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FROBISHER BAY, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1980

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ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Item 2 on the orders of the day, continuing replies to Commissioner's Address. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM NO. 2: CONTINUING REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Sibbeston's Reply

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to begin by giving this Assembly an overview of the state of affairs in my constituency. Before coming here to Frobisher Bay I visited most of the communities in my area except two small places and Tungsten which is in the southwest corner of my constituency. Tungsten is a mining town and is more closely associated and aligned with British Columbia, so I have not had a chance to go there recently. I am pleased to report that in almost all communities which I visited there is good spirit and positive things happening which leads me to believe that things are getting better for people and people are on the move towards making better and happier lives for themselves.

The good feeling and uplifting that people appear to be feeling in the communities is not by accident or without reason. It stems from I believe two things which have happened in the past year, primarily since this Assembly was elected; the first reason is that there has been a coming together of all native peoples in the Mackenzie Valley. The Dene Nation General Assembly, while the Dene and Metis people assembled this summer, did a great deal to uplift people as people have always said in the communities that people live harmoniously together and the problem has been in headquarters. I am very pleased to know and generally people are very glad that these philosophical differences are resolved and the leaders of the native people are getting along much better together. The people do sense that there is no more conflict between their leaders and that gives them hope that aboriginal rights settlements will be resolved in the near future.

The second reason for the uplifting of people in my area and down the valley is that this Assembly and its Executive Committee is beginning to better reflect what people are thinking in the communities. People are beginning to feel that themselves and their leaders, the Dene Nation and the Metis Association executive, the chiefs and council members are beginning to affect this government and this government through this Assembly and its Executive Committee is beginning to gain the credibility and respect of the people.

As a Member of the unity committee I have had a unique occasion to go throughout the North and visit all the major native organizations and I do sense an openness towards this Assembly, contrary to what it had been a year ago where it would have been impossible to have, for instance, the Dene Nation or Metis Association people in the same room as members of this territorial government. The fact we are having all these people coming later on this week does indicate that they look much more favourably towards this Assembly than they have in the past; and so I think things are improving in this regard.

Advantage Of Native Members On The Executive Committee

Another factor in all of this I believe is the fact that you have two native Dene Members on the Executive Committee, James Wah-Shee and Richard Nerysoo. It seems in the past year they have spent a lot of time, certainly not in our parts of the North, they have been up in the Eastern Arctic a lot, but the fact that they are on the Executive Committee and in Yellowknife gives people some confidence that they have some friends or allies in the government. This coming year we will, the Dene people will be making more demands on them and we trust they will be responding.

The meetings which the Executive Committee has been holding with the Dene Nation and the Metis Association people has done a lot to give credibility to this government. Some people of course in Yellowknife and other larger centres in the North do not think that that is a positive thing but I do feel for the most part the majority of people in the North feel that this sort of thing is a positive thing.

One year ago, and perhaps two and three years ago too, I thought as well as many of the Dene people that this government was the number one enemy of the Dene people and I ran on a platform last fall which was to challenge this government. My role if possible was to be as obstructive as possible and to eventually bring down this government in whatever way I could and that is what the majority of people voted for me for, and I had the support of the chiefs and the Metis leaders, and I did not win by just a squeaker either, I believe I had one of the largest majorities on this Assembly. However, since last October slowly this Assembly stated its position, often completely contrary to the previous Assembly's position and the Executive Committee slowly but definitely began to carry out the views of this Assembly. So, in the past year I have changed my view and I feel there is some hope about this government eventually becoming the government of the people. There will still have to be major changes. One year ago I saw no hope, now I think there is a small hope. Last year I guess I would have given this government a zero per cent rating and now I give it one per cent or five per cent. So, things are moving up.

Community Of Fort Good Hope

In the last year one of the most gratifying experiences that I have had was to be associated with the band council of Fort Good Hope when they made their famous visit to the sixth floor and met with the Executive Committee in Yellowknife. It is gratifying to see that the Executive Committee responded and eventually did agree to let the band council of Good Hope take over all municipal services in their communities. Since that time the chief of Good Hope, and some of you may have met him, Frank T'Seleie who was here for a few days, has said that the community has completely turned around and many positive things are happening. They hosted the Dene Nation assembly this summer. They have been able to attract top native persons like Bob Overvold and Steve Kakfwi to work for them; this fall they were also able to arrange for a large number of hunters and trappers going out in the bush and I believe the territorial government matched the money they were able to raise themselves for this. So as far as Fort Good Hope is concerned I wish it was in my constituency as it is going to be one of the best strongest Dene communities in the next few years. I point this out to show what is possible if people and government do

co-operate, and I do not think I need to tell you the opposite of this, where there is wrangling and a fight between the settlement council and the band council, where there are government officials coming to town trying to tell people what to do, and there is apathy and drinking. So, I believe Fort Good Hope has come out of this bad state and is now on its way to quite a bright future.

Fort Simpson And Fort Providence

Now in regard to my own constituency, in Fort Simpson where I live I can tell you that the band council there is getting on its feet despite years of undermining by this territorial government. This summer the band council undertook to build five log houses and now these are almost completed. The band is also interested in getting into business ventures. This fall the band set up an economic development committee and will be soon making a proposal to the Executive Committee to take over part of the highway maintenance between Fort Simpson and Fort Providence. I am sure that the Executive Committee will respond favourably. Heaven help them if they do not. The relationship between the band council and the village council in Simpson has in recent months become better and there is even the possibility that a number of native people will be running for the village council this fall. The band council has also finally begun taking definite steps to deal with the alcohol problem in their community, Simpson. I believe letters have been sent, or will shortly be sent to the Commissioner and the Liquor Licensing Board to come to Fort Simpson in the middle of November to attend a public meeting. The band wants to shut down the liquor store and all other liquor outlets in the community during working hours. The band also wants to restrict the amount of liquor that any one person can buy from the liquor store in one day. I am hoping the Commissioner and Liquor Licensing Board will respond quickly to the requests.

In Fort Providence all the people took a stand on the matter of outsiders coming into their hunting and fishing area this fall. They closed the road to the Horn River trying to shut out all outsiders of the community and I am pleased to hear that the Commissioner did meet with the people and came to some basic agreement with the people as to protecting their area. The people in Fort Providence in my meeting with them last week also indicated to me that they wished to build at least ten log houses this coming summer, so an application will be made to the Housing Corporation shortly. I support this endeavour and trust again that the corporation which is an arm of this government will respond favourably.

Nahanni Butte

Some of you may have heard of Nahanni Butte. Recently Nahanni Butte was in the news because of its alcoholic problems. There have been five deaths in Nahanni Butte in the past year directly because of alcohol abuse. When you consider there are only approximately 75 people in that community, to have five members die because of liquor, I think does indicate the seriousness of the problem. Just about two weeks ago the people, however, voted for prohibition and I feel this is a real positive step. I was fortunate to be there on the day of the prohibition vote and after the polls had been closed and the votes counted the people held a meeting and more or less said, "Well, where do we go from here?" The people seem quite intent to try to do something about their problems and one of the things that we finally came to a conclusion on was that the people do need some help. People would like a community development worker to go to their community and live with them for however long it takes to get them organized and eventually on their feet. So in this regard I have written to Mr. Wah-Shee and I trust next week or fairly soon there will be someone certainly going in there to check things out. There has been also a bit of

controversy recently as regards Nahanni Butte on the question of who should help the people. Someone suggested maybe the Dene Nation should help the people. Well, as far as I know the Dene Nation does not have any money for such programs. As far as I am concerned it is the territorial government who has the responsibility of helping the people. Whether we like it or not, it is the government that is in existence now and it is the territorial government that is selling liquor, so I think the territorial government has to deal with the matter and help the people.

Kakisa Lake And Wrigley

In Kakisa Lake the people have asked for electricity. The initial request was made to me and shortly after to Mr. Wah-Shee last winter in the February session. So far there is still no electricity to Kakisa Lake and the people have asked me to continue writing to Mr. Wah-Shee to see if he will eventually decide to help them out.

As far as Wrigley is concerned I am pleased to say there are no major problems in the community. I went in there and spent a night there and I came out of there really flying high, so pleased at the spirit and morale of people. Things are really in good shape. People are getting ready to go out in the bush and the one request the people did have was to get some help to help them get out to their traplines. Immediately then after I came back to Simpson, I phoned up the Department of Renewable Resources and in just a few minutes talk was able to get some money for them. So as a result of this the plane went in there and has taken out quite a number of the people to their traplines. So the people are happy about that and commend the government for their speedy response. One matter though which was raised besides this is the matter of the high gasoline price. The gas price had suddenly risen from about \$13.40 -- not a gallon, but for ten gallons -- to \$19.80 for a ten gallon drum. This happened just overnight and that is an increase of \$6.40. People really could not understand why there was suddenly such a big jump. Wrigley is just a couple of hundred miles south of Norman Wells and I believe that in Norman Wells, the gas price for ten gallons is about \$13 and Simpson which is further away from Norman Wells, I believe the gas there is about \$13.40 so people just cannot understand why the gas has gone up so high. I do appreciate that Mr. Nerysoo has announced a subsidy for hunters and trappers, but they were not aware of this and I guess it will be some time before this subsidy gets down to the people.

Performance Of The Executive Committee Members

Now, still on the second reason of the Assembly and the Executive Committee beginning to better effect what people are thinking, I wish to make some comments on the performance of the Executive Committee Members. Firstly, I wish to talk briefly about Mr. Braden. I must say that I feel that Mr. Braden of all the non-native Members on the Executive Committee has tried hardest to do what the Assembly has asked them to do on major issues such as the Norman Wells pipeline. Because of this it seems Mr. Braden has received some criticism from some of his constituents and also from other people outside of his constituency. Just last week I believe there was a Mr. Billingsley, the president of the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce who had the gall to ask for Mr. Braden's resignation. I would say to Mr. Billingsley that Mr. Braden is simply trying to carry out this Assembly's wish and if he has any quarrel or dispute about that he ought to deal with it or say so to the Assembly.

MR. PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

MR. SIBBESTON: Members of the Executive Committee when they are asked to do certain things or take certain positions in respect to our motions really they have no choice but to carry out our wishes as quickly and as well as possible. If for some reason any Member does not agree or like what is said or motions are made which they cannot support and if they simply cannot understand it, or if they cannot comply with it, they ought to resign. I must say to people like Mr. Billingsley that increasingly this Assembly, and accordingly this Executive Committee, will be taking positions on major issues in the North and increasingly many of the other views expressed will challenge the status quo, and there is no turning back. The native people will have an increasingly large influence on the way things are going to be in the North and I say that if certain people do not like what is going on because they have come from the South they ought to go back south if they do not like the way things are going in the North. Slowly things are beginning to get better for the native people. It is not fair for some white people to resist and make it difficult for the native people.

Now, turning to other Members of the Executive Committee, you will recall that last fall Mr. Butters and Mr. McCallum were termed Members of the "old guard" and I understand that since then there has been some mellowing and I understand there is still some occasional resistance to what is going on, but I take it that there is now much better understanding by them of the Assembly and I wish them well and I encourage them to continue to try and understand.

A Good Commissioner For The Times

It would not be fair to not say anything about our dear Commissioner and give him a rating. In my view Mr. Parker has proven himself to be a good Commissioner for the times we are in. One of the most important changes I have seen is his willingness to let elected Executive Members take on responsibilities and have decision making powers. Unlike Mr. Hodgson who insisted that he be the "king of the North" or "top dog" of the North from whom all good things emanate, I understand that Mr. Parker is, contrary to this approach, willing to share his power and I commend him for his ability to move with the times and accept the changes that are happening in the North.

---Applause

In the months to come, should the federal government approve the construction of the Norman Wells pipeline without the consent of the native people, the fight against Ottawa will intensify and I hope that Mr. Parker will be our ally and be our friend in helping resolve the issue. It will certainly be a test to see whose side he is on, whether he is on Ottawa's side or whether he is on the side of the people of the North. If it should come down to having to choose a side, I hope he will choose our side or, if not, I guess he would have to resign.

