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BAKER LAKE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1980

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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. Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tologanak, Hon. James Wah-Shee

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Robert H. MacQuarrie): There are some items on the order paper that certainly must be dealt with before we leave Baker Lake. As I mentioned to Members earlier I have been considering extended sittings for Thursday evening and Friday morning. Certainly this evening I would prefer not to but I will make that decision later in the day when I see how well we are progressing with business. I would ask the Deputy Speaker to take the chair for oral questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Fraser): Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 84-80(2): Municipal Per Capita Grants

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Local Government. There has been a lot of concern expressed by municipalities regarding the need for a review of their per capita grants. I wonder if the Minister can tell me if he is aware of this situation and if he is what he plans to do about it?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 84-80(2): Municipal Per Capita Grants

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: On per capita grants, I would have to say that the fact that the per capita grant to tax based municipalities has remained at \$50 for the past five years and has led to frequent requests for increases, and therefore a review of all funding to senior municipalities is being undertaken by the Department of Local Government. The per capita grant is only one source of government funding to senior municipalities. Because we see that some of the communities are experiencing problems with it, we see a review following general principles, for example, where on possible support to municipalities, there should be some unconditional arrangement for maximum local decision. Also the funding should provide a basis for municipalities to anticipate future revenues and the formula should recognize differences among communities. For example, the per capita cost of providing similar services, the ability to raise revenues locally, the tax base of communities. The review will be undertaken over the summer in an attempt to address this question in time for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Item 2, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 85-80(2): Termination Of Teaching Contract In Fort Smith

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Education. Could the Minister of Education tell this House whether the Department of Education sought the early termination of a teaching contract with Duane Hendricks, a music teacher in Fort Smith?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon. Member from Inuvik, Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 85-80(2): Termination Of Teaching Contract In Fort Smith

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 2, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 86-80(2): Mr. Hendricks' Early Termination

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Would I understand then that it was Mr. Hendricks who sought the early termination of the teaching contract?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 86-80(2): Mr. Hendricks' Early Termination

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is that I do not know. I am attempting to respond to the hon. Member's questions because I know they are of keen interest to him, even though he does not represent the Slave River constituency, and notwithstanding the caveat where a petition is tabled, the Minister does not have to reply until a subsequent session, but I may say that the petition which the Member placed before the House yesterday contains an agreement to terminate the contract of R. Duane Hendricks. You will notice the signatures at the bottom of that agreement are not those of any members of the department or my own. Any negotiations would be carried on by the Department of Personnel. Yesterday was the first time I personally had ever seen this document.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. A supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie?

Question 87-80(2): Department Responsible For Terminating Contract

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: What I understand then is that the Department of Personnel on its own initiative sought to terminate the contract of Mr. Hendricks, or was it not done at the request of the Department of Education? Just one other bit of information; I was told by Mr. Hendricks that he was given a copy of a letter, the first indication that he had that there would be this kind of difficulty, a copy of a letter from the area superintendent to the regional superintendent which asked for his termination at the end of this school year. In light of that, did the Department of Education not take some initiative in order to terminate?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 87-80(2): Department Responsible For Terminating Contract

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I think Mr. Speaker, we are getting into a matter which would be more properly handled by the NWTTA, Northwest Territories Teachers' Association. Let me repeat, not repeat but say, that as far as I know the problem, and it has been a problem at Fort Smith over a number of months, was mutually resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both parties concerned. I do know, and I have not investigated the matter throughout and in detail, but I do know that Mr. Hendricks, contrary to what the petition says, was very unhappy in Fort Smith, for whatever reason and that unhappiness resulted in Mr. Hendricks providing to, I believe the regional superintendent of education a letter of resignation, copies of which he sent to various people including the local education authority.

So Mr. Hendricks I understand, I believe the word was had "philosophical differences" with the regional education superintendency, and as a result had requested to resign. As I say I am not aware of the details of this matter, it was done by an agent of the Department of Personnel. We are aware that there were certain concerns, both on the part of the teacher and the regional superintendency, but as far as direct involvement by the Department of Education headquarters is concerned that is not the case. Sir, I am putting myself at a disadvantage, I am a long way from Yellowknife and I will be responding no more to the specific questions because I do not have answers and I would suggest to the hon. Member if he has questions of this nature he refer them to the NWTTA.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 88-80(2): Costs And Reasons For Early Termination

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of final factual questions. I see there is some reluctance to answer, on the part of the Minister. I will ask a couple of factual questions which I think ought to be within the realm of knowledge of the Minister. It is certainly an unusual practice for a department to agree to an early termination. What reason did the department have for agreeing to an early termination? Number two: Was Mr. Hendricks in his probationary year as a teacher or was he an experienced teacher? Number three: Was there an additional cost to the department to secure early termination?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie. The hon. Member, Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I would take those questions as notice and provide additional information at a later date.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Butters. Item 2, oral questions. Thank you. There being no more oral questions -- Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, could I be advised when we might expect the completion by paving of the territorial highway on Vale Island that the government indicated would be done this year? I would like to know the position of this particular work.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Stewart. I would rule that that question would come under Item 3, questions and returns. You have got a written question.

MR. STEWART: I agree with you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to see you are abiding by the rules.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Any further questions under Item 2? Thank you. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 89-80(2): N.W.T. Oil Pricing Policy

MRS. SORENSEN: I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development. It is of some urgency. It is of an urgent nature so I would ask that if he is able to answer it today that he do so. On the news last night, Mr. Minister, we heard that the Minister of Energy, Mr. Lalonde was consulting with the oil producing provinces concerning an oil pricing policy. Since we are about to become an oil producing territory I wonder if our territory has had the same privilege of consultation from Mr. Lalonde.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. The hon. Member from Yellowknife North, Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 89-80(2): N.W.T. Oil Pricing Policy

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think, as I and my colleagues have indicated a number of times in this session, the Government of Canada and in particular some of the senior ministers are not known for their willingness to consult with the Northwest Territories government or the Northwest Territories Legislature on items which are of significance to the people of the Northwest Territories.

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame!

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I believe I indicated the other day that somehow the Hon. Jean Chrétien forgot to consult us on the issue of the...

MRS. SORENSEN: Forgot?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: ...on the constitutional conference. I believe he had no intention in the first place. With respect to Mr. Lalonde I think Members who are familiar with his behaviour over the last few months while he has held that portfolio, known that he has not once requested input from the Government of the Northwest Territories on matters relating to the national energy picture and to oil pricing. So in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that once again the Minister responsible for energy has not spoken to the representatives of the people of the Northwest Territories. However, I believe that the Hon. Marc Lalonde is on the list of ministers that I and my colleagues will be seeing early in July and we will certainly be addressing energy related issues to him at that time. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Braden. I do not see anything too urgent about that but we have it in the record. Thank you. Any further questions, oral questions, Item 2? Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a point of privilege. I would like it noted that although the Minister was reluctant to respond to certain questions that I certainly indicated earlier to him that I would be asking questions about this matter.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Hon. Mr. Butters, do you wish to respond to that?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: On a point of order. Yes, the hon. Member did advise me 24 hours ago. Yet the first time I heard of this was when the CBC called about three weeks ago and the CBC advised me a petition was being circulated, being directed to Mr. MacQuarrie, but I had no confirmation from Mr. MacQuarrie that he had this petition in his possession until just 24 hours ago. Had staff been available to me, I could have been more explicit in my response, but I just draw the attention of the House to the fact that Mr. Duane Hendricks' name is on the agreement to terminate his contract.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Butters. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to clarify, I did not have the petition in my possession until the evening before yesterday, although CBC seemed to be in the know. I was also phoned a couple of weeks ago and asked had I got the petition yet and I must say I did not even know what petition they were referring to but I just received it the day before yesterday.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. MacQuarrie. Any further oral questions, Item 2? Thank you. There being no further questions I will ask the Speaker to take the chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 3, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

No questions? Returns from the Ministers? The Hon. Mr. Butters.

Further Return To Question 48-80(2): Amendment To Public Service Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I have a written return to a question asked by Mrs. Sorensen on June 14 regarding amendments to the Public Service Ordinance. I responded orally at that time but I feel it would be proper for me to read into the record a more complete and up-to-date answer to that question.

Legal services has researched the question of political rights for civil servants and is currently preparing a discussion paper. A proposed amendment to the Public Service Ordinance will be developed from that paper and will be submitted to the Assembly at the October session. Legal services is also currently working on a rewording of the Fair Practices Ordinance. It is hoped that an amendment to that ordinance will also be ready for submission at the October session.

Question 70-80(2), asked by Mr. Patterson.

MR. SPEAKER: A little too fast for the interpreters, I am sorry.

Return To Question 70-80(2): Baffin Classroom Assistant Training Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, Question 70-80(2), asked by Mr. Patterson on June 16, 1980, related to the classroom assistants summer program. For the past 10 years it has been very difficult to get regular experienced classroom teachers or native language instructors to teach in the summer. The positions are not advertised but regional offices encourage qualified staff to consider summer employment. The program is from July 3 to July 31 when teaching staff are on holiday. Staff are paid the same as they were in 1979, in accordance with the teachers' agreement. The rate is \$132 per day for 25 days. Much of the instruction will be in Inuktitut and the following staff are fluent: Lena Evik, Simon Bruce, David Seekoak, Elija Tigullarak. Although attempts to staff the program began three months ago, one assignment is still vacant.

MR. SPEAKER: Other returns from Ministers.

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

The Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 15-80(2), Terms of Reference, Baffin Region Education Society and Joint Meeting, Local Education Authority Chairmen, Baffin Region Education Committee, Frobisher Bay, 29 April- 2 May 1980. I do not know if this has been translated, but I do this in keeping with a request of me made by motion of the Baffin region educational society which met in Frobisher from April 29 to May 2nd and it asked that I put before the House these documents at this session. I have not had a great deal of opportunity to look at them, they came into my hands courtesy of the hon. Member from Frobisher Bay and they include a summary of the motions made of that meeting, minutes of that meeting and the proposed terms of reference for the Baffin region education society.

I have not had an opportunity to discuss the latter paper with members of my department except by telephone and while I cannot respond to detail it would appear that the body in question that has asked me to table this, might be better served if they called themselves "the Baffin region education authority" since those words are used in the current ordinance and the ordinance does not include words such as Baffin region education society. I hereby table these documents.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I was going to ask unanimous consent to go back to Item 3 but I had better not at this time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed that he had better not?

---Laughter

Are you requesting or not, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I will request unanimous consent to go back to questions and returns.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

MR. STEWART: Nay.

MR. FRASER: See what I mean?

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Item 5. Were there any other documents to be tabled?

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The hon. Member for the Western Arctic.

Report Of The Special Committee On Education

MS. COURNOYEA: A point of information, Mr. Speaker. I have the pleasure of informing the House that the hon. Member for Keewatin South, Mr. Curley, and the hon. Member from Pine Point, Mr. McLaughlin, have agreed to accept the position of co-chairmen of your special committee on education.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Are there other reports of standing and special committees?

Item 7, notices of motion.

Item 8, motions.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

The first motion on the order paper is Motion 20-80(2), Agreements with COPE re Inuvialuit Land Rights Settlements. The hon. Ms. Cournoyea.

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

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Motion 20-80(2):

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly has expressed a strong desire to co-operate in and facilitate the negotiations leading to the finalization of the Inuvialuit land rights settlement;

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 to a final agreement according to the following principles:

(1) That the Hon. James 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. James 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 in such informational and educational programs;

(3) That mutually acceptable individuals shall be designated by the Hon. James 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 action or public positions which are contrary to agreements reached between COPE and the federal government.

That is the motion moved by myself and seconded by Kane Tologanak.

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

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, we earlier approved a paper that was presented to this Legislative Assembly. For us in the Western Arctic we felt that the paper in itself was given direction from this Legislative Assembly to Mr. Wah-Shee and the Executive Committee to move towards making more friendly terms with native associations. As it is, the organization known as COPE, the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, is now proceeding towards a final agreement and they have already reached an agreement in principle.

Because we feel that there are certain concerns that we have and certain experiences that we have had in the past, we are taking and forwarding more details in this motion on how we wish to have that co-operative arrangement with Mr. Wah-Shee. We truly respect Mr. Wah-Shee because of the past experience we have had in our dealings with this gentleman. However, there are still concerns as to the credibility of just how far this government will go in terms of actually giving support. We feel as an organization that has been working and negotiating actively in detail with the federal government we can help this government in giving some kind of direction as to what is needed to make sure that the technical advice and the resource people used are the quality of people that will lend to the co-operation and lend to good negotiations.

