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BAKER LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, 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, Mr. Tologanak, Hon. James Wah-Shee

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): The House will sit from 9:30 until 11:30 this morning and somewhere along the way we will take a strict ten minute break.

Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

The hon. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 72-80(2): Government Status Re Constitutional Talks

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Chairman Braden. It is my understanding that the territorial government has discussed Canadian constitutional matters with the federal government in recent weeks. On the news this morning, and that is why I raised this as an issue of certain importance, it was indicated that another date for a federal-provincial meeting on Canadian constitutional matters is about to be set, in fact I believe it has been set for September. I would ask the Hon. Mr. Braden what is the status of the territorial government concerning its right of full participation in those constitutional talks.

Return To Question 72-80(2): Government Status Re Constitutional Talks

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members will recall that about two or three weeks ago the Executive Committee was in the Baffin region with the cabinet of the Yukon government. At that time we discussed our possible role in the June 9 meeting of the first ministers of Canada and we sent a joint telex to the Prime Minister with copies to all the premiers requesting that we receive some confirmation of our attendance at this June 9 meeting of first ministers.

Unfortunately, the only reply we received from the Government of Canada was via questions asked by various MP's in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister indicated in the House of Commons that both governments would be accorded some special observer status although he did not define it at the time.

Subsequent to the joint action by the two governments, my colleagues and I visited John Munro in Ottawa and he arranged for a meeting between ourselves and the Hon. Jean Chrétien who is Minister of Justice, and also the senior federal minister responsible for organizing the first ministers' conferences on the constitution. Mr. Munro indicated to us in the meeting, quite simply, sir, that we are not provinces and therefore we are not eligible to be represented with other first ministers in the constitutional conferences, and that is about where our status lies at this point in time.

I would indicate to this House that I and my colleagues intend to follow up with not only Mr. Chrétien and the Prime Minister and other federal officials, but we will be pursuing the issue with the provincial premiers as well to try and get some definition of our status and role in these constitutional conferences.

I might just add that Mr. Chrétien perceives us as being "part of the federal team" which is something that the Government of Canada tries to do quite often. We indicated to him that we did not really want to be part of the federal team, nor did we want to have John Munro or any other federal civil servant represent our interests. I might just conclude, Mr. Speaker, by indicating that the first ministers in the meeting on June 9, and I believe in the follow-up meetings, are trying to establish the principles which they will use to renew confederation. It has been the argument of the Executive that an obvious principle which has to be taken into consideration is what Canada is going to do with one third of its land mass. I put to you, Mr. Speaker and to this House, that if Canada does not accept that as one of the principles they are being negligent.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I further suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that if Canada accepts that as one of the principles and does not define the meaningful role and participation for the people of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories they are being further negligent. Now, it is 9:40 in the morning and I find it difficult to make a more impassioned speech so if that suffices for the Member I will sit down. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 73-80(2): Method Of Communication Re Constitutional Talks

MRS. SORENSEN: Supplementary to that, Mr. Speaker, I wonder what form the communication will take between the Minister Mr. Chrétien, the Prime Minister and the provinces. Will that form be continuing telexes or have you in fact set up meetings?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Return to Question 73-80(2): Method Of Communication Re Constitutional Talks

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the hon. Member's question, we will be meeting again in Ottawa with cabinet ministers in early July and I have requested that a follow-up meeting be established with Mr. Chrétien to see if we can make some further headway in defining exactly what our role will be. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member from Keewatin South.

Question 74-80(2): Role Of Nunavut In Constitutional Talks

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the question that was raised regarding the constitutional matters of Mr. Braden. If and when the federal government gives the go-ahead for the territorial government to take part in the constitutional discussions, either as independent provincial-type status or as an observer, does the Minister feel that he is qualified to represent the concerns of the Nunavut area? Would he be speaking in favour of the establishment of that territory and does he feel he requires any assistance from the Eastern Arctic representatives?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 74-80(2): Role Of Nunavut In Constitutional Talks

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would indicate to the hon. Member at this time that my colleague Mr. Wah-Shee had sent a communiqué to the major native organizations in the Northwest Territories indicating that he would, in preparation for such participation if it ever did take place, he would want to of course consult very closely with the major native organizations concerning arguments and positions that will be put forth at the constitutional conferences, that is if we ever participate. I would be pleased to make available a copy of that telex if it is the wish of the hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Braden. Oral questions. The hon. Member from Foxe Basin.

Question 75-80(2): Passenger Service Licensing Of Austin Airways

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I do not know if I will get the direct answer I am seeking. You all probably have heard about the charters from Pangnirtung to Pond Inlet with Austin Airways as far as Pond Inlet and they travel through the eastern side of Baffin Island. They were seeking a passenger service licence. However, the Canadian Transport Commission did not grant them the licence and therefore the people of Pond Inlet are seeking support for granting Austin Airways a licence because they are the only regional carrier in the Baffin area for air services. The cost of the fare is extremely high and they are the only competitor in the Baffin region for Bradley Air Services. For example, down south they have various types of carriers competing with each other and therefore it allows the air carriers to have a reasonable rate.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Evaluarjuk, as a result of that comment do you have a specific question that you would like one of the Ministers to respond to?

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Yes. Is somebody capable of providing the answer?

MR. SPEAKER: Has one of the hon. Ministers any comment? Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I will take that as notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Oral questions. The hon. Member for Great Slave East.

Question 76-80(2): Commissioner's Visit To Snowdrift

MR. SAYINE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Commissioner. During my constituency meetings my constituents wanted to know whether the Commissioner was planning to visit the communities of Fort Resolution and Snowdrift. I would wish to know whether the Commissioner has any plans to visit these communities in the near future.

MR. SPEAKER: Would one of the Ministers be prepared to respond? Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 76-80(2): Commissioner's Visit To Snowdrift

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Commissioner indicates that those communities are definitely on his list and perhaps he and I could come down together because I have been wanting to get down to your communities. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member from Frobisher Bay.

Question 77-80(2): Grant To N.W.T. Kayak Association

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, this is a question for the Minister of Local Government. I just received an expression of concern from the people involved this morning so I have not had a chance to give notice, but it is an urgent matter. The Northwest Territories Kayak Association based in Frobisher Bay was promised a grant last year by the department of recreation and it was announced in January that a cheque for \$1025 would be given to the Kayak Association to help fund the 1980 Baffin Island expedition this summer to Okalialluk, the Allen Island outpost camp which will involve local youth travelling this historic route. I would like to ask the Minister if he could, since the date of this trip is coming very close, where that cheque is and if he could look into that matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, I will see if I can get you an answer this afternoon if not sooner.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Other oral questions?

Item 3, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Written questions. The hon. Mr. Patterson.

Question 78-80(2): Tabling Of Research On Aboriginal Languages

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, this is a question for the Minister of Education concerning Information Item 1-80(2). Who did the Research on Reading Processes Engaged in by Children Learning to Read Inuktitut, in the Keewatin, in 1977-78, referred to in Information Item 1-80(2)? Could the results of that research be tabled in this House? Also in the same information item reference is made to research done in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on Development of the Methodology for the Determination of the Linguistic Ability of Native School Children in the Northwest Territories. Who did that research? Could the results of that research be tabled in this House? Has a TEP, Teacher Education Program, instructor been found to date?

MR. SPEAKER: Other written questions? The hon. Member for Keewatin South.

Question 79-80(2): Clean-Up Of Old Rankin Inlet Mine Site

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Local Government. Last month the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. John Munro and the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, John H. Parker visited Rankin Inlet and assured the mayor of Rankin Inlet, hamlet council and myself that they would jointly come up with funding to clean up the mining site. Could the Minister indicate as to what step or progress has been made so far?

MR. SPEAKER: Other written questions? The hon. Member for Frobisher Bay.

Question 80-80(2): Attendance At Graduation

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is another question to the Minister of Education and I regret that I have not been able to provide him with notice of this question. At the recent high school graduation in Frobisher Bay, Gordon Robertson Education Centre, one parent of each Keewatin student was invited to attend the graduation at the expense of the Department of Education, yet the parents of Baffin region students were not given the same invitation. Could the Minister account for this decision and review this matter and report to this House? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Other written questions. The hon. Member for Yellowknife South.

Question 81-80(2): Formation Of A Public Service Commission

MRS. SORENSEN: My question is to the Minister responsible for the Department of Personnel. I believe the Hon. Mr. Braden can answer the question for me. The question is: During the last session there was some discussion about the merits of a public service commission. Has the Minister had a chance in the intervening months to consider the possibility of instituting a public service commission?

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready to respond immediately, Mr. Braden?

Return To Question 81-80(2): Formation Of A Public Service Commission

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can provide a brief answer. The proposal is indeed under consideration through the planning and priorities subcommittee of the Executive. It is an issue of significance to the whole government. We have already received one report from a consultant in New Brunswick so far on the pros and cons. We have also requested that the Department of Personnel provide further information to the committee. I expect that when we return to Yellowknife and get back to work there, we will soon be considering further recommendations and I hope to have something concrete to report back to the committee and to this House by the fall. Thank you.

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

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, to Question 13-80(2) asked by Mr. Patterson on June 11 and it dealt with education staffing policies of the Department of Education. It is rather extensive so as it was written in response to a written question I will just table it and Members can read it in their books.

Further Return To Question 57-80(2): Petition From Nahanni Butte Re Alcohol In Community

However, while I am on my feet if I may mention as a further response to the question from the hon. Member from Mackenzie Liard concerning a liquor plebiscite at Nahanni Butte, the government has been attempting to get the people of Nahanni Butte to meet and to discuss the wording of the question to be asked and other related matters but residents have not yet held this meeting. A regional officer is proposed to visit Nahanni Butte within the next two weeks to meet with the residents and determine if they still wish to proceed with a plebiscite. The hon. Member representing that community may wish to be present at that time and I will convey to the officers when proceeding to Nahanni Butte that the hon. Member be made aware of the date of their visit.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there other returns from Ministers?

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

I will ask the Deputy Speaker to take the chair.

---Applause

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Fraser): Item 6, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Report Of The Special Committee On Unity

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a report from the special committee on unity which I will distribute and when it is distributed I will be giving the report. Mr. Speaker, the report is rather brief and I will read it into the record. The special committee on unity, report to the third session, Ninth Assembly.

Since the last session of this Assembly, when its terms of reference were set, your special committee on unity has begun its work in earnest. It has, in the interim, on successive occasions, met with the Prime Minister's special representative on constitutional development, with the board of directors of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, with two executive members of the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, with the president of the Dene Nation, and also with the entire board of directors of the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories.

At each of these meetings your committee has raised questions for discussion, difficult questions, intended not to challenge, but to clarify; the kinds of questions that must be addressed if political and constitutional problems facing the people of the Northwest Territories are eventually to be resolved.

In addition to the meetings already held, your committee has made arrangements for others. There is presently scheduled for June 23 in Rankin Inlet, a meeting with the executive and some board members of the Keewatin Inuit Association. I must say that since this was typed and translated there has been a change there, in fact we will meet with them here in Baker Lake tomorrow night. Other meetings have been set tentatively for July with the executive of the Baffin Region Inuit Association, and for September with the Dene national committee. Your committee also has a tentative invitation to attend the Dene National Assembly in July.

Also in the works are arrangements for meetings with COPE, with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and for further communications with the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. In addition to its discussions with the native associations, the special committee on unity has declared itself open to input from all parties interested in political and constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. Furthermore, it is seeking ways to encourage a public dialogue on the options available to northern peoples in respect of these matters.

In order to keep the Executive Committee and the Members of the Assembly apprised of its activities, your committee has issued an open invitation to the Hon. James Wah-Shee to attend its meetings, and it has undertaken to give advance notice to those MLA's most likely to be concerned when it travels to points outside of Yellowknife for its meetings.

Perusal Of Political And Constitutional Development Documents

Besides gathering information from individuals and organizations, and being alert to pertinent information featured in media presentations, members of your committee have perused a variety of documents dealing with political and constitutional development. These range from the Carrothers report through to the Report of the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories, and the documents we have had access to are listed in Appendix A.

The special committee on unity does not now wish to anticipate what statements or what recommendations it will make at the third session of the Ninth Assembly which reconvenes in Frobisher Bay on October 22. It wishes only to assure this House that it will be ready at that time to report on what it has learned, and to bring forward for discussion in this Assembly such recommendations in accord with any consensus, or possibility for consensus, it perceives among northern peoples in the areas of political and constitutional development.

Your committee feels that these recommendations will form a suitable focus for debate and in doing so, that they will constitute a major step in helping the Assembly to formulate its own position on political and constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. Your committee's mood at this time is one of optimism. It senses that there can be a satisfactory resolution of the difficult political and constitutional problems with which we are all presently faced.

Motion To Accept Report Of The Special Committee On Unity

I move, seconded by the hon. Member for Mackenzie Liard, that this report be accepted and referred to committee of the whole for discussion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Are there any further reports from standing and special committees? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I am sorry.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: We would require the motion moved and seconded to accept this report, Mr. Fraser.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Would someone move the report be accepted?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: It has been moved and seconded.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question being called. All in favour? Down. Contrary. Motion is carried.

---Carried

Perhaps Mr. MacQuarrie, you can have your chair back. It is a good thing no one got out of line.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: There is another report.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any further reports of standing and special committees? The Member from Yellowknife South, Mrs. Sorensen.

Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes. As chairman of the standing committee on finance, I have a report concerning deliberations which took place yesterday June 16, to consider Bill 1-80(2) and Bill 2-80(2). With respect to consideration of Bill 1-80(2) it was moved by Mr. Pudluk and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin that the finance committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Bill 1-80(2) be considered.

With respect to consideration of Bill 2-80(2) it was moved by Mr. Tologanak and seconded by Mr. Pudluk that the finance committee could not come to a consensus on the appropriation of \$30,000 for the Executive Committee secretariat and that the matter be brought to the floor of the House. It was moved by Mr. Tologanak and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin that the finance committee could not come to a consensus on the appropriation of a further \$30,000 for the Executive Committee secretariat and that that matter also be brought to the floor of the House.

Motion To Accept Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance

That concludes my report, Mr. Speaker and I would move that the report be received and considered.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. We have the report of the standing committee on finance from Mrs. Sorensen and a motion that the report be received and approved. Mr. Tologanak.

MR. TOLOGANAK: I would just like to second the motion to approve the report.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion is seconded by Mr. Tologanak.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question being called. All in favour. Down. Contrary. Thank you. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Any further reports of standing and special committees? There being no further reports, I will give the chair back to the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 7, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in view of the report of the chairman of the standing committee on finance, I wonder if I might have consent of the House to advance the bills which I gave notice of yesterday one more stage.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes. Let us just pause a moment there. Yes, Hon. Mr. Butters, essentially what you are asking to do is to shorten notice of motion so you would want unanimous consent to bring in first reading today. If you would make that request under Item 10, the House will consider it. I am sorry.

Item 8, notices of motion.

ITEM 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

The hon. Member for the Western Arctic.

Notice Of Motion 20-80(2): Agreements With COPE Re Inuvialuit Land Rights Settlements

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on June 19th, 1980, I will give notice of motion: Now therefore, be it resolved that in addition to the memorandum of understanding between the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories on the role of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the claims process, that the Hon. James Wah-Shee is hereby given the authority to enter into an agreement with COPE on the participation of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the negotiations on the final agreement according to five principles. Do you want me to read those five principles or can I just...

MR. SPEAKER: I think they would be part of your resolution. You are qualifying it so it would be important. Would you just slow down a little please for the interpreters, Ms. Cournoyea? Proceed.

MS. COURNOYEA: According to the following principles:

- (1) that the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee act as liaison between the Legislative Assembly and the negotiators;
- (2) that a mutually acceptable individual will under the direction of the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee and with the concurrence of the federal and COPE negotiators, implement an information program within the Northwest Territories including the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Department of Local Government, shall co-operate and participate, when requested, with such information and educational programs;
- (3) that mutually acceptable individuals shall be designated by the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee to provide technical advice and assistance in the negotiations as is deemed appropriate by Mr. Wah-Shee and the negotiators for COPE and the federal government;
- (4) that the Government of the Northwest Territories shall co-operate by making available to the parties all data and documents that are required to develop the details of the final agreement;
- (5) that the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly shall take no actions or public positions which are contrary to agreements reached between COPE and the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion? The hon. Member for Keewatin North.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a notice that I will make a motion on June 19th. I will make a motion, seconded by the Member from Keewatin South.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Noah. There is no translation.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you. The notice of motion regards the -- it is seconded by the Member from Keewatin South. The motion is with regard to the Wildlife Ordinance.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Noah. They must be having difficulty with the translation. Would you just pause a moment? Are you ready now? He said he is ready now.