Norman Wells Pipeline

Having said all that I wish to now turn to the issue of the Norman Wells pipeline. If the federal government decides to go ahead with the Norman Wells pipeline without aboriginal rights settlement being started and well under way, or without the consent of the Dene and Metis people, all of the positive things I have said are happening in the communities I think will be in jeopardy. Instead of the present hope, good will and progress that is being made, we will see bitterness and resentment toward the federal government and this government. There will be loss of the hope of the native people to determine their own future because with the pipeline going ahead without their consent their futures will be determined for them by the federal government.

If the federal government says yes to the pipeline at this time in the history of the North, it will set the native people back greatly. The federal government will, if they go ahead with the pipeline, in a sense be saying this is not Dene land, it is not your resources, and we can bloody well do what we like. This is fundamentally contrary to what the Dene and Metis people are saying, and also to an extent to what the other people in the North are saying, that they must have a say in the way the North is being developed.

The matter of a pipeline is very crucial to the Dene and Metis people. It took up most of the discussion at the Dene Nation General Assembly and it took up most of the time when they were meeting with the Minister, John Munro. It is unfortunate that today instead of real progress being made in the matter of aboriginal rights settlement, a lot of time, energy and money still has to be spent in fighting or making presentations to EARP, Environmental Assessment and Review Panel and NEB, National Energy Board and also getting ready to fight the government if it comes down to that.

I think that this Assembly must deal with the issue of what do we do if the federal government decides to go ahead with the pipeline despite protests of the Dene and native people and despite the protests of this Assembly. We have to determine whether we are going to try and do anything or whether we just say to the government "Oh, go ahead. There is not very much we can do." Do we just let the federal government go ahead with it or do we put up a good fight? I suppose some people might feel that there is no use in fighting Trudeau because even the provinces are having a hard time with him. However, I think it is still worth putting up a good fight and I would like to talk about the ways we can oppose Ottawa. I think the first way that we can challenge the federal government with regards to a pipeline is to make our views known to the Minister and to make presentations to bodies such as EARP and the National Energy Board. I believe we have done this. In this regard I guess all we can do now is to wait for their decision. If the decision is no for a pipeline, I guess we will have accomplished our objective. If the decision however is in favour of a pipeline and the federal government insists on going ahead with the pipeline, we must begin to oppose the pipeline in whatever way we can.

Powers Of The Assembly To Delay The Pipeline

We must first look at what powers this Legislative Assembly has in order to stop, delay or thwart the pipeline. In this regard I have looked at the Northwest Territories Act and the powers which are given to the Legislative Assembly and I have reviewed all the legislation which I believe could have a bearing on the pipeline. I have looked at such ordinances as the Taxation Ordinance, the Area Development Ordinance and the Expropriation Ordinance.

In respect to the Taxation Ordinance, in section 17 it states that the pipeline is liable for taxation and we could impose such a high tax on Imperial Oil's facilities in Norman Wells, Interprovincial's pipeline going over crown land, that it could make the project unfeasible. There is the Area Development Ordinance and by section 3 of that ordinance the Commissioner could declare, in fact the whole pipeline route as a development area and impose stringent conditions that could again thwart the project. There is the Expropriation Ordinance under which the Commissioner has the power to expropriate certain lands over which he has jurisdiction. The one thing that is however consistent throughout all of the ordinances is that it is the Commissioner who has the power to do things.

While it seems that the Northwest Territories Act gives the authority to the Commissioner in Council, in all the ordinances the regulatory powers are given to the Commissioner himself. He is the one who can set the schedule for the tax to be imposed on a pipeline and he is the one who can set up the development areas, he is the one who can expropriate and we are left in a situation where any acts or steps which we could take are in the hands of the Commissioner. Would the Commissioner be prepared to do the necessary things to help us try and stop or thwart the pipeline? I guess these can only be answered as we become more involved in challenging the federal government.

Bound To The Powers Of The Commissioner

Now, in considering the matter, and looking at all the possible ways we can challenge the government, I have come to the conclusion that the only real power we as an Assembly have is not to pass any legislation. To begin with, we are not permitted to bring forth any bills which propose to spend money or impose tax without the consent of the Commissioner. Also the Commissioner has power to refuse assent to any ordinance we pass. Further, even if the Commissioner gives his assent, the minister can veto the ordinance for up to a one year period. So, we are really bound by the powers of the Commissioner and the Minister in regard to passing ordinances. The one power we do have however is the power to refuse to pass any laws which means we have the power to refuse to pass the budget, and if we did that, we could bring this government to a standstill. In the meantime, I suppose the pipeline could be built but certainly for a short while until the federal government came into the picture and just gave money to the government directly, I guess we could stall or certainly slow down this government and I believe that this approach, the one available to us must be seriously looked at as a means of putting pressure on the federal government, and a way of bringing national attention to our position and situation in the North. In the end, if things come to this point, we may be able to make our case to the federal government and indeed to the people of Canada. Toward this end then I intend to make a motion on Wednesday asking our Legal Advisor to research all possible avenues of challenging the federal government on the pipeline issue.

In conclusion let me say again that from my vantage point in my constituency way out in the bush in the Dene land, things are looking up, and this government is becoming more credible and in order to continue this good atmosphere and good working relationship that exists between native groups and this Executive Assembly I think we must eventually join together to really challenge the federal government. We must be prepared to be ready to take on the federal government should they decide to go ahead with the pipeline.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Before we proceed I would like to recognize Mr. Jerry MacNeil of Thompson, Manitoba, superintendent of the Frontier School Division in northern Manitoba who is now in the gallery.
Mr. MacNeil.

---Applause

I understand Mr. MacNeil is one of our special advisers to the special committee for education. Continuing with replies to the Commissioner's Address, I would remind Members that tomorrow is the last day unless there is an extension. There appear to be no more replies today. Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Sibbeston.

Question 136-80(2): Origin Of Request For Bills

MR. SIBBESTON: A question to Mr. Butters, Mr. Speaker. Who is responsible for bringing in Bills 8-80(2), 9-80(2), 10-80(2) and 13-80(2) all dealing with registration of documents? Can the Minister indicate whether the request for these bills has come from his constituents or simply the bureaucrats in Yellowknife?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 136-80(2): Origin Of Request For Bills

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware offhand of the origin of each of the requests but they certainly did not come from my constituents that I know of. They are government bills and have been developed as requirements were made known to the government from various sources.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions, Mr. Patterson.

Question 137-80(2): Hazards Of Uranium Exploration

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In view of the recent decision in Labrador to postpone the Brinnex Ltd. Mine because of hazards, possible hazards associated with the disposal of uranium tailings and in view of accelerated exploration for uranium in the Northwest Territories, will the Science Advisory Board advise on possible hazards of uranium exploration and mining in the Northwest Territories being presented to this House this session in Frobisher Bay?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 137-80(2): Hazards Of Uranium Exploration

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The report will be tabled in this session to be reviewed by the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions, Mr. Noah.

Question 138-80(2): Chesterfield Inlet's Questions Re Doctors' Practices

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I want to ask about the Chesterfield Inlet hamlet, something which I was just given today. This is a question to the Health Minister. It says and I will read it, the hamlet wants me to ask the question, the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, if somebody dies in the family over there sometimes the doctors here in the Territories do not understand the culture of the people. They do not know the difference between the culture of the people. This is what we want the Health department to know and the Legislative Assembly. I want them to be expressed carefully so it will be easier in the Northwest Territories to be put in legislation. Number one, the doctors of the Northwest Territories should stop working over here because they always ask the husband or the wife of the deceased exactly how they feel after most of their family die. They only bring up their loss over again when the doctors ask them. Number two, this is very important to us, to the Inuit people, say a man or a woman does not want to be asked a question, "How do you feel about your family passing away?" We would like to be taught about -- we would be happy if the above-mentioned could be followed by the doctors in dealing with the people of the Northwest Territories. This is from the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Noah, that really is not a question. It should have been handled either as a tabled document if you wished to put it through in that manner or possibly introduce a motion so that it could be debated in committee of the whole but it is really not a question. Is there any reply that the Health Minister may be able to give in a general context that would help?

Return To Question 138-80(2): Chesterfield Inlet's Questions Re Doctors' Practices

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I simply would indicate to the Member and to you, sir, that what I could do would be to bring this to the attention of the health co-ordinating committee that is made up of members of the federal government up to this time where we are in health matters which provides medical practitioners in the North and the Department of Health of the territorial government. It would seem to me that there would obviously be some times when certain questions would have to be asked of the family. I would take it to be a comment from the Member that perhaps doctors in pursuing the possible causes of deaths in particular families would be a little more discreet in their kind of questioning. I think that is about all I could reply in terms of the question and ask of these medical people that they certainly use a little bit more discretion. Certainly though I think there are times when questions would have to be asked of the family. I think that is all I could offer.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 139-80(2): Operation And Maintenance Cutbacks In High Schools

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. In view of the serious difficulties that high schools particularly appear to be experiencing in the face of operation and maintenance cutbacks can you tell this House whether there are at the present time plans already under way to fund high schools during the 1980-81 fiscal year and, if so, what is the extent of help that these schools could expect?

---Applause

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

Partial Return To Question 139-80(2): Operation And Maintenance Cutbacks In High Schools

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I thank the hon. Member for giving notice of his question. The Members will recall that a similar question was raised by the hon. Member for Frobisher Bay yesterday and I will be responding to that question in writing because it requested a specific amount of money I think, the amount that would be available. There has been in keeping with a promise I made to Members during the budget session last year, a request to all the regions for an indication of those areas, especially in materials and supplies, where there is an urgent and demonstrable need. That request went out in the spring and about a month and a half ago I took the total of those requests before the financial management board and received approval in principle to develop a supplementary estimate in the amount of \$106,000 for that particular item. When I learn of the exact amount that is to be made available to Frobisher Bay, if some is to be made available to this community, I will put that amount in by way of a written reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question 140-80(2): Recreation Officer To Visit Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, this is directed to the Minister of Local Government. In Cape Dorset the recreation committee would like to be visited. They want to fix up their budget and they would like to be visited by a recreation officer some time and I wonder if the Minister of Local Government can deal with this. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 140-80(2): Recreation Officer To Visit Cape Dorset

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes. I would like to assure the hon. Member that one of our recreational officers will indeed visit Cape Dorset.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. A subsequent question, Mr. MacQuarrie, under oral questions.

Question 141-80(2): Housing Associations Collecting Overdue Rent

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question for the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. According to an information item we received in Baker Lake it indicated that a package of information was perhaps going to be prepared by Mr. Patterson to assist local housing associations to begin small claims proceedings for overdue rent. Has that package been prepared? Has it been distributed and are local housing associations having success now in collecting overdue rents?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister, Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 141-80(2): Housing Associations Collecting Overdue Rent

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, the request I think was made to have Maliiganik Tukisiiniavik in Frobisher Bay do the work. As I understand it the work is being done. It has been done and has been received by the Housing Corporation who are in the process of reviewing that. The board has a meeting of the maintenance management group in Baker Lake in November, 17th through the 23rd, at which time I think the paralegal group from Frobisher Bay Maliiganik Tukisiiniavik will be invited to explain the total package. I also understand that the recently formed Baffin housing association will be sending people there to represent some views of this newly formed housing association as a result of a meeting in Pangnirtung last week.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions, Mr. Patterson.