I am not saying that we know everything, but I am saying with the problems of the past that we can give direction and we can give advice on a mutually agreeable basis. It is very easy for any government or person to say, have faith in me, but in our experience we have found that that in itself has not shown that faith in the end. I do not propose to prejudge the newness of this Legislative Assembly or the newness in direction; however in order to right what we feel are the intentions of this government we would like it more clearly defined as to just how far that support is actually coming.

A Willingness To Co-operate

We are willing to co-operate, and we as one organization, as COPE, have never objected to the territorial government's involvement in the federal government negotiating team. We have always felt that this Legislative Assembly and this government should be our best allies and lend that support. So in order to further determine and further put forth to this Legislative Assembly, we are more clearly detailing what we feel is the kind of support and co-operation that we need at this time toward a final agreement.

Many of the details are complex and difficult and it is not as though we are just beginning the process. This is an extension to the aboriginal rights paper that was presented earlier by Mr. Wah-Shee and it is in more clear detail of what we expect and what we are willing to do. If there are any points of clarification I am willing to answer any questions as it relates to the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion, the hon. Member for Mackenzie Great Bear.

COPE Boundaries Not To The Satisfaction Of The Dene Nation

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand the Member right, she is seeking some support from this Assembly, the Executive Committee on the COPE land claims. I will not support this motion, Mr. Speaker, on a couple of points. We have had some meetings with the Dene chiefs and the president of the Dene Nation and until we can get some satisfaction that the boundaries of the COPE claim will be changed to the satisfaction of the Dene Nation and the chiefs

I cannot support this motion. I understand that the Dene Nation have tried to get together with COPE in the Delta region to discuss these most important boundaries and they did not get any results. I was to have some back-up material from the Dene Nation and I have not received it, but the COPE boundaries definitely interfere with the trapping rights of members in my constituency. To their knowledge no one in the Western Arctic region has trapped in Bear Lake and I have talked to a lot of oldtimers. Their boundaries come right into Bear Lake and they are not in agreement with this. Until such time that they can get some satisfaction from COPE that these boundaries will be changed to the satisfaction of the chiefs in the Mackenzie Great Bear constituency I cannot support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Hon. James Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to ask Ms. Cournoyea if she would consider discussing the motion in committee of the whole. I will explain why. I am not trying to delay the addressing of her motion because I would like to address her motion. I would like to deal with it today, but my reason is that if we deal with her motion in a formal sitting I can only address the motion once and I have a number of amendments that I would like to suggest. So I would like Ms. Cournoyea to consider my suggestion because I would like to speak more than once to her motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. In accordance with a ruling I had made in a previous session when asking a question about a motion or a point of clarification I do not consider the person has spoken to it. Is there something further to that, Mr. Wah-Shee?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Also if it was moved to committee of the whole it would also be taken up as the first item of business in that committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you suggesting that before the hospital business is finished or immediately after the finish of that business?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: It could be the first item of business.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea, could you respond in the interests of your motion?

Amendment To Motion 20-80(2)

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I suppose if I can say one thing, I am not objecting to it going into committee of the whole. The motion in itself is not necessarily for support of the claims in itself but making arrangements for Mr. Wah-Shee's role in further negotiations, not to the particular details of those negotiations. I am not objecting to it going into committee of the whole but I would like to suggest we finish the hospital debate before. I think it has been dragging on a lot and I am quite willing to move it into committee of the whole and then possibly after that we can discuss it.

MR. SPEAKER: So, Mr. Butters, is this on the same topic?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I second the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Had you actually made a motion? Ms. Cournoyea herself moved that.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I understood the hon. Member from the Western Arctic made the motion which I seconded.

Amendment To Motion 20-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Very good. On the motion to refer. Question? All those in favour of the motion for referral please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed? That motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 21-80(2), Amendments to the Wildlife Ordinance, Mr. Noah.

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

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has not been translated into Inuktitut and I will try to read it as it is in Inuktitut:

WHEREAS in the Coral Harbour area polar bear cubs are frequently caught in fox traps and are becoming a serious nuisance to trappers;

AND WHEREAS the Wildlife Ordinance prohibits the shooting of such bear cubs;

AND WHEREAS the wildlife regulations require that the pelts of any bear cubs that are shot be turned over to wildlife officers;

AND WHEREAS such pelts could serve many useful purposes for individual trappers;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Wildlife Ordinance be amended to permit individual trappers to shoot polar bear cubs caught in their fox traps and that the wildlife regulations be amended to retain for their own use the pelts of such bear cubs.

This motion I move, seconded by the Member from Keewatin South.

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

MR. NOAH: (Translation) A correction. By mistake I said "Keewatin South". Mr. Speaker, I cannot speak too much to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Mr. Noah. Did I understand that Mr. Curley did not second it? He did second it? Okay. Please proceed.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) He did second the motion. I do not have too much to say to the motion, but this has been a problem for a long time now for the people of the Keewatin and around the Coral Harbour area, especially for the hunters and trappers. The hunters and trappers have stated that these polar bear cubs are sometimes small but very strong and you cannot tell whether the mother is around or has disappeared or has been shot. When a polar bear cub comes around it becomes quite attached to whoever it might be and for the mother to feed the cub this becomes a nuisance as well. So I would like the amendment to the Wildlife Ordinance so that we may take the pelts and send them down south to be sold at auction or various other places and the money could be used for some useful purpose. It does not go back to the hunters at all. More importantly, in Coral Harbour they have a small quota to hunt caribou and they do not have many caribou skins, so I think that I would like my motion that polar bear cub pelts could very well be used for clothing and for using as a cushion on the komatik and various other reasons. Mr. Speaker, I am not saying that I would like all the polar bear cubs to be shot, but I am saying that those that are caught in the traps, fox traps and those that are caught to be shot and the pelts be given to be used by the individual trapper. I would like this to be understood. They are not going to start shooting many bear cubs but I am just concerned with the ones that happen to come across fox traps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Quota System Unsatisfactory To The People

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I will make this short. It does not state that the polar bear cubs when they are caught in the fox traps, that they be shot. It does not say that we will try to catch polar bear cubs in fox traps. There are cases also where a polar bear cub is caught in the trap and if you can release it safely, with all due respect we can let it go free if it is not injured. In many instances the ones that survive are put into zoos. The quota system is very unsatisfactory to the people. We are not saying to change the regulations but we are more concerned with the trappers who are hoping to catch a fox and a polar bear cub happens to walk by and there goes the fox pelt. This polar bear skin is going to go somewhere else anyway so it is lost to the trapper. The fox pelt could go directly to the community, to the individual and if a polar bear cub is caught in the fox trap it could be shot. I support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. You have already spoken to the motion, Mr. Noah. If I allow you to speak again it will conclude debate. Is there anyone else who would wish to speak to this motion? The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the motion and the comments that were made by both the Member for Keewatin South and from Keewatin North, we will be addressing this issue of polar bear cubs caught in traps, whether it should go to the community or the person or a region. We will be coming out hopefully, with some kind of a change or amendment to ensure that that in fact occurs. That is just part of the discussion that is going on with regard to devolution of wildlife authority.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there other comment on the motion? The hon. Member for the High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister for Renewable Resources do you know how many bear cubs have been caught with fox traps? Is it written down, the exact number of polar bear cubs which are being caught in fox traps?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Is that for me?

MR. SPEAKER: Is that a question of clarification directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources? You may respond if you have the information.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I do not have that information.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. I recognize then, the hon. Member for Keewatin North and that will close debate on the motion.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me another chance to speak. This is supplementary but the polar bears are a nuisance and it seems they break things. I think as I understood it, they can be shot if there is any danger to the people or the community. That is just as supplementary information. Thank you.

Motion 21-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: It is time to put the question. The motion states: Now therefore, I move that the Wildlife Ordinance be amended to permit individual trappers to shoot polar bear cubs caught in their fox traps and that the wildlife regulations be amended to retain for their own use the pelts of such bear cubs. Those who are in favour of that motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Those opposed. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 22-80(2), Appointment of Negotiator in Land Claims Settlement Negotiations. Mr. Curley.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the federal government has committed itself to a speedy resolution of land claims with all native groups in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has announced it wishes to resume negotiations with COPE and has appointed a negotiator;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has as yet no formal framework to participate in negotiations;

AND WHEREAS the Dene and ITC have not yet begun negotiations to an agreement in principle and therefore the arrangements on participation between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the ITC and Dene may take some time to work out;

AND WHEREAS the COPE negotiations are to finalize relatively quickly the details of the Inuvialuit land rights settlement;

AND WHEREAS COPE has never objected to the Government of the Northwest Territories being involved constructively to assist in the resolution of issues;

AND WHEREAS COPE objected in the past to the involvement of particular individuals because of perceived attitudes and obstructionist tactics;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to co-operate with the federal government and COPE and wishes to facilitate the negotiations of the Inuvialuit land rights leading to the finalization of the settlement;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly supports the negotiations of the final agreement as contemplated by the agreement in principle as quickly as possible. The Hon. James Wah-Shee to be responsible to work out a mutually acceptable arrangement 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: Is there a seconder for that motion? The hon. Member for the Western Arctic. Mr. Curley, to the motion.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, the seconder to the motion will in fact have much more to present by way of argument on this motion. All I can say is, I think the Assembly has made it very clear during the last few days in its debates on the aboriginal rights and constitutional paper that I think it has paved the way to support the native organizations in their aspirations to resolve the outstanding claims. On that basis I think this motion really asks that this Assembly support the resolution of the outstanding claims as stipulated in the agreement in principle with COPE and the federal government. I will leave the rest of the arguments for this motion to the seconder. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

Legal Advice Concerning The COPE Agreement

MRS. SORENSEN: A question of clarification, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could obtain legal advice on whether an agreement in principle, a signed agreement in principle can be changed by either party after it has been signed.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lal, are you prepared to comment on that?

LEGAL ADVISOR (Mr. Lal): Mr. Speaker, it would, of course, depend upon the terms of the agreement. If the agreement provided for a party to unilaterally change the agreement it certainly could do so and therefore I am unable to respond effectively to Mrs. Sorensen's question without having reviewed the agreement.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Do we have anyone in the House, Mr. Speaker, who is able to give us that legal advice concerning the COPE agreement then?

MR. SPEAKER: Is there anyone able to answer that question with specific reference to the COPE agreement? Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: The legal position states that the agreement can change but only with the two parties involved.

MR. SPEAKER: Does that answer your question, Mrs. Sorensen?

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley has spoken to the motion. To the motion. No other comment on the motion? Mrs. Sorensen.

Amendment To Motion 22-80(2)

MRS. SORENSEN: I have an amendment to the seventh "whereas" which would read as follows: "Whereas COPE objected in the past to the involvement of the Eighth Assembly and its administration because of perceived attitudes and obstructionist tactics". Therefore I would replace the words "of particular individuals" with the words "of the Eighth Assembly and its administration".

MR. SPEAKER: There is a proposed amendment. Is there a seconder for that? The Hon. Mr. Braden. To the amendment.

MRS. SORENSEN: I think it is very clear Mr. Speaker, that the managers of individuals and government are responsible and should take responsibility for any of the actions of their civil servants. Therefore I feel that the blame, if there is any blame to be laid, does lie with the Eighth Assembly and its administration. I as part of the Ninth Assembly will take full responsibility for the actions of the administration that I have some control over as a territorial legislator, and I would feel that the Eighth Assembly would feel that way as well. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment. The Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would just like to say with regard to the amendment that the "whereas" clause as contained in the original motion and amended by the hon. Member for Yellowknife South is an expression of opinion. I certainly do not agree that any degree of COPE ability or blame can be put on either the Eighth Assembly or the Ministers of which I was one at that time, or the staff.

I would hope that the Members in suggesting making that amendment -- I think what this suggests is that the perception of the leaders of COPE was that the Government of the Northwest Territories and individuals in that government were not receptive to the claim and that is their opinion and their right to make, but I resent the fact that blame seems to be attributed to the Eighth Assembly for positions and directions and actions which it defended then and can defend now.

I am delighted to hear the hon. Member from Yellowknife South saying that she is willing to accept responsibility for the actions of this Assembly but I am not, because this Assembly is not a government, this is a consensus. I think that the hon. Member is taking a great deal of blame or taking responsibility unnecessarily. However, if she wishes to do that I admire her fortitude and have a go.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment.