Notice Of Motion 21-80(2): Amendments To Wildlife Ordinance

MR. NOAH: It is not my day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on June 19th I will move, seconded by the hon. Member from Keewatin South, the following motion: Now therefore, I move that the Wildlife Ordinance be amended to permit individual hunters to shoot polar bear cubs caught in fox traps and that the wildlife regulations be amended to retain for their own use the pelts of such bear cubs. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah. Other notices of motion? The hon. Member from Keewatin South.

Notice Of Motion 22-80(2): Appointment Of Negotiator In Land Claims Negotiations

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I give notice on Thursday, June 17, 1980, I will move the following motion.

MS. COURNOYEA: Nineteenth.

MR. CURLEY: 1980.

MS. COURNOYEA: Nineteenth.

MR. CURLEY: June 19th. Be it resolved, that the Legislative Assembly support negotiations, the final agreement as contemplated by the agreement in principle as quickly as possible and that the Hon. James Wah-Shee be responsible to work out mutually acceptable arrangements with COPE for the Government of the Northwest Territories' participation in the negotiations based upon the memorandum of understanding of October 17, 1978.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion? The hon. Member from Pine Point.

Notice Of Motion 23-80(2): Adjournment And Reconvention Of Legislative Assembly

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice of motion and advise that at an appropriate time I will be asking for unanimous consent to present the following: At the conclusion of the business to be considered at Baker Lake this Assembly be adjourned and reconvened on October 22nd at Frobisher Bay.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion? The hon. Member for Pine Point.

Notice Of Motion 24-80(2): Provision For Commissioner's Opening Address, Frobisher Bay

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will also be asking for unanimous consent later to present the following motion: That notwithstanding Rule 29(2) relating to the Commissioner's Address and replies thereto that the orders of the day for October 22nd, 1980, make provision for the Commissioner's Address and for replies thereto and further that notwithstanding Rule 34 that the orders of the day for the fourth sitting day subsequent to October 22nd include provision for replies to the Commissioner's Address.

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion? The hon. Member for Yellowknife South.

Notice Of Motion 25-80(2): Enforcement Of Mining Safety Ordinance

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to serve notice that on June 19th I will move the following motion: I therefore move, that this Legislative Assembly recommend that the Northwest Territories government and the administration begin immediately to enforce the Northwest Territories Mining Safety Ordinance.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Other notices of motion?

Item 9, motions.

ITEM NO. 9: MOTIONS

There were a couple seeking unanimous consent. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do I have unanimous consent for my motion relating to the adjournment from Baker Lake and reconvening in Frobisher Bay?

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 23-80(2): Adjournment And Reconvention Of Legislative Assembly

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS subsection 11(2) of the Northwest Territories Act requires that not more than one session of this Legislative Assembly per year be held away from the seat of government;

AND WHEREAS this Assembly has recommended to the Commissioner that it meet in Frobisher Bay commencing on October 22nd;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded appropriately enough by the hon. Member from Frobisher Bay, that at the conclusion of the business to be considered at Baker Lake this Assembly be adjourned and reconvened on October 22nd at Frobisher Bay.

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

MR. PATTERSON: Just briefly, Mr. Speaker. I certainly am in great support of this motion. I only wish to observe that it is truly unfortunate that this House has to go through this procedural artifice of adjourning this session to Frobisher Bay in order to deal with an outdated piece of federal legislation drafted in the days when Ottawa was the seat of government for the Northwest Territories. It points out to me the need for revision of that act to permit the wishes of the Assembly to be carried out. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 23-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Are we ready for the question? Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Another unanimous consent, Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask unanimous consent at this time to consider my motion related to the Commissioner's Address and replies thereto.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Proceed.

Motion 24-80(2): Provision For Commissioner's Opening Address, Frobisher Bay

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the rules of this Assembly make provision for the Commissioner's Address and replies to that Address at the beginning of each session;

AND WHEREAS this current session will be adjourned at Baker Lake and reconvened at Frobisher Bay on October 22nd, 1980;

AND WHEREAS it would be appropriate for the Commissioner to address the Assembly on that occasion and for MLA's to reply to his Address;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member from Frobisher Bay, that notwithstanding Rule 29(2) relating to the Commissioner's Address and replies thereto that the orders of the day for October 22nd, 1980 make provision for a Commissioner's Address and replies thereto;

AND FURTHER that notwithstanding Rule 34 that the orders of the day for the four sitting days subsequent to October 22nd, include provision for replies to the Commissioner's Address.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. I did not hear if that was seconded. Was it seconded? By Mr. Patterson. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 24-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising their hands. Down. Opposed. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Under motions as well as I said yesterday, Motion 14-80(2) had arisen. If you wish we will proceed with Motion 14-80(2). Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I am not clear on your apology. Could you please repeat your apology dealing with my motion at the first opportunity?

MR. SPEAKER: What I said Mr. Fraser, is that your motion ordinarily would have come up yesterday and at the time it was going to come up you had indicated you would not present it yesterday but we would proceed at the very first opportunity which is now and so I am inviting you to go ahead with your motion.

MR. FRASER: If you check the records you will find my notice of motion said June 17th not the 16th.

MR. SPEAKER: You must forgive me, I was informed by the Clerk it was on the order paper for yesterday. If that is the case my apologies, Mr. Fraser.

Motion 14-80(2): Contracts Between Members Of The Legislative Assembly And The Commissioner Of The Northwest Territories

MR. FRASER: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, my motion, Motion 14-80(2), Contracts Between Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories:

WHEREAS existing legislation to contracts between Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories could be regarded as unnecessarily restrictive;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly request the Members' Services Board to undertake a complete examination of the question of contracts between the Commissioner and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved by Mr. Fraser and is there a seconder for the motion? The hon. Mr. Patterson. To the motion. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason I would like to have the Members' Services Board look into this matter is that I was denied a contract that was an indirect payment from the territorial government, and if my friend from Keewatin South thinks it is a conflict he can say what he likes after I am through. I was of the understanding that there is the possibility of such contracts being let by the territorial government and therefore I would urge the Members' Services Board to do a complete study on this matter.

I am only requesting information, Mr. Speaker, and if this is happening it will either have to discontinue or else all the Members would have the same chance to participate in some of that free money which is going around. Mr. Speaker, I would request that report as soon as possible. If this motion were not to pass I will take further steps to see that I get my answer.

MR. CURLEY: Is that a threat?

MR. FRASER: If the hat fits, wear it.

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

Government One Of The Biggest Industries In The N.W.T.

MR. PATTERSON: I would support this motion. I think it is a responsible way of dealing with what may be a problem for the Northwest Territories. I say that because it is true that government, whether we like it or not, government, including this government, is one of the largest industries in the Northwest Territories. In the absence of significant private enterprise in some parts of the Northwest Territories members of the public, professionals, businessmen are engaged and required and are often invited to perform services, essential services sometimes for people, especially in the more remote regions where the only device for accomplishing those ends is incentives or contracts directly or indirectly with this government.

Now, while I think the legislation quite properly seeks to prevent any Members of the Assembly from taking advantage of their position, and I think we all agree that that would be wrong, at the same time it may be unnecessarily restrictive in the special context of the Northwest Territories. Therefore I think it is entirely appropriate that the Members' Services Board look into what may be a problem and it may well be that their examination will lead to some kind of review of the existing legislation. I have had some opportunities to talk with our Legal Advisor about this legislation and it may well be, Mr. Speaker, that certain provisions could be tightened up or made more clear than they are.

Therefore, I would welcome this kind of inquiry by the Members' Services Board and would urge all Members to co-operate and make their views known on this subject to the Members' Services Board and I would certainly do so myself. It may well be that the legislation committee may be required to consider the matter after the Members' Services Board has undertaken their review, a process in which I would also be interested in participating as part of the legislation committee. So I am going to support the motion and would urge other Members to do so. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion: The hon. Member from Keewatin South.

Denying The Rights Of Ordinary Citizens

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I welcome the thought that the Members' Services Board be undertaken to make a complete study of the question of the contracts between the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. I do so and I said I welcome it not on the basis that it should try and make it any easier for the Members of the Assembly to enter into contracts with the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, because we are pretty well protected through the indemnities we receive. We have no major problem and I have not seen any one Member addressing the Members of the Assembly with respect to the annual increases in the Members' allowances. Because the contracts the Government of the Northwest Territories normally provides to the communities and so on are important first of all to the ordinary citizens, not to the Members of the Assembly, I would just like to indicate that I do not think this review should attempt to make it any easier for the Members of the Assembly to enter into contracts and at the same time denying the rights of the ordinary citizen who are really the ones who should benefit from the contracts of the Government of the Northwest Territories. I would just like to point out my views and I welcome the review and I welcome this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: At this point we will recess briefly for coffee. I would urge you not to tarry. Ten minutes at the most. That way we can at least get in a full hour this morning.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Recognizing a quorum I call the House to order to discuss Motion 14-80(2) and I have an indication that Mr. Sibbeston would like to speak to the motion. No? To the motion, the hon. Member from Foxe Basin.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like more clarification on the motion. I would like clarification on this motion and I would like to know exactly what the context of the motion is. The Members of the Legislative Assembly will be stopped from getting service contracts from the territorial government? I would like clarification on that.

Motion 14-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Perhaps I can clarify the first two points. It was moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Patterson. I would say that the intent of the motion as I read it is merely to examine the question of contracts and that the Members' Services Board have been requested to examine that and I would assume that in doing so would pay attention to the particular ideas on this matter that various Members have. Does that answer your question, Mr. Evaluarjuk? To the motion? If there is no further discussion, question being called. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour of the motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Other motions.

Item 10, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 10: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

The Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in view of the report of the chairman of the standing committee on finance this morning I wonder if I might have consent to advance the two bills through first reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent requested to introduce bills for first reading. Is it agreed?

---Agreed

Please proceed, Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 1-80(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1979-1980

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-80(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1980, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Hon. Mr. Braden. To the motion. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

The Hon. Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 2-80(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance,
No. 1, 1980-1981

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, am I correct in believing I have consent to also give first reading to Bill 2-80(2)?

MR. SPEAKER: I understood that, Mr. Butters, yes. Proceed.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, sir. I move that Bill 2-80(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1980, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder? The Hon. Mr. Braden. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Item 11, second reading of bills.

Item 12, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and other matters.

ITEM NO. 12: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND OTHER MATTERS

May I ask the Executive with the items they have, as to how they would wish to proceed? The Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Executive would like to move back into consideration of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we left off yesterday in consideration of item by item at the recommendations section so that is where the Executive would like the committee of the whole to start.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well. This House will now resolve into committee of the whole to consider the Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories paper, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Sessional Paper 1-80(2): Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories; Motion 26-80(1): Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Nunavut, with Mr. Patterson in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER SESSIONAL PAPER 1-80(2):
ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES;
MOTION 26-80(1): INUIT TAPIRISAT OF CANADA, NUNAVUT

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Committee of the whole will come to order. We are considering the sessional paper on Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories presented at the last session by Mr. Wah-Shee. We had discussed the introduction and overview and we are on page two, recommendations, the bottom of page two. Is it the wish of the committee that we proceed through the recommendations one at a time?

---Agreed

Perhaps what I will do then is read out recommendation number one and open the floor for discussion. It says: In order to develop constructive dialogue and mutual trust between the Assembly and the native associations, it is recommended that the Legislative Assembly recognize the concept of aboriginal rights. Such rights are to be defined through a process of negotiation between the federal government and Northwest Territories native people. That is recommendation number one. Are there any comments? Mr. MacQuarrie.

Motion To Amend Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will move an amendment such that the words "more precisely" be inserted between the words "be" and "defined" and it would say: Such rights are to be more precisely defined through a process of negotiation...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie has moved that the second sentence of recommendation one be amended to read and this refers to the concept of aboriginal rights: "Such rights are to be more precisely defined...." The addition of the words "more precisely...through a process of negotiation between the federal government and Northwest Territories native people." To the amendment, Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason that I would like those words inserted is that I would maintain that there is some definition of the concept of aboriginal rights already. If there were not, I think we would not understand at all what we were talking about when we use the term and yet I think we do have some concept of what aboriginal rights are. So there is that fundamental understanding of them, but I would also suggest that they have already been defined to some extent through a variety of actions that have taken place between, for instance, the various agreements between the federal government and native peoples over the years including a variety of court cases, including most recently the decision by Justice Mahoney with respect to the Baker Lake case. So I think there is some definition of aboriginal rights but I agree with the principle these should be defined more precisely and that a desirable method of doing that is through negotiation between the federal government and native people of the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): To the amendment. Any other comments? If not, are you ready for the question on Mr. MacQuarrie's amendment that, "Such aboriginal rights are to be more precisely defined through a process of negotiation between the federal government and Northwest Territories native people"? Ready for the question? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Amend Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Question having been called, all those in favour of the amendment please signify. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Any further discussion on recommendation one? Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Could I have a clarification on the paper on the idea of the concept of aboriginal rights? Is there a problem in saying that the Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights rather than use the word "concept"? I would like clarification on why we would say that there is a concept. The whole negotiations that are going on is because there is a recognition of aboriginal rights and this is the basis of the negotiations, on which they are being carried out. The basis of negotiations is because there is such a thing and I am wondering why the territorial government only wants to recognize the concept of aboriginal rights rather than the fact that there is such a thing as aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I think the reason why we stated that the Legislative Assembly should recognize the concept of aboriginal rights is, that it is rather difficult for the Legislature to recognize something which is yet to be defined, so the logical approach to take at this time is to simply state the concept of aboriginal rights because obviously negotiations will occur with the federal government and it will be more clearly and precisely defined once negotiations have been completed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Amendment To Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: I certainly recognize that idea, but the reason that negotiations are taking place is because it appears that there are such things as aboriginal rights and definitely they are being negotiated. "Concept" means just the idea of aboriginal rights. Now I do not think that the native people would be at the federal table if we were only negotiating on the basis of a concept or the idea so I would like to move that "concept" be removed and the Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): All right. It has been moved by Ms. Cournoyea then, that the first sentence in recommendation one -- I guess what you really want to do Ms. Cournoyea, is take out the words "the concept of" is that right?

MS. COURNOYEA: That is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): So just to clarify your amendment it would read: "The Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights."

MS. COURNOYEA: That is true.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Removing the words "the concept of" so it has been moved that the first sentence reads "The Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights." To the amendment.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I feel that the negotiations that are presently going on and the reason that native people have been accepted at the negotiating table is because the government has recognized that there are such things as aboriginal rights. The following sentence that states such rights are to be more precisely defined, clarifies the first point so I do not feel there should be any fear that this Assembly is taking a position that cannot be supported. I do not believe we should just recognize there is an idea of aboriginal rights, I believe the whole process recognizes that there are such things as aboriginal rights and I do not believe we should take a watered down position at this stage.

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

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would be inclined to vote against the amendment for largely the same reasons that Mr. Wah-Shee advanced in his explanation, that there is presently a general idea that there is a real entity aboriginal rights, and what we are saying with the words "the concept of" is that we acknowledge the existence and accept the existence of that concept. I feel by dropping the words "the concept of" we would run into the next question, aboriginal rights as defined by whom, although as Ms. Cournoyea pointed out perhaps the next part satisfies that. However, I would prefer to see the words "the concept of" remain in.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): The Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think as a matter of information and my interpretation of the federal policy statement on the comprehensive claims, I do not believe, although I stand to be corrected, that the Government of Canada has ever said they recognize aboriginal rights. Perhaps the hon. Member from the Western Arctic region could correct this for me but as I recall the comprehensive claims policy statement of the Government of Canada, in that they indicate that native people have certain as yet undefined rights based on traditional use and occupancy of land and other terms they use such as "land rights", "native rights" and so forth, but I have never read anything, and as I said I stand to be corrected, which says that the Government of Canada recognizes that native people have aboriginal rights.

Now, what I think we are doing here in this Assembly is making a major step forward to recognizing the concept of aboriginal rights. That is just my interpretation, Mr. Chairman, and I stand to be corrected. If the hon. Member has any information on that I would appreciate hearing it.

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

Aboriginal Rights Are Real

MS. COURNOYEA: The terminology that is used from time to time is very carefully shrouded in the English language, but if you talk about the concepts that Mr. Braden brought forth about traditional use and occupancy, this is based on long-term occupancy of the land that the aboriginal people used.

Now, we are recognizing the fact that the aboriginal people do have a right and these rights are being presently negotiated but it is based on the aboriginal claims of these people in this area. I do not see why we cannot use a stronger position in terms of the aboriginal rights claim because actually that is what we are talking about, and these are what the negotiations are about right now. There are certainly a lot of protective words being used, and a lot of government people do not like to use the word "aboriginal" but when you really come down to it that is the basis of what we are doing. If the country and Prime Minister Trudeau did not recognize that there was certainly more to it than a lot of talk and a lot of ideas about it, I do not think that the native associations would be at the negotiating table at this time. I do not think we are jeopardizing anyone's position by using a stronger or more recognized or definite position than just using the idea of, because why should we be afraid of using a strong word to support what is going on now if we really believe that in fact the direction we are taking to support, and these things are not something we are going to say is this now or that right at that point in time, we are saying there is such a thing.

