr. Tom Suluk and his director in Ottawa on March 11th to discuss their position on this and also to look at what process would be most satisfactory. We both felt that any changes should involve hunters and trappers who would be most affected and that a series of regional meetings would be the best approach.

A Desire To Work Together

I have concluded these meetings, three in all, in Cambridge Bay, Frobisher Bay and Rankin Inlet. I am pleased to be able to say that the tone of these meetings has been very positive and the spirit of co-operation and the desire to work together has been evident. I have had frank discussions and definite recommendations from people and organizations throughout the Northwest Territories. I intend to carry on this process in the Northwest Territories as well and will be discussing the same concerns with the Dene chiefs when we meet in Fort Good Hope in July. I will meet with COPE, Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, some time during the summer to discuss the issues on the process of devolution. After that I will have spoken to all the native organizations and representatives from the Northwest Territories communities and by then I will have to sit down and plan a response to the expressed concerns. I expect that some major changes will result from this process and I would want to see this occur in an orderly and systematic way.

My thinking at this point is that I will on the basis of information received develop a plan which can be endorsed in principle at least with all the organizations consulted and which will outline the direction for my department over the next few years. This represents obviously a big job and not everything can be done right away, but I hope that we can as a government provide at least statements of the kind of commitments in principle that we are prepared to make. I see possible changes in the way services are delivered, the process by which major decisions are made, the distribution of responsibilities between the government and the hunters' and trappers' organizations and most definitely in the number of native people employed in the wildlife service.

Many Members have expressed to me the need for the types of changes I am talking about and on the basis of what has been said at previous sessions I feel that I have their support in what I am attempting to do. However, I must point out here that everyone must realize that changes of this type carry with them a price tag. So to some extent the degree to which we are able to respond to the wishes of the people and the timing will be determined by the financial picture of this government. I would hope that the extra resources, money and man years required in future can be identified for the 1981-82 budget process which I understand will begin probably in October. It is difficult to say at this time how far we can actually go until we actually sit down and review in a detailed manner the types of requests people are making to determine what the process of meeting these demands involves.

Staff Of The Department Of Renewable Resources

I would like to address a few words here about the staff of my department. This type of process I am now involved in by necessity gets a high profile in the media and by its nature most of my responses have to be general. At the same time we may talk about change it is understandable that this will cause some concern on the part of the staff. They do not really have the details of what it is that will occur. I am not able to say for sure at this point in time, but I do know that the basis of any change must be that of sound management put forth and providing technical and professional expertise.

I can appreciate that there would be some concern on the part of the staff, but I would ask them to bear with me in making the wildlife service a more effective and efficient organization than it is. I feel we have a good basis on which to build an organization that has attained, to my mind, a high professional standard and which has been fortunate in attracting and keeping some very high calibre staff.

I am very optimistic about the future and I realize that it is not written directives or policies or programs that make the department effective but the kind of people who carry out the programs, its services and policies. Thank you.

---Applause

Recognition Of Distinguished Visitors

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other returns from Ministers? I would like at this time to take note of distinguished visitors in the gallery, the presence of Mr. Michael Amarook the president of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and of course a resident of Baker Lake. Mr. Amarook.

---Applause

Also Mr. Peter Alareak the president of the Keewatin Inuit Association and who the unity committee will be visiting in about a weeks time.

---Applause

I think that it is close enough to coffee time and instead of going on to a new item at this time we will recess for about 15 minutes for coffee. It is available in the open area next to the library just up this little flight of stairs, and of course the public is welcome to come as well for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize a quorum and call the Assembly back to order again. First, for three or four minutes I would like to do something I was asked to do at coffee break and that is for the benefit of those in the gallery to explain very briefly what some of the other people do who are with us here in the Assembly. I think I can do that very quickly. When I am speaking about each of them I would ask each to stand for just a moment so everyone knows who we are talking about.