MRS. SORENSEN: On a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I did not say I would take responsibility for the actions of this Assembly, I said I would take responsibility for the actions of the administration. I have control through the Ministers of the administration, I have no control over the actions of this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Point clarified. To the amendment.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: On the point of clarification I thank the hon. Member for the comments and I will look in the record to see what she said.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I would like to ask a question, to ask Tom Butters to clarify what he means that this is a consensus Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Just a moment before you do. I would say that certainly when Mr. Butters first arose and addressed his comments they were directly on the amendment. That latter comment, however, I probably should have been faster and ruled out of order. The fact that I did not do so is my fault but I am not going to compound that now by allowing somebody else to get into a discussion about that. To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called that the words "particular individuals" be removed in the seventh "whereas" and that the words "the Eighth Assembly and its administration" replace the deleted words. You have spoken to the amendment.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I am calling for a recorded vote.

MR. SPEAKER: A recorded vote on the amendment. Those who are in favour of the amendment please stand.

Amendment To Motion 22-80(2), Carried

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Tologanak, Mr. Noah, Mr. Curley, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mrs. Sorensen.

MR. SPEAKER: Those who are opposed to the amendment please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. McCallum, Mr. Butters, Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. SPEAKER: Those who have abstained please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): No one.

MR. SPEAKER: The amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Hon. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question with respect to the last paragraph, particularly the section which indicates: Now therefore, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly supports the negotiations of the final agreement as contemplated by the agreement in principle as quickly as possible. My question I guess, is addressed to the mover and the seconder. The question one asks is if the Assembly in approving this motion would be sanctioning the agreement in principle knowing that as the hon. Mr. Fraser indicated just a little earlier on today, there are still some points outstanding. I do not mean this to be a contentious question, Mr. Speaker. I am just wondering if the hon. Member could indicate to me that COPE recognizes that there are a few outstanding areas and that they understand and are sensitive to that and are willing to work with their neighbours and others to resolve these points.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is put to the mover or seconder. Would you answer it, please?

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, with your concurrence I would rather leave that question to the seconder of the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well. It was addressed to either. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I think it is just a typo. I certainly do not want to bind a group of people to something they do not know very much about but instead of "of" I think it was supposed to be "to the final agreement," "negotiations to the final agreement". As for Mr. Braden, I do not think we have a record of not working with anybody who wished to work with us in terms of resolving every issue that we can, recognizing the fact that as stated, you know, even when you have consensus at times it is hard and difficult to satisfy everybody, each and every individual, but we are certainly willing and we always have been.

MR. SPEAKER: Does that answer satisfy you, Mr. Braden? Would you like to speak to it?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: To the motion, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the hon. Member for her comments and I will indicate that I support this motion and I look forward to learning more about the agreement in principle and working with COPE. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I realize that by changing the words it changes somehow the whole resolution and I think that there are still questions that are outstanding with regard to the overlapping areas. I feel that if we are going to encourage the resolution of the agreement in principle to final agreement we should as well encourage that a resolution between the Dene and the Inuvialuit take place as soon as possible as well, in that I realize also that an offer has been made by COPE to the Dene Nation to meet with them in the next two months. However, that seems to be somewhat insufficient time in that they are preparing at this time for negotiations that will take place after the two months. So that I would think that it would be proper if we would encourage the members of COPE to negotiate at least an interim arrangement.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion as amended. Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Supporting The Negotiations To The Final Agreement

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, again I believe as it has been indicated that the resolution of this particular motion suggests that the Assembly should support the negotiations to the final agreement because obviously when there was an agreement in principle a final agreement was contemplated. I guess when you draw up anything, an agreement, you are contemplating coming to some kind of final resolution. Notwithstanding that there may still be some areas of concern, some areas of difficulties as a result of an agreement in principle, but since the motion asks for us to support that negotiations be continued toward final agreement, since there had to be a final agreement contemplated along with the agreement in principle I think the concerns Members may have over outstanding issues will still come to be addressed. I supported my colleagues on one of the "whereas" clauses that had been amended but I do not have any difficulty here supporting that negotiations to a final agreement that is contemplated because of the outstanding issues I think will still have an opportunity to be addressed and hopefully they will be resolved. As has been indicated, there are further concerns to be expressed by a number of organizations on particular issues. I am sure that they will be addressed, but the agreement in principle does not necessarily bind this Assembly to anything. I think we are saying we should support toward a final agreement, support the negotiations of it and I think the key words are there. I do not have any difficulty with that.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Butters.

Further Amendment To Motion 22-80

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the comments of the previous speaker relative to the motion itself. Certainly as it has been corrected by the seconder of the motion it is very acceptable. However, I think it is important that we do things in a businesslike manner and that we should amend in accordance with the seconder's determination the word "of" in the third line or in the second line of the motion, delete the word "of" and insert the word which she suggested should be in place there, the word "to". I would move that amendment to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: There is an amendment moved to substitute the word "to" for the word "of" as it appears in the second line of the resolution in the motion. A seconder for that amendment? Ms. Cournoyea. To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Further Amendment, Carried

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

---Carried

---Applause

Unanimously. To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 22-80(2), Carried As Amended

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Those in favour of the motion as amended, the amendment being in "whereas" number seven replace "particular individuals" with "the Eighth Assembly and its administration" and the resolution being: "Now therefore, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly supports the negotiations to the final agreement as contemplated by the agreement in principle as quickly as possible. The Hon. James Wah-Shee to be responsible to work out a mutually acceptable arrangement with COPE for the Government of the Northwest Territories participation in the negotiations based upon the memorandum of understanding of October 17, 1978." Those in favour please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 25-80(2), Enforcement of Mining Safety Ordinance. Mrs. Sorensen.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly while still based in Ottawa enacted an ordinance governing the safe operation of mines in the Northwest Territories otherwise known as the Mining Safety Ordinance;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories Mining Safety Ordinance is presently enforced by the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs through its mining inspection division;

AND WHEREAS this Assembly through its elected Ministers and the administration should be responsible for the enforcement of all territorial ordinances;

AND WHEREAS the transfer to the Northwest Territories government of enforcement responsibilities for the Mining Safety Ordinance is long overdue;

AND WHEREAS the transfer of responsibility for enforcement of the Mining Safety Ordinance does not mean constitutional change;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Ninth Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it begin immediately to undertake the necessary negotiations with the federal government to enable the Northwest Territories government to enforce its own Northwest Territories Mining Safety Ordinance.

So moved by myself and seconded by the hon. Member from the Central Arctic.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, this Legislative Assembly does have a Mining Safety Ordinance but it is administered not by us through our Minister but by the federal government. I would like our government to administer it. Mr. Speaker, several weeks ago a young miner was killed in a mine in Yellowknife. He was attempting to dislodge a large machine and in the process of doing that it fell on him. He was alone. Miners seldom work alone in the South. However, we have no mine safety regulations which make it mandatory for miners to work in pairs. Most provinces have that kind of regulation.

Now, it is true that had there been two miners attempting to dislodge this heavy machine we might have had two deaths. However, it is also true that had there been two miners, one might have talked the other out of attempting to move the machine and indeed he may have talked him into going up above ground to get further help, therefore preventing this death from happening.

Mr. Speaker, I admit that this accident may still have happened had the Mining Safety Ordinance been enforced by our own government. However, Mr. Speaker, it has served to point out two things to me. In 1967 when the Mining Safety Ordinance was rewritten and an enforcement body was established the territorial government had no administrative staff. It was perfectly logical that the massive federal bureaucracy in Ottawa and Yellowknife should have acted as agent for the territorial government. However, the fact that the federal government enforces the Mining Safety Ordinance and its territorial legislation is no longer logical. We can and should be doing it ourselves.

The other point that came to mind was that the Mining Safety Ordinance has had no major revision in over 13 years. Amendments in 1977 were to convert from English to metric numbers and in 1978 to set up mine safety committees in mines of more than 25 people. With the increase in mining activity in the Northwest Territories it is only fitting that we place some priority on reviewing our ordinance, to update it and to revise it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Northerners Becoming More Involved In Mining

MRS. SORENSEN: Our northern people are becoming more and more involved in mining. Members of this Legislature are encouraging them to do that and rightly so. This Legislature has a responsibility however to be sure that along with that encouragement to work in the mining industry we must see to it that miners' lives are safeguarded. We can do that with our Mining Safety Ordinance. We can do that if the Minister and this House is responsible to respond to our questions and we can do that if we have our own ordinance enforced by our own Northwest Territories government civil servants.

It should be pointed out, Mr. Speaker, that a transfer of administrative responsibility from the federal to the territorial government does not involve an increase in constitutional responsibility. We already have constitutional rights for mine safety as a government through the ordinance. Therefore, this motion does not involve further power to the Northwest Territories government. So this motion only asks that we do what it is justly our right to do, administer and enforce our own ordinance with our own people.

I must point out however that it will involve more man years and more money to administer this ordinance. Therefore it would be expected that the federal government would transfer those man years and a satisfactory amount of federal budget allotment for administrative costs to our government. That would be a part of any negotiations with the federal government.

Now, Mr. Speaker, there is opposition to this transfer and it comes from the mining industry itself and from the Chamber of Mines. To date their lobby has been a successful one. I am not the first to suggest this move, as my colleague the Hon. Mr. Butters has pointed out to me. I know that for several years now there have been discussions going on with the federal government regarding the transfer, but the important thing is that to date there has been no agreement to transfer it over. My motion, Mr. Speaker, is to give our Executive Committee this Assembly's strong united support to continue those negotiations knowing that it is in the best interests of our constituents, the people of the Northwest Territories.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. SORENSEN: To give our Executive Committee that extra lever that they do not seem to have had in the past, the full support of this House when they deal with that very powerful, and I emphasize very powerful, lobby in Ottawa.

A Brief Concerning The Transfer Of Mining Safety Inspection Service

Mr. Speaker, I am in receipt of a document entitled "A Brief to the Director, Northwest Territories Region, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs concerning the transfer of Mining Safety Inspection Service from Federal to Territorial Government". This brief was prepared by the Northwest Territories Chamber of Mines and is dated April 3, 1978.

Mr. Speaker, I am disturbed and I am shocked by the contents. Admittedly it is two years old but Mr. Speaker, I have no reason to believe that the attitude that is reflected in that brief has changed. Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote to Members from this report, and I would also be happy to have copies of it made and distributed to any Member who wishes to review its entire contents. I quote: "Not only would there be downgrading..." they are referring to the transfer from the federal government to our Department of Justice and Public Services, "Not only would there be downgrading but the organization suggested removes mining inspection from a development department to one concerned with social issues where priorities may not necessarily be in the interests of mining. Safety is an operational problem and segregating it from the department that has control over the resources into a department that has no control could only lead to decisions that may have an adverse effect on the efficient operations of the mines."

Mr. Speaker, do you want my opinion of that quote? I think it is absolute garbage. They are talking about safety here, Mr. Speaker, the safety of miners. Safety is not a problem. Development concerns and safety concerns need to be segregated. Safety and the health of miners should be the only concern of the mining inspection service, not whether it is going to cost the mine more money to set up a buddy system or a two man system, or to provide protective gear or to do regular air testing. What is wrong with safety coming under the jurisdiction of a service department, a department which serves people? I consider safety a social issue, a people issue. A mine disaster for instance, is an issue with grave social and political implications in the form of compensation for illness, disability and death. The quote says the priorities in our Department of Public Services "...may not be in the best interests of mining". Mr. Speaker, I say right on, right on. Safety should be in the best interests of the miner, not the mine.

Mr. Speaker, a healthy, well informed miner who is confident in the safety procedures in his mine, is in the best interests of the mining industry. These miners are more productive and more production means more profit for the industry and they cannot deny that that is positive. Now, I could go on and on quoting from this brief but it is sufficient to say that it is full of those kinds of statements and frankly I was disturbed as I read the brief, and I was outraged. The brief was the final motivating factor behind my motion today.