We are going forward on that basis, and it is not defined but it is aboriginal rights, it is nothing else. It is a position that has been taken and it is a concept certainly that has been accepted but the fact is, I think this Legislative Assembly should not be afraid to take a stronger more positive recognition of what is going on and I do not think we should be afraid of it. I do not think we should be jeopardized and certainly we can be like everyone else and call it everything else but what it is, but it is aboriginal rights.

I would like to hear if anyone else feels that what we are negotiating is something different. I imagine if we were negotiating a concept, an idea, maybe the new Canadians would probably insist that they should have a case as well because it is not an idea, it is aboriginal rights, the first people in

the area who are negotiating certain rights. We have had difficulties, certainly in the negotiations and people saying we want to talk about something else, but why are we here? It is because of the aboriginal rights claim, not because of something else.

I think we should as a Legislative Assembly recognize the fact that that is the reason the negotiations are going on and what they come out to be in the final analysis is subject to negotiation but it is aboriginal rights, it is not land tenure, it is not some mythical thing some place else, this is the basis we are talking about. All other claims in other countries are called aboriginal rights. That is a first people, the aboriginal people. We are not talking about anyone else, and I do not think we should be afraid of recognizing what it is rather than just the idea of what it is because these are the areas that the people are concerned about. If we continue to water down our position, then what would you negotiate, why is there anyone at the table if it is not for aboriginal rights? I do not think we should be afraid or want to water down what we are really about to say and we are not saying it is something right now because that is subject to negotiation.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Mr. Wah-Shee.

Aboriginal Rights Are Recognized

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I do not think we are afraid to recognize aboriginal rights. It is ironic that someone should refer to me as an individual and not as the Minister of Local Government being afraid to recognize aboriginal rights. I say I as an individual have aboriginal rights. I believe in it and I am entitled to it, my rights as far as aboriginal rights are concerned. So I really have no difficulty with removing "the concept of" and I think it is really up to the Legislature as a body to go forward and if that particular sentence is not strong enough, well then let us remove it, I am for that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I also think similarly to Mr. Wah-Shee, although I do not have as much aboriginal rights as he does. I do believe I have some and I do think it is important to recognize that we do have aboriginal rights and that is a fact and not just an idea. So I support the idea that this Assembly take a firm stand to recognize the aboriginal rights of native people in the Northwest Territories once and for all.

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

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we are really arguing semantics. I will support the motion. If the rights had been defined then of course the word "concept" would mean something but inasmuch as the rights have not been defined the word "concept" is not relevant and makes no difference. Therefore I think we are wasting time on semantics and we should proceed and vote on the motion.

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

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I think, Mr. Chairman, it is more than a question of semantics. I think that if I can use an analogy we might sometimes say that we recognize the concept of equality. Is it the same to say that we recognize equality? I think you can only make the latter statement if you refer to particular instances and to determine whether that concept is applied in this instance or that instance. I think that it does make a difference and that we ought not to leave the word out. Perhaps if Ms. Cournoyea feels -- I do not really think it is watering down, but I think it is just a recognition of what is actually true at this stage. But if Ms. Cournoyea finds "concept" a weak word, maybe "principle" would be an acceptable word.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Any other comment on the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Further Amendment To Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): It has been moved that the first sentence be amended to delete the words "the concept of" so that it would read: "The Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights." All those in favour of the amendment please signify. Hold your hands up so I can see them. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston.

Further Amendment To Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MR. SIBBESTON: Can I make an amendment to add "of native people in the Northwest Territories"? It perhaps goes without saying but to make sure that we do not recognize aboriginal rights for some other people in some other parts of the world or other parts of Canada. We mean aboriginal rights of native people in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Yes, you can make that amendment, Mr. Sibbeston. The amendment is that we now add the words "of native people in the Northwest Territories" to the first sentence of recommendation number one so that it would read: "The Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights of native people in the Northwest Territories." To the amendment. Ms. Cournoyea.

Boundaries Create Difficulties

MS. COURNOYEA: I would like to get clarification from the hon. Mr. Sibbeston. The amendment you are making, Mr. Sibbeston, we have people who are in the Yukon and can be deemed as both Yukon and Northwest Territories residents. By virtue of the fact that there is a boundary there, we suffer the problems of that Yukon Territory boundary. I myself do not consider that the Inuvialuit and the Dene in our area are necessarily only Northwest Territories residents, because their land use does extend into the Yukon Territory. So I would have some difficulty with that because the boundary makes it difficult for our people in terms of dealing with the various levels of institutions, government institutions that limit the movement according to those boundaries. So I wonder if possibly the people who are in that particular situation would be jeopardized by that amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): I think the question was directed at you, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I appreciate the concern, but I just do not have any suggestions as to how we might deal with that matter. Perhaps someone else can.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Any other comments on the amendment of Mr. Sibbeston? Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Well, I would suggest that amendment coupled with the previous one in a sense significantly alters the statement that we started with. We started with an affirmation of a principle and with those amendments moved to a rather specific kind of understanding and then the question really would arise as to whether that means to what extent does this Assembly then accept the specific provisions of the native people in the Northwest Territories who are advancing aboriginal claims?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I am sorry. Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie had a question. Was he expecting the government to answer that? I have a point I wanted to raise if that is all right.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: That is okay.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I think the hon. Member from the Western Arctic has brought up a significant point with respect to the Yukon and I would just like to ask if it is also the case that the Dene Nation, for example, has or feels they have some aboriginal rights in British Columbia, the Yukon and perhaps Alberta. Further, if ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, or the northern regional affiliates of ITC feel that their aboriginal rights extend into, say, for example the provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland. I can see this as a significant point and I think that maybe Members would want to consider it further. I suppose I see this Assembly indicating that northern native people have rights in the Territories and provinces and we may have some interesting discussions with the provincial governments. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Perhaps we are confusing the first portion of number one by including the suggestion made by the hon. Member from Mackenzie Liard because if we remove "of the native people in the Northwest Territories" and leave the first sentence as it is, "The Legislative Assembly recognize aboriginal rights..." and then you go on to the next sentence "Such rights are to be more precisely defined through a process of negotiation between the federal government and Northwest Territories native people," if you leave it the way it is I think that you are not making any reference at all to outside the Territories. In other words, it is left open so that the native people in the Northwest Territories have the right to negotiate with the federal government on the whole question of aboriginal rights which may include the Yukon, which may include other parts outside the boundaries of the Northwest Territories. So I think if we leave it as it is it will take care of the concerns that Ms. Cournoyea has raised and I think that it will also accommodate the intent of Mr. Sibbeston's amendment.

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

People Must Decide Residency

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think if we are maybe dealing with the amendment as to residents of the Northwest Territories living in the Yukon, they are going to have to come to some conclusion. Either they are residents of the Yukon or the Territories. There could be some overlapping in certain areas where they are claiming land claims in the Yukon and still they are residents of the Territories and they would be eligible for a claim in the Territories. Either they have got to be one or the other. We cannot recognize them as living in two different territories. Either they are resident in the Territories or resident in the Yukon. They have got to make up their minds one way or the other. Mr. Chairman, I am just a little bit concerned about this aboriginal paper. If I remember, the first sitting of the House, Members who are putting this paper before us now are the ones who threw the paper right out the window and did not want us, the Assembly, interfering in any way with it and now I would like to ask one of them to explain why the big switch. They are all of a sudden looking for support when this is what the last Assembly was trying to do, to get some support from the Assembly.

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

Further Amendment To Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Withdrawn

MR. SIBBESTON: I withdraw my amendment because I do think the matter is adequately covered.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): All right. The amendment has been withdrawn. Are there any other points then on recommendation one? Did you still want to speak, Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes. The comment I had was of a general nature although I was going to refer to that amendment. I think that throughout the whole paper we ought to really remember that we are trying to establish a position for this Assembly and for the Government of the Northwest Territories. So in a sense the best we can do is recognize the principle and then assert that in our jurisdiction this is the way we would like to see things proceed. We cannot go beyond that I do not think.

Motion To Accept Recommendation One Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2) As Amended, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Any other comments on recommendation number one? If not, we shall move on to recommendation number two on page three. I gather it is agreed.

---Carried

Recommendation number two says: The Legislative Assembly reaffirm its commitment to the expeditious resolution of aboriginal rights through negotiation between the federal government and the native people. That is at the top of page three. Are there any comments on that? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I think this is an important clause because if it is adopted as it is, it will give direction and negotiations will be simply between the federal government and the aboriginal people in that there will be no room or no possibility of the territorial government also being a negotiator, a third party in the negotiations. I appreciate that there is some thinking that the Government of the Northwest Territories ought to be involved in the negotiations as a third party and this idea has been rejected up to now by native people. Native people have always said that negotiations, the business is really between them and the federal government and they do not want to have anything to do with the territorial government.

The territorial government is a government that has just been set up in the last few years in the North. They never had any say as to that government coming north and they never had any major say in the set-up of the government. So I am aware that native people up to now have not liked this territorial government. They have not liked this territorial government to be involved in any way, and I do think that this should continue to be the position until there has been a change by the native organizations.

Government Of N.W.T. Should Not Get Involved In Negotiations

I know there has been some changes or different people involved in the Government of the Northwest Territories now so that native people generally feel more comfortable in the sense they are coming to accept the territorial government, but still the feeling is fundamental, it has been fundamental and very basic and strong up to this point that the Government of the Northwest Territories not be involved.

So I understand that the idea of having the territorial government be a third party has been raised with the native organizations and it will be up to them in the next few months to make a decision on that. Once they have decided then I guess we can take it from there, but at this time I do agree that this should be the position of this Assembly that the negotiations be only between the native organizations and the federal government. The territorial government, if they are interested, and I know the territorial government is interested in fostering negotiations and seeing that things go along pretty well, they can either become part of the federal government and do what they can from that position to help the native people in the North or else they can come and be part of the native groups in their negotiations with the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. I am looking at the clock. Does anyone wish me to recognize it? Then I will recess the committee until 1:00 o'clock.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Patterson): Thank you.

---LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I recognize a quorum and call the committee to order. We are on recommendation two on page three. Would anyone like to comment on it? Also, I would like to please clear one thing up. Is there any comment on recommendation two on page three? Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following up what Mr. Sibbeston stated this morning, I felt that it may be possible to add to what is stated in number two, that is "The Legislative Assembly reaffirm its commitment to the expeditious resolution of aboriginal rights through negotiation between the federal government and the native people." That is fine but I thought following that there might be a statement that would be acceptable to most Members, I hope, and I have passed a sheet around which suggests the line the amendment could take.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

I will move that this amendment be added following what is already in number two, "...notwithstanding this affirmation...", that is the affirmation of the commitment to expeditious resolution of aboriginal rights between the federal government and the native people, "...the Assembly asserts that public government in the Northwest Territories has an interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights agreements" and there should be no comma between rights and agreements "...and declares that the foregoing affirmation does not preclude the possibility of its participation in negotiations should such participation be agreeable to all parties concerned."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. There is a motion on the floor. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: The reason I have suggested it is as Mr. Sibbeston pointed out, there has already been some initiative taken on the part of our government in some preliminary discussions with native associations as to this possibility and it is possible that at some time in the future an agreement will be reached. So I would just like not to leave number two as it is, but include this statement which would then at least leave the way open for possible participation. It would put our Assembly in the position first of persuading the native associations, if we can, that it is important for them to have some consideration of what we have said here because all Members of native associations, in addition to being members of those associations and recipients in any aboriginal rights settlement, they are also now, and will most likely be in the future, citizens of one or other public government.

Interest In Effective Public Government

For instance, I can point to the Nunavut proposal, which is certainly a public government proposal. So the recipients in the aboriginal rights settlement will also be citizens of a public government and therefore, these very same people who have an interest in a just aboriginal rights settlement, have an interest in effective public government somewhere down the road. Perhaps understanding that, native associations will be persuaded to agree to some means of public government participation, that is Northwest Territories government participation in the negotiation process. I think it would not be difficult if our Assembly and native associations could come to that understanding. It would not then be difficult to persuade the federal government that it would be unwise to exclude our Assembly's representation in that if both parties agreed to it, there is more likely to be a satisfactory resolution in the end. I think in so far as Members here who are also members of native associations are concerned, the last part of my amendment is a safeguard to them, that participation would be the subject of negotiations and permitted only if it were mutually agreeable.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. This amendment on number two. To the amendment. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: As public government could mean any government, whether it is local or municipal, I do not believe that any groups are going to entertain the participation of several levels of government. I was wondering if possibly the mover of the amendment would consider saying Government of the Northwest Territories because I think that public government as it states there in the Northwest Territories could mean anybody and they may be entertaining the notion that there can be, maybe, more than a third level of negotiating parties. I would like that to be thought about by the mover of the amendment, if he is willing to say Government of the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I would like very much to go along with what Ms. Cournoyea has suggested. The reason I put "public government" in the first place is that I did not want to make the assumption that this present public government would be the only, or even a public government following aboriginal rights settlements. I just felt that since that possibility existed that our government now could represent public government.

May I suggest this slight change and perhaps Ms. Cournoyea would find it acceptable, that down in the second part "declares that the foregoing affirmation does not preclude the possibility of"; perhaps that would not do it either. Can I think about it and see if it can be incorporated? I would be willing if it was acceptable.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms. Cournoyea, do you have something else to the amendment?

MS. COURNOYEA: No. I would just suggest that the correction would be that the Assembly assert that the Northwest Territories government has an interest.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie, are you satisfied with the amendment?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am but I think that would be to Ms. Cournoyea's disadvantage in a sense. That is just the way I feel but if she is very happy with that I am willing to go along with it. Whether that should say that the Assembly asserts that it -- maybe that is it, "notwithstanding this affirmation, the Assembly asserts that it on behalf of public government in the Northwest Territories has an interest". Would that be satisfactory to Ms. Cournoyea?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms. Cournoyea, are you satisfied?

Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: I would like to make the amendment to the amendment that rather than "the Assembly asserts that the public government in the Northwest Territories" to read instead "the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I accept that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That is accepted. To the amendment to the amendment. Does anybody else wish to speak to the amendment? Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I think the amendment is satisfactory, particularly because it pays attention to the important principle that the participation of the Government of the Northwest Territories be agreeable to all parties concerned. To my mind that is a very important principle because while the Government of the Northwest Territories and even the other public government proposed, that of Nunavut, has a definite interest in the consequences of aboriginal rights negotiations, that interest I think we all will agree is not as strong as the

fundamental interest of the aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories. Now this government represents those aboriginal peoples, but it also represents other peoples who have lesser rights and lesser status than those aboriginal peoples, so their agreement, that is, the agreement of the legitimate representatives of the aboriginal peoples is fundamental to any changes which might be made to the basic principle of negotiations between the federal government and those aboriginal peoples. If they agree to that participation, whatever form it might take, then it is fair, but if this government tries to impose participation in those negotiations which is not agreed to by the representatives of those aboriginal peoples, then we will not be acting in their best interests. So...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Patterson, could you hold on a second? We want agreement on Ms. Cournoyea's amendment. You can speak for the whole number two, the whole recommendation, after Ms. Cournoyea's amendment. I just want to have agreement on Ms. Cournoyea's amendment first. Do you agree with Ms. Cournoyea's amendment? Would you put your hands up? I am going to ask the Clerk to read it.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment is to put "the Northwest Territories government" to the amendment to number two in place of "public". It would read: "Notwithstanding this affirmation, the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government has an interest in...."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum, did you want to speak to the amendment?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to go into too much on it. I simply would like to ask the question that in the second last sentence the word "its", could I have some kind of clarification whether the possibility is of not precluding the Assembly's participation in the negotiations or the possibility of not precluding the Government of the Northwest Territories participation? Which is it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum, are you speaking to Ms. Cournoyea's amendment?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am asking clarification of the amendment. The amendment to the amendment reads as I understand it, "Notwithstanding this affirmation, the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government has an interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights and final aboriginal rights agreements and declares that the foregoing affirmation does not preclude the possibility of its participation." I would want just a clarification. Is the "its" referring to the Assembly or does it refer to the government, Northwest Territories government?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie, do you want to comment on that?

Intention Of Original Amendment

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: There is no question when I wrote to the original amendment, "its" refers back to the Assembly, asserts such and such a thing and declares such and such, and therefore the "its" is the Assembly's participation. I do not know if that was still intended by the person who moved the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Hon. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask of the mover of the amendment to the amendment whether she in fact is referring to the Assembly or to the Northwest Territories government having -- not precluding its participation? I suggest that there may be a difference in what the mover to the amendment said.