Introduction Of Assembly Staff In The House

First of all we have Mr. Binx Remnant who is the Clerk of the Assembly. It is Mr. Remnant's job throughout the year to handle all of the business matters for the Assembly. He is the administrative chief of the Assembly and its staff and he is a very busy man in handling all of those affairs. When we sit here in session it is the Clerk's job to provide the Speaker with procedural advice. That means that at times there are questions that arise about our rules, as to how we should proceed, what is the fairest way, the right way to do things and if I am a little baffled by problems that arise, I refer to the Clerk.

---Applause

We have also Mr. David Hamilton who is the Clerk Assistant and Mr. Hamilton is newly hired in this position. He was the clerk for the village council at Fort Simpson in the Western Arctic prior to coming to us. He would do essentially the same jobs as the Clerk but acts as his assistant. Also he would carry on with those duties that are delegated to him by the Clerk.

---Applause

We have in addition Mr. Stien Lal. Mr. Lal is a lawyer and chief of legal services for the Government of the Northwest Territories. On most occasions when we sit in session, he serves as the law clerk of this Assembly. So, as questions arise about the interpretation of law, we turn to Mr. Lal for advice on those matters and this will be Mr. Lal's last term sitting with us in the Assembly. We believe that by October the Legislative Assembly will have contracted the services of a lawyer to serve as the Assembly's own law clerk so there will be no conflict between Assembly business and government business.

---Applause

We have Barbara Peter. Barbara is the recording clerk whenever motions are made. When things happen on the floor, immediately they are sent to her for writing down so they can be typed up or translated, or whatever is necessary to be done with these items.

---Applause

We have also as a permanent member of our Legislative Assembly staff Donald Buchanan who is the console operator here. It is Mr. Buchanan's job to switch the mikes off and on and make sure whenever we are ready to speak we are able to be heard by the other Members.

---Applause

We have also seated at the table just beyond the Clerk's table here, Colin Nethercut and Shaun Shambleau. They are court reporters. They are not permanent members of our Assembly staff but they are hired on contract to record the spoken words in this Assembly. You see Mr. Nethercut at the present time speaking into some sort of apparatus and he is saying precisely the same words that I am saying now just shortly after me. These words are put onto tape, they are sent upstairs where they are immediately typed out and by tomorrow morning we will have a written record of everything that is said here this afternoon.

---Applause

Another officer of the House is David Sproule. David is our Sergeant-at-Arms and it is his job to maintain order in the Assembly. If myself or any other Member steps out of line he is the bouncer I guess, he is the one who would throw us out of the Assembly. Seriously, he handles details that have to do with the setting up of the Assembly, he is responsible for the Pages and things like that.

---Applause

Of course without being able to identify them individually we do have the interpreters without whom we simply could not carry on these sessions. We feel they work very hard, great demands are put upon them and we appreciate very much the services they offer. So, these are the interpreters in this area here.

---Applause

All right, I hope that will help to explain a little more what we are about here. We will now move along, and first I had better check to see if there are any other returns from Ministers.

Item 7, questions and returns. A question. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 14-80(2): Labour Relations.

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question to the Minister of Justice and Public Services. In order to bring about northern resident preferential hiring legislation, is there a requirement that this government have jurisdiction over labour relations?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any other questions or returns? We will move along.

Item 8, petitions.

ITEM NO. 8: PETITIONS

The hon. Member for Yellowknife South.

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Petition 1-80(2), Post-Secondary School Grants, which I just received from a number of students. The signatures on the petition have been gathered in the last 48 hours. Many students using the grant system are either still at school or working outside of Yellowknife or there would have been more. The signer of this letter was unable to contact them. She also states that some of the signatures are of students who are in the next year, potential applicants for a grant. All of the students contacted signed the petition. There are some 127 signatures on this petition. The text of the petition reads as follows:

"At the March session of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Dennis Patterson, MLA for Frobisher Bay, introduced a motion to replace the present grant system for post-secondary education with a system based on a means test. We, the undersigned post-secondary students and recent graduates, are opposed to the elimination of the existing grant system and replacement with a means test for the following reasons:

1. Northwest Territories students' travel costs are many times those incurred by most students in the provinces;
2. Northern parents are faced with a much higher cost of living than most parents in southern Canada;
3. The grant system provides an incentive for all northerners to seek higher education;
4. Means tests have proven to be difficult and expensive to administer, therefore eliminating some potential savings by a means test;
5. Many native leaders believe that the Indian Act guarantees free education for native people. Until this matter is resolved, a new system should not be put in place which may apply to just northern students."