Mr. Parker and his Executive Committee need our support in this one. The people of the North, the miners need to know this Legislature cares about their health and safety. If Members support my motion, the Legislative Assembly supports my motion, we will signify to everyone that we are tired of this stalling. We want action and we are behind our Executive Committee when they go to Ottawa to seek this transfer. Mr. Speaker, the Mining Safety Ordinance must be under the control of our government and let us do it now.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: If there are no other comments on the motion, I would say we take a break. To the motion. Does anyone else wish to speak? We will save that. We will have a brief recess now.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Recognizing a quorum, I call the House to order. We are discussing Motion 25-80(2), Enforcement of the Mining Safety Ordinance. Mrs. Sorensen has spoken and others have indicated a desire to. Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, just to indicate that the administration welcomes the motion by the hon. Member and recommends our colleagues to support it. I would just like to correct what may be a misunderstanding and that is that while it is true the inspection people, the inspection section is a portion of the federal government, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and operates out of Yellowknife, the regulations under that ordinance and the ordinance itself are matters that can be affected directly by this House. If the ordinance has had no major revisions in 13 years or whatever, as the hon. Member has indicated, and such revisions are necessary, a simple procedure is to advise the chairman of our standing committee on legislation since within the terms of reference of that committee, consideration of the ordinance is possible at any time and that such consideration should go forward.

With regard to the regulations developed under that ordinance the Commissioner can write a new regulation, I would say, within 24 hours or he may be able to scribble one out and sign it at his desk there. So both those aspects related to the ordinance can be done now and can be done by direction of this House.

Awaiting Approval Of Transfer

The other matter on the transfer of this group is a little bit different. It is an initiative that has been in the works for many years. My understanding is that on the eve of the election on May 22nd last, a document approving such a transfer was on the Hon. Hugh Faulkner's desk awaiting his consideration and signature. I believe that it remained there through the months of the Conservative administration and now rests on the desk of the current incumbent, the Hon. John Munro. Aware of the keen interest of Members of this House and many residents of the Northwest Territories generally, for the transfer of this responsibility to our control, I have been in contact not only with representations of the unions, the mining industry or mining management, but also the Minister's office. In fact I have had two telegrams out, the first one being May 7th which requested that an early transfer be made of the responsibility and sufficient funds to provide the services that are currently being carried out by the federal people.

In my approach to the mining industry, I did not find the same response that the hon. Member for Yellowknife South herself did from the mining industry. I found a concern. Obviously, the representatives of the unions would like it transferred tomorrow because their position is that the Government of the Northwest Territories is their government and they wish their government to have this responsibility in its own hands. The mining industry's position was that they were concerned that responsibility would be transferred to the Department of Public Services and become a minor responsibility along with many of the other regulatory...

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame, shame!

HON. TOM BUTTERS: ...along with many of the other regulatory functions that we currently are responsible for. I tend to understand that concern...

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame!

HON. TOM BUTTERS: ...as does the department. We have indicated to the mining industry that we recognize that the mining industry is a very important aspect of the economic development in the Northwest Territories.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

No Resistance From Federal Government

HON. TOM BUTTERS: We recognize that safety of miners is a most important responsibility of government. In keeping with that attitude we have assured the mining industry that the Department of Public Services would be restructured so that the regulatory functions in a number of areas would be headed up by a mining engineer. It would be our intent to recruit a professional not only to be responsible for implementing and ensuring that the Mining Safety Ordinance and its regulations were adhered to and implemented, but also to be responsible for the other inspection and regulatory functions we have in the area of safety.

I will just close by indicating to the Members what I found in Ottawa. I was just talking with a senior official in the department at lunchtime and he mentioned that they have had the response in the mill for some time now but it has not yet been cleared by the Minister. He said, "We do not have any problem with it." He mentioned it being recommended by the mining advisory committee, the transfer being recommended by Drury and the only thing to be done at this time would be to develop a transfer plan with specific deadlines. He said that the federal department would appear not to have any resistance to the change. It is a policy matter and he recommended that the mechanism which might assist the early transfer of this responsibility would be a joint federal-territorial task force which would work out the schedule for the transfer and any related fiscal details. So I do not think that this will be a great negotiating problem. I think it is a matter of just a little patience and I feel that we can arrange for the transfer within the foreseeable future.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

Responsibilities Transferred From Ottawa

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to commend my colleague from Yellowknife South and her well prepared explanation of this motion. I think it is time that the Assembly took direct action and tried to get more legislation that is governed now by Ottawa into the Territories. It has been a long time. I do not know how soon we will be successful. I hope it is in the near future. I am sure she has convinced some Members and hopefully, the Executive Committee Members to do all in their powers to finalize this most important matter, Mr. Speaker. If we can govern regulations in the Territories, at least matters that have to do with the people of the Territories, I am sure the people would be happy that they have a representative in the Territories they can go to. As it stands now, mine safety is governed from outside of the Territories and anything to do with it is more expense to try to get hold of somebody. I will not say too much more on the motion, Mr. Speaker. Only that I urge all Members to support this motion as it is what we have been trying to do for a number of years; to get more responsibility from Ottawa down into the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Mr. Tologanak.

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to speak briefly to the motion. I commend the mover of the motion, the hon. Mrs. Sorensen, on the well prepared comments in her motion. As long as we cannot have any say as to the mines that should go ahead, I think. More and more of our people especially in the Central Arctic are getting involved with mining. We should at least somewhere start to control some of the areas that really concern the people, the safety and health of our people. I will not say much more so that we can continue on but I support this motion wholeheartedly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Hon. Mr. Curley.

Safety Of Miners Important

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to give my support to the transfer of the Mining Safety Ordinance and regulations to the present administration. I have been able to look into some of the comments that the Member from Yellowknife South has referred to. What I would like to state at the outset is: I think no doubt the mining industry may feel that this government and this Assembly are so concerned with social issues that there would be no one in authority to be concerned with the mining interests, but I would just like to say to the mining industry I think they have an excellent Minister responsible for Economic Development. I do not think he is necessarily just concerned with the social issues in the North and on that basis on the record I think it is important to note that the safety of the miners is something that has to be isolated from the other side of the program. The mining industry feels in their brief that if this transfer should take place, they would see that as a downgrading of the mining industry in the Northwest Territories. I do not think that would be the case because of the safety of the miners being something that in my mind should be separated from the mining interests themselves.

I have no difficulty with the motion at all. I have confidence in the Minister of Economic Development to represent fairly to the mining companies and I think he has demonstrated that he is willing to go into further negotiation with the mining industry. I hope he will assure the mining industry that in no way will they be threatened by a transferring of the mine safety regulations to the Northwest Territories and to be enforced by the Northwest Territories administration. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to briefly support the Member from Yellowknife South on the transfer of authority over this area to the Government of the Northwest Territories. As most of the concerns have been addressed by other Members regarding the unique northern situation and the fact that this is the largest employer of northerners after the government, that with the expansion of these mines into areas where the Inuit will be employed, say at the Arvik operation, the unique situations of language during the working days at the mine will be important areas which must be addressed by mining regulations. I would like to impress upon the administration to take a good look at the present mining regulations with this aspect in mind and I will support the motion.

I think with the Government of the Northwest Territories, the administration being involved, both the mining companies and the miners involved, both will do much better. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 25-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. The motion reads: Now therefore, be it resolved that the Ninth Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it begin immediately to undertake the necessary negotiations with the federal government to enable the Northwest Territories government to enforce its own Northwest Territories Mining Safety Ordinance.

Those who are in favour of that motion please indicate by raising your hands. Down. Opposed. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Let the record show that the motion passed unanimously.

MR. SPEAKER: It now does, Mrs. Sorensen. Motion 26-80(2), Establishment of Central Arctic Region. Mr. Tologanak.

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

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS it has been the desire of the people of the Central Arctic area, as expressed through this Assembly over the past ten years to form an administrative region distinct from the Fort Smith region;

AND WHEREAS the administration has shown its willingness to move in this direction with the appointment of an assistant regional director at Cambridge Bay and a review of the administration of the Central Arctic, but has not yet implemented regional status for the Central Arctic;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee 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, and that the Executive Committee further urge 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 their progress on this matter when this Legislature reconvenes in Frobisher Bay.

This motion was moved by myself and seconded by the hon. Member from Yellowknife South, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Speaker, I would...

MR. FRASER: A point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: State your point.

MR. FRASER: A point of order I should say. There is no translation for this motion and I think it would concern some of the Members from the Arctic. I think the translations should be brought forth before we deal with this motion.

MR. PUDLUK: A point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Just a moment, we are dealing with the other, Mr. Pudluk. Is there or is there not a translation of the motion? There does not appear to be. Mr. Pudluk is your point related directly to Mr. Fraser's point?

MR. PUDLUK: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Please speak then.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, for a lot of the Members the motion has not been translated but this particular motion on the Central Arctic region, it is not really regarding our concern, and we think it should be translated, we should be given a translation, but we can go on.

MR. SPEAKER: You would be willing to accept moving ahead even though it is not translated? If there is any Member who objects I suppose you could introduce a motion and if you were supported by a majority we would not move ahead, however if that fails then we would move ahead. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, as a matter of courtesy perhaps the other Members should have received a copy, a translated copy and they should be consulted. If it is their wish we should go ahead then I have no further comment.

MR. SPEAKER: Would those who are affected confer together for a moment as a whole and if you do not want to prevent this moving ahead let us know? Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I understand, on the point of order, I would just like to say that unless the rules have changed, I do not think normally we would have to delay the proceedings unless the specific Member affected himself takes the initiative to stop the proceeding, if it has anything to do with translation.

MR. SPEAKER: I think it was a matter of courtesy and I accept what the hon. Member attempted to do. Is there a decision, Mr. Pudluk?

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, we have agreed that we can go ahead with this motion.

Phrases Added To Motion

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Now, I had a point of my own and that was, Mr. Tologanak, that you did not read the motion precisely the way it is written in the book. Have you made some change in the interim?

MR. TOLOGANAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. In consultation with our Legal Advisor, I added a couple of phrases.

MR. SPEAKER: Can you tell us specifically what those are?

MR. TOLOGANAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. After "now therefore, I move" it goes "that this Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee that" and that is an insertion. In the fourth line, where it says Fort Smith region insert "and that the Executive Committee further urge that".

MR. SPEAKER: I have that. It is not a change in the substance of the resolution at all so presumably the wording change was agreeable to the seconder, Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: We will accept the motion with those word changes. To the motion Mr. Tologanak.

Predecessors Felt Fifth Region Should Be Established

MR. TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not the first Member of this Legislature to stand with such a motion. My predecessors, Mr. William Lyall and Mrs. Lena Pedersen have spoken on this subject before, dating back to 1973 and earlier. The administration's reorganization started back in May of 1970 where area service offices were introduced in various areas of the Territories. These came about through the regional directors through a study that was done some time ago. It was not until a year later, back in 1971, that the area service office in Cambridge Bay was staffed. I just want to give a brief history as to the reasons why this motion should go ahead, for Members who are new and for Members who have supported it unanimously in the past and some of those who have deferred it to committee of the whole.

I remember Mr. Parker, the Deputy Commissioner at the time, when he deferred a motion for further discussion and eventually it changed the whole prospect of the consideration of the motion back in 1973 asking the Legislature to turn the Central Arctic into a fifth region. Dr. Hamelin made the motion at the time, seconded by the hon. Member Nick Sibbeston. The word "consideration" was there for a fifth region and eventually with an amendment by Dr. Hamelin, the "consideration" turned to "if recommended by an adequate study of the whole regional structure in the Territories". So that wonderful thing about the Central Arctic turned out to be the whole Northwest Territories being reviewed and that is where the whole process got lost eventually about the Central Arctic turning into a region.

It was not until Members will recall back in 1977 that a fifth region, or a motion was put forth by the hon. member Mr. William Lyall for a fifth region to be established. That was unanimously voted on in committee of the whole and in October of 1977 the administration came back and said and I quote, "We do not yet have enough confidence that the benefits of moving in that direction would bear a reasonable relationship to the cost of doing so."

Initiative For Reorganization Apparent

That message came back from the administration. So further studies were done to advance decentralization or reorganization of the administration for the Central Arctic and before the next session after the October session, or somewhere thereabouts, the Commissioner gave a direction to his staff and the regional director and the vice chairman of the devolution and decentralization committee at the time to organize the Central Arctic and put in an assistant regional director, and I underline regional director, to put forward to this Legislature, to form the basis, "Will form a basis in response to Councillor Bill Lyall to be made during the January session of the Council of the Northwest Territories" and so he asked his Executive to pass on this to the Legislature so that the assistant regional director would be put in the Central Arctic.

Then in January, 1978, Terry Daniels was accepted and given the position of studying the administration of the Central Arctic. He presented his paper, and it was perhaps approved, I do not know the total details, but on October 17, 1978, the assistant regional director was finally put into the Central Arctic at Cambridge Bay. So the steps were there for the reorganization and formation of an eventual region in the Central Arctic from the record. That is in the records of the Legislature and has been for the past ten years, the initiative was there to form the Central Arctic.