MS. COURNOYEA: I do not know. We were talking about the amendment, but my understanding when I say the Northwest Territories government, I thought the Government of the Northwest Territories was part of the Assembly and the government took direction from the Assembly. Now I do not see the Assembly taking part in negotiations but I do not know who is going to sit there for hour after hour in negotiations. I imagine the Assembly would give direction, but my understanding of this change is that the Northwest Territories government -- I in particular did not want to see that this Assembly is advocating that there are different levels of participation so we get in a mish mash of everybody involved from a municipality, to a settlement council, to a hamlet. So this is why I said the Northwest Territories government as the Assembly gives the government direction as to what to do.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Hon. Mr. McCallum, are you satisfied now?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I take it now that the amendment to the amendment means that it, in the third line, does not preclude the possibility of the Northwest Territories participation in negotiations. That Mr. Chairman, I suggest is not the original amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Direction Of The Assembly

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would say government defined as Ms. Cournoyea defined it and it would still be the intention. In other words it unquestionably would be the Assembly that takes the initiative and as Ms. Cournoyea suggested it may not be an Assembly Member who was actually doing it but whatever is done would be done at the direction of the Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Is there any further discussion on the amendment to the amendment? Mr. Patterson, did I see your hand up? All right.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, this is going to sound pretty picky but it seems to me that when the Clerk read the motion he made it sound as if we were talking about aboriginal rights agreements, that is the final agreement. Is there any need for that comma in there after the word "rights"? It is just a point of clarification to the mover of the motion I guess before we vote on the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Patterson, that comma is not supposed to be there at all. Is that true Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes.

Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That comma is not supposed to be there. On the amendment to the amendment. All right. All those in favour of that amendment to the amendment let me see your hands. Down. Opposed? One. The amendment to the amendment is carried.

---Carried

Now, to the amendment on recommendation two.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. Ms. Cournoyea, I am sorry.

Further Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: I would like to suggest a further change and I will explain that. It says "Notwithstanding this affirmation the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government has an interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights agreement." I wonder if "has" is a good word to have in there because as we have stated before we do not know what the settlement is going to be and I would like to suggest that "has" be replaced by "may have" because at this point in time we do not know the consequences of what the government, in the end, will be wanting to negotiate and in certain specific areas it is known but in others it is not.

So they may have an interest because settlements may only mean land and money or land and compensation but we do not know that yet and that is the struggle that is going on. Would it be presumptuous for us at this time to say "has an interest" if it does not include the area of jurisdictional power that the territorial government presently has? I would like to make that amendment "may have an interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights agreements".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. To the amendment to the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Further Amendment To Amendment, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. All those in favour of the amendment to the amendment? Down. Opposed?

---Carried

To the amendment to number two on page three. Any further discussions?

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that while you are in that chair can you tell us where it is on the page so we will know where we are.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) The amendment to the amendment is not translated into Inuktitut and it is on page two, and I believe it is on that page, the amendment that was made to the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would say that since this was an amendment to a recommendation I quickly did at noon hour, that portion of it has not been translated but it would come after the number two that is in the translations. I felt it was short enough that when it was read it would be interpreted.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. (Translation) Mr. Evaluarjuk, are you satisfied now?

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On the amendment to the amendment. Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder could you read this number two as it is amended and re-amended and the amendments amended so we know what we are talking about please? I got lost in the shuffle. Could somebody read it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Clerk, could you read it for me?

Clarification Of Amendments

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment as amended now reads: "Notwithstanding this affirmation the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government may have interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights agreements and declares that the foregoing affirmation does not preclude the possibility of its participation in negotiations should such participation be agreeable to all parties concerned."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Is that all right, Mr. Stewart?

MR. STEWART: That is the same as the copy I have here. I will try and rephrase my question. Could the whole of recommendation two as amended be read?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms. Cournoyea, do you have that?

MS. COURNOYEA: I just wanted to change "has an interest" and I wanted to change that to "may have an interest".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MACQUARRIE: I think in response to Mr. Stewart's question, would the Clerk read number two, the first part of it and then the total addition? I think that is what he wants, to see how the whole thing now reads.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): That the Legislative Assembly reaffirm its commitment to the expeditious resolution of aboriginal rights through negotiation between the federal government and the native people. Notwithstanding this affirmation the Assembly asserts that the Northwest Territories government may have an interest in the consequences of final aboriginal rights agreements and declares that the foregoing affirmation does not preclude the possibility of its participation in negotiations should such participation be agreeable to all parties concerned.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does it sound all right now?

MR. STEWART: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On the amendment to the recommendation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. All those in favour of the amendment to the recommendation. Down. Opposed? The amendment to the recommendation is carried.

---Carried

Now, is there anyone else who would like to speak on number two?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Two Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2) As Amended, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called on number two as amended. All those in favour? Down. Opposed? Thank you.

---Carried

Now, number three. Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: On the first part of number three it says "This Assembly recognizes that aboriginal rights and constitutional development are integral parts of a single issue in the Northwest Territories." I would like to make the amendment that it read instead "This Assembly recognize that aboriginal rights negotiations will deal with certain matters relating to constitutional development."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment on number three page three.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, when I read the part "are integral parts of a single issue in the Northwest Territories" the words "integral" and "single" coupled together means that constitutional development are one and the same and it denotes that it is one single issue. I believe there are overlaps and sometimes they are related and sometimes they are not. In dealing with this sentence and making it one single issue, "integral parts of" means it fits right in and this is the discussion that is going on right now, just what the overlap is and how much constitutional development is interrelated with aboriginal rights. I do not believe at this time that that question has been resolved and I think it would be presumptuous for us to say it is a single issue because it is not.

I would just like to say that we can reword it so that it will give that flexibility that there is an overlap and it is not one single issue and they are not integral parts. That is why I suggest that we deal with it by changing the wording to "This Assembly recognize that aboriginal rights negotiations will deal with certain matters relating to constitutional development".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Just a question of clarification. Is that where that sentence would end? Would the remaining part be dropped? Is that it?

MS. COURNOYEA: I believe we would like to make additional changes but I would have to take the clarification -- to the amendment I would like to just go as far as that and Mr. Curley will take the other part if that is all right.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I recognize there are other concerns and I have other concerns in that total passage but am I to understand that the first sentence in number three would now read and only read "This Assembly recognize that aboriginal rights negotiations will deal with certain matters relating to constitutional development"?

MS. COURNOYEA: That is correct.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

Constitutional Development And Aboriginal Rights Are Closely Related

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I agree with the amendment. I am not supporting the amendment because I do not think that constitutional development and aboriginal rights are not closely related. I think they are closely related but I think we have to look at a potential problem here with this wording. The problem as I see it is that we as the Government of the Northwest Territories are obviously interested in constitutional development. We have talked enough about the problems and limitations of our Northwest Territories Act already to know that we want to make changes in our constitution in our capacity as the Government of the Northwest Territories, but at the same time, Mr. Chairman, the native associations too, are very interested in constitutional development in the Northwest Territories, especially in so far as it affects them.

Obviously they have interests, for example, in languages and language rights and language protection. They have an interest in wildlife. They have an interest in education which is a special interest which overlaps but is different in some ways, from the interests of the Government of the Northwest Territories,

but if we say here that aboriginal rights and constitutional development are integral parts of a single issue, then it seems to me that it precludes native associations from seeking and obtaining representation at constitutional amendment talks. It seems to say that it can only be dealt with through a joint Government of the Northwest Territories partnership with native organizations. I am not so sure that we want to be restricted in that way.

I would like to see rather, the wording suggested by Ms. Cournoyea which seems to recognize as we all agree undoubtedly that these issues, aboriginal rights and constitutional development, are related, but not necessarily tied up with each other, that native associations may have particular interests in constitutional areas which are separate and different from the interests of the Government of the Northwest Territories. So I think that approach would allow them to express their interests perhaps separately and certainly perhaps more forcefully than if they were bound up with the sort of interest that the Government of the Northwest Territories might have, so I think I am going to support the amendment simply because it would give us more flexibility than we might be given with the wording as it is now.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Three, Reworded

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am generally very satisfied with the amendment that is being suggested. I must say that of all the points in the paper that was of greatest concern to me. I wanted to see change there myself. Perhaps because of the same points that Mr. Patterson raised, but from the opposite point of view. I saw there may be some concerns about constitutional development that the public government would have in addition to aboriginal rights concerns. The one thing that I would ask and rather than make an amendment to the amendment I will simply ask Ms. Cournoyea. That is, the word "will" for the very same reasons that she earlier suggested the word "may". I would ask if she would change the word "will" to "may". We must not anticipate what their positions in the final negotiations will be, but we recognize that if they raise the matters then they have the right to raise them, but "may" is a better word. Would she be willing just to insert that?

MS. COURNOYEA: I would concur with that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment to the amendment. Are you in agreement with the amendment to the amendment? Question has been called. All in favour of the amendment to the amendment? Down. Opposed? Okay, the amendment to the amendment is carried.

---Carried

Now to the amendment to recommendation three.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Not as a whole. I think there are still some people who have comments on the second part of it. Have we agreed that the first sentence of it now reads this way?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Recommendation three as amended. Do you wish to speak?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I still have points about sentence number two. Are you voting to agree to the whole of number three or just the first part?

Motion To Amend Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Just the first part. All those in favour of that amendment? Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Now, recommendation three next.

Further Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I wish to make an amendment to the second portion and the amendment would read: "Native associations may make certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system in the Northwest Territories as outlined in their respective land claims proposals."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Would you repeat that again a little slower so we can get it in writing?

MR. SIBBESTON: "Native associations may make certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system in the Northwest Territories as outlined in their respective land claims proposals."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. There is another amendment to number three. To the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I really like the way this discussion is going because there seems that there is a remarkable degree of agreement on improvements that can be made in this paper. It is an excellent paper, but perhaps we can make it even better. I, too, had proposed an amendment to the second part of number three simply because I thought it was weak. The idea of making certain assumptions about political change seems to me to be not as strong as an Assembly committed to protecting and defending aboriginal rights should make. I think perhaps Mr. Sibbeston's amendment is a lot better than the one I had proposed and it achieves the same effect because I think we all want to recognize the fact that it may be that aboriginal claims negotiations can be a vehicle for making significant changes concerning political change in the Northwest Territories and constitutional change. So I like the idea of putting the possibility of major changes in there and I am certainly thinking about the Nunavut proposal which we all know is an assumption of a possibility that ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada certainly wishes this Assembly to recognize. That I think would be the sort of major change that is outlined in the proposal. I am not familiar or as familiar with the Dene claim, but I know that it too proposes significant changes to give the Dene people their definition of self-determination and therefore I am glad the second sentence has had a little bit more beef put in it by this amendment. That is my reaction then, Mr. Chairman.

Further Amendment, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the amendment on number three. The question has been called. All those in favour of the amendment? Down. Opposed, if any? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Recommendation number three as amended, Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would just like to say that I feel what we need to say as an Assembly is said in the first sentence, that we recognize and are not opposed to the idea that negotiations may very well deal with constitutional matters and involve constitutional change. What I am saying is that the second sentence I feel just clutters things. It is a truism in the sense that in fact, these associations do not need our permission to make assumptions about constitutional development and we need not even say that. I mean that is understood. We can neither compel them to do it nor prevent them from doing it and I think that including it in there we have said nothing really and it is just as well not there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you going to reply to Mr. MacQuarrie's comments, Mr. Sibbeston?

Further Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes. If Mr. MacQuarrie thinks the amendment that I make is of no consequence, then I will make a further amendment which might be satisfactory to him. The second portion of number three then will read: "The Northwest Territories government supports the native associations in making certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system in the Northwest Territories as outlined in the respective land claims proposals."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Sibbeston has just made another amendment. To the amendment. Mr. Patterson, to the amendment.

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. MacQuarrie suggests it is superfluous or a truism. I would remind him of the address given by Thomas Suluk, the ITC land claims director on February 22nd, 1980, before this Assembly and what Mr. Suluk said at that time was, and perhaps I can quote from his address, "Connections among the matters of aboriginal rights, land claims and political change are now widely accepted. Determination to secure recognition of the importance of these connections led ITC to adopt and maintain a hard position over some very difficult years. No land claims settlement without political change."

Mr. Suluk goes on to say "ITC is preparing to commence serious land claims negotiations in the summer of this year. ITC is willing to enter into such negotiations without a prior federal government commitment to the creation of Nunavut. At the same time, ITC has indicated its determination to make certain assumptions about Nunavut for the course of negotiations. It is the hope of ITC that this Legislative Assembly will consider five actions in order to assist the resumption of land claims negotiation and to enhance the likelihood of their successful completion. First, ITC suggests that the Assembly support the making of certain assumptions by ITC about the creation of Nunavut through negotiations even if the Legislative Assembly prefers to reserve its final position on Nunavut to a later date."

Aboriginal Rights Involve Political Change

I think what ITC was saying to us, Mr. Chairman, is that it has not been easy to persuade the government to include discussions of political change in land claims negotiations. There has been an attitude amongst some federal government people that land claims means that you can talk about land and money but that it should not go beyond into the realm of political change. ITC has asked us, and obviously this Assembly agrees that aboriginal rights negotiations, and I prefer that term to land claims, aboriginal rights negotiations involve political change and so this sentence which seeks to show that this Assembly agrees that aboriginal claims negotiations involve political change is not unimportant to ITC. As far

as I am concerned if it is important to ITC then it is important to this Assembly and is not redundant; while it may be a truism as far as we are concerned ITC has indicated that that kind of support will be very helpful to them in their negotiations with the federal government. So I would not skate over this sentence as lightly as the Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie does. I think we should give this amendment serious consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I certainly did not treat the matter lightly. My position was that I felt in the first sentence we were saying that we recognized that aboriginal rights negotiations would take into account constitutional matters, and so I felt that we had covered the ground adequately in saying that. In other words, if this paper were passed completely, native groups certainly would be able to point to that and say to the federal government that this is something that the Assembly of the Northwest Territories has agreed to and they support our contention that constitutional matters, political matters are a subject for negotiation.

Implications Of The Amendment

So I simply felt just saying in addition that they could make certain assumptions was not saying something more. Now, however, I have to concede that Mr. Sibbeston's amendment would be saying something more and it would be saying something that alarms me personally. I could not support that particular amendment. I absolutely agree that native groups may make assumptions, that they have the right to negotiate with the federal government to try to attain a settlement that may very well include implications for constitutional development, but if we use the word "support" as the amendment suggests in that last sentence, does that mean that we are saying one of the assumptions that ITC has made is that there should be Nunavut? Now, if we say "support those assumptions" and it is just a question at the moment but I may come back to it later, does that mean we are adopting a position on Nunavut?

---Applause

I think Mr. Patterson feels it does. I suggest that that is a question we are going to deal with eventually and I would be most happy to when the time arises but I think it would be wrong at this time to say you support particular assumptions. We recognize the right that they be made, we recognize they will be included in negotiations in one way or another, but we have not yet formulated our own position with respect to a lot of those things. I think we will in the fall and I would have to vote against the words put.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Now, concerning this matter it is nothing new concerning the land claims settlement and the fact they have been asking for support concerning the political change in the Northwest Territories. I do not think we should just talk about it and just assume that they are asking for this change. It has been a consideration for a long time now and the territorial government, it seems, is just sleeping and letting this pass by them. Because of this, if it is not considered or if it is not taken and if we assume that it is possible, we are not getting anywhere. We will not support this idea of political change and I will support it wholeheartedly.

The Right To Deal With Constitutional Development

I think you have to realize in this House that since the time of the negotiations of land claims, the various associations have been dealing with the constitution in Ottawa. They are not only concerned with the territorial government for support, and they have stated that, they are still in negotiation to be given the right, as the territorial government is asking for the right, to deal with constitutional development.

I do not think there is any harm to the support and the native organizations for years have been seeking support from the territorial government but it is the first time during the history of this government that we have come close to supporting native organizations. The Assembly recognizes the fact that there were constitutional problems, broad constitutional problems and therefore have set up the unity committee to inquire into trying to seek some consensus from the native organizations.

So on that basis we have already recognized the fact that they are involved in constitutional change and we recognize the fact that they have a great deal of interest in making major changes to the present political system. I think Mr. MacQuarrie as chairman of the unity committee knows very well that the native organizations have a great deal of interest in seeing major changes made, but I would have to say that I do not think the unity committee will be able to meet that. The role of the unity committee at this time is not to make major political change recommendations to the Assembly because this is a matter that the native organizations will have to deal with with Ottawa. So I see no problem in supporting the amendment because it is clear and I think they want clear direction and clear support from this Assembly. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Sibbeston, do you wish to speak?

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, what my amendment hopes to do is to have this government or this Legislative Assembly support the assumptions or goals that the native organizations have in their land claim proposals about government changes in the future. I think if this motion passes it will be a very good thing and will lend a lot of support to land claims eventually being settled.