That is the text of the petition that was signed by some 127 students who are now either receiving or are eligible under the present system to receive post-secondary assistance. I will pass this to the Clerk for distribution to the other Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Are there any other petitions?
The hon. Member from Keewatin South.

MR. CURLEY: I have Petition 2-80(2), Property Tax in Eskimo Point, addressed to me and copies have been sent to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the Department of Local Government, to other MLA's, the Member of Parliament, the president of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and to the news media. This petition concerns the particular community of Eskimo Point and it is actually asking that the property tax levied by the government be disallowed until such time as adequate protections for the home owners and whatnot have been found. So I will table this petition for the consideration of the Members and the administration.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Other petitions?

Item 9, reports of standing and special committees. No reports.

Item 10, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

The hon. Member from Pine Point.

Notice Of Motion 1-80(2): Appointment Of Special Committee

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whereas Rule 75(1) requires the appointment each year...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin, you are only required to read the resolution part of the motion. Not the "whereases".

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I think I have some difficulty because I give notice of motion that the following be appointed to the aforementioned special committee, a committee which under Rule 75(1) requires the appointment each year of a special committee whose duty it shall be to prepare and report with all due convenience the lists of Members to compose such standing and special committees as may be required: Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie, Hon. Thomas Butters and Mr. Dennis Patterson. Mr. Speaker, after the notices of motion are completed I will be asking for unanimous support to deal with this motion today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. I guess we are going to have to sharpen up our motion writing a little bit. The Hon. Mr. Butters, did you have your hand up?

Notice Of Motion 2-80(1): Extension Of Sitting Hours

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that I will introduce at the appropriate time the following motion: Now therefore, I move that this Assembly authorize the Speaker to extend regular sitting hours, if required, by providing for morning and/or evening, and/or Saturday sittings to the extent necessary.

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

Notice Of Motion 3-80(2): Assembly Sitting In Frobisher Bay

MR. PATTERSON: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 13, I am going to move that we meet in Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories, October 22, 1980. On Friday, June 13, I will move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the next session of this Assembly on October 22, 1980, be held at Frobisher Bay and I will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with that today. Also, Mr. Speaker, if I may, another notice of motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, Mr. Patterson.

Notice Of Motion 4-80(2): Appointment To Members' Services Board

MR. PATTERSON: On Friday, June 13, 1980, I will move that Mr. Joe Arlooktoo be appointed to the Members' Services Board and I also will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with that motion later today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Are there other notices of motion?

Item 11, motions.

ITEM NO. 11: MOTIONS

Those who would like unanimous consent should indicate at this time. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do I have unanimous consent?

MR. SPEAKER: He is requesting unanimous consent on a motion to form a striking committee. Does he have that consent?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 1-80(2): Appointment Of Special Committee

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS Rule 75(1) requires the appointment each year of a special committee whose duty it shall be to prepare and report with all due convenience lists of Members to compose such standing and special committees as may be required;

NOW THEREFORE, I move the following to be appointed to the aforementioned special committee: Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie, Hon. Thomas Butters and Mr. Dennis Patterson.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. Is there a seconder for that motion?

MR. SPEAKER: I thought that was what you were going to do when you raised your hand, Mr. Fraser. Is there a seconder to the motion?

MR. FRASER: I second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Are you ready for the question?
Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I am sorry.

Motion 1-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Ready for the question? Those in favour please indicate by raising your hand. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Are there any other motions? Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, might I try to see if this would be the appropriate time to present my motion? May I have unanimous consent to present the motion that I have given notice of?