The representation of such a region would rest on the administration Executive Committee and the implementation of it, as I mentioned in the motion, it would be up to them financially. I would not think it would cost that much. The manpower which is presently moving slowly is happening and in comparison to a district of Keewatin, the Central Arctic turning into a region would not be all that hard because it would be considerably less than the necessary capital costs such as staff housing and whatnot. I believe the Government of the Northwest Territories can bear the cost of it. Therefore, in the best interests of the people in the Central Arctic for them to be served promptly and adequately, I would suggest that the Members vote in favour of this motion once again as they did in 1977, that the Central Arctic be turned into a separate region distinct from the Fort Smith region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

Central Arctic Struggling To Become A Region

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion. I also supported the motion the last time it was put on the floor and to me it makes a lot of sense for the people in the Central Arctic that are struggling. I do not see any reason why they should have to struggle to try to get the Central Arctic made a region. At present the dignitaries, different section heads have to travel all the way from Fort Smith, overnight in Yellowknife, then into Cambridge Bay to carry out their inspections. If the tradesmen are doing work on different things they have to overnight again in Cambridge Bay. Maybe I should tell you, Mr. Speaker, that I was area administrator at Spence Bay and I know the things that are happening. Most of the time when they come into Cambridge Bay, they charter in instead of waiting for a sched or they possibly miss the sched which is a lot of extra expense to the region.

In 1979, there was to be a change towards making the Central Arctic a region and this was never done for some reason or another. I believe the offices and buildings were built, staff housing was built and it is still in Cambridge Bay. At that time they built a big warehouse to hold all the parts and necessary things to serve the outlying communities. Then there was talk of decentralization which was introduced two or three years ago and I do not know what happened to that. That would make Cambridge Bay a region if they tried to decentralize or had put a little more effort into it.

Mr. Speaker, this motion makes a lot of sense to me when the Members in the Central Arctic are struggling to make Cambridge Bay or the Central Arctic a separate region from the Fort Smith region. It not only serves the communities that are in direct contact with Cambridge Bay through different charters and scheds, like Pelly Bay, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, Coppermine, Holman, which are also, I think, in the region. I will support the motion, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to hear what other Members have to say. We supported it unanimously once before and I do not know how many times you have to go. They say strike three and you are out. Maybe this time we will have to forget it completely but I hope we get some results this time around to carry out the wish, which is to me not really a big thing. It would save everybody a lot of money if the administration were to look into making the Central Arctic a separate region from the Fort Smith region with no ties from the region or headquarters. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Growing Regional Feeling Result Of Hard Work

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to indicate to the House that since the March session was completed, we have had discussions with the assistant regional director from the Keewatin and we have received from the official, a report on making the Central Arctic area a region of its own within the Northwest Territories. We have also, as I understand it, received a report on further devolution of responsibilities in that area. On behalf of the government, I think that I can say we personally support moving further in this area and I want to indicate to the hon. Member that we will be prepared to report back further to him in the fall at Frobisher Bay.

I also want to indicate that we have addressed in a preliminary way, the implications to Fort Smith and because of the kinds of changes that have been taking place which Mr. Tologanak outlined we do not see major impact to that community. So on behalf of the government, I just want to indicate that we support this motion and that we will report back hopefully with the specifics in Frobisher Bay and we can then get on to dealing with making the Central Arctic a region all on its own.

I just want to conclude, Mr. Speaker, by indicating that I have travelled quite a bit in that part of the Northwest Territories and I witnessed the kind of growing regional feeling in that area. I think despite the distance from one end to the other, this growing regional feeling is a great testimonial to the work that has been done by people like the hon. Member, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the people in the area office in Cambridge Bay. They have really worked a lot to pull this region together, so thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that this motion is coming forward because I for one, during the last Assembly I sat on, was for breaking down the Fort Smith region centre in Fort Smith. I could never understand why Fort Smith was the regional centre for what seemed to be a very large portion of the territory extending from the southern quarter and right up to the North Pole. It just seemed to me, that at least the area up in the Arctic should have been by itself. I have spoken a number of times on the past Assembly, on the idea of building up the area centres in places like Fort Simpson. It appeared to me a waste of time and just another hoop to go through in dealing with government to have to go from Simpson, to Fort Smith and eventually to Yellowknife.

Executive Should Consider Alternatives

This I do believe and I do support this motion. I think it could be the start of the break-up of the Fort Smith region and I think the Executive should consider a number of alternatives. One alternative could be to simply do away with the regional centre at Fort Smith, and to set up a number of smaller administrative sections. Fort Smith and Hay River and Resolution could be one area and the Fort Simpson area including Providence could be an area by itself, Fort Norman, the Great Bear area could be a centre by itself and likewise Rae. That whole area should be a centre by itself and perhaps it is possible to do away with Fort Smith as a region and just have all these areas report directly to Yellowknife, thus doing away with Fort Smith. Fort Smith is a level of government which is not necessary. I have said that we have had bad feelings towards Smith because it seems to me that the Fort Smith is really not necessary. Fort Smith has become like...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Talk about the region now.

MR. SIBBESTON: ...a region for retiring civil servants.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege. He can go on about this business on the Fort Smith region and I do not mind listening to the Fort Smith region being spoken about but you are talking about the town and the people and it being a haven for old, retired civil servants. That is a bunch of garbage. You know it is ridiculous. I am taking great exception to that. If the Member wants to get up and talk about the breakdown of the Fort Smith region, I have spoken on that. The Member who represented Great Slave Lake prior to my representation has talked about it as the Member knows, but to go into retiring in Fort Smith, I have listened to that for the last four years from somebody who sat on the other side in another part of the distance, and that Member was on the same wave length when he was a member last time. Speak to the motion. Do not get mixed up in a long tirade on it.

MR. SPEAKER: Your point is made, Mr. McCallum. Carry on, Mr. Sibbeston.

Recognition Of Mr. Kit Spence

I would like to call attention in the gallery to Mr. Kit Spence, who is an assistant to the Hon. John Munro and who just fell off his chair.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That team has a propensity for falling.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston, please proceed with discretion.

MR. SIBBESTON: Perhaps Mr. Spence, the Liberal, is so shocked at me saying this because I do feel that the only rationale or basis as to why Fort Smith became a regional centre was because the capital was taken away from it and Yellowknife was made the capital, so the government felt some reason, felt compelled to, you know, leave some civil servants in Fort Smith and make it a regional centre. I say there has never been any geographic or other real reason for having it as a region.

Mr. Speaker, in my campaign, telling all the things why they should vote for you when I was running for Assembly in this election, I said it would be good if the territorial government could further devolve to Fort Simpson.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston, the main thrust of the motion is the establishment of a Central Arctic region.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: I know that does imply some break-up of the Fort Smith region. If you wanted to introduce a motion at another time to establish a Fort Simpson region, we would consider that but I would ask you to confine your remarks more to support for the establishment of this particular region.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, if I may just continue. While the government is considering setting up a Central Arctic region, I think it is an appropriate time for them to also consider perhaps establishing at the very least, a Mackenzie Valley region with the idea that when the Dene Nation...

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, that is the kind of argument which I find not quite in tune with the motion. If you have other arguments to support Mr. Tologanak's motion I would be pleased to hear that, Mr. Sibbeston.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Then I will make an amendment to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed.

MR. SIBBESTON: The amendment would be "Further that the Executive Committee consider establishing a regional centre for the Mackenzie Valley to facilitate the eventual transfer of this region to the Dene Nation".

MR. TOLOGANAK: Twice in a row now.

Amendment To Motion 26-80(2): Ruled Out Of Order

MR. SPEAKER: I find everything in Mr. Tologanak's motion from the title through the "whereases" and so on is concerned specifically with the establishment of a Central Arctic region and so I cannot find that amendment proper, Mr. Sibbeston. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I will be brief. One of the things that impressed me as I looked at the map, is the vast distances between Fort Smith and areas like Cambridge Bay. Problems of administration have been somewhat overcome I suppose, as my hon. colleague from the Central Arctic has indicated in his motion, by appointing an assistant regional director. I understand that the regional administration, the majority of whom are people from the Central Arctic area have been doing a good job and they are ready to take on extra responsibility.

People Ready For Responsibility

People usually know when they are ready to take on extra responsibilities. Decentralization is in keeping with the philosophy of this House. When people are ready and they indicate a willingness, we will as a Legislative Assembly do everything that is within our capabilities to help them achieve their goal. We spoke of a Central Arctic region in the finance committee meetings in May and Mr. Tologanak convinced us that his people were ready for a transfer.

The cost would be acceptable, and we looked at that, therefore the move to us in the finance committee did make sense. May I say, as chairman of the finance committee, how pleased I was that Mr. Tologanak consulted with the committee first before he brought this matter to the House. He was crafty of course, because our committee carries seven votes and he knew that. In any case, Mr. Speaker, this is a historical motion and I am very proud to be the seconder. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) I would also like to support the motion, Mr. Tologanak's motion. Fort Smith is far away when you are up in that area. Concerning the government, it is getting bigger and people coming from headquarters seem to be more experienced. Now, if there was a regional office in Cambridge Bay, the people from that area would be able to do their own jobs in their own area. To think about it, the Legislative Assembly either before us or after us would learn to look after the area after we have passed this motion. Fort Smith has 30 schools and things that the Fort Smith region itself has to look after. If the Cambridge Bay region owned and looked after its own then perhaps -- the Fort Smith region seems to be getting bigger and it is getting too big now to look after somebody else.

So maybe if that regional centre could be built in Cambridge Bay instead of Coppermine then it would be all right. Because of that, I fully support this motion for a Central Arctic region. In our own dialect we always look upon that as the central region.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am also in full support of the motion and the things that Mr. Curley has said are really what I was thinking about. Fort Smith is too far, too far south and if you want to go to Alberta you just take one step from Fort Smith to Alberta.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Right across the street, Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) If this thing is put in there to be regionalized, as the present office does not seem that it is within the Central Arctic region and I would just like to support the motion that Mr. Tologanak made. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. The hon. Member for the Western Arctic.

MS. COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I was asked a question and I would like to make it known that I support this motion for a Central Arctic region and the question of Holman Island and the eventual establishment of the Western Arctic regional municipality. I think this can be worked out and we have a good working relationship so this motion, I fully support.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. The Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I support the motion as I did eight years ago.

MRS. SORENSEN: It is about time you did something about it.

Motion 26-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. The question being called. Now therefore, I move that this Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee that the area known as Central Arctic be established as a Government of the Northwest Territories region distinct from the present Fort Smith region, and that the Executive Committee be further urged that the Central Arctic region be financed and staffed to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a region and that the implementation of a Central Arctic region begin as soon as possible and that the administration report their progress on this matter when this Legislature reconvenes in Frobisher Bay.

All those who are in favour of that motion please indicate by raising their hands. Down. Those who are opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the usual tradition of this House let the record show it was unanimous.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Very well, Mr. McCallum. The record will show that the vote was unanimous. That is it for motions and it is nearly coffee time. I think before we resolve into committee of the whole, I am going to take the break because just before that time I would like to speak with Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Braden, maybe Mr. Curley, Ms. Cournoyea, just before coffee for a few minutes after we recess. The House is recessed for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Recognizing a quorum I call the House to order. Item 9, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and other matters.

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

I understand from the Minister responsible for House planning that the government would like to deal first with the completion of the hospital issue and then move on to the motion with respect to the Inuvialuit land, although I think there may be some understanding there. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Maybe I should wait until Ms. Cournoyea is here I guess. We have come to an arrangement.

MR. SPEAKER: I think that can be left for the committee of the whole when the item comes up and you may explain what agreement has been reached. The government would also like to deal with Bill 1-80(2) and Bill 2-80(2) and then any other items we might have time for. For those who have to plan around things like this I will not call a session for this evening but rather, for tomorrow morning.