Question 142-80(2): Action On Housing Task Force Recommendations

MR. PATTERSON: Yes. I have an oral question, Mr. Speaker. Just a point of information if I may. The meeting the Hon. Mr. McCallum referred to November 17th is to take place in Rankin Inlet. My question is for the leader of the elected Members of the Executive Committee, Mr. Braden. In view of serious impediments to private home ownership in Frobisher Bay including soaring taxes, alleged inequities in assessments, high utilidor hookup costs which have culminated in a recent petition to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories calling for urgent action, have you taken, has this government taken any action on the task force report on housing completed over a year ago? If not, when will you take action or recommend implementation of the report's recommendations?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 142-80(2): Action On Housing Task Force Recommendations

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Member for giving me notice of his question and I want to assure him that there was no intention on the part of the Executive to delay due consideration of the recommendations of the report of the task force into government housing.

The report includes a number of recommendations of a far reaching nature which will involve the Executive to make some serious financial as well as political decisions. The priorities in planning committee, of which I am the chairman, has been considering this, the task force report, and we have had the benefit of a financial analysis done by our staff, and so far we have been looking into the principles of the recommendations of the task force. It is our intention to come to the Legislative Assembly in February with our recommendations as to how much of the task force report should be put into effect, and you have my commitment we will not implement any of the task force recommendations prior to discussion in this House. We think it is appropriate to bring our recommendations to you in the February budget session because of the significant financial implications to this government.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the Executive Committee does want to see the territorial government get out of the business of providing staff houses whenever and wherever we can do that. We do want to find ways of promoting private home ownership, not only for civil servants but for all residents in the Northwest Territories. I believe we have made a start and that is seen by what my friend Mr. Wah-Shee introduced the other day. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that in our deliberations on the report we recognize the significant impact that major changes in policies can have for civil servants and thus we are intending to hold discussions not only in-house with our staff, and the Executive Committee, but also with unions representing civil servants as well as with some of the representatives of the private sector who are involved in the real estate business. So, Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the hon. Member that this is a pressing issue and I look forward to providing recommendations in February and having a debate on them at that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Curley.

Question 143-80(2): Shortage Of Teacher Aides In Eskimo Point

MR. CURLEY: My question is to the Minister of Education. As the Minister knows there is a real shortage of classroom assistants and teacher aides, particularly in Eskimo Point, there are only five and a half teachers there. Are there any plans to change the teacher rate in that particular community?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister, Mr. Butters.

Partial Return To Question 143-80(2): Shortage Of Teacher Aides In Eskimo Point

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, from my own knowledge I cannot reply specifically to that question at this time. I may indicate to the Member and Members of this House that Mr. Lewis the deputy minister of Education will be arriving in Frobisher Bay tonight and a number of questions that have been put to me relative to the specifics of the education program will be answered during his stay here. I also expect some of the information items that remain on the order paper could be answered at that time as well.

MR. SPEAKER: So you will take this as notice and provide an answer. Is that correct?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Sayine.

Question 144-80(2): Permanent Bridge For Little Buffalo River

MR. SAYINE: My question is for the Minister responsible for the Department of Public Works, of the highways department. In view of the numerous requests from the settlement of Fort Resolution during the past 15 years requesting that a permanent bridge be put in at the Little Buffalo River, can the Minister advise the House whether he sees this bridge being put in at that river within the near future or is it in the plans?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: My colleague, Mr. Wah-Shee, has just stepped out but he asked me to indicate that should a question arise concerning his responsibilities that he would provide an answer, take the question as notice and provide an answer at the earliest opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question 145-80(2): Accident Between Pine Point And Hay River

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a series of questions for the hon. Minister of Justice and Public Services relating to a nearly fatal accident on the highway between Pine Point and Hay River. My questions are, one, does the safety division have a safety standard for warning signs, detours and barricades when an excavation takes place over a public highway? Is the highway division supposed to use this standard? Did they follow the proper standards in the case I have referred to, and if not, what has been done to rectify the situation to make sure this type of incident does not happen again? Coincidentally, I think Mr. Speaker, this relates to my colleague from Fort Resolution's question regarding the detour situation with the bridge which is supposed to be a temporary bridge and has been for the last ten or 15 years on the Fort Resolution highway as well.

MR. SPEAKER: You are doing fine with an oral question except for that last part and I am not sure if that was an oral question. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I will take the question as notice and have a reply filed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: A point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I felt that the question was an urgent matter because there are still vehicles going off the road in situations like this that have not been rectified and in the last few days. In a detour situation which exists or which has for the last ten or 15 years at Fort Resolution, that situation still exists.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Fraser.

Question 146-80(2): Number Of Students And Teachers In Each Community

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. While he is requesting some information on education or teacher assistants, if the House could be provided with a list of schools in the Territories, a list of the number of students and teachers for each community.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: May I have the indulgence of the House to answer orally an oral question put to me yesterday?

MR. SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Further Return To Question 121-80(2): Funding For Special Committee On Education

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yesterday the hon. Member for Keewatin South asked regarding a letter that had been sent to the financial management board to enable the special committee on education to expend funds and I promised at that time that I would see that that was placed on the financial management board agenda for Saturday. It was placed on the agenda and the information is this, the letter which we have not seen yet has been received by board officials and the request in the letter I think required some \$55,000 to pay debts incurred to date and there was another amount of I think \$150,000 for debts to be incurred in the future. The action taken was that the Deputy Commissioner approved the \$55,000 for payment and those bills outstanding should not be paid.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question 147-80(2): Power Of Band Councils To Close Liquor Outlets

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, could one of the Ministers indicate why one of the motions which was made at the Baker Lake session concerning amendments to the Liquor Ordinance in respect of band councils or municipal councils being able to get liquor outlets closed when there are important meetings in the community, can the Minister indicate why this motion requesting amendments to the Liquor Ordinance is not on the agenda, if they could just indicate that?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister, Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 147-80(2): Power Of Band Councils To Close Liquor Outlets

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The hon. Member is correct. We have not put anything forward during this session. The reason being is that there would appear to be quite a number of amendments that should be made to the Liquor Ordinance. I personally was apprised of some of these a few days ago, or I should say a week or so ago and the Executive Committee decision is that all Members of the House will be approached and their advice requested regarding amendments that should be made to the Liquor Ordinance. On receipt of this information from all the Members of the House the Department of Justice and Public Services will develop the amendments, place them before first the Executive Committee for legislation and then before the standing committee on legislation, and I would assume that not only would the concerns raised by the Member be addressed at the January session, but a number of other concerns that are currently on Members' minds will also be included at that time. So, the amendments will probably be forthcoming during our winter session.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further oral questions? We will proceed then on orders of the day to Item 4, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Written questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 148-80(2): Inspection Of Kamotiq Inn In Frobisher Bay

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Hon. Tom Butters, Minister of Justice and Public Services. Was there a final inspection conducted of the Kamotiq Inn in Frobisher Bay by the Liquor Board before the recent granting of a dining lounge liquor licence by the Liquor Board? If there was such an inspection, was it conducted by a person duly authorized to be a liquor inspector by the terms of the Liquor Ordinance and regulations? If the inspection was not performed by a duly appointed liquor inspector, then why? According to the rules and regulations under the Liquor Ordinance of the Northwest Territories, is a final inspection of licensed premises by a duly appointed liquor inspector required before a liquor licence can be valid according to law? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 149-80(2): Construction Of Porches By Housing Corporation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question for the Hon. Arnold McCallum, our Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

With respect to the porch building program that was called for by this Assembly last February:

- (1) How was the Housing Corporation able to adjust its spending authority in order to identify \$400,000 for the program?
- (2) What progress can be reported on the building of the porches?
- (3) Was any thought given to the alternative of providing materials to occupants and inviting those who were able to construct the porches themselves? If the alternative was considered why was it discarded as an option?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further written questions? Are there any returns? Mr. Minister, Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 113-80(2): Airstrip At Lake Harbour

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 23rd regarding the Lake Harbour airstrip. The length of the Lake Harbour airstrip is severely restricted because of the sheer drop at one end and a large hill at the other end. Any extension would be extremely expensive as the hill would have to be removed by blasting. The runway has been extended, therefore, to its maximum possible length of 2000 feet.

The community has also requested that the airstrip be provided with lights. We agree with this recommendation, but only for emergencies and medical evacuation purposes. The Ministry of Transport cannot licence regular night flights because of the high hills around the airport. A request for the airstrip lighting has been included in our capital forecast to Transport Canada. I have another return, Mr. Speaker. Can I carry on?

MR. SPEAKER: Please, Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 123-80(2): Funding Methods And Levels For Communities

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Thank you. This is a return to the question asked by Mrs. Sorensen on October 24th regarding funding major municipalities. Over the past months representatives of the Department of Local Government and the major municipalities have been reviewing the method of funding major municipalities. The joint committee has been assessing both the method of funding and the level of support by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The committee has completed its work and each municipality is confirming their support of the recommendations. When this is completed in the near future a final report will be presented to the Executive Committee. The approved report will be tabled at the February session. I will table an information item providing the progress report on the review of funding for major municipalities during this session.

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

This is a return to a question asked by Mr. Evaluarjuk regarding Austin Airways charter services.

The responsibility or mandate for determining which carrier or carriers will provide unit toll service over a route structure lies with the Air Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission.

Their decision to approve or disapprove an air carrier's application is determined by analysis of passenger, freight and mail revenues submitted by the concerned air carrier as well as the effect an approval would have on the viability of any other air carrier providing a similar service. In this instance First Air's viability would have been threatened.

This government has been directly involved in many northern aviation studies which tend to confirm that the CTC has been extremely careful in ensuring maximum benefits to the community as the highest priority in their decisions while allowing an air carrier a certain degree of protection in the development of air routes. In this instance a study of passenger traffic in the Baffin conducted by the Arctic Transportation Agency confirmed the fragile economic nature of the Baffin route structure and the serious economic effect of the competitive route structure to the original air carrier.

Return To Question 66-80(2): Funding For Recreation Committee In Sanikiluaq

This is a return to a question asked by Mr. Appaqaq on June 16th regarding the recreation committee in Sanikiluaq.

In brief summary the financial assistance available to the hamlet of Sanikiluaq for the operation of the recreation program is presently as follows:
(1) Per capita recreation contribution in the amount of five dollars per person, issued by the regional office of the Department of Local Government as part of the hamlet operating contribution.
(2) Recreation administration contribution in the amount of \$4000, issued by the regional office of the Department of Local Government as part of the hamlet operating contribution.
(3) Community recreation facilities utilities assistance contribution. The hamlet may claim actual expenditures to a maximum of 10,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and 5000 gallons of heating fuel. A contribution to be made to the hamlet of 40 per cent of the claimed expenditures. Claims are channelled through the regional office of the Department of Local Government.

Assistance is presently available for the construction of recreational facilities in the form of community recreation facilities grants. For recreation centres, grants may be provided to a maximum of \$75,000 per community during any three year grant period. For outdoor recreation facilities grants may be provided to a maximum of \$5000 per community during any three year grant period.

For the current year the above programs are little changed from previous years with the exception that administration has been decentralized to the regions. A review of policies governing recreation programs in general and the provision of recreation facilities in particular is under way to develop a more satisfactory approach to meeting the recreational needs of the communities. It is anticipated that the results of this review will lead to changes for 1981-82. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further returns? Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: On a point of order or privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: We are now on returns. We are listening to returns.

Return To Question 98-80(2): Agricultural Policy In N.W.T.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Question 98-80(2) asked by Mr. McLaughlin on June 20th, 1980 at Baker Lake and it concerns the major issue of agriculture in the Northwest Territories.

A paper was tabled during the first session of the Assembly in 1980 entitled "Principles for Development of an Agricultural Policy". No debate was held on the paper then or at the subsequent session in Baker Lake. The question asked by the Member for Pine Point concerned the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's position on amending the principles in light of responses from farmers.

The wishes of farmers include an overall policy that provides for freehold and/or leases of large acreages, livestock ranching; provision of utilities and services to farms, roads and utilities; agricultural inputs and outputs marketing services; technical assistance and a farm loans program. The department is awaiting the Assembly's direction for developing an agricultural policy based on an examination of the principles vis-a-vis the farmers' desires and the overriding concerns of native land claims, land use allocation and the economics of farming.