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

---Agreed

Motion 2-80(2): Extension Of Sitting Hours

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS a considerable amount of business may be required to be completed at this session;

AND WHEREAS local facilities for this Assembly will not be available beyond June 20;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly authorize the Speaker to extend regular sitting hours, if required, by providing for morning and/or evening, and/or Saturday sittings to the extent necessary.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: On a point of order, I thought the motion was supposed to have a seconder before it was read out but I will second that one too.

---Applause

Motion 2-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: You are so terribly co-operative. Very nice. Thank you. To the motion. Question being called. Ready for the question? Those who are in favour of that motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

It is the dawning of a new era. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent to deal with the motion on the appointment of Mr. Arlooktoo?

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Motion 4-80(2): Appointment To Members' Services Board

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Members' Services Board has been established to assist this Assembly in the proper carrying out of its responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS a vacancy now exists on the Members' Services Board;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that Mr. Joe Arlooktoo be appointed to the Members' Services Board.

Motion 4-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that motion? Mr. McLaughlin. To the motion. Question being called. Ready for the question? Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Another, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Again I would like to humbly request unanimous consent to deal with the motion concerning the next session and its location.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Please proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Motion 3-80(2): Assembly Sitting In Frobisher Bay

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the next session of this Assembly on October 22, 1980, be held in Frobisher Bay, seconded by Mr. Curley.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded. To the motion? Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, is the hon. Member...

MR. SPEAKER: If there is going to be debate, Mr. Patterson, you have the right to speak to it first if you wish. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I was just wondering if the hon. Member is going to extol the virtues of his fair city or fair community.

MR. SPEAKER: I gather that he is willing to forego the pleasure on this occasion only. Any debate? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 3-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those who are opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, let the record show that the decision to support the motion was unanimous.

MR. SPEAKER: It now does, Mrs. Sorensen. I think there cannot be other motions so we move -- I believe that is correct -- so we move to Item 12.

Item 12, introduction of bills for first reading. We have no bills.

Item 13, second reading of bills.

Just before we move into committee of the whole could I hear from the House planning officer of the Executive as to how he would like us to deal with the business that is slated for committee of the whole? The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, after discussion with the Executive Committee we have come to the conclusion that we would like to defer discussion on Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Aboriginal Rights and Development. We would also like to defer discussion on Sessional Paper 2-80(2), Student Financial Aid, to a later date.

MR. SPEAKER: So I gather you do not wish to proceed with either of those this afternoon?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: If that is the government's wish, there seems to be no business then to be conducted in committee of the whole and therefore no need to resolve into committee of the whole. We have gone through the order paper. Please just wait about a minute or two until the Clerk has time to get the orders of the day set for tomorrow. It is a little bit of a surprise for him and myself as well that we are nearly ready to conclude today's sitting. All right. Mr. Clerk, please, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Announcements for June 12 -- actually for June 11 and 12. First, as Members will recall, they have received invitations for the Commissioner's dinner which is being held this evening at 7:30 in the recreation centre. I will not attempt to describe exactly where that is. I think each of you have received today a map of the community and it is marked on that map.

At 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, a caucus meeting which will be held in the caucus room in this school. At 12:00 noon tomorrow the standing committee on finance meeting. This will be held in the small committee room next to the caucus room and arrangements are being made to provide lunch.

ITEM NO. 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Orders of the day, June 12, 1980, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Kamanituak School.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions
4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions
6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. Motions
10. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
11. Second Reading of Bills
12. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and Other Matters: Sessional Papers 1-80(2), 2-80(2)
13. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House now stands adjourned -- Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development has been tabled but I have not been given a copy. Maybe the Clerk or someone could give me a copy. I would very much appreciate it.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes. I am sure that -- I thought it had already been done. I have received one so it is just a mistake I guess if you have not received a copy yet. Certainly if you wait, immediately afterwards someone will see you get that paper. There being no other business, this House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., June 12, 1980, at the Kamanituak School.

---ADJOURNMENT

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