---Applause

Go ahead, let us hear it. All right. This House will now resolve into committee of the whole to discuss items on the order paper in the order that was agreed upon. Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Information Item 26-80(2): Health Care Delivery System, Accountability; Information Item 29-80(2): Area Hospital, Cambridge Bay, Regional Hospital, Keewatin; Tabled Document 3-80(2): Planning Priorities Within the System of Four Levels of Care; Tabled Document 4-80(2): A Scheme of Levels of Care for the N.W.T.; and Bill 1-80(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1979-1980, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER INFORMATION ITEM 26-80(2): HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, ACCOUNTABILITY; INFORMATION ITEM 29-80(2): AREA HOSPITAL, CAMBRIDGE BAY, REGIONAL HOSPITAL, KEEWATIN; TABLED DOCUMENT 3-80(2): PLANNING PRIORITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF FOUR LEVELS OF CARE; TABLED DOCUMENT 4-80(2): A SCHEME OF LEVELS OF CARE FOR THE N.W.T.; AND BILL 1-80(2): SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1979-1980

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will come to order, regarding the proposal on planning for hospitals. There was a motion on the floor. I was giving everybody a chance to talk first and then...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): ...and there are still a few Members who have not spoken yet on this motion. I am going to ask them to speak first before those people who have already spoken. Then they can speak to this motion or if they have questions. Are there Members who have not spoken?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question. Question being called.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There was also an amendment to the motion that was ruled out of order. I am going to give Mark Evaluarjuk a chance to talk first if he wants to speak.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the motion I really do not have too much to say, but I would like to have something explained. The person who made the motion and the Executive, I would like to support that motion that was made. I think I can really believe what they said and I hope that the Keewatin region and the Central Arctic region will not be forgotten. We really have to consider this as a priority but while we are negotiating about this matter we should really think about these other regions while we are talking about this proposed hospital. The person who made the motion said that in Rankin there would be a school built that would cost ten million dollars. I do not really agree with this too much because the kids in the Northwest Territories should learn the same kind of things as they do down south up to 16 years old. I was not really keen on the idea of building a school for ten million dollars and this is basically what I wanted to say. I know that in Hall Beach and Igloolik and Pond Inlet I have talked to those people and if I told them about this hospital in Yellowknife costing \$25 million I am sure they would not agree.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Evaluarjuk. If there is a person who has not yet spoken to the motion, they will speak first. Mr. Patterson, are you going to make a speech about this motion? Proceed.

MR. PATTERSON: Could you read the motion for me please, Mr. Chairman, first?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I will ask the Clerk of the House to repeat it.

Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital, Restated

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Chairman:

Whereas the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital has had demands placed upon its services greater than its capability of providing those services;

And whereas it urgently requires expanded facilities which would include chronic and psychiatric care and increased radiological capabilities to meet those demands;

And whereas the funds for the proposed Stanton Yellowknife Hospital have been deferred pending the provision of information concerning priorities for planning for primary, secondary and tertiary facilities;

And whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories has tabled documents entitled "Planning Priorities Within the System of Four Levels of Care" and "A Scheme of Levels of Care for the Northwest Territories", demonstrating that the government does in fact have priorities for primary, secondary and tertiary facilities;

Now therefore, I move that this Legislative Assembly recommend that the administration release the funds allocated and proceed with the planning and building of the proposed Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk) Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, just briefly I am going to support the motion, but I want to say several things. First of all one is that I understand from what the Commissioner said yesterday, which I have heard reported on the news in Yellowknife, that this will not be a territorial referral centre of the scale that was originally proposed. This to my mind was far too ambitious a project because there were far too many unanswered questions. There was serious doubt about whether or not that number of specialists could be induced to locate in Yellowknife and I also believed and still believe that a territorial referral centre would have seriously prejudiced planning for

hospitals in other areas of the Northwest Territories, particularly because that scale of a hospital requires what I think the professionals call a large catchment area. In other words, it would be premised on large numbers of people being brought in from the Arctic coast and from the Keewatin to justify the size and to keep all those specialists occupied. I am not sure that it has been demonstrated to anyone that that would actually work and that we would even be able to get the specialists in Yellowknife to support that scale of a project.

I noted last session and have not been led to believe otherwise, that regardless of the physical plan, the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital right now has unfilled jobs for specialists and did at that time. So I understand that the project will now be scaled down to meet the existing needs and a limited, more realistic range of specialties. I can support that and will vote for that.

Strong Pressure Should Be Put On The Federal Government

I would also like to mention briefly, Mr. Chairman, I realize there has been extensive debate on this subject already. My view is that it is the place of the Government of the Northwest Territories to put strong pressure on the federal government. It is not enough to say that the Keewatin region and the Central Arctic region are central responsibilities. I think if this discussion and this debate has made any point to our Minister of Health and to this government it is that we should not simply say that the federal government has not been doing their part. It is up to us to make them do their part and I will say that I was not satisfied and am not satisfied at all with the efforts that have been made by our administration to date to get the federal government moving, even though I thought last session we made it clear that something had to start happening and the information items on planning for the Keewatin and Central Arctic were entirely unsatisfactory. I understand that the Minister has made pledges and has made undertakings and that if necessary this government will immediately move to locate the central services of a doctor in the Keewatin and in the Central Arctic and this is good news. I think all the time we have spent on this debate, if it has only accomplished that much, it is worth while.

I would also like to briefly say, Mr. Chairman, that I hope the board of management of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital has finally learned something from all of this discussion because my view is that they have had a very -- I think the word is egocentric approach to that hospital, that it has been seen as a Yellowknife facility and when it was threatened the board of management sought to obtain support from Members of this Assembly. In fact they have had a lobbyist here at this session working to gain support from Members of this Assembly, but, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that for that hospital to be used and accepted and understood as a place where large numbers, almost half of its people, the patients are coming from out of town, that board has to look beyond the city limits of Yellowknife when it is planning that hospital and when it is considering the operation of that hospital. I think they can do a lot more to make their board representative of the people that they are supposed to be serving and a lot more to involve the communities in the operation of that hospital. I think that that board should have been seeking support from the communities for this planned expansion, the communities affected and not just from the MLA's and not just from the Yellowknife city council.

A Base For Improved Preventive Care In The Communities

One aspect of this hospital according to the plans we have gotten to date which I feel is very positive, is that it is designed to be a base for improved preventive care in the communities, that it will help improve the primary and secondary services in the communities, and I think another good thing about this debate is that it has forced some people who may not be willing to think that way to realize that a big shiny facility is the last stage of health care in the Northwest Territories, and that the more important stages occur at the community level and at the area level.

I am pleased with the hospital, and I hope that this part of the plan will receive the necessary emphasis that it will be a place to train northern people, and I mean northern native people as well as northern people, to train them in paraprofessional skills, and I think that is one very good aspect about this hospital and it certainly has my support.

I wanted to advise the board of management of that hospital that I hope they will consider restructuring their board to take representation from areas that will be affected, to listen to the needs of those areas, and pay particular attention to the needs of native persons who are going to be required to live in Yellowknife and boarded in Yellowknife before or after they go to the hospital. The proposed hostel system which was presented at the time of the last session appeared to have serious limitations for the needs of patients and I was not satisfied that they had given enough consideration to the fact that mothers might want to bring their children with them and enough consideration to finding out from the people in the communities what sort of facilities they want to stay in when they are awaiting treatment and when they are waiting to go home.

So I think the debate has been worth while and I am pleased that the project will not be as grandiose as was originally conceived and I am satisfied with the Commissioner's undertaking and what I have heard about things said by the Minister of Health about not only making the Yellowknife hospital a little more realistic but also about starting to pay attention to the neglected areas of the Territories. So I will support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Now, is there anyone yet who has not spoken on this motion who wishes to speak? I think the only other person left is Mr. Appaqaq.

Country Foods In The Hospital

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have too much comment on this motion but I do support this motion as it stands now because I know that in Yellowknife, it is a large city and they have the mining companies there. There are not that many native people living in Yellowknife, not many Inuit, but I realize that there are becoming more and more Inuit and they are beginning to use the facilities. I do not see anything in the documents as to whether the Inuit are satisfied with the present facilities or not. Maybe after the completion of the proposed structure we would be able to hear whether this is satisfactory or not. I would like to comment on something for your thoughts. I think it should be included in the proposal to include country foods in the hospitals.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) We know in northern Quebec they have a plan where they do have native or country foods prepared for them and there is a separate room there for people who wish to eat frozen food or various country foods and that is very helpful to the people to eat these country foods. Now, although I speak a little bit of English my Inuit culture I will never lose. I think you should consider this seriously, although it may cost a little more money to do this type of thing but I think it would justify itself in the end. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Now, are there any people who would like a second chance? Mr. Noah would like to speak.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Health Problems In The Keewatin

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday I did not complete my comments but now I would like to carry on. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak a second time. This has been under considerable discussion for some time, concerning the Keewatin region, the proposed hospital as well as the proposed Yellowknife extension. It seems right now we are not sure if it is going to be built at all or not and it is a concern of the federal government and if they are going to build an extension in Yellowknife, and if they approve it, that means the people of the Keewatin will have to wait another five years for their proposed hospital for the reason that it will cost so much more to include in the budget to build another hospital in this area and also to pay for the specialists, the doctors.

I would like to add, Mr. Chairman, it has been said that there are various chronic diseases in Yellowknife, for instance heart attacks or strokes or bone fractures and various other illnesses or injuries. In Yellowknife I would like to tell you, Mr. Chairman, these illnesses and injuries happen everywhere and not only in Yellowknife. Here in the whole area of the North, in the Keewatin, we seem to be lacking so many things and have for so many years. The airline flights that come in are not as many and therefore the patients who have to be evacuated have to wait, for instance somebody who has been injured will have to wait say ten days before he goes out and the reason is because of the weather, and on top of that the airline carriers.

I think we have to consider in deciding upon this the weather situation. In Yellowknife the air carriers come from Edmonton to Yellowknife and they come in quite frequently and their winters are not as severe or as long as here. Everybody knows that in Keewatin it is very cold and the winters are long and the winters are very harsh. I have stated before that these airline carriers are a problem and we do not have a doctor, we do not have a hospital here. But for those pregnant ladies or people who are very ill who have to leave their home, they must be away for many months. I will support this motion and for your information I would say that I am not concurring to support this motion just for your benefit, but I do think it would not be wise not to support this kind of proposal. We were elected as representatives to work together to solve these problems and I am in favour of this motion and support this motion and would ask the whole Assembly to work together.

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

MR. STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the debate on this subject has been well worth while. I think we have all been fairly forceful in presenting our case and our views with regard to Yellowknife obtaining possibly more than its share of many things. However, with the commitments made by the Commissioner and the hon. Minister relative to the whole question of health services for the whole of the Northwest Territories, coupled with the fact that the present Stanton Yellowknife Hospital must have major repairs or a lot of money spent on it to keep it operating, my problem is, and I would hope that Mrs. Sorensen would contain herself, but I would have to support the motion.

---Applause

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Stewart. The Hon. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might put forward at this time an amendment to the motion. I would like to read it and you can determine whether you feel it can be included with the motion which we are presently discussing. I move the following amendment, and it is in three parts. From the last line of the motion, (a) delete the words "and building" and complementing that (b) replace those two words with the words "to build", and (c) following the period closing the motion statement add the following clause, "and simultaneously plan to provide for an early enrichment of services and expansion of health facilities and programs currently offered in all regions of the Northwest Territories." If that amendment is in order I can provide you with copies in Inuktitut and in English to circulate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman. Obviously we are considering whether to accept the amendment or not. I would suggest that the small amendment in the last sentence of the original motion concerning the words "to build" rather than "and building" does alter the intent of the motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Motion To Further Amend Motion, Ruled Out Of Order

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The amendment is out of order. It alters the original motion's intent, the intent of the original motion.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: On a point of order. I understand that you have ruled that the amendment is out of order. I suggest that and can understand that (c) might be so considered but I suggest to you, sir, that (a) and (b) would be in order for the simple reason that the money we are considering is planning money, \$1.6 million. There is nothing that I know of, no funds that are to be applied to the building of the structure. The determination and approval of building the structure will be after the plans are developed and that matter comes before the capital estimates of this government so I suggest that at least (a) and (b) would be in order.

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: On the technical point, on the availability of the funds for projects of this nature, one of the requirements that has been put on us by the federal government is to prepare and advance submissions to the federal Treasury Board for approval. We have done this in the case of this hospital because without having approval for such a major project it would be no use coming to this House. So we have done this jointly with the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. That Treasury Board application has been approved. What that means is that although in this years budget we have identified planning money and I should think possibly some site development money, the money for subsequent years will have to be voted in those years, but having received the Treasury Board's approval for the project, then we have a very strong lever and a full expectation that funds from the federal government will be made available to us. Those funds form part of our total capital planning and capital expenditures for any given year, but they will be available, to the very best of our knowledge.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Butters' point of order, concerning (a) and (b), is out of order. It alters the intent of the original motion. On a point of order, Dennis Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: I would like to propose an amendment, Mr. Chairman. It is in the last part of the motion...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Could you hold on a second? I still have some names on my list and the last one is Mr. Patterson. Mr. Curley is next.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to be clear that the amendment was out of order and I could speak to the original motion. Is that it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That is correct, Mr. Curley.