Return To Question 106-80(2): Reporting Relationship Of Regional Operations

I have a further return, Mr. Speaker, to Question 106-80(2) asked by Mr. Curley on October 22nd, 1980 and the subject of his question was the role and responsibilities of regional directors.

(1) Regional directors report to the Member of the Executive Committee responsible for regional operations. Responsibility for regional operations recently passed from the Commissioner to the Deputy Commissioner. There is an interim arrangement which takes into account the workload of Executive Members. The Deputy Commissioner provides direction to regional directors on behalf of the Executive Committee.

(2) Regional directors have access at any time to elected Members of the Executive Committee and are frequently consulted regarding the programs and services of this government. In addition, regional directors appear before the Executive Committee from time to time to report on activities in their regions. Regional directors act in many respects as additional deputy ministers to Executive Members in the conduct of departmental business and responsibilities.

(3) Regional directors are accountable to the Executive Committee for the delivery of the programs and services of all government departments in the regions. They direct, co-ordinate and supervise the activity of departments in the regions.

(4) Neither the regional directors nor any of their civil servants have been given a role regarding the issue of division in the Northwest Territories.

Further Return To Question 100-80(2): Increases In POL Prices In Keewatin

Mr. Speaker, I have one more very brief reply to Question 100-80(2) asked by Mr. Curley on October 22nd, 1980 and it involves the question of fuel and oil policy.

We are presently working with the federal government to develop a subsidy on heating fuel which will help to offset the increased cost of fuel for home owners and non-government workers. The subsidy will assist private business operators by relieving them of part of the cost of maintaining their own living accommodation. A subsidy on power which the federal government is proposing to introduce shortly will be of more direct assistance to private businesses. This subsidy will peg the first 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month to the Yellowknife rate for private businesses throughout the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further returns? Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 51-80(2): Violations Of Water Board Licence Conditions

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, this is a return to a question asked by Mr. Patterson on June 14th, 1980 regarding the Northwest Territories Water Board licence conditions violation.

At the present time Frobisher Bay is the only licensed municipality which is unable to meet the conditions of its licence. The problems with the Frobisher water licence relate to the technological problem in its sewage treatment process, that is the macerator, originally intended to dispose of honeybags, does not work properly. The consultant J. L. Richards of Ottawa, who drew up the original design has assumed responsibility for correcting the design deficiencies and the implementation of a working system. A new total solid waste disposal study covering Frobisher Bay has commenced and the consultant SNC Group, Montreal, will be reporting their findings in the early fall of 1981.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further returns? Written questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 150-80(2): Per Capita Grant Study

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question which arises from the return we received from the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee concerning the per capita grant study that has been going on.

Are there plans to institute changes in per capita funding in time for these changes to be reflected in the 1981-82 budget as was our understanding? Does the Minister plan on giving a copy of that study to the standing committee on finance before the February session?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further written questions? Mr. Curley.

Question 151-80(2): Baker Lake Airport Terminal

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Local Government. What progress has been made to the Baker Lake's urgent terminal requirement which the Assembly recommended be built this past summer in its winter session?

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further written questions? Are there any further returns? Then we will proceed.

Item 5, petitions. Are there any petitions?

Item 6, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 6: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Noah.

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 18-80(2), Telex Request from Chesterfield Inlet Re Death in the Family.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who has anything to table under Item 6, tabling of documents?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I would like to table Tabled Document 19-80(2), Report on Health Conditions in the Northwest Territories, 1979, submitted by the regional director of medical services, National Health and Welfare Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further documents to table?

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 8, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Curley.

Notice Of Motion 44-80(2): Commissioner To Be Seated In The House

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on Wednesday, October 29 I will move the following motion: Now therefore I move, seconded by the hon. Member from Foxe Basin that this Assembly formally and immediately ask the Commissioner to be seated in the chamber until such time as the Commissioner relinquishes his major departmental responsibilities to the elected Executive Members during formal and committee of the whole deliberations, with the same privileges as Members of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion 45-80(2): Setting Of Additional Sitting Hours

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Wednesday the 29th day of October I will move that the Speaker of this Assembly be authorized for the duration of the current session to set such additional sitting hours as may be required to consider the business of this House. I will be seeking unanimous consent later to waive the normal rules.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion. Mr. Fraser.

Notice Of Motion 46-80(2): Installing Seats And Coffee Service In Courthouse

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, the 29th I will move a motion, and the effect reads: Now therefore, I move that the Minister of Justice take immediate action to have the waiting room in the new courthouse equipped with proper seating facilities, a coffee bar be installed for witnesses waiting to be called.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion. Mr. Pudluk.

Notice Of Motion 47-80(2): Request By Resolute Bay For Additional Vehicle

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) I wish to give notice of a motion. On October 29th, Wednesday, I will move that the residents of Resolute Bay, they are requesting to have another vehicle for road maintenance.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further notices of motion? Prior to going into motions I understand coffee is ready so we will recess for 15 minutes for coffee break before we go into motions.

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MR. SPEAKER: I recognize a quorum and call the Assembly back to order. We have concluded notices of motion and are now going into Item 9, motions.

ITEM NO. 9: MOTIONS

I believe the first motion before us today is Motion 39-80(2) moved by Mrs. Sorensen. This motion is in order, would you proceed?

Motion 39-80(2): Cost Of Living

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Motion 39-80(2):

WHEREAS there is great concern in the Northwest Territories about the high costs of utilities, home ownership, personal and property taxes, food and other current heavy burdens placed upon people living and working in the Northwest Territories by the general high costs of living;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to address the whole question of the cost of living in an organized manner;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to provide an opportunity to the citizens of the Northwest Territories to provide input, and to make suggestions and recommendations for action on this very important matter;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member from Frobisher Bay, Mr. Patterson, that the Legislative Assembly during this current session in Frobisher Bay, and at the next three sessions, set aside and publicize time for the committee of the whole to hear representations from individuals and/or organizations, concerned with the high cost of living in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Would you proceed, Mrs. Sorensen?

Home Owners Have Difficulties In N.W.T.

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This motion clearly indicates that our Legislative Assembly wishes to address the cost of living in the Northwest Territories in an orderly and co-ordinated manner. Time and time again Members have been approached by their constituents about the heavy burden that has been placed upon them, particularly in the more isolated areas, but not only in the more isolated areas, but in areas that are more heavily populated, such as my own.

They are particularly concerned as the motion indicated by taxation, both personal and property taxes, by utilities, the high cost of food, the high cost of clothing. They want to be home owners but it is very difficult owning and maintaining a home in the Northwest Territories. They are concerned about transportation because often they do not have roads which are an option in other areas. I think we want to respond as a Legislature, we want to respond as a government to the high cost of living. Of course the question is how do we do that, what is the best way to respond? That is why we want to hear from the public. We want to hear from consumer groups, from native groups, from community councils, from ratepayer groups and from ordinary individuals who are living and working in the Northwest Territories.

There have been many suggestions made, indeed there have been a few motions which have come on to the floor, and in most cases they have been unanimously adopted, which do address the whole issue of the cost of living, but we are doing it in a piecemeal way. I think that there may be suggestions that may arise from the public that we have not thought of. There have been suggestions made as well in the past by various interest groups. I remember in 1975, the food prices review board released a report called Food Prices in Northern Canada. In it the board recommended there be a freight subsidy on certain

essential food items but no one of course listened to that and nothing of course was done. The report and its recommendations were shelved. But is freight subsidy the right answer, I am not so sure it is, and I am not sure that the Legislature is, but I think we really need to talk about that. Northern Saskatchewan has a freight subsidy program implemented and they are finding it is extremely expensive and extremely cumbersome. I am watching that pilot project very closely in the hopes that the Northwest Territories can learn from it and perhaps apply some of the principles that have been applied there.

High Cost Of Utilities

Utility costs too are a major concern, not only to our constituents but to our government as well. Utility costs are eating away at northerners' disposable income and more and more dollars are having to be spent simply to keep a roof over one's head and to feed one's family. Our government too is feeling the pinch with respect to the cost of utilities. In the very near future we may find ourselves in a very difficult situation, in fact as near as tomorrow night with the federal budget, particularly if the cost of a barrel of oil is significantly increased. That is all the more reason, in light of the hardships now and the hardships that can be foreseen occurring in the future, that this Legislature should take time to consider all the options available to it and attack the effects of inflation in the North.

Right now we are addressing our concerns, as I have said, in a piecemeal fashion. We are not organized. We are not co-ordinated with the federal government. They do not spend a lot of time consulting with us when they institute federal subsidies and I think if we are to do this thing right we should not rush into it. But again, there should be a time limit and that is why we have stated that we wish to hear from people in this region and people in the next three regions we will be in. We are also interested in seeing written submissions and we will be publicizing I am sure, as a committee of the whole, the fact that we are interested in receiving submissions from people all over the North. I think this motion attempts to do that and I would ask for your support.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Patterson, as the seconder of the motion you have the floor.

Government Brought Closer To People

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to very briefly indicate that I strongly support this motion and am happy to second it for all the reasons Mrs. Sorensen gave.

One point I would also like to mention is that sometimes there may be criticism of the costs involved in holding a session in places outside Yellowknife like Frobisher Bay, and I want to say that this motion, if it is carried, will give an excellent opportunity -- we brought the government closer to the people. Now let us hear from them. Let us give them a chance to tell us their concerns and I can tell you as a representative for Frobisher Bay not just the business people, the home owners, the ratepayers, but also the hunters and the housewives will want to address this Assembly and will welcome the opportunity. We will all learn a lot, I am sure.

I would like to specifically mention also that the motion calls for publication of each session and I think it is important that if this motion passes today that we let the people of Frobisher Bay know that they are welcome to come, whether they speak English or not, whether they represent a group or not.

Amendment To Motion 39-80(2)

I would like to make an amendment which I have discussed with the mover of the motion which will set a time for this hearing in Frobisher Bay and I suggest a week from today, Mr. Speaker. The amendment I propose reads after the words "Frobisher Bay", "specifically the afternoon of Wednesday, November 5th, 1980 as the first item of business in committee of the whole". This would be setting a time for hearing of submissions in Frobisher Bay and then I would think in the other sessions we would figure out an appropriate time once we begin the session. So I would like to make that amendment, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, do you have a copy of that, please? The amendment as I have it would now read: I move that the Legislative Assembly during this current session in Frobisher Bay, specifically the afternoon of Wednesday, November 5th, as the first item of business and at the next three sessions. Is that correct, Mr. Patterson?

MR. PATTERSON: First item of business in committee of the whole, Mr. Speaker, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The amendment is carried. The motion as amended, all those in favour?

MR. MacQUARRIE: I would like briefly to speak to this.

Amendment To Motion 39-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. Patterson. I neglected to get a seconder to your motion. Could I have a seconder to the motion? Mr. Curley. I will take the vote again. To the amendment, all those in favour? Opposed, if any? the amendment is carried.

---Carried

Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to speak very briefly in support of the motion. We had a constituency meeting in Yellowknife recently and certainly a number of our constituents are concerned about what might be called alarming increases in the cost of living. There are sometimes increases in very fundamental things such as fuel and power, the kinds of things that add increases at other levels as well. I know there are pending increases in transportation, Pacific Western Airlines, that will affect many people in the Western Arctic, in the telephone rates and in the Northern Canada Power Commission rates. It is an alarming situation. I think it has to be addressed and I believe that this is one way in which it can be addressed. I would particularly urge that if these meetings are being -- the opportunity, rather, of being publicized for people to come and tell us about the problem, that we ask as well for solutions because many of us are very much aware of the problem. We would like to hear from people who have some ideas about how to solve it. So that should be part of the advertising as well, but generally I am very much in support of the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 39-80(2), Carried As Amended

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. To the motion, all those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 40-80(2), Mr. Patterson. I find the motion to be in order. Will you proceed, please?