Major Changes In Government May Come

I for one know what I am seeing, I mean I am not making this amendment I believe foolishly or crazily or without really some thought, and I for one do support the Dene Nation. I support many of the goals that they have to set up a Dene government in the future or else some government that is acceptable to the Dene people. Just because I am sitting on this Legislative Assembly I do not think that this is the best government.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

MR. SIBBESTON: I do not think this is the government that will function and be in existence forever. I think some time in the future, as a result of land claims, there are going to be some major changes, certainly in the western part where there will either be a Dene government or else this government will have to change so much, change quite a bit before the native people or Dene people accept it. So anyone who thinks we will carry on like this for ever and ever, I think, is not fully aware of the facts of life as there are going to be major changes. I for one look at my time on this Assembly as an opportunity to gain experience in government and I really look forward to the day when I will be involved with some better government that is going to be set up in the future.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Hon. George Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, could you have the Clerk Assistant read the amendment we are working on right now?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I was going to.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The matter we are discussing now is the second sentence. We are deleting "Native associations may make" and inserting instead "The Northwest Territories government supports the native associations in making certain assumptions...."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I have got Mr. Patterson next on the list.

Serious Consideration Given To Amendment

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to respond to Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie's remarks seriously because I do not believe that this amendment will constitute a vote for whatever political change is currently being advocated by ITC or the Dene Nation or COPE, Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, for that matter. I feel instead that we should look at this as a vote of support for the native organizations in making assumptions in their negotiations. No one is trying to pretend for a minute that the decisions about those future political institutions should not be very carefully considered by the people of the Northwest Territories through this government. I do not think for a minute that anyone is trying to suggest that we are foreclosing this government's participation in considering those changes, but the way I look at it is if we can give a vote of confidence and vote of support to a native organization, whatever they are discussing, whatever assumptions they are making in Ottawa, and at the same time reserve our right to consider those matters as we have decided to do following the report of the unity committee, following open public debate, perhaps ITC in the next few months with that kind of support from this government can gain a commitment that they would not be able to gain otherwise.

This is simply a way of encouraging them and showing the federal government that they do have our support for whatever assumptions they may make even though, as Mr. Suluk says, this Assembly has reserved its final position on Nunavut. No one is pretending that this is a vote on any of those political options. It is only a vote of confidence and support and I do not have any problem with giving a vote of support to an organization entering into difficult negotiations and at the same time reserving our right to make a judgment on whatever comes out of those discussions at a later date.

Assembly Reserving Position Till Later

I am confident, of course, that this is a bit of an academic debate because I think that we probably will agree to support public government as proposed in the Nunavut proposal, but I would not say for a minute that in supporting this amendment that we are making a decision on that. We are only saying to the native organizations, "You have our moral support, you have our confidence in making whatever assumptions you deem appropriate" and at the same time it has been made clear by the native organizations that they understand that we are reserving our position until later.

It may be, Mr. Speaker, that a la Drury we may want to have a full public convention of the major organizations and this Assembly when we consider those issues but I do not think this motion of support should be considered as foreclosing any possibilities and it may well be that this government is not as threatened as Mr. Sibbeston says. They have made lightning progress in recent years toward meeting the demands of native people in the Northwest

Territories in the area of wildlife and the intentions are good, although progress has been slow in the field of education, but let us recognize the moral and legal status of native organizations and their special bargaining position and give them as much of a push as we can towards getting whatever they can. Later on we can take our own position. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Hon. Robert MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I feel that some of the debate introduced by Mr. Curley and Mr. Sibbeston was irrelevant. I think Mr. Curley should know better, that I am not afraid of major constitutional change, providing only that in the final analysis it is change that is acceptable to all parties who will be affected by it, so I am not afraid of it at all. What I am afraid of is that by this wording we may be making it relevant to particular changes, because what is wrong with it is there is a process of negotiation going on and it would not be right to anticipate the results of negotiations. Mr. Patterson has come back with some assurances that that is not what is meant and if I could have that kind of confidence I could go along with it. My only concern is that when others read what we have said here, what does it mean to them? Does it mean the same thing that we meant by it when we said it? Perhaps there is room somewhere along the way for making that simple statement that we reserve our position until a later date, to make that clear.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

Future Judgments Concerning Constitutional Change

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the amendment, I have a question to Mr. Sibbeston or Mr. Patterson. Do either of the two hon. Members see that the Northwest Territories government or the Legislative Assembly itself will be able to make any judgments of its own or statements of its own concerning constitutional change in the Northwest Territories?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Either Mr. Sibbeston or Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Most definitely. We struck a committee on unity which is going to report. We have also by this paper asked one of the Executive Committee to initiate a dialogue with native organizations and to represent the interests of all the people of the Northwest Territories to come up with positions and report to this Assembly. Most certainly. It is just that those native organizations need our support as well. I think that if this motion, if this business of our position on their definition of political change is too watery they may not be able to make the kind of headway that they obviously want to make and we will be consulted and our opinion is going to be important. The federal government is not going to ignore the wishes of this Assembly so I am not certainly trying to push out any position that the Assembly might take. I am just saying that by the same token we should give the same latitude for progress in negotiations to the native organizations themselves because they have a special interest that we do not have and they may well be able to make progress with our support in principle.

Mandate Of Unity Committee

I would also mention if I might, Mr. Chairman, that I think there is no question that this Assembly reserves its position to a later date. It seems to me that the mandate given to the unity committee to make a final report certainly means that we have not made a final judgment on the question of division at this point in time and that final report is to come in the fall. I had a motion on the floor at the last session which specifically recognized that this Assembly had yet to take a final position even though the motion requested support in principle for ITC's position. It did not attempt to pretend that the Assembly had to make its own judgment its own way.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Do you wish to speak to that, Mr. MacQuarrie?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am willing to wait a while if there are still others who wish to speak to it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): William Noah.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) On this matter I do not have too much to say concerning the political aspects and the political truths. I want to be proper and I am not very comfortable about this but I have some personal opinions that we in the Legislative Assembly who are members of native groups, it seems we are not participating and I would like to support this idea. This is a very difficult thing at this time, but this government -- you do know it is not going to be an easy job. We do not understand about this. The government has been saying this and not saying what we would like. The solution is not easy to obtain and this government says about these matters it is very difficult, a difficult job to handle.

Government System Needs A Firm Base For Change

Now, if the government were to change, maybe if we were to take on the standard or old system for a number of years and when the government has a base and is on its feet maybe the government system could change as it went on so that it would be able to stand and not fall towards governmental change. As we are aware at this time our government in the Northwest Territories or the federal government have its problems, but to operate and to be able to go along to comply with the people's wishes, I feel that we have the best government in Canada. I would also like to state that this political change is a difficult thing as I said and financial matters are hard to deal with when you are dealing with them during negotiations. Thank you.

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

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems to me that we have today in our discussions as a Legislature accepted the position that negotiations must take place between the native people and we recognize that the status quo as it is today has got to be changed, that change is necessary.

I think that as legislators representing the whole of the Northwest Territories we can defend this position very easily. However, to arbitrarily accept this amendment and support certain assumptions without knowing what the assumptions are is really not a responsible position to take and I do not know how a person could ever defend saying that. The mere fact that it has been part of the record it would seem to me would weaken the native people's position.

We are saying and agreeing with something but we do not know what we are agreeing with. Now, we bring everything here in Assembly, in open session and debate it and discuss the matter and arrive at a decision. By way of this amendment you are asking this House to approve something where we do not know what we are approving. Surely that cannot do the native cause any good and certainly it has got to make this House look rather ridiculous.

I do not think this matter should go any further because it does not basically make any sense. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Stewart. I have Mr. MacQuarrie before you, Mr. Sibbeston. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am going to suggest a further amendment so I will wait a while yet until there is more discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Sibbeston, you have the floor.

Support For Kinds Of Changes Native People Want

MR. SIBBESTON: I appreciate the views as expressed by Mr. Stewart but I say that if he is not fully aware of the land claim positions of the native groups in the North, then that is his problem and he should not make the assumption that no one here knows what the various native groups' land claim positions are.

I just want to say again that I think the amendment is a proper one. It seems so far we have gone as far as stating that we support aboriginal rights settlement, we are generally in agreement with native people negotiating their claims with the federal government, but then it seems to me that we never get beyond that. I think today we have taken one more step and said that we appreciate that native people have in their land claim proposals, have ideas and proposals for making quite a few changes in government in the future. This motion simply states that this government or this legislative body supports the kinds of changes that native people want in the future.

I for one know exactly or most of what is in the Dene Nation land claim proposal. I know what this is. I have a good idea of what the Inuit people want in their Nunavut proposal. So I am not going into this blind or unaware of what is going on. I am fully aware of the amendment that I make and I am going into this open-minded and I just think it would be a good thing to do because it takes us beyond just saying nice things.

Sometimes people do not mind talking and say "Yes, let us have native rights and all that" and it sounds good and who would be against it, but when it comes down to the issue of it almost coming about or supporting then people chicken out or will try and put obstacles in the way. So I would strongly urge everyone to support the amendment because it will mean a lot to the native people who are just starting their land claims negotiations with the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we will take a ten minute break for coffee.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This committee will come to order. On my list on page three, recommendation number three, to the amendment, I have Mark Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, concerning this amendment I do not have anything to say to the amendment. I am a little bit confused on amendments to amendments to amendments but I do support the idea that the native groups have been asking for the support of this Assembly. This has been for many years under consideration from this Assembly and I would like it to be known publicly that we support the land claims negotiations. I do not feel at this time we can do it in depth and I think we should reserve our stand at this time.

Changed Government Would Need Non-Natives

I would also like to add what was mentioned earlier, if the government system were to change I feel that this political change would not occur overnight. It does not mean that when the Nunavut settlements are with us there would be no more non-natives, it does not mean that, as there will be. Because there will be people who have rights in the North. If something was going through on this political system, we could prepare a government system for the Nunavut government and for the civil servants. We would need non-natives so I do not think we have to worry about this.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I move an amendment which I feel accords with the ideas that Mr. Patterson expressed earlier and I hope he will find it, and others find it agreeable, and if possible, support it. Where Mr. Sibbeston had said "The Northwest Territories government" I would substitute the word "Assembly" since we started with the Assembly in number three and then the entire text of his amendment would still be included but at the very end of it we would have a comma and say "but it". That would refer to the Assembly then, "...but it reserves its own position on these matters to a later date".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There is an amendment to the amendment. To the amendment to the amendment. You have the right to speak first to it.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: To speak first. I feel that both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Evaluarjuk indicated there is some reason for reserving our own decision until later and I certainly agree with that. As I said earlier I was merely concerned that the wording might suggest that we had already adopted positions that exactly accorded with those that are being presented by native associations.

This way I can agree with Mr. Patterson that it would be offering encouragement and support to the native associations, demonstrating that they have the right to make assumptions that involve perhaps major constitutional changes. If our recognition of that is encouragement and support for them, fine, but we are simply saying that our own position will be stated sometime later when we have had a chance to discuss it more fully.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Curley, to the amendment to the amendment.

Delaying Support To Political Aspirations

MR. CURLEY: I would like to speak to the latest amendment. To me it seems to be delaying the support required to resolve the whole question of aboriginal rights and the political aspirations of the people of the Northwest Territories. Right from the beginning, in the introduction, under the overview it states, and I quote: "Aboriginal rights and constitutional/political development are fundamental issues requiring the development of understanding and the initiation of positive action as quickly as possible...."

Now, that latest amendment to my mind would be withdrawing it further and putting in a backward step and it would not be positive action to wait any longer to put support to certain assumptions of the native organizations in terms of political development. So on that basis I cannot support the amendment as proposed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. On the amendment to the amendment to number three. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: I am going to ask Mr. MacQuarrie if he is a teacher or not. It seems to me that the whole situation we are in is that certain Members of this Assembly do not want to support certain things. Now, the amendment that Mr. MacQuarrie is suggesting is already addressed. It says "support certain assumptions" and until this Assembly discusses and looks at the assumptions that are being made, certainly the assumptions you are going to support are held in abeyance until you know what assumptions or what certain assumptions you are going to support. It is not precluding, you know, the fact that later on you may say someone made an assumption that you know anyone who is agreeing with "he should be kicked out of the territory" you could say I do not support that assumption.

Amendment Considered Unnecessary

Certainly there are certain assumptions that have been taken by this change that Mr. MacQuarrie is suggesting. It is like gangrene, we will just wait until your toe falls off or something because it is just saying -- it is not saying anything. It is saying, "Well, we will support certain assumptions but then we will wait until later to support those assumptions which I would assume is normal, because we have not identified what assumptions this Assembly is going to be agreeing to, because particularly certain assumptions have not been brought to the floor." So I think the amendment is entirely unnecessary.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. To the amendment, Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MACQUARRIE: With respect to the concerns voiced by Ms. Cournoyea, incidentally, I am a teacher, yes. Ms. Cournoyea and Mr. Curley, I would say this does not delay anything. It is already well known and seemingly accepted that there will be discussions in this Assembly at Frobisher Bay in the fall about political and constitutional development and the amendment I am suggesting does not delay that any longer at all. In answer specifically to Ms. Cournoyea, it is not delaying any action. What it would say now is that we support native associations making their assumptions right now about a variety of things, but just making it clear that in doing that -- rather, that we ourselves are not prepared right now to say whether those are positions we will finally agree with, so we reserve that conclusion until a later date and certainly the fall is the date that I have in mind. I do not think it delays anything at all. It just clarifies it I believe.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie. The amendment to the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. Would you like to read it for me?

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment at the beginning of the second sentence, taking out the words "Native associations may make" and replace it with: "The Assembly supports native associations in making certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system in the Northwest Territories as outlined in their respective land claims proposals, but it reserves its own position on these matters to a later date."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are voting on the amendment to the amendment only. Mr. Patterson.

Right Of Native Associations To Make Assumptions

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I have a feeling that there may be better ways of putting this idea into recommendation three. I do not like the reservation of the possibility of the Assembly going against these assumptions. I prefer to put it in a way that is more positive and I think what I would suggest is that maybe we should consider supporting the right of native associations to make certain assumptions without suggesting that we might have different views. I think Mr. Curley is right, that there is a significant degree of support for the positions that will be advanced by native associations for political change and I would even go so far as to say to Mr. Stewart whatever those positions might be I myself feel, in my area of the world, that I do not have any right to tell the Inuit that their form of government or land that they occupied long before my ancestors ever arrived in North America is equal to or less than mine. I feel that I am prepared to support whatever assumptions they wish to make.

So I would rather say that we support their right to make those assumptions and leave it at that. I think it is clear to all of us that we as a government with representatives from all parts of the Northwest Territories will have a right to make our own position. We are not talking about the Northwest Territories government position. We are talking about the position of the native associations. It is not signing a blank cheque as Mr. Stewart says. It is recognizing their particular right to take a position and it is also recognizing that their particular interest is probably greater than ours. Maybe that is really what we are in essence talking about here today, whether we have the right to take a position that would prejudice the views of, say, ITC as to what should happen all over their aboriginal lands. You know, from my point of view as a minority citizen in Nunavut I would not give myself that right. So maybe we are just dancing around with words but maybe underneath those words are important principles. I do not think I will support the amendment, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would say if I had an undertaking from Mr. Patterson that he would move to introduce the word "rights" into that I will withdraw my amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie, would you say that again?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am saying that if Mr. Patterson would give me an undertaking that he would amend Mr. Sibbeston's amendment to read, "The Assembly supports the rights of native associations to make certain assumptions" and end it there I will withdraw my amendment. Do I have that undertaking?

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, you do.

Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2),
Withdrawn

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I withdraw my amendment to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie. There is only one amendment now. I have Hon. Mr. Braden on my list. He has not spoken yet.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: "Assembly" rather than "government".

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, to the amendment. I want to indicate that when the government prepared this paper we were looking to develop a number of general principles from where we could start to work with native organizations on aboriginal claims, what they mean and the direction for constitutional change in the Northwest Territories. The intent was to come up with a framework, a basis. If you read through the following clauses of this sessional paper, Mr. Chairman, it indicates that we are trying through our Ministers to seek out areas of commonality, identify issues where native associations can be supported by the Legislative Assembly, identify issues where the native associations can alternately support the Legislative Assembly and so forth. Now as I understand from what Mr. Sibbeston was saying just before we broke for coffee, he understands this amendment to mean for him that this Assembly supports everything that is in the Nunavut proposal, everything that is in the Inuvialuit Nunangat proposal and everything that is in the Dene Nation, Dene government proposal. That is Mr. Sibbeston indicating his interpretation of the amendment.

Government's Intention Was To Lay A Working Basis

I just want to say, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the government that I find that kind of interpretation somewhat alarming in light of what else is indicated here in other clauses of this sessional paper. I just want to reaffirm that the government's intention was to lay a basis which we could start working on in areas of joint concern and I can quite frankly say that with respect to the Metis Association and the Dene Nation that they have sought our assistance in working collectively to identify issues where there is some commonality, identify where we can support them and where they can support us. I am just a little confused by this whole amendment to the motion, Mr. Chairman, because should this amendment be accepted with Mr. Sibbeston's interpretation, we might as well strike off recommendations four, five, six, seven and eight because it ties us, the government in. Perhaps Mr. Sibbeston could clarify this for me. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Patterson is on my list now.