Regional Needs For Hospitals

MR. CURLEY: I understood yesterday and I did not want to deprive Mr. Patterson of his right to speak but the chairman indicated yesterday he was going to stick with the speakers and so on. Speaking to the motion again, I wanted to reflect on the fact that we do have not only local hospital needs for the communities which is a problem, we have the regional needs of the regions for hospitals as a part of the major problem. When I see one of the charts which the Minister came out with the area that is served from Yellowknife, I see at least five hospitals in pretty much the same region in this part of the area, Fort Simpson which is about the same size as Rankin Inlet, population about 1000. They have a hospital even though it is a federal hospital. When I look at Pine Point which is about the same size as Frobisher Bay, Frobisher Bay has a hospital and no doubt Pine Point has one. Fort Smith, which is not that far has a territorial hospital most likely. No doubt in Hay River there is one. Here we are asking for a regional hospital. Baker Lake incidentally is the biggest settlement, as I said earlier in my speech, it is the second biggest but Baker Lake is the biggest settlement in the region with a population of over 1000 people. There is no hospital in this region. We are merely asking the administration to urge the federal government to get a regional hospital. We are not asking more than the others, the Fort Smith region has asked for and also enjoyed. Eskimo Point has a population of over 1000 people. Rankin Inlet has a population of 1000 people and it has not got a decent hospital.

So I do not think we are being too rough on the Members of the Executive and the Yellowknife representatives. We ask merely that our people in this region have a chance to take part and have health care facilities properly and not deteriorate further because of regions like the Fort Smith region being serviced now. Again I just wanted to put that on the record.

The other day I was informed that a patient, an old lady was sent out from Baker Lake, she was evacuated, but she was put into the cargo section of Calm Air and en route they stopped by in Chesterfield, Rankin Inlet and Eskimo Point before reaching her destination. During that trip she was taken out of the cargo section because they had to unload cargo so these are the kinds of things the Minister does not see happening in his region. Again I say that we take those examples as serious and urge the federal department to fight seriously in establishing hospitals in this region. He further indicates in his documents he tabled that he merely said the federal government was responsible in that area of the health care facilities. I thought for a while that he was going to sit down with his teacup and saucer and wait for the report to come out from the federal government. That is the reason it is not acceptable to use these days. With that in mind I would like to put in an amendment, but I would ask the chairman first whether or not he would like to have that proposed amendment translated.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): If you wish to make an amendment at this time I do not mind if I do not get the translation.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I have a proposed amendment to the motion and it reads -- after the last paragraph I would add: Be it further resolved that at the same time this Assembly urge the Executive Committee to do all in its power to press the federal Department of Health and Welfare to determine and satisfy health care needs, in particular in the Keewatin and Central Arctic regions. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, may I correct that? After "health care needs" put "in particular the Keewatin and Cambridge Bay regions" excuse me again. Not "Cambridge Bay region" but "the Central Arctic region and other parts of the Northwest Territories". I have this written down if you want to see a copy of it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): May I have that amendment, please?

MRS. SORENSEN: I think Mr. Curley deserves a standing ovation. That is an excellent amendment.

---Applause

MR. FRASER: Out of order!

Motion To Further Amend Motion, Ruled Out Of Order

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Could you give us a little time to straighten this thing out? This amendment is out of order. It expands beyond the original motion and this amendment should be a separate motion.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: And it will get full support.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Hon. Mr. Nerysoo, do you wish to speak?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No.

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

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to propose an amendment which I think is in keeping with the spirit of the motion. The amendment would be adding these words to the end of the motion "and that a progress report on the planning for the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital be made at the next session of this Assembly".

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am going to ask the Clerk to read the amendment.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): The amendment reads, or the amendment would be added to the end of the original motion and reads: "and that a progress report on the planning for the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital be made at the next session of this Assembly".

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This amendment is acceptable. To the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Just briefly, Mr. Chairman. We have been given assurances that this hospital will be scaled down from the original territorial referral centre that so alarmed many of us when it was announced. I think the Assembly has a right to monitor that planning process to make sure that the plan that is developed with the board follows the directions that we have established through this debate and that the administration has committed itself to.

I would also say that I feel that while we are approving planning and building in this motion we do have a right to say what that facility is going to look like. We obviously have an active interest in it and I think this Assembly is entitled to receive reports on the progress of that planning beginning with the fall session in Frobisher Bay and tell the planners if we see anything out of keeping with the directions which have been provided in the course of this debate. I think we obviously have a very significant interest in this hospital, as it will influence planning for other parts of the Northwest Territories and by this amendment I want to assure that we are kept informed as to exactly what is going on.

I might also say that I believe that the Stanton Yellowknife board of management may have different ideas about how large this hospital should be than this Assembly because I feel that the plans they have approved and which were presented to us in some detail at the last session and at a meeting with the board were much more than this Assembly wants at this time. That is why I make that amendment, Mr. Chairman, I want to keep an eye on how this thing is developing and I think we all have a right to participate in that process to -- and to ensure that our directions as given in this debate were understood and that it will be carried out.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital, Carried

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

---Carried

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion as amended. Mr. MacQuarrie.

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Yes, some very brief remarks before we vote on the motion as amended. As the mover of the motion perhaps this will bring the debate to a close. I would say, despite some remarks which were made in the give and take of debate which suggested to the contrary, I can assure all Members of this House that myself and the other Yellowknife MLA's are understanding of and sympathetic to the concerns of those Members who live in areas where health services are demonstrably inadequate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: You have not been too rough on us or the administration in pointing out those inadequacies. In voting on this motion I would just ask all Members to remember the commitment given by the Minister of Health, as I remember it, that he will pursue as vigorously as he has pursued this issue, the improvement of health services elsewhere in the Northwest Territories. I would also like to assure Members that Mr. Braden, Mrs. Sorensen and myself have already begun plans to sit with the board of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital to convey to them the kinds of concerns that Members have about ensuring that the atmosphere in that hospital is one which makes those people who come from elsewhere to that hospital feel comfortable with respect to the use of language, country food and so on. We would encourage the board to expand and improve the services which they provide in that area, and they already do provide some. Finally then, I would just like to thank Members who have, despite their own legitimate and serious concerns, been generous enough to suggest they will support this motion. Thank you.

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

Not A Territorial Referral Centre

MR. PATTERSON: Just a point of clarification perhaps from the mover of the motion, Mr. Chairman. The motion refers to the proposed Stanton Yellowknife Hospital. What proposal is the mover of this motion referring to? My concern is that I think we are approving something less than the original proposal. The Commissioner has assured us that it will not be a territorial referral centre. Is this not really a scaled down version of the original proposal that we are talking about? I would like the mover with his usual fairness to tell me whether he thinks in fact this Assembly is voting for the hospital originally proposed or whether it is in fact voting on something different from that. I would like to get his ideas on that because I do not want any confusion about what we are approving here.

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

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: I would say that as I understand it there was an undertaking from the Commissioner and one with which I would agree that the hospital will attempt to meet needs that have already been demonstrated at that hospital, that it will not, the hospital will not be part of a government plan to try deliberately to channel people from other areas of the Northwest Territories to that hospital but rather a hospital that meets the kinds of needs that are already demonstrated, which I must say in fairness does already include people from other areas. That is the best way I can put it, Mr. Patterson.

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

MS. COURNOYEA: It seems that I am the only one who will stay alive on my position and I would like to say that the motion probably takes care of a lot of the concerns and the assurances of the Commissioner and other Members who are promoting the establishment of the hospital in Yellowknife.

I guess I am still not going to vote for the motion. I certainly will be watching as the negotiations proceed with the federal government, knowing that the department will be preoccupied with this venture. I will be watchful to see in fact if that support to other regions and proposals for funding, finding solutions to our mental and physical health problems are pursued with as much vigour as the Yellowknife hospital, because the reason for this is, I maintain that the \$26 million that is transferred to this government has already been negotiated on the basis of the papers and tabled documents, would have to be secured, to get that total amount of \$26 million.

Details Of Area Hospital Should Be Outlined

I will not be satisfied or be moved to vote to support a motion to proceed until I see before this House a negotiating position outlining the details of an area hospital, along with other area facilities than what is proposed to be taken to the federal government to be negotiated. I see what will happen. Because the \$26 million was outlined with the federal government and the negotiations have already taken place, I believe to a certain extent we are already tied into that negotiated position. I wish the people luck in trying to change that position and secure funds on the other basis. But I am not satisfied that the answers that were given and the assurances that this House gives and the direction will really matter in the end, because I believe according to what is happening with the Charles Camsell Hospital, and according to the arguments that were put forth to support the Yellowknife hospital, the trade offs have already been made.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Like the Member from the Western Arctic, I too do not have that much confidence in the answers that have been given in some of the areas but because of my faith in the Minister responsible and the other Members of the Executive who have given us their word that they will make progress in these other areas, I will support the motion. But I will put myself on notice right now that at Frobisher Bay I want answers to such things as what are these 50 to 60 new positions in Yellowknife, what will they be doing in the hospital in Yellowknife and I will expect an answer to that as part of the planning progress.

I would really like to know because I am concerned and people are unhappy with the Charles Camsell Hospital situation because not that they are worried that they will not be able to go to Charles Camsell Hospital in particular, but they are worried that they will have to go to Yellowknife for a real need. This is what people are doing now, even those from Yellowknife have to go to Edmonton and the facilities in Yellowknife certainly will not ever be in the position of the facilities in the major city centres like Edmonton.

I am also concerned in relation to the Charles Camsell as to the people in the Keewatin, as there will be problems for them getting to hospitals in Churchill and Winnipeg. Is this a federal plan? What is being done at the Charles Camsell, will that be done as well at Churchill and Winnipeg? Also with Quebec as far as the Montreal hospital is concerned, those are things that I hope to have answers to by then, but I will support the motion because I believe that the Minister and his administration are going to make a serious attempt in this area. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Is this House ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, as you are ready for the question and as it appears the motion would carry, I would just ask that the Yellowknife representatives, in view of the fact that they will be gaining a number of new positions as mentioned by Mr. McLaughlin, that they may relinquish their interest in obtaining NCPC headquarters.

--Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question? Do not get mad. Those in favour of the motion as amended, all those in favour. Did I hear a call for a recorded vote?

MS. COURNOYEA: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. Those in favour of the motion as amended please stand until your name is called.

MR. PATTERSON: Remember this on the Nunavut committee.

Motion To Release Funds For Proposed Hospital, Carried As Amended

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Noah, Mr. Curley, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Butters, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Opposed, stand please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Ms. Cournoyea.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Abstentions?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Sibbeston.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much. The motion is carried as amended.

---Carried

Is there any further discussion on Tabled Documents 3-80(2) and 4-80(2)?
Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I am still not satisfied with the Minister's explanation as I said earlier on Tabled Document 4-80(2). It is the report on the Keewatin region and other regions' hospital requirements. This was really not his responsibility he said, but federal responsibility and therefore he is sort of sitting back and watching progress being made by the federal government and ITC for the other parts of the Northwest Territories where the federal government has responsibility.

Motion To Determine And Satisfy Health Care Needs In The Keewatin And Central Arctic

With that in mind I would like to move a motion right now and the motion reads: I move that this Assembly urge the Executive Committee and the Minister of Health to do all in its power to press the federal Department of Health and Welfare to determine and satisfy health care needs quickly and in particular the Keewatin and Central Arctic regions and other parts of the Northwest Territories, and report progress at the next session in Frobisher Bay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There is a motion on the floor. Is it seconded? We do not have a seconder. To the motion. Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Would you just read it once again, Mr. Chairman, please?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I will ask the Clerk to read it.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): I move that this Assembly urge the Executive Committee to do all in its power to press the federal Department of Health and Welfare to determine and satisfy health care needs quickly, in particular in the Keewatin and Central Arctic regions and other parts of the Northwest Territories, and report progress at the next session in Frobisher Bay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, is that what the motion says? Was it clear?

MR. CURLEY: Yes.