Motion 40-80(2): Ongoing Funding To Quinnuayooaq Society School

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion is concerning ongoing funding to the Quinnuayooaq Society School in Frobisher Bay.

WHEREAS the Quinnuayooaq Society School is helping young elementary and high school dropouts, boys and girls, to usefully occupy their time, stay out of trouble, and learn valuable traditional skills;

AND WHEREAS the program is presently funded as a short-term diversion program by the Solicitor General's consultation centre and the funding will end in September, 1981;

AND WHEREAS the work of the Quinnuayooaq Society provides services which aid the work of a number of territorial departments including education, recreation, cultural affairs, child welfare, and corrections;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member from Keewatin South Mr. Curley, that the Executive Committee be urged to provide ongoing financial assistance to carry on the work of the Quinnuayooaq Society School in Frobisher Bay beyond September, 1981.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will defer to Mr. Curley.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Amendment To Motion 40-80(2)

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that Motion 40-80(2), be referred to committee of the whole for immediate consideration as the first item of business because there are some people who would like to appear as witnesses to speak to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I presume by "immediate", Mr. Curley, you are indicating this afternoon.

MR. CURLEY: That is correct, as the first item in committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: This creates some problems in that we are squeezed between two rules of the House. One of the rules being, that you require unanimous consent to add anything to the order paper. This, of course, is an addition to the order paper. The concern really is the "immediate" section. Of course, if it is voted on it would go by way of majority and yet you take the right away from an individual of adding something to the order paper without unanimous consent. I will recess for a few minutes to decide which way -- we are tied between two rules here. Mr. Clerk, we will recess for five minutes.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize a quorum. With regards to your motion, Mr. Curley, I find your motion to be out of order the way it is stated and the reason for this conclusion is, by the rules of this House those things that are on the order paper are listed by the Speaker and put on the previous day. The rules say that these cannot be altered without unanimous consent because that is the rule and without unanimous consent you cannot change a rule. Now you can ask for unanimous consent, but you should change your motion that it be put into committee of the whole not immediately and then after the motion is dealt with, asking unanimous consent that it be dealt with in committee of the whole today.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, do I understand then that I should withdraw my previous motion and ask that this motion be referred to committee of the whole?

Amendment To Motion 40-80(2), Reworded

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, that this Motion 40-80(2), be put into committee of the whole, but not immediately. Take that word out.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, then I so move that it be referred to committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Do I have a seconder? Mr. Nerysoo.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion 40-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question. All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? On the motion, all those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion as amended is carried.

---Carried

Motion 40-80(2), Mr. Curley.

Further Amendment To Motion 40-80(2)

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would now like to move that this Motion 40-80(2), be dealt with today as the first item of business of the committee of the whole for Members' consideration so that the witnesses can appear before the House to explain their proposal.

Further Amendment To Motion 40-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Inasmuch as this is a difference in the rules, unanimous consent is required. Is there any opposition to this motion? No opposition to the motion. All those in favour? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 41-80(2). I find the motion to be in order, Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion 41-80(2): Negotiations Regarding Northern Canada Power Commission

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Northern Canada Power Commission is a federal crown corporation incorporated by an act of parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Canada Power Commission is not accountable to the people of the Northwest Territories through the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board;

AND WHEREAS there exists a significant debt servicing, accounting for some 25 per cent of the cost of power to individuals in the Northwest Territories and further that rate increases have been recently implemented without due consideration by the Public Utilities Board, further increasing the cost of living in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the people of the Northwest Territories to control their public utilities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it begin negotiations with the federal government with the objectives that:

- (1) The NCPC Act be repealed by the parliament of Canada;
- (2) The Government of Canada sell the assets of the NCPC to a newly created territorial power corporation for the nominal sum of one dollar and further;
- (3) That the NCPC be turned over debt free or under a debt/equity arrangement...

And I have added those words, Mr. Speaker. They were left out of the typing.

...to be managed and owned by people of the Northwest Territories through a territorial power corporation;

And further, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it introduce legislation to create a territorial power corporation at an appropriate time subject to the outcome of the negotiations with the federal government.

My motion, Mr. Speaker, is seconded by the Member from Keewatin South, Mr. Curley.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You may proceed, Mrs. Sorensen as mover.

NCPC Has No Obligation To Public Utilities Board

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I will never forget a Public Utilities Board hearing in the fall of 1973 held in the Elks Hall in Yellowknife. It was held to review a rate increase application by the Northern Canada Power Commission. Mr. Parker, our Commissioner, was in the chair then, he was the Chairman of the Public Utilities Board. It was not long after all the introductions had been made that a man named Mr. Watkiss jumped up. He was the financial comptroller for NCPC, and he was there to speak for NCPC. He said, and I remember his words very clearly, he said I would just like you to know, Mr. Chairman, and he was talking to Mr. Parker, that the Northern Canada Power Commission does not have to be here you know, we have no real obligation to place our case before you, and furthermore, we have no obligation to abide by any of your rulings.

Mr. Speaker, seven years later almost to the day I attended another NCPC hearing. NCPC was before the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board once more and Mr. Speaker, September 1980 was a rerun of September, 1973. This time instead of a comptroller giving us the news, it was a fancy, and I am sure expensive lawyer who said that NCPC had no obligation to answer to the Public Utilities Board and that NCPC had no obligations to abide by its rulings.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, NCPC is not accountable to the people of the North. In 1973, I was annoyed with the arrogant and pompous attitude displayed by the crown corporation but in 1980 I was absolutely outraged because nothing, absolutely nothing had changed in seven years except a few faces.

Costly Mistakes Being Made

Oh yes, there were a few changes. Our debt load had increased and our rates, our already extremely high rates of 1973 have almost doubled. I realize that the Northern Canada Power Commission is bound by the NCPC Act, and that is part of the problem. I realize that it must operate according to some very definite rules, and those are very restricting rules. But Mr. Speaker, I have attended every NCPC hearing since 1973 and take my word for it, it is not only the act that is to blame for the problems that we are experiencing now.

There have been mistakes made, costly mistakes made by the management of the Northern Canada Power Commission and for which because of the act, northerners are paying for. These are mistakes amounting to millions of dollars, \$15 million which is the estimated cost overrun at Strutt Lake, northerners are paying for that through their rates. Overcapacity at Fort Simpson, in Mr. Sibbeston's area, overcapacity designed in anticipation of the Norman Wells pipeline at great cost and we are paying for that now, the ratepayers of the North.

NCPC Has Lost Credibility In North

Now, there are other examples and I do have them documented. NCPC and its act has completely lost its credibility in the North. It is not only cost that accounts for this loss of credibility. Members know, because we discussed it in caucus, that we cannot even encourage the people of the North to conserve because if they conserve electricity their rates go up.

---Applause

There is absolutely no reason for that. NCPC cannot even get it together enough to move its headquarters north, and I had found that absolutely shocking until I made a trip to Edmonton and visited NCPC's palace. What a wonderful situation those 100 employees have. They live and work in beautiful Alberta, downtown Edmonton, taking advantage of all that Alberta can offer and yet running the operations of the Northwest Territories, Yukon and NCPC with all the excitement of regular trips into the last frontier. No wonder when polled only one staff member would move north. I have to question this, Mr. Speaker. It seems to me if you work for the North you should live in the North.

---Applause

If we had our own power corporation here there would be no question but that our employees would live and would work in the North. Northerners would have first option to those jobs and the two million dollars the electrical ratepayers are paying into Edmonton for headquarters costs could provide some type of stimulus to the community or communities where NCPC is situated in the North, or where a power corporation if this motion passes is situated in the North.

N.W.T. Should Have Debt Free Corporation

However, first things first. I talk of debt forgiveness and debt to equity. A territorial power corporation must start out unencumbered by that massive debt built up over 20 years by the corporation; \$40 million alone is directly related to avoidable cost overruns, changing methods of depreciation and costs incurred when NCPC prepared for the proposed Mackenzie Valley pipeline. If nothing else that \$40 million should be wiped off the slate. We do not have to feel embarrassed by our suggestion, it is not an unreasonable one. Why should we in the North, who have no control over NCPC, and had no control when they built up that debt be responsible for its mistakes? What about the \$160 million remaining debt? I propose that the federal government take an equity position. Our own Public Utilities Board has suggested a 20 per cent equity position. Perhaps other options can be explored. The fact remains that turning debt into equity is again nothing to feel embarrassed about. It is not a foreign idea by any means as it happened with the CNR, with Air Canada and it is now being done with Massey Ferguson involving the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the federal government. It is done to protect Canadian jobs. What about northerners?

The Public Utilities Board has recommended as I said earlier, that the federal government take a 20 per cent equity in NCPC, I am talking about taking it one step further in my motion by saying do away with NCPC, repeal the act,

turn over the assets to a newly created territorial power corporation and either forgive the entire debt, which might be too much to expect, or forgive a portion, particularly that portion which can be identified as being unreasonable debt and under a formula have the federal government take this equity position in this new corporation.

Debt Becomes Equity

Now, I am not an accountant, and the terms I am using and the numbers I am talking about are confusing I know, and I will try and explain very briefly what happens when debt becomes equity. Investor-owned utilities, this is what we would attempt to set up, have a capital structure consisting of debt and equity. The debt is made up from a series of loans, often it is bonds, that mature at various intervals over time and they have interest rates relative to the market interest rates at the time of issue. The bond holders are guaranteed their annual return and principal repayment upon maturity. In the case of NCPC, the federal government loans NCPC its capital money at an interest rate that is market interest rate and over a series of 20 or 30 years, we pay through our electrical bills that debt and the interest.

Now, equity is in the form of stockholdings and represents a form of debt with no guaranteed returns and no maturity date when a guaranteed principal will be repaid. Equity is, in essence, a risk venture where the return and principal value of the debt instrument is proportionate to the success of the operation in question. So, it is the shareholders who take the chance. It is the shareholders who gamble that the power corporation will do well. What I am really talking about here, is a combination perhaps of some debt being repaid by the corporation and some equity in the form of shares being held by various individuals and principal companies. Shares could be sold on the northern market to individuals who are interested in getting involved in the production and distribution of power in the North and some of course, would be held by the federal government and some could be held by the territorial government. Corporations such as the IDC or the Inuvialuit Development Corporation or the Metis Development Corporation would hold or could buy shares. The primary objective would be to develop and distribute energy in the Northwest Territories.

Northerners Ready To Act

My motion today, Mr. Speaker, is really at the level of principle. If the territorial power corporation is to be established, I realize an awful lot of work will have to be done by this government and by this House to make sure we are setting up the kind of corporation which will do the job and which must be done. It is the only way, Mr. Speaker, that the people of the North can really begin to take matters into their own hands, and I believe we are ready to take matters into our own hands. I believe we are ready to develop our own power, to profit from this development in the North and, above all, to make the decisions ourselves. Thank you.

---Applause

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Curley, a seconder, you have the floor.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, very briefly I would just like to say to Members of the House that I am in full support of this motion, and I will now speak in Inuktitut. (Translation) I think it should be clearly understood that NCPC is responsible for electricity in the Northwest Territories and the Northwest Territories government has no control through legislation of the NCPC. So, in considering the Northwest Territories, considering the cost, various companies or businesses -- it is becoming very dangerous, it is really becoming so expensive and so I am in full support of the motion because the Northwest Territories must get a hold of its own electrical system and it should answer solely to the Northwest Territories government. As I said I would like to support this in that aspect.

Although I have difficulty in seeing NCPC being transferred as it is to take the responsibility with the Yukon, I would like to assure the House that we are not taking the Yukon when we are taking over the crown corporation. The crown corporation would just specifically be responsible for the Northwest Territories. Who knows? In about two or three years time, we may want to set up another one, Inuit power or Nunavut power corporation and in supporting the motion I would like to indicate to the Members from the West, do not forget that we are in serious debate with respect to the division, but on the principle of the power corporation I am in full support of it because it is about time that the Northwest Territories started to get into its hands the energy and economic activities. No longer can we rely on the federal government to manage and control resources which are within our immediate ability. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Are you ready for the question?
Mr. MacQuarrie.