Further Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I am going to move an amendment to the amendment I believe it is, which would simply add a word: "The Assembly supports the right of the native associations in making certain assumptions..." etc., to the amendment.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Question.

MR. PATTERSON: Can I speak to the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There is an amendment to the amendment. Could I hear the question? Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: I just want to say, Mr. Chairman, that I think many of us are willing to take Mr. Sibbeston's view of this whole process and give our wholehearted and unqualified endorsement to everything the native organizations can get through negotiations with the federal government. However, at the same time I agree that this is a government which represents wider interests than those of the native associations. I do not want to drag Mr. MacQuarrie kicking and screaming into Nunavut. I want him, and the interests that I may not really now know about in the Northwest Territories, to feel that they

have had their say through this government. If they are reluctant to go this far now, they will soon be persuaded otherwise, I am confident, and maybe that is a challenge to the native organizations and those of us who feel we can give our unqualified support to him, to persuade everyone, including others who have reservations about plunging into these kinds of changes, that this is in the best interests of all the Northwest Territories, and in fact as Mr. Evaluarjuk said there is a place for everyone after land claims.

Toning Down Of Motion A Way Of Respecting Reservations

So I see this toning down of the motion as not being a compromise but rather as being a way of respecting reservations that some interests in the Northwest Territories may have. It may be based on a misunderstanding of what land claims is all about, but I am willing to give them an opportunity through this process to clarify their positions and that is why I am proposing an amendment that will not make any further discussion obsolete. Thank you.

---Applause

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On the amendment to the amendment. Do you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment, Mr. Sibbeston?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Inserting the words "supporting the rights" I do think waters down the strength of that section quite a bit. I just think that it always seems to happen when you have a good motion on the floor invariably somebody waters it down so it comes out meaning nothing. I just feel that putting in the words "the rights" really does not say anything, it just says you support their rights to make these assumptions.

Well, they are going to make those assumptions anyway and whether we support them or not maybe will mean something but it does not mean as much as our saying that we support essentially what is in their land claims, in their aboriginal rights settlements or proposals. I just think that it should be without the word "rights" and it should mean definitely that we support generally what is in the various land claim proposals. It just means that if we go through with this motion this government will really take seriously the fact that there have to be major changes, they have to look seriously at what the Inuit and what the Dene are saying about future forms of government.

Future Of Government

It means that the process will start for this government, this executive Assembly to disassemble so that in the next few years as the negotiations of the Dene Nation or the Inuit progress, as steps are taken to put their forms of government in place, this government will have to disband or take definite steps to rid itself, get rid of itself in a sense. To me I think that is what should happen, otherwise we will still be talking about making changes after this Assembly, two years from now we will still be talking of supporting the rights of native people.

This motion here, or this portion without "the rights" I think is a good one and gives an indication to the Executive to be serious about the various claims and to take definite steps to support them in whatever they are saying and think about disbanding themselves. Certainly they should not feel they will be in power for the next three years or for any term after that. They should really think about disbanding themselves and working themselves out of a position.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On the amendment to the amendment. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I believe as Mr. Sibbeston. I would have a problem supporting that motion by inserting the words "the rights of native associations" because this would be, or the Assembly would be bound by this particular wording that they have the right to make certain assumptions. I think that would degrade the freedom of expression, the freedom of expression as defined in the human rights of Canada, the right to be involved in a political struggle or a political party or whatnot. That would seem to me to deny them the broader right to play in the Canadian system.

On that basis I would be very concerned with that word because no doubt the government, the administration would interpret it right down to the last, that they only have a right to make certain assumptions. So I would suggest that that word "rights" be taken out of there and leave it as it is, as was proposed by Mr. Sibbeston. The reason I say that is because those Members who do not support that this government or Assembly support the native organizations in making certain assumptions that are on political change, should make it clear whether they support it or not support it rather than going around trying to dress it up so it looks good but not really get at the problem.

Vote Will Show Whether Or Not There Is Support

If the Assembly does not support them we will know by voting on it and we will see whether we will support it or not support it but do not try and put a trick in there so that it looks like other than what it really means. That is what Mr. MacQuarrie seems to want to do and I see that some of the Executive Members are dancing around the problem. They sound all right when they speak because it is their language but when I read between the lines they are not willing to admit whether they support the native organizations in pursuing their political rights, their right to change political direction in the North. If they do not support them, then it should be clearcut and they should not just dress it up so they are -- so they do not confuse it.

I am very confused as to whether Mr. MacQuarrie supports them or whether he is waiting until he writes his final report and therefore gets the credit of getting all the attention later in October. I would think the time is right now to make that particular issue clear, right now because we are here to deal with the political situation and the right of the native people to claim their aboriginal rights. So I would urge the Executive Members whether they support the case of the native organizations or whether they want the support of this Assembly, and if they do not, then tell us, so we can vote on it clearly rather than being a bit hazy and confused about it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Much of what Mr. Sibbeston said about the possibility of great changes politically and constitutionally in the Northwest Territories is certainly a possibility and may very well be desirable. I do not think this statement precludes that possibility in any way at all. It simply says that at this moment we are not debating our position on political and constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. We are going to do that at some time in the reasonably near future. All this says is that it is our position relative to those positions that are advanced by the native associations and what we are saying is that we support the right of them to advance those positions and it could well be that this Assembly eventually will decide. I cannot anticipate what the decision will be but it could well be that the decision when it comes will be that the Assembly's position is synonymous with one or other of those positions advanced but that is not what we are debating right now.

MR. CURLEY: To the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. On the amendment to the amendment. Mrs. Sorensen.

Clarification Of ITC Presentation

MRS. SORENSEN: It seems to me remembering back to when Mr. Suluk made his presentation to this Assembly during the second session he asked in his presentation that we as an Assembly make certain assumptions about ITC's aboriginal claims negotiations about political change. In attempting to define what that meant, I think it was, and I am sure that Mr. Curley will correct me if I am wrong, the fact that the federal government had insisted that the land claims negotiation or aboriginal rights negotiations be a twofold process, and the first would involve the negotiations of land and compensation and the second which was political change would involve not only the federal government but all the people in the North.

It seems to me that if that is what those two lines or three lines are in there to say, then that is what we should say instead of getting caught up in what certain assumptions really mean. I think the reason that it is in there is because Mr. Suluk asked us to put it in. Certainly I can accept that the aboriginal rights and political and constitutional change be a twofold process. I think that is healthy and I think that is a means of getting the land claims process, negotiation process under way as quickly as possible. So I would like to work on that whole three lines so that it says exactly that, rather than getting caught up in all these words.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. I am going to ask the Clerk to read the amendment.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment to the amendment is to insert the words "the right of" and the sentence would read: "The Assembly supports the right of the native associations to make certain assumptions...."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment to the amendment. Do I hear question? Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Was there not another part to that motion about major changes or something like that?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It is still there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Please read the whole thing.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): "The Assembly supports the right of the native associations to make certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system of the Northwest Territories as outlined in their respective land claims proposals."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

End Position Should Be Unanimous

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I just feel I should reply to my colleagues, Mr. Sibbeston and Mr. Curley. You know, I certainly would not want to go down as being opposed to progress on land claims discussions, but I also feel that in this Assembly even though we obviously have a majority, at least a majority of persons who are in full sympathy with the aspirations of the native organizations, as I said before, even though there is no question that if the vote were to come tomorrow or if the vote had come last fall to urge the federal government to take the necessary steps to implement Nunavut, split the Territories, establish

new directions for a system of government, even though I have no doubt that that is the wish of the majority of this Assembly and perhaps we saw it yesterday discussing this whole property tax business, none the less I think that we have to be careful not to be taking undue advantage of our majority position and sort of steam-rolling the minority because we want them, when it comes time for this Assembly to take its position, we want them to be supporting our position. We want the end position of this Assembly to be unanimous. I do and I have not given up on Mr. MacQuarrie or even Mr. Stewart yet.

MR. CURLEY: Shame, shame, shame!

MR. PATTERSON: I recognize that it has been years that the organizations have been struggling and this motion might be seen as not being as strong as it could be, but, you know, if Mr. Sibbeston is saying that we should not have, the Government of the Northwest Territories should not have any participation in these discussions and the unity committee is already sort of outdated or unimportant, then I think we should say that now and decide whether or not we are going to have a minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development at all. But I see that ministry as being a way to represent those people who may not be represented through native organizations and to give them some respect and some voice. Their voice may be dim and weak and it may eventually be unheeded by this Assembly, but they should have a chance to participate as long as they do not try to veto any progress that is made by aboriginal peoples or interfere in a way that would prejudice discussions. You know, I think we should listen to them.

---Applause

Problem Of Putting All Interests Together

Hopefully when the thing is resolved, and I have no reason to believe it will not be resolved in the very near future, we will have their support, whatever direction we do go in. You know, this is a difficult problem putting all these interests together. That is why I think the Territories have to divide but we have not divided yet. I do not have the right to tell the aboriginal peoples what is best for them, but I would like to see this whole land claims question resolved with some concurrence from all quarters. You know, it seems that maybe we should be the persons who are spokesmen for the rights of native persons, we should be just a little more patient. I know you have been stepped on and insulted and ignored for hundreds of years, but it seems that we are getting more sympathy from the people who have reservations than we have ever got before. Maybe we should let them develop a position through this government and see what comes up and hold off a little while longer. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the amendment, Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: I fully agree with everybody being in support of each other and I fully agree that we should work co-operatively, but each unit has their body in power. I do not see the motion putting in "the right" gives us anything because we have the right to do what we want to do anyway so we are wasting a lot of time talking about the Assembly supporting the right of native associations to make certain assumptions while we have the right to do that already.

Reassurance Must Be Given

I just recently read a number of articles about the territorial government and the Executive Committee, how they tried to exercise some rights in dealing with the federal government to establish some constitutional prestige in the South and it seemed to me they were sent back home. They have the right to go, but they were not accepted. Now it seems to me that the Dene Nation came together with the territorial Executive and I highly approve of such coalition. The support that they gave them was from the fact that this group of people had worked very hard from another level to attain recognition. I think when we go forward, we should go forward hand in hand with some kind of support from this side as well. It is easy for people to say, "Have faith in me. Let us just have good will here." Over the years I have found sometimes that good will when you went hand in hand, the other party got what they wanted and all you got was a kick in the ass and "Fine now, buddy."

All we are asking is that we support them somewhere along the line and I think that assurance has to be given from this side. The Dene Nation has taken it in hand to support the Legislative Assembly or the Executive Committee in trying to resolve some kind of legislation for the territorial government. I think you will get more support from COPE, from ITC, if we can be sure to a certain degree that we will not be kicked in the pants when you get what you want. I think that is only fair, I think this working relationship is a give and take one, and I think you cannot give us something we already have and what we already have is that right. I am not going to sit here at the table and bargain for a right that I already have, but I will bargain for support to make certain assumptions and I do not think that is too much. I will not support the amendment.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Section Written At Request Of ITC

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: There appears to be once again a certain amount of confusion here. I would like to reply to the remarks from Tagak Curley that this particular clause is not really dealing with whether Nunavut should exist or not or whether all the MLA's should really address the issue right now, because this particular section as I recall was worked out with the ITC because ITC asked that this particular section be written in that way. As a matter of fact if I recall, I think it was the legal adviser to ITC. I went down to Ottawa and I met with Tom Suluk and their lawyer and so I asked him, "Well, if you want something in there, why do you not draft it up and I will leave it in there." So this is what I have done. It appears that we want to make all kinds of changes here which is fine by me, so long as we do not get hung up with semantics I suppose, but I think that the approach that we have taken is basically the contribution of ITC, that particular section.

I think that regarding the words "certain assumptions", I do not really have any difficulty with that. I concur with the remarks of Ms. Cournoyea that I think the idea here and the intent is that this Legislature will give a mandate to the Executive to give support to the native organizations. I do not have any problem with that, but I think that support also has to come the other way and that has yet to begin. I suppose we have made a beginning or a start with the Dene Nation, but we certainly have a long way to go. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Now, on the amendment to the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. I will ask the Clerk to repeat it.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment to the amendment is "The Assembly supports the right of the native associations in making certain assumptions."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Noah, do you want to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Concerning the amendment to the amendment, I would like to give notice that I will not vote.

Further Amendment To Amendment To Recommendation Three of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. On the amendment to the amendment. All those in favour of that amendment to the amendment. Down. Opposed? The amendment to the amendment is carried.

---Carried

Now, to the amendment. The question has been called. All those in favour of that amendment as amended.

MR. CURLEY: Read the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Read the motion.

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment is in the second sentence of recommendation number three where it will read: "This Assembly will support the right of the native associations in making certain assumptions in their aboriginal claims negotiations about making major changes to the present government system in the Northwest Territories as outlined in their respective land claim proposals."

Amendment To Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried As Amended

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now, to the recommendation as amended. All those in favour. Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried as amended.

---Carried

Now, recommendation number three as amended. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I am in favour. I thought you were calling the question.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Three Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2) As Amended, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): All right. The question has been called. All those in favour of that recommendation number three as amended, something like that. Down. Opposed? The recommendation number three as amended is carried.

---Carried

Now, recommendation number four. Does anyone wish to speak to it? Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Four Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: I make a motion that we accept number four as it is. It is just instructions to carry on; the duties of what the Minister responsible can do and the Executive Committee. I would make a motion that we accept number four.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. The question has been called.
Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: I am concerned about number four, part (d) because it seems to me, particularly if we look at recent action taken by the Executive Committee, that number four, part (d), to "identify areas and processes whereby outstanding issues relating to aboriginal rights and constitutional/political development in the Northwest Territories could be resolved" requires at least some explanation.

To my mind their proposal to give or set aside a quarter of a million dollars to give independent legal advice to every municipality, hamlet or settlement that wants to study the implication of land claims proposals is saying that this government does not have faith in its own land claims secretariat staff including legal advisers as a way of formulating the position of the Northwest Territories government on how these outstanding issues can be resolved. The Northwest Territories government clearly has an interest in and a responsibility for local government and the interests of municipalities and the like. By saying "Well, you can get your own independent legal advice on land claims", to me is setting up an entirely different and separate process for adjudicating land claims. You could have a position taken by the land claims secretariat and the Minister which would be a result of agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories through that ministry and a native organization and you could have a municipality using these funds to obtain legal advice which could result in competing claims and certainly it would seriously prejudice negotiations.

I think if this government is going to support or give support to aboriginal rights and recognize them and defend them, then this government through its own, through the body that it set up to study all these issues should be able to resolve within itself any questions that municipalities might have that could be at odds with the interests of the native organizations.

Independent Legal Advice A Matter Of Concern

I am very concerned. Maybe I should ask for an explanation as to this decision to give municipalities legal advice, independent legal advice, whether or not there was consultation with the major native associations before this decision was made by the Executive Committee. They have pledged to seek out areas of commonality and initiate dialogue and all that kind of stuff. From what I have been able to learn this process of setting up a whole new level of interest, independent from this government although it is a responsibility of this government, has been greeted with great concern on the part of the major native organizations.

I would like to know if that is really in keeping with number four, part (d). Is that a process in an area where outstanding issues can be solved? Does the Minister feel that a tax on land claim settlements or agreements in principle will be a way of resolving issues relating to aboriginal rights in the Northwest Territories? That is what this government seems to be inviting.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wah-Shee, do you want to respond to that?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes. I would like to just say that the funding to municipalities is essentially a recommendation. We have not really taken any action on it. We are recommending this to you, the Assembly, for direction.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: To the motion.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I believe the bill will be considered by the Assembly and I suspect that it is not going to go through but you have to give us some credit for taking some initiative, even though maybe we are wrong in our approach. I think that is the name of the game, I would assume. We have to come back to the Legislature for direction.

Sessional Paper Will Be Considered A Mandate

As far as that is concerned I think that the whole text of this sessional paper will be considered a guideline or a mandate to say this is what the responsibility ought to be or this is the direction we ought to go. So I think the decision will basically be left up to the Assembly to decide on that particular question. I think once a decision is made, well, we will go into that direction where the decision is being made in that area.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Have you a further question, Mr. Patterson?

MR. PATTERSON: Just a question and I am not sure if it was answered. What I also wanted to know, and I appreciate the remarks of Mr. Wah-Shee, but what I also wanted to know was, was this decision to recommend to the Assembly, grants to the municipalities, the result...

MR. FRASER: To the motion.

MR. PATTERSON: We are talking about number four, particularly (b), talks about identifying issues where the native associations can be supported by the Legislative Assembly and seek out areas of commonalty. What I would like to know is, is this an issue that has been identified by dialogue with the native associations as a way in which this Legislative Assembly can support them?