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

MR. PATTERSON: I am going to support the motion obviously, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to say again that I thought that by now something would have happened and I am not satisfied that anything much has happened at all. I thought that by now our Minister of Health would have occupied the office of the federal Minister of Health in Ottawa, if necessary, until he got a meeting. I do not know what sort of reaction or co-operation the federal government might or might not give us, but I would certainly not be disappointed in our Minister if he reports publicly any lack of progress or unwillingness to meet the clear wishes of this Assembly on the part of the federal government.

Information Item 29-80(2)

I must say also that I agree with Mr. Curley that the progress reported in the information items was extremely disappointing and particularly I might just refer to something in that information item: "The department has not yet met with representatives of the government, medical services, and residents of Cambridge Bay, to set in motion the analysis of the feasibility planning. It anticipates..."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): You are reading too fast, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: It says anyway they have not met yet with the Department of Health. "It anticipates this occurring in early June, since pressures on other areas will be subsiding." Well, I would like to know what is more important than getting work done on this Central Arctic and in the Keewatin. What other pressures, what other areas? He made it clear -- maybe it is the Yellowknife hospital, I do not know, but this is not a satisfactory answer at all. As well the information item reports that "The department has as well not met with agencies from the Keewatin." Maybe the officials in the Department of Health were given instructions by the Minister. I do not know, but if they are not making progress then maybe we need new officials. So I am certainly going to support the motion and I trust that it will give a clear enough direction to get the lead out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Area Hospital, Cambridge Bay; Regional Hospital, Keewatin

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am just trying to determine what information item is the Member referring to? What number was it? Information Item 29-80(2)? Just to very briefly answer the question that he indicated about the information items that were tabled, in respect to Information Item 29-80(2) about the planning for an area hospital at Cambridge Bay and a regional hospital in the Keewatin, since the time that we met and these questions were raised at the last session I have been to Ottawa twice and have attempted both times to meet with the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I was successful in meeting only in terms of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the reason being -- I even have to be careful what verb I use, but if you take it in the right context, I accosted Monique Bégin coming out of the House of Commons after question period. At that particular time the response I got from her, "I know, Arnold, what you are after. I am sorry. I am on my way to Montreal. I have to be in Montreal before dealing with the referendum."

I met with a group of officials from National Health and Welfare in Yellowknife. The Commissioner was at that meeting as well, in which I very forcibly put forth the position, "What is going on here? What are people asking for?" Those officials included the National Health and Welfare representative on Treasury Board and do not ask me her name. I could not tell you. I met with them for an hour or an hour and a half or two hours in Yellowknife putting this forth. Two weeks ago I guess it was today, when we were in Ottawa last I attempted to meet again with National Health and Welfare, the Minister. She was not in the House. I have talked with the now director, the regional director, Dr. Martin, on a number of occasions and I made Members of the Baffin and Keewatin areas aware of what I was attempting to do in terms of taking on a management contract for maintenance of the Frobisher Bay region. I, at that time indicated to Members what I proposed to do in terms of getting further responsibilities.

A week ago yesterday I received a telex from Ottawa from the Assistant Deputy Minister of medical services in which he indicated to me that before meaningful discussion can take place regarding any kind of further transfer of health responsibilities in the Baffin region there would have to be three basic conditions. The first would be that the transfer of this facility, the transfer of those services and the facility including the Frobisher Bay hospital would not require approval of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. The second, that full and meaningful consultation would be carried out with the native people of the Eastern Arctic. The third, the recognition that the Frobisher Bay hospital provide a variety of health services to other health facilities in the Eastern Arctic and that an eventual transfer must not diminish in any way the department's -- and that is National Health and Welfare's -- ability to continue to provide such services from the Frobisher Bay hospital. Before they would participate in any negotiations relating to the transfer of the federal hospital, ministerial dispensation would be required in view of the fact that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Minister of National Health and Welfare have agreed not to discuss health care transfer until land claims negotiations are complete.

Attempting To Gain More Authority For Health Care Services In The North

Now, within the time since we have been discussing these, I believe that I have put an effort, and just as much effort as I did in terms of other aspects, attempting to gain more authority for the provision of health care services in the North. I believe I have proceeded with great vigour. I believe that I have been able to take what has been said, not only here but in past sessions of this and other Assemblies to press for those things and to try to get them to the floor.

That there has not been anything further done has not been because we have not as a government tried. I expect that we will have to continue to do it. We will have to continue to press them and I believe that with the action I indicated we would take, in pursuing the concept of this government hiring doctors, will force the federal government to do something, but we would have to have this government and I, would have to have the support of each and everybody in this Assembly as well as other organizations in that concept of getting the responsibility and be placed in a position where we can actually determine ourselves. I do not particularly believe that I have been sitting down in my dining room drinking a cup of tea or whatever...

MS. COURNOYEA: Rum and coke.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I do not drink rum and coke, you know that, -- just waiting for things to happen. In the last month Members of the Executive, myself included, have made two trips to the East and to Ottawa and as I say, I have been there twice attempting to pursue various areas whereby we can determine what we should have, whereby we can begin to press for more, to provide to meet the needs. Some of the tales of the atrocious things that have occurred in relation to people in communities, I think they are terrible. There has to be some better response in doing it.

Just because the federal government have lead responsibilities in these as I have indicated, does not mean that we will not attempt to take over that, and I suggest to you that the statement I made in attempting to take on doctors by this government, that is the kind of thing that will force the federal government to listen more carefully to what we are trying to do. I think we have been able or will be able to push forth and I think we will be able to come back with some real progress in it. We will attempt to do it all the time as we have in the past.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

HON. ROBERT H. MacQUARRIE: Very briefly I would be remiss if I said earlier that if such a motion were put forward that I would support it fully and I wish to indicate that that is what I intend to do. I think it is a very worthy motion and I along with other Members would want to see it is followed up on.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Determine And Satisfy Health Care Needs In the Keewatin And Central Arctic, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. All those in favour. Down. Opposed. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Carried unanimously, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The record will show that.

MR. FRASER: Progress.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is there any further discussion on Tabled Documents 3-80(2) and 4-80(2)? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would ask if the House could proceed at least to begin discussion on the first bill before adjourning for the day.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Do you require a motion closing debate on the papers we have just been considering?

MR. PATTERSON: Closure.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): If you wish to move a motion I will accept it. Proceed Mr. Butters.

Motion To Accept Information Items 26-80(2) and 29-80(2); Tabled Documents 3-80(2) and 4-80(2), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would move that your committee has considered the documents, whatever the numbers are, and they have been accepted with the motions of direction given by the House.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Is there any further discussion on that motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question? The question has been called. All those in favour of that motion. Down. Opposed. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Now, would the committee like to consider Bill 1-80(2)? Mr. Butters, do you have anything on Bill 1-80(2)?

Bill 1-80(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1979-1980

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate to Members that the bills in question should be in the legislation books and the bill appears first in the book followed by an explanation of the amount required and the purpose for which the amount is required, or the amounts required. I would indicate that if there are any questions I would suggest that the chairman of the financial management board respond to them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are there any comments or questions on Bill 1-80(2)? I was going to ask the chairman of the finance committee but she is not here. Ms. Cournoyea.

MS. COURNOYEA: I know the answer to this question but I would like it for the record, for Mr. Butters to answer them; \$995,000 for finance on supply services, I would like the Minister responsible to just explain that for the record.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters, have you a response?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would ask the chairman of the financial management board to do that, as he has done before the standing committee on finance.

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

Finance, O And M

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the explanation that goes along with the request for approval of this \$995,000 that I gave to the standing committee on finance was this. First of all the \$995,000 has already been spent and that has to be clearly understood. In the operation of our petroleum sales and resupply division we incurred certain losses that were not apparent to us until the books were literally closed for the fiscal year.

We found that in fact we had losses in that operation of \$995,000. Therefore, we are coming to this House to seek the necessary spending authority for that money. If the House were to refuse that spending authority then it does not mean that the money would not have been spent but it means that the Auditor General would be in a position to criticize us for not having had that authority. The reason we could not get the authority in advance was because we could not anticipate these losses in this account.

Now, the losses, in a general sense, were made up in three areas, and the first is the area that we call adjustment of inventory and that accounts for approximately \$390,000 of the total. That comes from problems with mismeasurements due to temperature, a certain amount of spillage and lost meter tickets because we are dealing with a very substantial number of distributors; with problems of contamination, that is mixing of products that we believe was done by the carriers and therefore beyond our control.

The next general group to which we attribute losses is inadequate price levels, and what that means is we underestimated the price that we should have charged for our product and that amounts to \$222,000.

The third category, extraordinary costs of approximately \$446,000 was for extra air lifts that we had not anticipated into Pelly Bay and Repulse Bay, plus a loss that we encountered in Port Burwell, principally because the people there moved away to different settlements, and we had to cancel our contract with the supplier.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Are there any further questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is there further discussion? The question has been called. Does everyone agree on Bill 1-80(2)? Now would this committee like to go clause by clause?

---Agreed

Mr. Commissioner.

Finance, Revolving Funds

COMMISSIONER PARKER: If I could seek your indulgence, regarding the last two pages of the bill, I just want to make sure it is understood there are two parts to it. I have described the requirement for the \$995,000 and I gather you have received approval for that. The second one is to increase the revolving fund for the Rae Lakes store from \$150,000 to \$210,000. That is a project on which we at least break even and which just gives us spending authority within the fiscal year.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is that agreed?

---Agreed

Let us go back to clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 5, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 6, transfer of money and accountable advances. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 7, coming into force. Agreed?

---Agreed

Schedule. Agreed?

---Agreed

Operation and maintenance, \$995,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Revolving funds, \$60,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Short title. Agreed?

---Agreed

The bill as a whole. Agreed?

---Agreed

Does this committee wish to report progress?

---Agreed

HON. TOM BUTTERS: That bill is now ready for third reading.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 1-80(2) is ready for third reading. Is that agreed?

---Agreed

Thank you. Report progress?

---Agreed

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I will call the House to order, noting that we can be a very agreeable bunch when we have to be. Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF INFORMATION ITEM 26-80(2): HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, ACCOUNTABILITY; INFORMATION ITEM 29-80(2): AREA HOSPITAL, CAMBRIDGE BAY, REGIONAL HOSPITAL, KEEWATIN; TABLED DOCUMENT 3-80(2): PLANNING PRIORITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF FOUR LEVELS OF CARE; TABLED DOCUMENT 4-80(2): A SCHEME OF LEVELS OF CARE FOR THE N.W.T.; AND BILL 1-80(2): SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1979-1980

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has concluded the consideration of Tabled Documents 3-80(2) and 4-80(2) and Information Items 26-80(2) and 29-80(2). Your committee has also been considering Bill 1-80(2) and wish to report this bill is ready for third reading. Your committee wishes to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

ITEM NO. 12: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, June 20, 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
8. Motions
9. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and Other Matters: Motion 20-80(2); 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); Report of the Standing Committee on Finance; Tabled Documents 6-80(2), 12-80(2); Bill 2-80(2); Sessional Paper 4-80(2)
10. Third Reading of Bills
11. Assent to Bills
12. Adjournment

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. There are probably a couple of announcements that should have been made if we had had caucus this morning. I will make them now. I know at the hotel they would like people to check out as early as possible, not waiting until tomorrow evening so that they do not have a great rush. Those who are planning to attend the sedate reception that is going to be put on by the Speaker tomorrow evening might wish to pack tonight. Finally I would remind Members that the recreation committee of this community has scheduled a square dance in our honour and for us tonight. It is at 8:30 so I would urge as many Members as possible to participate. This House now -- Mr. Stewart.

MR. STEWART: On a point of information, Mr. Speaker. As an appointee of this Legislature to the Northern Canada Power Commission board is it permissible to make a report to the Legislature under Item 6, report of standing and special committees?

MR. SPEAKER: I will check that out but I certainly think, Mr. Stewart, that the Assembly would be interested somewhere in the orders tomorrow hearing that report and they will take that under advisement. Maybe I should ask the Assembly now. Somewhere in the orders of the day would Members be agreeable to hearing such a report?

---Agreed

You may plan for that, Mr. Stewart. Right now if Members -- is it agreed?

---Agreed

Would you be prepared right now, Mr. Stewart?

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I would like to finalize it. I have just received some of the information.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. We will look forward to that tomorrow then. This House now stands adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a.m., June 20, 1980, at the Kamanituak School.

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