Amendment To Motion 41-80(2)

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to propose an amendment to the motion. Following the word "it" in the second line of the resolution, so it would read: "Now therefore be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it", and insert, "examine the implications, and if these are favourable, begin negotiations with the federal government with the objectives that..." and then carry on as it is.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Clerk, do you have that amendment, please? Now as I have it the amendment would then read: "Now therefore be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it examine the implications, and if these are favourable, begin negotiations with the federal government with the objectives that..." Is that your amendment?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I would like to make it very clear that I absolutely support the principle of the motion and I suppose maybe it is just my cautious Scottish nature or something that makes me want to add those words. I simply would want the Executive Committee to look at the problem long enough to make sure that we do not step into a far worse financial situation than we are in at the present time and I feel that that little examination is very important.

MR. FRASER: Question.

Amendment To Motion 41-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the amendment. Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Any further discussion on the motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 41-80(2), Carried As Amended.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. On the motion as amended, all those in favour? Opposed, if any? Carried.

---Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: Let the record show the motion was adopted unanimously.

MR. TOLOGANAK: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Nobody appeared to object. Let the record so show. Mrs. Sorensen, just for my own information, number two there, does that mean the government should sell the Northwest Territories assets?

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the village council of Frobisher Bay does this all the time and I wondered about it and I wonder whether we should do it too. We do not have all our Members present here. Is it possible therefore that it can be said that a motion was passed unanimously? I do not want to take any of the wind out of Mrs. Sorensen's sails, but I think that is an appropriate point of order. Can we call it unanimous if all the Members present but not all the Members voted in favour of the motion?

MR. SPEAKER: Your point has been well taken. It has been by precedent I suppose, done previously in this House that on request unless there were "nays", the recommendation of the mover that it be recognized as unanimous consent was called and if nobody objected it was put into the record in that manner. I am not sure it necessarily is right, but that has been the way that it has been done in the past. The fact that all Members are not here, generally speaking I think it is held in most cases unanimous consent really refers to the Members present. It would necessitate really a change because by precedent we have been doing it this way for years.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, let the record show the only Member absent was Nellie Cournoyea.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to request unanimous consent at this time to proceed with the motion I made earlier regarding the sitting hours of the House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Just one moment. I have another motion, Motion 43-80(2), that is dated in my book "introduction today". Is this to be set aside to another day certain, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, when I introduced the motion or gave notice on Friday, I asked specifically that it be brought to the order paper on Tuesday, October 28th and I notice they put today but I would prefer it tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I will accept that as a typographical error and change my book to read the 28th. That concludes motions for today. I have a motion on the floor for unanimous consent by Mr. McLaughlin to reintroduce through motions, a motion made earlier today. Any opposition? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 45-80(2): Setting Of Additional Sitting Hours

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS much business remains to be done while the Assembly is sitting in Frobisher Bay;

AND WHEREAS additional sitting hours may be required to accommodate presentations by witnesses invited to appear when the unity committee report is being considered;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, that the Speaker of this Assembly be authorized for the duration of the current session to set such additional sitting hours as may be required to consider the business of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. To the motion. Do I need a seconder for that? Was there a seconder listed?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, the Member for Mackenzie Great Bear.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin, to the motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Question on my motion.

Motion 45-80(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I understand I may have missed a motion here. I better have another look. That then concludes motions.

We then go to Item 10. Are there any further introductions of bills for first reading? There do not appear to be any other bills for first reading.

Item 11, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 11: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 3-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Second Reading Of Bill 3-80(2): Baffin Regional Council Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-80(2), An Ordinance to Incorporate the Baffin Regional Council, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to incorporate the Baffin Regional Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Do I have a seconder? Hon. Mr. Butters. Bill 3-80(2), second reading. The debate on second reading can only be the principle of the bill. Are you ready for the question, second reading of Bill 3-80(2)? Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Bill 3-80(2) has second reading.

---Carried

Bill 4-80(2), Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Second Reading Of Bill 4-80(2): Ophthalmic Medical Assistants Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-80(2), An Ordinance Respecting Ophthalmic Medical Assistants, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for the registration of ophthalmic medical assistants and to regulate their practice as such.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Do I have a seconder for Bill 4-80(2)? Mr. Braden. Ready for the question?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I do not have Bill 4-80(2) on the orders of the day for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser, section 11 is very wide. It says second reading of bills, so I would assume that would include all bills that have had first reading.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question on Bill 4-80(2)? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4-80(2) has had second reading. Bill 5-80(2), Hon. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 5-80(2): Legal Questions Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-80(2), An Ordinance Respecting the Resolution of Legal Questions, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide a means for the obtaining of legal opinions from the supreme court of the Northwest Territories which will have the force of judgments.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder? Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Discussion? Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 5-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 6-80(2), Hon. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 6-80(2): Judicature Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 6-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Judicature Ordinance in order to facilitate the procedure by which the property within the Territories of deceased persons resident outside the Territories may be administered.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 6-80(2), do I have a seconder? Hon. Mr. Braden. Discussion? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 6-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 7-80(2), Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Second Reading Of Bill 7-80(2): Maintenance Orders (Facilities For Enforcement) Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 7-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide a means whereby each maintenance order made by a reciprocating state can be registered in a designated territorial court by means of a general procedure.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Do I have a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Discussion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed. Bill 7-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 8-80(2), Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 8-80(2): Conditional Sales Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 8-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Conditional Sales Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the time for evidencing a conditional sale in writing from ten to 60 days and to extend the time for registration of such writing from ten days to 60 days.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Braden. Bill 8-80(2), any discussion? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I oppose passage of this bill on a number of principles which I will state shortly and my comments will apply to Bills 8-80(2), 9-80(2), 10-80(2), 12-80(2), and 14-80(2). I oppose the passage of the bills because these bills, particularly this bill we are dealing with here has no relevant significance or importance to my constituents. Sir, I can understand that this bill may be of some significance or importance to people who live in large centres in the North, particularly Yellowknife where there are many companies functioning, where it is a place where you file documents, but where I live, where the people I represent live, these are of no significance.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston, on second reading you can only debate the principle of the bill. I am afraid that basically you are not doing that. You are making a case but you are not debating the principle of the bill in question. I have let you get enough across so everyone has your idea. Bill 8-80(2). Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 8-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 9-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 9-80(2): Bills Of Sale Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 9-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Bills of Sale Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the time allowed for the registration of bills of sale from 30 days to 60 days.

MR. SPEAKER: Any discussion? Seconded by the Hon. Mr. Braden. Any discussion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? One noted and Bill 9-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 10-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 10-80(2): Assignment Of Book Debts Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 10-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Assignment of Book Debts Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the time allowed for the registration of an assignment of a book debt from 30 to 60 days.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. McCallum. Discussion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour of Bill 10-80(2), second reading? Opposed? Bill 10-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 11-80(2), the Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Second Reading Of Bill 11-80(2): Corrections Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 11-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Corrections Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Corrections Ordinance so as to eliminate statutory authority for the justice and corrections advisory committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a seconder? Mr. Fraser. Bill 11-80(2), any discussion on the principle?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 11-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 12-80(2), Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 12-80(2): Corporation Securities Registration Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 12-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Corporation Securities Registration Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the time allowed for registration of instruments registrable under the ordinance from 30 days to 60 days.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Do I have a seconder? Mr. Nerysoo. Is there a discussion on the principle?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? One is noted. Second reading of Bill 12-80(2) is received.

---Carried

Bill 13-80(2), Mr. Nerysoo.

Second Reading Of Bill 13-80(2): Council Retiring Allowances Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill 13-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Retiring Allowances Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to extend the time limit within which a Member may elect to contribute under the ordinance for previous service from one year to two years from the date he or she became a Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Braden. Any discussion on the principle? Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 13-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 14-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 14-80(2): Securities Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 14-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the ordinance so as to require all persons, including companies, trading in a security to file a prospectus prior to trading. Presently, only certain kinds of companies are required to file a prospectus.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Braden.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Any questions on the principle? The question being called. In favour? Opposed? We have one in opposition and Bill 14-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 15-80(2), Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 15-80(2): Fair Practices Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 15-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Fair Practices Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Fair Practices Ordinance so that the exemption already provided in the ordinance for certain institutions to practise discrimination in relation to employment is further limited to discrimination in respect of the special objects for which the organization was established.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. Discussion in principle? Bill 15-80(2).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 15-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 16-80(2), Mr. Nerysoo.

Second Reading Of Bill 16-80(2): Agisters And Livery Stable Keepers Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I move that Bill 16-80(2), An Ordinance to Repeal the Agisters and Livery Stable Keepers Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to repeal the Agisters and Livery Stable Keepers Ordinance.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 16-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 17-80(2), Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 17-80(2): Co-operative Associations Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 17-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Co-operative Associations Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Co-operative Associations Ordinance so as to remove the restriction on every co-operative not to grant credit to members and customers beyond one half of its working capital. Instead, any such restriction on the granting of credit would be established by bylaw.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Butters.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 17-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 18-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Second Reading Of Bill 18-80(2): Municipal Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 18-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to allow for the operation of a public bus transportation system by a municipality and to ensure that actions that may arise out of the operation of such bus systems are subject to ordinary limitation periods.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Braden. Any discussion on the principle? Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 18-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 19-80(2), Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 19-80(2): Workers' Compensation Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I move that Bill 19-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Workers' Compensation Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Workers' Compensation Ordinance by increasing the years' maximum assessable remuneration from \$16,800 to \$20,400.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Braden. Any discussion in principle?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 19-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 20-80(2), Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 20-80(2): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1980-81

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 20-80(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1980-81, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to authorize the Commissioner to make loan guarantees or loans from the consolidated revenue fund to assist industry.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. Any discussion on the principle?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed? Bill 20-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 21-80(2), the Hon. Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 21-80(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1980-1981

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 21-80(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to seek appropriation of supplementary funds from the Northwest Territories consolidated revenue fund to be applied towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service for the financial year 1980-81, in accordance with the details set out in the supplementary estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconded by the Hon. Mr. McCallum. Any discussion on the principle?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour of Bill 21-80(2)? Opposed, if any? Bill 21-80(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Are there any further bills for second reading?

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

Discussion in committee of the whole with Mr. Fraser in the chair, to consider the Motion 40-80(2).

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

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Motion 40-80(2): Ongoing Funding To Quinnuyooaq Society School, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MOTION 40-80(2): ONGOING FUNDING TO QUINNUAYOOAQ SOCIETY SCHOOL

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Since I have got the power, we will stop for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. I would like to deal with this motion and I am going to let the deputy chairman of committees take over the chair. Some of these names are hard to pronounce. Mr. Pudluk. See how I got out of that -- slick.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) I think we have a quorum. We are going to deal with the Quinnuayooaq Society School. The person who made the motion has requested witnesses I think. Is it all right if we ask the witnesses to come in?

---Agreed

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The witness would be accompanied by two directors of the Quinnuayooaq Society. There will be one witness speaking. I would propose that to be Simonie Alainga, the president and two members, Pitsiulala Kelly and Noshota, if it is agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Will the witnesses please come to the witness table? Welcome. What would you first like to say, Mr. Patterson, regarding the witnesses' questions?

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased that the Assembly agreed to hear from Mr. Alainga because he knows much more about the Quinnuayooaq Society and what it is doing than I do. I would like to suggest that we ask Mr. Alainga to give us a brief history of the Quinnuayooaq Society from its beginning and tell us about the school that it is currently operating and explain what future plans they have.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Could the Members of the committee slow down a little bit because we need the interpreters? Thank you.

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Can I start now?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Yes.

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Thank you very much for letting us come to the Assembly along with the two directors that I have. I have lots to say but I am going to be summarizing what I have to say. I have not fixed up my earphone.