In other words, were the native associations consulted about this proposal? If not, it seems to me that number four, part (b) would require that they be consulted on the ways the Assembly can support them and from what I have been able to find out the native associations are not so sure that that process of giving grants for independent legal advice to municipalities would be supportive. I would just like to know if these recommendations were made through consultations with the native associations?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wah-Shee.

Any Implication With Native Rights Will Be Discussed

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: In this particular case, to my knowledge it has not been, but in all honesty I can say that if it is not approved it certainly will not break my heart. So you can take it from there, and as well, I think that any issue that concerns aboriginal rights, any recommendation that we come forth with, that has any implications with aboriginal rights, you can be assured that it will be discussed with the native organizations before we can come up with any further recommendations.

So if that is the concern here then I can give you that assurance because otherwise I can see myself in a difficult position because obviously to have recommendations being accepted by this Legislature, and to get a further mandate of approval to continue, I would have to come up with recommendations which could be supported by this Legislature and also supported by the native organizations. That is what I read into that section, but I concur with your concerns on it, regarding the conflict that may exist with the recommendations that we have made, but I think that in the past we have been working in a vacuum, you know, because this particular paper was deferred. So now we know how you feel and I would also like to know how everyone else feels on that particular recommendation. So shall we leave the recommendation, which will probably come up in the form of a bill, so we will have an opportunity to indicate to the Executive this is the kind of mandate we want and this is the recommendation?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. All in favour of that motion? Mr. Curley, do you want to speak to the motion?

Commitment To ITC

MR. CURLEY: Yes. One point I would like to make here. Earlier Mr. Wah-Shee stated what he got out of the previous recommendation three was what ITC had asked for. I do not necessarily agree with what he has to say because he failed to state to the House just what ITC wanted in return was a commitment from this Assembly that there is support for Nunavut. I am saying the Minister should then be able to seek out, possibly, areas he could be involved in negotiating aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I am speaking to the motion because part (a) says "seek out areas of commonalty".

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The motion was to accept recommendation four as it is.

MR. CURLEY: I am speaking to number four, all of it. "Identify issues where native associations can be supported..." and I am saying generally what that means.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Go ahead, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I would ask the Minister whether or not what he has prepared here is what ITC has wanted. He has failed to mention Nunavut all along in this particular paper. That is one example. Maybe he should explain it before we vote on this.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Do you understand the question?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: No. I am not clear what the question is.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, could you read your question again?

MR. CURLEY: No, thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There is a motion on the floor that says recommendation four should be accepted as it is.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Four Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All in favour of the motion? Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I believe it is now 4:00 o'clock. Let us take 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. We completed recommendation four. Now on page four, recommendation five. Comments of a general nature. Order. Question?

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Number five?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie, number five. May I have a motion if nobody wants to speak to it?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Five Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All those in favour raise your right hand. Agreed.

---Carried

Recommendation six, comments of a general nature on recommendation six. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms. Cournoyea, do you have a question?

Third Party Status For The Territorial Government

MS. COURNOYEA: Yes. I have a question. It says that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Commissioner signed an agreement October 1978 to be reviewed by the territorial Minister responsible and the Northwest Territories native associations with a view to amendment or termination.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Slow down, Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Okay. I may be asking a question that is presumptuous, but in view of the circumstances that we encountered when we came to the Assembly with the additional attachments and I know they have been withdrawn, however, they were advocating third party status for the territorial government and I was wondering if possibly the Minister responsible could or would advise me if there was a review of the memorandum of understanding and, if there was, where is it? If there is not, why was the assumption that third party status would be acceptable -- why was that made?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Well, the review of the memorandum has not been done to date because obviously the mandate has to come forth and what we are basically saying here I think is that we would like to do a review but it is going to have to be done with the native organizations and if we reach consensus then of course we will have to bring back a recommendation, if any recommendation is forthcoming. So as far as the third party status I believe there is a response that is coming forth from COPE but I do not think the Dene Nation had the opportunity to look at it and I think they want to discuss it with their chiefs. In any case that third party status is really out in limbo and I cannot really move on it at all. The only thing I would like to do is work on the basis of this sessional paper. This is the paper that I will abide by and I think that we would like to do a review but as I say there has to be a consensus on the part of the native organizations before I could come forth with any recommendation in this area.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Just a further clarification. From what you have said, Mr. Wah-Shee, any changes that are worked out would be with the native groups. Is my understanding clear of that?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes.

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

Review Of The Land Claims Secretariat

MS. COURNOYEA: I would like to know where the review of the land claims secretariat is at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I think that we have to first of all get a mandate and this particular sessional paper will give us that mandate and it will also give the direction as to how the land claims secretariat will operate so I assume this is sort of the direction we are going.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Supplementary to that I believe clear direction was given to the government to review the land claims secretariat and direction was given for that review. My understanding is that we would be apprised of what the review showed and I believe that was a separate discussion to this paper and I am just wondering if the review had taken place or any attempts have been made to place the review before us or begin it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the review we do not have a document to table before this committee for discussion. However, we would be prepared to get into a discussion of the land claims secretariat if it is the wish of the committee to do it at this time or after we finish the items in the sessional paper, whatever you desire.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Mr. Braden. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: In relation to that question then and in relationship to the argument that took place on the other amendment I feel that good will has to be shown on both sides and certainly I have made an attempt to co-operate and appreciate the role of the Executive Committee and what it has to do. At the same time, I feel that with what has been coming up with communities asking for financial assistance it just shows further that there is no confidence in the land claims secretariat, you know, besides the involvement that I have had with them and in terms of the work that has to be done. I feel that the good faith should have been shown, that the role of the secretariat should have been reviewed and possibly if money was going to be reallocated for the job that they should be doing then that should have been done, but I would like to see that there is good faith and certainly I have no quarrel with number six, but I would want to be assured that the review is done along with the equal participation of the native associations.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Recommendation six. Do I hear question?

Motion To Amend Recommendation Six Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, in view of what the Minister has said in response to Ms. Cournoyea's question about the role of native associations in these amendments, possible amendments to the claims, the memorandum of understanding, I wonder if I should not make an amendment to number six to reflect that

commitment. I am proposing an amendment which would add four words to number six. After the words "with a view to" I would insert the words "obtaining their concurrence on amendment or termination." So the latter part of six would read, "The memorandum of understanding..." etc., "...be reviewed by the territorial Minister responsible and the Northwest Territories native associations, with a view to obtaining their concurrence on amendment or termination."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the amendment. Do I hear the question?

CLERK ASSISTANT OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The second last line would say, "...with a view to obtaining their concurrence on amendment or termination."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All in favour? Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I have no difficulty with the amendment.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Six Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the amendment. Do I hear question? All in favour? Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Motion To Accept Recommendation Six Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2) As Amended, Carried

To the motion. Do I hear question? The question being called. All in favour? Down. Opposed. Number six is carried.

---Carried

Recommendation seven. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: The only question I have on that is, is recommendation seven necessary with the additional changes we have? Is it not just redundant because we have already given some changes which take over seven? What does it mean?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I am sorry, I did not get the question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms. Cournoyea, could you please repeat it?

MS. COURNOYEA: I find I do not quite understand number seven and what it means and in view of the fact that we have tightened up some of the sections previously do we really need seven?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Could you just hold on a second? If I could answer for the Minister, Mr. Chairman, I believe that from time to time in the future the Minister responsible will report back to the Assembly on items or issues that have been addressed as a result of the mandate that is given in section four as well as from time to time between sessions and so forth. He will of course have to communicate the positions of the Assembly to federal, provincial and territorial levels of government, and further there is a certain amount of work in terms of analyzing issues and so forth that will have to be done. I believe, sir, this was a clause which further enhances or further elaborates on the mandate of the Minister responsible and it requires him to do work and report between sessions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Is there any further discussion on item number seven? Mr. Curley.

Isolating Constitutional Development From Land Claims

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a concern here. Number seven gives the Minister responsible very wide authority to take any action he deems necessary to achieve the intent and spirit of the recommendations. What concerns me a bit is that I would think that the Minister responsible must isolate the constitutional part for a while from the claims process. I think all of us have an interest in being involved with the federal constitutional discussion and I would not want to see the Minister responsible take direction or any action he deems necessary without the approval of this Assembly in terms of constitutional change.

I think in number seven we are sort of giving a wide-open and perhaps unspecified responsibility to deal with the major constitutional interests of the Territories, although we have given him the authority to consult and so on and discuss constitutional matters with the native organizations but I wonder if the Minister responsible could give some indication and clarify this for me? For instance, if he wanted to have a major change to the Northwest Territories Act with respect to the lands and control of resources, would he go on to negotiate that without the approval of the Assembly or would he have to have approval from the Assembly for it before he negotiated it in that case with the federal minister responsible for constitutional development? I would just like to have clarification on that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I concur on the direction. My general thoughts regarding constitutional development is any position that we come up with I keep stressing the fact that the native organizations will have -- there will have to be a consensus. ITC will have to agree with any position that we would like to consider and the same thing with COPE and the Dene Nation. Also it would have to be approved by the Legislature. So that is the way I see positions being taken regarding constitutional development. So I concur with the concerns of the hon. Member.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Mr. Sibbeston.

Energies Should Go Toward Settlement Of Aboriginal Rights

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that the powers that are given to Mr. Wah-Shee in this part here would sometimes place him in a difficult position because he is undoubtedly a member of the Dene Nation, and at the same time, he is on the Executive of this government. When the matter of constitutional development comes up I am sure he finds himself in a difficult position. Does he purport to give more power to this territorial government and make it the government of the future or does he drag his feet and say "We do not want any more powers to this government but the future departmental powers ought to go to the Dene Nation"? I can see there could be quite a bit of conflict and he, no doubt is in a difficult position.

I would just hope that while it is impossible perhaps to avoid this situation, in the next few months and year that emphasis be given to aboriginal rights, the settling of aboriginal rights. I feel that this should be Mr. Wah-Shee's main goal or main priority in his new role, and he should not worry too much whether the Territories will become a province, he should not be too worried whether the Territories sits amongst all the ministers in Ottawa. I would not want to see him waste all his good energy towards these sort of things. Maybe someone else could do that, Mr. Braden, Mr. McCallum or someone else. I would like to think that most of Mr. Wah-Shee's energies would go towards aboriginal rights settlement.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: May I ask Mr. Wah-Shee if he would have any objection to taking out "any action"? I would not want to see him hanging himself if he thought it was in the good of the cause and I am sure he will have to take some action but "any action", would he agree to eliminating that three letter word?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Well, I do not think I want to let loose. I am not asking for that. I think I have already outlined the way that I see a formulation of positions, the formulation of positions which will have to be done jointly with the native organizations and this Legislature has to approve of those recommendations before it can be put into action.

Regarding the remarks that Mr. Sibbeston has made, I really do not have any difficulty or hang-ups regarding what form of government people in the Territories eventually decide upon. You know, I think we can probably come up with some form of government which may be acceptable to the Dene Nation and maybe acceptable to this Legislature. So all I am saying is that my direction essentially has to be one of co-ordination with native organizations, once we get a consensus and it has to come in the form of a recommendation to this Legislature for their consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Seven Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: I would make a motion that the word "any" be deleted from item seven.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Whereabouts is it, Ms. Cournoyea?

MS. COURNOYEA: Fifth line down, the second word in item seven.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The "that responsibility"?

MS. COURNOYEA: Any, a-n-y.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I take it Ms. Cournoyea you want to take that word out in the fifth line down, the second word, "any"?

MS. COURNOYEA: Yes I made a motion to delete "any" from item seven.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): There is a motion on the floor to delete the word "any" on the fifth line, second word in recommendation number seven. Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Amend Recommendation Seven Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question being called. All in favour. Down. Contrary. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion To Accept Recommendation Seven Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2) As Amended, Carried

To the recommendation. Do I hear question? The question being called. All in favour. Down. Contrary. Recommendation number seven is carried.

---Carried

Recommendation number eight, do I hear question?

MR. CURLEY: No way.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do not appreciate... I had a question earlier but I will leave it out altogether. Number eight I think, we should have some clarification on. In the last Assembly in October, or the first session anyway, in October, we were concerned that the land claims secretariat was not the appropriate body that was acceptable to the native organizations and there was a tremendous concern within the organizations involved in the aboriginal rights negotiations.

I wonder if the Minister responsible could indicate to us now whether or not he is prepared to make changes or whether he has made changes with respect to his staff in that particular office. I do not believe the relationship with his staff in that area -- the previous land claims secretariat has the best relationships with the native organizations. Would he care to indicate to us whether he has made changes or is prepared to make changes?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will speak on behalf of the government on this issue. Initially I would like to indicate that Members will recall the interim mandate that was given to the Executive Committee and to a Minister of our choice to conduct work in this area. That mandate I believe was given last session. We have not made major changes in the land claims secretariat because, as Members will notice, in clause eight we did not really have a firm mandate from this Assembly and this is what we have been talking about this afternoon. So to answer the hon. Member's question, Mr. Chairman, there have been no major changes either in terms of removing any staff or adding any additional staff.

I would like now to comment a bit on the review that was undertaken within the Executive. We perceive that the action taken by the previous government resulted in certain actions being taken by the land claims secretariat. We recognize that those actions were criticized and continue to be criticized. I think Members will recall statements by the Hon. Mr. Butters and the Hon. Mr. McCallum in the budget session where they indicated that they as Ministers gave direction through the Executive Committee to the land claims secretariat.

Work Done By The Land Claims Secretariat

With respect to the work that has been done for the Executive and the direction that has been taken by the land claims secretariat, I want to indicate for the government at this time that we are satisfied that the land claims secretariat has responded to direction given not only just by the Executive Committee, but also by Mr. Wah-Shee and other Ministers who have an interest such as myself for example in the non-renewable resource area.

So, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to indicate that we feel the land claims secretariat, as it was left for this interim period, has not been unco-operative or anything like that. I know there are some things which have appeared before this Assembly which have caused a lot of concern, but I wanted to assure Members that that work was prepared by the land claims secretariat and cleared through the Executive Committee and the appropriate Minister before it got into this House. Members have not been reluctant but I would urge that if you have real serious problems with some of this work, address your complaints to us. That is what we are here for.

So, Mr. Chairman, if I could just conclude -- we see that we have hopefully got a mandate now and I for one see that there is a lot of work to do. In some cases it has been started. Mr. Nerysoo has testified to the assistance he has received from the land claims secretariat and officials in that secretariat on work that he has been doing in the wildlife area. I am not going to speak for what my colleagues in the Executive will do in the near future but I just want to express at this time satisfaction and support for what the secretariat has done in this interim period. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Ms. Cournoyea.

No Faith In The Land Claims Secretariat Staff

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I guess I am just a little fed up. You know, everybody is always asking us to say what is wrong with what and I was very surprised at a dinner party to have an introduction made by one of the staff of the area that I have a concern with. He has been elevated and I guess that is what our concerns are. Every time we come up with some concerns -- I think they are quite legitimate and they were definitely placed well before the Legislative Assembly in the last session and the session before and I have not seen any changes. As I say, you have to have good will and I am quite happy to give people more power or more authority, but I expect that as a regular Member of this Assembly I do not have to start bleeding my wrists to get some changes and it seems to me that is about the extent you have to go because if you complain about anyone all he does is get promoted.

I do not see any indication even in this paper that there is an intention to make any changes at all in the regular set up and I have been maintaining and I continue to maintain that the problems we had in the past were because of the inability of the people who were employed to deal technically with the level of discussions that land claims take. Until you find people who have the technical expertise to deal with those situations, the territorial government will continue not to take an active part but after the fact, after all the decisions are made they will begin to cry about how they were not involved again and basically that situation arises when you do not have people who know what they are doing and know how to work to resolve a situation.

I certainly do not agree that you will always have everybody agreeing, but it is a matter of negotiation and when you come out of a negotiated position that is the position and that is the issue being resolved. Sometimes we do not get what we want but the ability of those people to represent this Legislative Assembly, to make settlements meaningful, has to be placed and worked out with people who are fully qualified and who have the ability to deal with, technically with the level of negotiations and are not on a principle stage when we get to the serious part of negotiations. It is very detailed and I get a little fed up sitting across the table from people who have not thought out the issues and are not qualified to deal at a negotiating table and then later be faced by people who are pleading to us saying they were not involved. I myself seriously question the ability of the people who are in the land claims secretariat and I have no faith in that institution. It only magnifies when communities say they need independent help and they are saying they have no faith in it as well. So let us make some changes so we can move ahead with the position, whatever it is.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Mr. Commissioner.