History Of School Society

First of all, number one, I would like to say thank you very much to Dennis Patterson and to Tagak Curley for making the motion to be looked into by the Assembly so I could be here to speak to you and to be able to express my feelings. I will relate what I believe. I know the Frobisher Bay area and I was a child here. My dad came from here and my grandfather came from here. I am here now because of them. I just do not want to be able to talk about what I can do.

First of all I say there are a lot of Inuit and white people now living in Frobisher Bay and the problems that they have. I first thought to myself in 1960, I started thinking about the problems of the young people. I first started realizing the problems of the kids here in Frobisher Bay in 1960, so in 1968 I got myself, the real Inuit people, the older people, started gathering them around to help me to be able to get our heads together to get something going for the future. I thought right there and then how I wanted the future to be, just the same as there is a Legislative Assembly. I also had some idea just like you people have ideas. So in doing that I started getting together my committee. When I first started I talked with the regional director in Frobisher. It was Barry Gunn at the time. I talked with him as to how I would like to start operating the society and I also talked with another kabloonah guy who is a doctor. His name was Dr. Drabbit. I asked both of them how this would come into being. Dr. Drabbit said to start out with the Quinnuayooaq Society, so we have been thinking since then, thinking about starting this and carrying on this business.

We wanted this for the future, even though some of the people who we started the society with are now dead. This is the reason why I wanted to come here to the Assembly to talk to you. I am not trying to be against you Members of the Assembly and I am grateful that Dennis Patterson is our representative and I am also grateful and appreciate that we have the support of the Assembly.

Society Had No Funding

The first time when we first met in November, 1968 we discussed such things as -- when we first started discussing these items we were also starting to find out what actually were better things for the future at the same time. Then they were going out hunting using skidoos and also in the summertime by canoe. There were a lot of problems that were being focused right there. Because of those problems, we started thinking as to how things could be put together, but we could not start because of no funding. Even though we did not have any funding we started to go ahead anyway. We also saw that some time in the future we would eventually get funding, but at that time we were only trying to set up our committee as to how it should run and also concerning the regional director in Frobisher Bay. Concerning the young people we were always in contact with them so they would know what was happening. Right then we were not even requesting funding. Because of it now we are thinking of our future and we also are focusing into the future. If we can be approved for funding in 1981 fiscal year we would appreciate that. If it is going to be possible or impossible for us to be going at that rate, as to whatever happens, but we are going to continue.

Activities For The Future

We have discussed and thought that we would be able to get the support of the Assembly. We are seeing a lot of things the Quinnuayooaq Society can do and are doing even for the future. I can discuss these activities that the Quinnuayooaq Society can do in the future if you want. First of all, for the juvenile people to have somebody look after the kids. Second, concerning the dropouts from high school or school. The third one, young people who do not have any employment so they will be able to. Fourth, how we can put back the cultural inclusion program into use. Fifth, so that using this cultural inclusion program we would try and work out with other Inuit people. Sixth, to have the Inuit people and Quinnuayooaq people be able to stand together and how they can live together. These are the subjects that I wanted to talk about to you but those are only a few. So we would like to be able to ask for funding with your support so that this society can go forward and continue because we will be discussing and thinking and debating as to what is better and what things can be done to have life more easy up here.

I also know that I cannot do this alone. How we are running the society, we are trying to follow what people are saying, their suggestions and this also seems to work better that way. These are the things that I wanted to discuss with you concerning this. I am also informing you that I have three subjects that I wanted to talk about if you do not mind. I will stop now and if you have any questions you can ask them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you. Does anyone have any questions to ask the witness on what they were just talking about? I would also inform you that there are two more things to talk about and if you have no more questions perhaps you could carry on.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) I have one question. This Quinnuayooaq Society, I know it was started quite a while ago but today I have just heard about it and to me it seems to be very productive. Is it only directed to residents of Frobisher Bay?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Mr. Alainga.

MR. ALAINGA: Thank you for the question. It is not going to be directed only to Frobisher Bay in the future. We want to try and put it so it is used as a society later on for all the residents of the Northwest Territories. We want it to be used eventually by all the people in the communities in the Territories. Have I answered your question?

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. How much is the annual budget of this society? How much is needed to carry on its operations each year and why is the federal government going to terminate funding in September 1981?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Mr. Alainga.

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) I cannot answer this financial side or fact of it right now but maybe Dennis Patterson can answer this more appropriately.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Can you answer that question, Mr. Patterson?

Demonstration Project

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current level of funding being provided to the school in Frobisher Bay is \$48,000 per annum. It pays for four Inuit instructors, two for boys and two for girls and modest supplies including handicraft supplies for sewing and women's skills and supplies for making hunting equipment and for expeditions, plus an allowance for bookkeeping. The project is a demonstration project of the Solicitor General at present and the Solicitor General has put a time limit on the project in the hope that if it is proven useful in Frobisher Bay, funding will be supplied by the Northwest Territories government in an ongoing way for the future.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Does that answer your question, Mr. MacQuarrie, or do you wish to ask further?

MR. MacQUARRIE: I have an additional one, Mr. Chairman. It is not clear to me -- there are funds through the Department of Education for, let us say, partly the type of thing which this society has been doing, or is this school already receiving such funds?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Mr. Patterson, can you answer that or possibly Mr. Alainga?

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Perhaps Mr. Patterson could answer that properly. He has more appropriate means of speaking about money.

Demonstration Of Different Philosophy

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Quinnuayooaq Society School, while it receives referrals from the elementary and high school in Frobisher Bay, it receives referrals because those students cannot fit into the regular school program or are in trouble in the regular school program. It does not operate as part of those schools. It is, in effect, an alternate school. It does not compete with the schools but it does not operate as part of those schools and, as a result, Mr. Chairman, the funds which are available for cultural inclusion in the budget of the elementary and high schools are contributed to programs within those schools. The Quinnuayooaq Society School, in effect, is a demonstration of a different philosophy; namely, that the cultural education and cultural skills should be and could be handled completely

outside the regular school context by a society or cultural group. In that way, it may be a direction that the special committee on education, or indeed our Minister of Education should be looking at, at possible future direction to try and satisfy some of the criticisms that have been expressed about the cultural inclusion project in schools never being adequate. I hope I have answered the question but the short answer is that it has nothing to do with cultural inclusion programs in the schools, it is a separate and total cultural inclusion project on its own.

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

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just curious to know what the word means, has it anything to do with schooling? Perhaps someone could explain to me what that word means.

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

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I will try and answer. It means that people are being given assistance by the Quinnuayooaq Society, parents, kids or young people and that is the meaning of the Quinnuayooaq Society education, it is trying to teach them how to live properly in Frobisher right now at present. Does that answer your question?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Alaing. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I have two questions and I thank Mr. Alaing and his directors for their explanation of the society, its purpose and some of the things it has been doing over the past year. I understand that the society is currently being funded by the Solicitor General and I am just wondering whether that funding is associated with the responsibilities of that federal department. I am wondering what justification was made to the Solicitor General for obtaining the \$48,000 annually being provided by that department. I guess I was surprised that it is not being funded under the Secretary of State which would seem to have a greater cultural responsibility and interest in this endeavour. That is my first question, sir, how was it justified to the Solicitor General?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Patterson, can you answer that?

MR. PATTERSON: It is justified to the Solicitor General, Mr. Chairman, as a juvenile diversion project, as a way of keeping young people out of trouble.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Does that answer your question or have you a further question?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: A second question, sir. Yes, it does, that is what I thought might be the justification. The second question that I have deals with the age of the young people who are being served by the society. What age is the individual who is most frequently referred to the society and how many people or students are currently being helped by the society -- just what age groups are considered by the society for help?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Mr. Alaing.

Children Taught With No Restrictions

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Most of the age group are from five years of age to 15 years of age. Those are most of the juvenile delinquents that are put there from the courts, and those are instructed by the Quinnuayooaq Society, that age group, the other group, there are usually about five delinquents and sometimes 13 in all in that age group. We are trying to straighten out their lives and the instructors have different ways of teaching that most of the usual school teachers if they are going to follow the Quinnuayooaq version of being taught -- they would be kicked out like any other kids but to make sure they will grow up straight, they are being taught with no restrictions but they are being informed that they should attend. Right now it seems to be getting easier. Have I answered your question?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Alainga.

Funding From Government

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I understand from Mr. Patterson that the rationale for getting funding by the Solicitor General was because it was called a diversion program. Am I correct in assuming that this funding has been for a period of say only two years? Mr. Chairman, my point is, and what I would want to say, is that if in fact this program or through this program those children between the ages of five and 15, if this program is providing the children with adequate instruction in terms of a school, the present Education Ordinance under section 96 says that that should be funded by Education. That is the law under which we operate and it would seem to me, Mr. Chairman, that these people should be able to receive funding from the government. I am not sure if this is a first instance whereby they have asked for it or whether in fact they have asked for it previously through the regional superintendent, but if it has not been, the Education Ordinance is there and section 96(3) if I may read it, it simply says: "A child is not required to attend school where in the opinion of the superintendent for the education district, the child is receiving adequate instruction elsewhere."

Mr. Chairman, if it is the opinion of the superintendent and/or the principals involved in the schools that these children would receive adequate schooling, in their opinion, "their" being the education officials involved that there should not be any difficulty for this society or school or program to receive those funds. I am not sure and, I do not want to get into a legal definition of the word "society" whether it is a society under the Societies Ordinance or a society under the Education Ordinance, I suspect it is probably the former rather than the latter, but it would seem to me that upon application these funds in the normal course of events should be able to be provided. It seems that was the idea in putting this particular section within the ordinance in the beginning.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Does that answer your question?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I posed a couple of very short questions first that Mr. Patterson indicated the answers to but it was simply a comment that I think the ordinance as we know it now, provides for the funding of this particular group.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Hon. Mr. McCallum. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you. Mr. Alainga, I understand you were responsible for many activities happening in the North but at this time children are being taught the Inuit culture and many people who live in this community learn the culture but we know there are many people who lose their culture and their sense of identity. I understand that a person does not know how to live off the land and he would never know what his roots are. They do not know what their worth is. I am glad about what you are doing. I would like to ask many questions, except I would like to state that this program is successful, successful students, have they learned, have they made progress from your own experience? Can you see the teaching -- the Northwest Territories government indicated they are in support of this in their opinion to carry out this responsibility.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Curley. Does that answer your question?

Young People Are Losing Their Culture

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) I know the Quinnuayooaq Society is back in operation and this training and the cultural identity, how to be able to survive as a hunter. Many students continue to come back from the education at the GREC school or something. Many other people would like to come in to take the program and it is in fact successful, in fact very useful as well for the older students. We are very much fighting for this to make further progress in the future because we could take on many, many different projects under this Quinnuayooaq Society. Once there has been a mandate the students are encouraged to be able to learn enough to go out on the land and they understand the other conditions on the land. They could be given this training.

The day before yesterday I heard through the CBC radio network that the weather in this area shortly is going to turn bad and will not be good for hunting. So I would like when I look at the weather and study it, through my own studies are delayed by predicting the weather, looking at the weather. I continue to prepare myself to go out hunting even though it was windy but because I could predict that the wind would die down during the evening. These types of things are not known by the younger generation and so we can teach them to be able to learn these things. I say this in answer to your question. I hope I have answered your questions, did I?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Do you have a further question, Mr. Curley?

Funding From The Territorial Government

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Are you getting support from the territorial government, can you answer that?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Curley. Can you answer that?

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) I have previously talked about this to Bob Pilot, on if there is any possibility of getting any funding from the territorial government and he told me straightforwardly that he would try to obtain help in getting funding from the territorial government and it came in. He gave us some money. That funding was used up and we again approached -- we did not attempt to get funding from the territorial government. Did I answer that question very clearly?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) My question refers to the students in this area. What is the turnover of students? Are the numbers increasing or decreasing and what about the winter season?