Changes Are A Result Of Teamwork

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak because of the comments that the last speaker has made. She was referring to me when she said, that at a recent dinner someone made a statement as to the use of the title. She does not need to be afraid. She could have said it was me. I used the title. I do not always get titles correct. In fact if I remember I got the Hon. Tom Butters' department wrong so I am not overly concerned with that. We do not make Executive decisions at social occasions. The land claims secretariat has done what it was told to do by its political masters throughout its existence. That was confirmed at the February-March session by strong statements from those Ministers concerned. We accepted the direction that was given at that time and we restricted the work of that unit to very specific projects, exactly as the motion called us to do and the work that has been done in the intervening time, as the Hon. George Braden has indicated, has been entirely satisfactory.

I would recommend that if Members wished to determine for themselves as to the apparent abilities and attitudes of people in the employ of the government in this area, then those Members might ask Georges Erasmus what he thinks of the kind of relationships that have been established. They might ask the leaders of the ITC if the staff work that has been done in support of the initiatives that have been taken by Mr. Wah-Shee have been good initiatives, if the staff work has been good staff work and I suspect that the answers will be very positive. The changes that have been wrought in the last several months have been as a result of teamwork. Ministers, Executive Members, myself, we cannot make these changes by ourselves. We can set the direction, but we have had support of all members of the territorial government.

Responsibility For And Faith In Staff

What is before us today in this paper is the culmination of a discussion that commenced a few months ago at which time the government was asked to come back with a paper, to delay it but to come back with it and to seek a mandate for proceeding in the fields of aboriginal rights and constitutional development. That is precisely what we are saying here, that we will, with the mandate that we have been given under points one to seven, we will proceed to do the work that has been laid before us and we will make the necessary changes and we will accept full responsibility for the staff members who carry out our work. It has to be the function of government, it has to be the function of responsible Ministers to take responsibility for the work that is done and that is what all of my Ministers are prepared to do at this time.

So we will be coming up with a design, led by the Hon. James Wah-Shee, for work which will be carried out in the aboriginal rights and constitutional development areas. The requests that have been made, the single request that we have had to date for assistance from the town of Inuvik was similar to discussions we have had in other areas, and I mean by that outside of the claims areas, for funding for independent reviews. The municipalities are very strong in that area and we do not propose to be able to answer all of the municipalities' questions from our own staff resources and in this instance we did not expect to either. I do not think that the municipality considered the possibility of having any reviews carried out by our staff because they do not necessarily see us in as independent a frame as we may see ourselves and so they seek their own independent staff. It has nothing to do with the staff that we have.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I can only say that all Members of the Executive Committee have confidence in the work that is being done for us, that has been done for us in the past and as we go into the future with a new structure then we will bear in mind the recommendations and concerns of Members very much as we design that unit. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Sibbeston.

Must Be More In Tune With Native Thinking

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I take it that these people in the land claims secretariat, these political scientists or whatever their qualifications are, have been with the government for quite a number of years. Mr. Parker says he is satisfied with their work thus far and he is saying that during the times that this government was diametrically opposed to the native people he was satisfied with the work which these characters were doing on behalf of his territorial government. Now, having done that kind of work, can they come around and do work which is more in tune with native thinking, you know the things that native people are talking about, self-determination, native rights and these sorts of things? I would like to query Mr. Parker about his views on that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Mr. Parker.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, first it is Mr. Sibbeston's assumption that everything that happened in the past was diametrically opposed to what is happening now. I have to say that there have been very major changes in the directions that are now being taken, and I fully support those changes, obviously, but that is not to say that all of the people who have been working in the past at the executive level have had to make a 180 degree change in direction because the care and concern for all of the people, including first and foremost the native people of the Northwest Territories, has always been there. Maybe the wrong directions were taken to express that but, you know, the sincerity and the care was there.

Now, you raise a valid point; can staff that has been charged by a past Legislature, and that is exactly what they were, they were charged by a past Legislature to follow a certain course of action, can they now accept new instructions? My statement in response to that question, which was the question posed, is that most assuredly they can accept those directions and we have had the proof of that over the past several months.

Believe me, if the officers in question or any newly recruited officers do not follow those directions then they simply will not stay in that unit because the Hon. James Wah-Shee and all of his colleagues are the ones who are calling the shots, and they are not going to stand for directions being disobeyed. I assure you they will not stand for their directions not being taken. I guess we have to leave it, we say we are dealing with trained and intelligent people who will take that direction but if they do not, then we will make changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Parker. Mr. Sibbeston, a supplementary question.

Experienced, Educated People Needed

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I think it is a fact that when you want a certain job done you hire the right person and this applies to anything. If you want a specific type of work done you hire for instance in the law area or political science, you hire people who are versed in the subject firstly, and secondly who are in tune with what objective you are trying to reach. This is so because in the area of political science for instance, it is such a broad subject that you can have political scientists that think at different ends of the spectrum as it were.

What I am concerned about is that you hire people who are competent and who are thinking, whose thinking and sympathies are in tune with this Assembly. I think that that is very important because you can hire a person who is, as I said, versed in your kind of thinking and he can pursue that line of work. It just seems to me that I do not see on your staff any political scientists or lawyers who are known, either territorially or across Canada, who have any experience in dealing with self-determination for instance of native people in political science matters, and in the law in native rights.

It just seems to me the time has come to get some outstanding Canadian people in these areas to work for this government because obviously this Legislative Assembly would want that type of person. So I certainly encourage the Executive and my friend here, Mr. Wah-Shee to consider this. Now, maybe not Mel Watkins...

---Laughter

...but people who are known to be good solid scientists or scholars who really espouse and ascribe to native rights and native self-determination. If you have that kind of people I think we would have more confidence in the work that will be done by the secretariat.

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: I do not propose to prolong this but I understand Mr. Sibbeston's point, and in our design and hiring practices I am sure that the Hon. James Wah-Shee will keep that in mind. He and his colleagues have used consultants from time to time who are renowned in their fields, and that may well continue or we may well seek to engage that kind of expertise on a full time basis. So that possibility most certainly exists.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Parker. Now, recommendation number eight. Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Eight Of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question being called. All in favour. Down. Contrary. Recommendation number eight is carried.

---Carried

This now completes Sessional Paper 1-80(2). Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like unanimous consent I guess to put forward a motion at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Hon. Mr. Nerysoo, I do not know if you need unanimous consent.

Motion That Assembly Make Assumption That Nunavut Is Serious Option Worthy Of Careful Consideration

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: If that is the case then I would like to proceed and I move that this Assembly make the assumption that the creation of Nunavut is a serious option worthy of careful consideration. And be it further resolved that this Assembly reserve further debate on the creation of Nunavut to a time when the views and positions of all interested parties can be brought before this House and a more detailed proposal of a Nunavut territory based on negotiations with the Government of Canada is tabled in this House. And be it further resolved that until that debate occurs in this House all Members devote their efforts and energy to a co-operative and positive approach to governing the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. MacQuarrie, to the motion.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: A point of order. I believe that anticipates a motion that is already to come before this House which Mr. Patterson introduced at the last session, and which was deferred by the Assembly until such time as we had completed a study of the aboriginal rights paper. It seems to me that that was the case.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Clerk, can you maybe assist me? Mr. Nerysoo, I am informed that I will have to report progress and maybe you could ask for unanimous consent in formal session to deal with your motion. Is it the wish I report progress? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to deal with a matter that directly concerns the discussion we have had here all day and yesterday too and would like to propose a motion.

I move a motion of confidence in the initiatives of the Executive Committee to date, in establishing communications with native organizations of the Northwest Territories and exploring avenues of common interests in matters of aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, there is a motion on the floor ahead of you and I said I cannot deal with that motion until I report progress and go to formal session to get unanimous consent because that paper he wants to deal with is not on the order paper, I am told. Is it your wish that we report progress? Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion That Assembly Make Assumption That Nunavut Is Serious Option Worthy Of Careful Consideration, Withdrawn

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw the motion until the discussion on the other issue has been completed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Sibbeston, you have a motion.

Motion Of Confidence In The Initiatives Of The Executive Committee To Date

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, I sure do. It is a motion of confidence in the initiatives of the Executive Committee to date in establishing communications with native organizations in the Northwest Territories and exploring avenues of common interest in matters of aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. We will deal with it as a follow-up on the aboriginal rights and constitutional development and entertain your motion. We have a motion on the floor. Could you give the Clerk a copy of that motion?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): If we ever get hold of him.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): I will read the motion and I hope if I am not quite correct Mr. Sibbeston will correct me. The motion is: I move a motion of confidence in the initiatives of the Executive Committee to date in establishing communications with the native organizations and exploring avenues of common interest in matters of aboriginal rights.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, does that sound right?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. To the motion.

MR. SIBBESTON: I want to say briefly that despite some disagreements this afternoon, generally I and the people that I represent are extremely happy with the work that the Executive Committee has been doing in the last few months. It is clear they have established good communications with the Dene Nation, the Metis Association and I believe the ITC. I just thought that it was very important to express confidence in their work and encourage them to continue this. I appreciate that there have been some very naughty things said by some of the people in Yellowknife about this but I on the whole feel that their work is extremely satisfactory. As I said, I would just like to express my appreciation to them and give them my full confidence.

Motion Of Confidence In The Initiatives Of The Executive Committee To Date, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. I am sure they appreciate that. All in favour? Down. Contrary? May the record show it was unanimous.

---Carried

Would you say the paper on Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development is completed?

MR. PATTERSON: Not quite, Mr. Chairman. At the last session during the discussion of a motion that I made concerning Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the creation of the Nunavut territory, this Assembly voted to defer discussion of that motion until after the sessional paper on aboriginal rights had been discussed and now that that discussion has taken place I am wondering if I could seek unanimous consent to have that motion of mine, Motion 26-80(1), brought into this committee of the whole for discussion while we are on the subject of aboriginal rights?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. You would have to seek unanimous consent because it is not on the order paper. If you have unanimous consent from the Members to deal with Motion 26-80(1), Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Nunavut. Has Mr. Patterson got unanimous consent? Agreed?

---Agreed

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Go ahead.

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I am passing copies of that motion around. I want to say that I appreciate the fact that one of my colleagues from the Dene similarly presented a motion along the same lines as the one I had raised before and I am anticipating that it may not be proper for him to do that in view of the rules as pointed out by our Speaker. So I am going ahead with this motion, although I was delighted to hear the motion come from the other side. I will read the motion. It is similar to the motion that was before the House before, although there is one small amendment that I will draw Members' attention to.

Motion 26-80(1): Inuit Tapirisat Of Canada, Nunavut

The motion reads:

Whereas Inuit Tapirisat of Canada has developed a position on political change in the Northwest Territories that contemplates the creation of a new Nunavut Territory;

And whereas this Council recognizes the creation of Nunavut to be a serious option worthy of careful consideration by this Assembly in its deliberations for political development in the Northwest Territories;

And whereas Inuit Tapirisat of Canada speaks for the Inuit of the Eastern and Central Arctic in negotiating matters of aboriginal rights, also known as land claims issues with the Government of Canada;

And whereas Inuit Tapirisat of Canada seeks to recommence negotiating matters of aboriginal rights with the Government of Canada without prejudicing its commitment to Nunavut;

And whereas this Assembly is interested in supporting Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and other native organizations in negotiating matters of aboriginal rights with the Government of Canada;

And whereas representatives of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada have recently addressed this Assembly and asked for the support of this Assembly in making certain assumptions about Nunavut while negotiating matters of aboriginal rights with the Government of Canada;

Be it resolved that this Assembly, and I would like to change the word "encourage" to "support". The original motion read "encourage", support Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, change the words "to make" to "in making", assumptions about the creation of Nunavut necessary to expedite negotiating matters of aboriginal rights between Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the Government of Canada;

And be it further resolved that this Assembly encourage the Government of Canada to recognize assumptions about the creation of Nunavut made by Inuit Tapirisat of Canada while negotiating matters of aboriginal rights;

And be it further resolved that this Assembly reserve its own position on the creation of Nunavut to a later date;

And be it further resolved that this Assembly communicate these resolutions to Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the new, I will not put -- I guess we could say the new federal Minister. He is new -- and the new federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. That is the motion, Mr. Chairman.

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

Working Toward Better Government In The N.W.T.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I will not make a speech about this motion because I made a long speech at the last session and I am sure Members recall that speech. I did notice that Mr. Nerysoo's motion included a commitment that Members of this Assembly should in the meantime, until the issue is resolved, work toward better government in the Northwest Territories. While I have not included that in this resolution I think that there is no question that we are here because -- we are here in this Assembly, in this forum, because we do want to work toward better government in the Northwest Territories. As I have said before, my feeling is that any progress that we can make in the area of decentralizing powers to regions and to local governments and devolving powers to representative bodies of democratically elected citizens is progress and is good government and is setting the stage for whatever changes might be made as a result of the negotiations that are taking place shortly and the debate that is going to be taking place in this Assembly shortly. So, while that particular clause is not in here I think it goes without saying that we are here because we are committed to better government in the Northwest Territories and I certainly will work toward that end until these questions are resolved and after for that matter. That is all I am going to say about this motion, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to assure the House the point of order I raised earlier was not in any sense an attempt to block consideration of the motion. I merely felt that Mr. Nerysoo's motion would have usurped an initiative that properly belonged to Mr. Patterson since he had raised a very similar motion in the previous House, so I am pleased with the way things have worked out. I am happy it is being considered at the moment. I feel that the motion is in the same spirit as understandings we arrived at earlier this day and I can support the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. I would just like to make a comment on the motion. I think it is a very timely motion at this time. I think we all recall a little bit of the kind of atmosphere that happened the last time when we threw out these two documents, aboriginal rights and then the motion was deferred back for discussion. We got through the paper of the administration, the Ministers. I think it is a timely motion to come through with the support for ITC to make the suppositions about Nunavut. We realize it is a difficult case and I think we have to recognize the fact that we have a real complicated interest with respect to political devolvement in the North but to deny the organizations their right to pursue their political aspirations would be a further setback and therefore I will encourage everyone to support the motion. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Do I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 26-80(1): Inuit Tapirisat Of Canada, Nunavut, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question being called. All in favour. Down. Contrary. Let the record show it was carried unanimously.

---Carried

---Applause

Shall I report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. I will now report progress, Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF SESSIONAL PAPER 1-80(2): ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES; AND
MOTION 26-80(1): INUIT TAPIRISAT OF CANADA, NUNAVUT

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, your committee has concluded consideration of Sessional Paper 1-80(2), subject to amendments recorded in the proceedings of this House. The committee also concluded debate on Motion 26-80(1) which was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER: Quite an achievement. I believe Mr. Patterson wants to rise on a point of personal privilege.

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to announce that I will be unable to attend the sessions of this House tomorrow and as long as I may be required in Yellowknife, and the reason for that, Mr. Speaker, is not a government contract and not because I do not want to be here, but I have been summonsed to attend an inquiry in Yellowknife and I have no alternative but to go. So that is why I will not be here.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame, shame!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Announcements?

MR. TOLOGANAK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to briefly return to today's orders of the day, Item 8, notices of motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Tologanak.

Notice Of Motion 26-80(2): Establishment Of Central Arctic Region

MR. TOLOGANAK: On Thursday, June 19 I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move that the area known as the Central Arctic be established as a Government of the Northwest Territories region distinct from the present Fort Smith region.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. TOLOGANAK: And that the Central Arctic region be financed and staffed to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a region and that the implementation of the Central Arctic region begin as soon as possible and that the administration report progress on this matter when this Legislature reconvenes in Frobisher Bay. Thank you, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Tologanak. Perhaps Mrs. Sorensen will have one for the creation tomorrow of Yellowknife as a city state. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to return to tabling of documents.

SOM HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I would at this time like to table the Sessional Paper 4-80(2), Proposed Renewable Resources On-the-job Training Program.

MR. SPEAKER: All right. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m., a brief meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association executive committee in the committee room on the lower level of the school. At 7:30 p.m. the same date in the caucus room there will be a meeting of the unity committee. On Thursday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m., a caucus meeting.

ITEM NO. 13: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, June 18, 1980, 9:30 o'clock a.m., at the Kamanituak School.

1. Prayer
2. Oral Questions
3. Questions and Returns
4. Petitions
5. Tabling of Documents
6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
8. Notices of Motion
9. Motions: Motion 18-80(2)
10. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
11. Second Reading of Bills: Bills 1-80(2), 2-80(2)
12. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and Other Matters: Sessional Paper 3-80(2); Information Items 1-80(2), 2-80(2), 4-80(2), 5-80(2), 6-80(2), 18-80(2), 26-80(2), 29-80(2); Tabled Documents 3-80(2), 4-80(2); Report of the Standing Committee on Finance; Tabled Documents 6-80(2), 12-80(2); Bills 1-80(2), 2-80(2) Sessional Paper 4-80(2)
13. Third Reading of Bills
14. Assent to Bills
15. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Members will note in view of the immense amount of business that has yet to be covered, I have scheduled this session for 9:30 tomorrow morning. I am also considering Thursday evening and Friday morning. There is no firm commitment to those times yet but it would depend on the amount of work I guess we go through tomorrow. This House stands now adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m., June 18, 1980, at the Kamanituak School.

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