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, we have a problem at this time, because the way the program is set up now there are delinquents in education. Specifically to answer your question not only do we have delinquents, we have much other work to carry out. It is now open to various other groups, not only delinquents. We have very good instructors, maybe about 20 to 25 students and we have two instructors. One dropout. They are working under this program. This was a problem and is a problem, but we are only dealing with teaching of delinquents. Have I answered this, Mr. Arlooktoo?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you. Ms. Cournoyey.

MS. COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, but the questions I wanted to put to the society were already answered from Mr. Curley's questions. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms. Cournoyea. Are there any more questions? If not, is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Lastly, I would like to comment on the terms to apply for a recreation centre are such, Mr. Speaker, maybe I could just outline these items. Is it possible?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) If it is to the motion, is it the wish of this House -- if it is outside the motion, have we agreement to continue this discussion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) We seem to have approval. You can go ahead.

Division Between Children And Parents

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) The recreation centre in Frobisher Bay, the Inuit in Frobisher Bay are not as united as they used to be and because of this situation the younger generation, in the teen-age years are getting into juvenile delinquency. The parents should be able to get together and discuss these problems. The older people are more divided than before. To pursue the culture, they have not forgotten, but they are not as concerned about it and further the mentally ill and the psychiatrists should be able to be involved within the program. As an example, the Inuit to be able to get together and discuss about the problems. Frobisher Bay is a large community now and the lifestyles are very diverse. They do not come and visit each other as much anymore. Further, the CBC gets involvement through this project to promote it. People in Frobisher Bay follow the lifestyle in Frobisher Bay for this reason. The Quinnuayooaq committee has dealt with it as many times as it has arisen and to keep themselves informed you can do it in the community. Also, so they can talk in this recreation centre and teaching legends and about the Inuit culture in the old Inuit tongue that is not used any more.

Also, they need the Quinnuayooaq so they can communicate better in order to discuss. This is referring to what might happen in the future. Also, I am talking about the existence of the recreation, the reality. Also, they are broken down in this recreation centre and the system of helping the Inuit in the Quinnuayooaq for the residents of Frobisher Bay even if they are not residents of Frobisher. Also, the Inuit so that the residents of Frobisher Bay can be shown the old photographs, old Inuit photographs so they can realize that their own traditional way of life was being used properly once. This would wake up a lot of people in Frobisher Bay.

Also there is predicting the weather. These are the things that can also be taught in this, and landmarks and snow conditions so that we can start realizing the existing problems today. Also the Anglican society or association was established in Frobisher in 1968 up to 1979 and there was one kabloona person who came from the South, he was the Salvation Army. While he was in town the Anglican Church association organized. The association used to watch people who were drunk inside their building and they looked after them during the night, through the night. We did not have too much concern with the RCMP because we looked after these things among our own and this would also be under the program of this recreation centre. Those are the major experiences I mentioned this recreation centre would have authority over. If you do not think that is a very good idea, or if you have any questions I will stop for now and let you think about it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Would someone like to ask a question? Mr. Noah.

In Support Of Preserving Inuit Traditions

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Towards that last statement you made. I do not have a question, but I communicate fully with you. I understand just exactly what you meant when you were talking about the Inuit traditions. I will support this because I feel this cannot only be directed just to the community of Frobisher Bay. I think it can be used in Keewatin and the Central Arctic and it would be very helpful for the Dene people because they have their own culture and they have their own tradition. Now, I think it is important that these facts be recorded and also they can be translated into English or even into French if that is necessary. It might be in future. I will wholly support this and I just wanted to make the MLA's aware of my feelings that I am in support of this.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are there any other comments? Are there any other questions from the House? Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Alainga. Concerning the recreation centre, you are a member of the council of Frobisher Bay. Has this idea come up before in village councils and has there been any progress in establishing the recreation centre as you see it, and perhaps if there have been problems perhaps you can explain why it has not worked out over the years?

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

Problems In Establishing A Recreation Centre

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) This was a great concern of mine because we do not have a recreation centre in Frobisher Bay. In 1968 there was one. When the government wanted to build a building they demolished the recreation centre. After it was demolished it seemed like the residents of Frobisher Bay, the people were just visiting, even though they are the residents. Up to now it is still like that. There are problems that have to be solved and for this reason I brought this up last spring to our previous Commissioner, or rather to our Commissioner John Parker in Yellowknife and no wonder he told me that we have our own council in Frobisher Bay to deal with this, and he also advised me that the people in Frobisher and the rest of the country, that I should make a proposal on my return. I brought it up with the village council in Frobisher Bay except that they could not find any meaningful way, and I did not get a very good response from them either. We have a recreation committee in Frobisher and they wanted to go ahead and build a small building and I also thought that even after that building was built that the problems would not be solved with that building. For this reason, that is why I am here to speak of the things that I would like to see in front of you right now. Have I answered your question, Mr. Patterson?

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley is next.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I am anxious to go ahead with the vote so we can at least get the commitment of this Assembly to ask the Executive Committee to provide funding for such organizations that are very involved in trying to protect the Inuit culture, but before I get on to that I would like to make a few comments about the importance of those kinds of organizations. For years, when I said earlier I understood exactly what he was trying to do, these days it is very difficult to create motivations for young people and I think I would be in the position today where I would not have any motivation for anything and courage to face the challenge that we have today if I did not have the strong instructions of my culture in order to be able to survive here where it is a formidable climate. If you cannot face that reality, the environment of this country, no young person will ever successfully go through this system, it is complicated enough to give any incentive and motivation to try and get through

school, and get there at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, but I tell you you do not have enough courage to face your own society, the climate and the culture that we have up here, if you cannot do that, the problem is compounded further.

Opportunity To Develop A Comprehensive Cultural Policy

So, on that basis I am glad that Simonie Alainga has been able to explain from his heart and from his experience the kind of thing he is trying to do. He may not be to some of you very forceful or maybe articulate like some of you guys are in putting forth statistics and all that kind of thing but I understand his situation. This government, this territorial government is in the most unique situation in this part of the North. I say this government has the best opportunity, the best possible opportunity to develop a comprehensive cultural policy because it has unique ethnic and cultural composition but it is trying to ignore the fact that we are all equal and they do not have any significant differences and some Members are so nervous about talking about Indians or Inuit that they try to cover us all under the pretence of equality. I am getting to the point of saying to them let us face reality, let us get the departments involved in culture like Renewable Resources and the Department of Education as well as Social Services and all the major departments and see whether or not we can come up with a comprehensive policy in terms of culture and in the development of the Northwest Territories.

I think some countries have done better but I would say as a unique area of the Northwest Territories, this government has possibly the best opportunity to develop support programs for the diverse cultural and ethnic composition that it has. On that basis I am urging every one of you to face reality and not just come up with a piecemeal approach, first let us indicate support for this society and then commit ourselves even through discussion if we can come up with a motion here to try and develop an overall comprehensive policy for cultural development in the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Are there any more question you wish to ask? Mr. Patterson.

Need For Recreational Facilities

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to briefly remark that I think Mr. Curley has put the problem very well, and it is that for many reasons our government may not as yet have the sensitivity to recognize the needs as they are being expressed by the people who know best. We have incredibly lavish schools, this school is worth millions of dollars. It is well funded in many respects and it even has a significant cultural inclusion budget. The annual budget of the village of Frobisher Bay is over two million dollars this year and vast sums of money are spent on capital projects which are very carefully designed and thought out by planners in high places, in government, but somehow, Mr. Chairman, even despite the efforts of people like Simonie Alainga and groups like his society which has struggled without any steady constant source of funding, somehow the message fails to get through to the decision makers. The capital planning project process may be an example where we have a beautiful new arena here in Frobisher Bay which provides the sort of recreational activity that any southern Canadian would be happy to see his children enjoy, but somehow there is still a big gap in our facilities for the segment of the population who have always lived here, the ones who are not the visitors, as Mr. Alainga said.

I agree with Mr. Curley, somehow this government has to come to grips with this problem, and it may only come to grips with the problem when we locate the decision making in a capital closer to Frobisher Bay, but in the meantime would like to suggest that we should give Mr. Alainga and the Quinnuayooag Society an indication of our support in principle for the kind of thing he has been doing to date and the sort of plans he has. Specifically, Mr. Chairman, I am wondering whether or not you can tell me, have we voted on the motion that was before the House concerning the support for the school? I was not clear from the procedural problems whether we had voted on that or not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Just a moment. Mr. Stewart.

Procedural Matter

HON. DON STEWART: I do not blame you for asking because I have been thinking about the procedure that we used. Basically I think I made an error in accepting Mr. Curley's amendment, it really should not have been an amendment; it probably should have been a motion, but this is a problem with our rules as they are set down at the present time for handling the situation, and really what happened was that Mr. Curley had made an amendment which put this into committee of the whole and that amendment of course has to belong to something so it had to be tied back to the original motion. So, we voted on the amendment which was approved and then we had to tie it back in. I tied it back to the motion which would indicate that this House had approved the money but I do not think that was the intent of the House, the intent of the House was your motion plus the fact it was going to go into committee of the whole for a decision, and I know it is an awkward situation and it is very, very confusing but it is a procedural matter that we will have to straighten out because it does get very, very confusing. I have taken it myself personally to mean that your motion was to be put into committee of the whole but it should not have been done by way of amendment because a motion to defer to put it into committee is really not an amendment under the other sections of Beauchesne's or some of the other people in parliamentary procedure. So, an error was probably committed by myself and I would suggest to you that it was not the intent of the House to vote on the motion but rather to put it into committee of the whole and I hope you will understand that and accept that, it is confusing.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Do you have anything more to say, Mr. Patterson?

Intent Of Motion Restated

MR. PATTERSON: Yes, if I may, Mr. Chairman. I would then like to move that the Executive Committee be urged to provide ongoing financial assistance to carry on the work of the Quinnuayooaq Society School in Frobisher Bay beyond this September, 1981.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. There is a motion on the floor. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, just a question concerning procedure. Do I understand there are no more questions for the witnesses? Is it not the usual practice of the House then, that when there are no more questions the witnesses are thanked and allowed to leave before any further business is conducted in committee?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Any further questions to the witnesses? Mr. Noah, do you have a question to the witnesses?

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, we will be dealing with this motion in a couple of days. It is going to all be directed to Frobisher Bay. I support it but I would make a similar motion about this. Thank you.

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

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is to the motion. The motion is that we ask the territorial government for funding for this group. Was that the intent of the motion?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The motion has been made already in committee of the whole. Motion 40-80(2).

MR. FRASER: What was the motion that Mr. Patterson just made then?

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

MR. PATTERSON: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. I should have just suggested that we are ready for a vote. I already made the motion and I do not need to make it again.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I just briefly want to support the motion. I would just like to say that the group that appeared before us as witnesses appear to me to be doing something constructive in the community by their efforts. Maybe it is the feeling of some of the higher-ups that it is not in line with the procedure, but however it is something aiming at the community needs and they are doing it. I fully support them. So many times you hear of the federal government putting out funds for French culture, French language which to me is no use up in this part of the world. In other provinces funds are available by the federal government for Ukrainian culture and you name it. There are all kinds of different cultures the federal government is supporting and surely they could support a group that is doing good in the community. I fully support them. Whether the people in Education think it is in order or not, they are still doing the thing that the people request and the people are taking advantage of. I would just like to say that I hope the funding comes through so that they can continue on with their effort and maybe other communities would take advantage of it and eventually we would get some other settlements in the same type of thing which is a lot better to me than having to put out money for French in this part of the world. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Motion 40-80(2), Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The question has been called. The Motion 40-80(2), all those in favour of the motion, let me see your hands. Down. Opposed, if any?

---Carried

(Translation) Thank you very much for the people who appeared as witnesses and to be able to talk with us.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to indicate the vote was unanimous. I have a motion with respect to the other side of the concern that Mr. Simonie Alainga was just talking about.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) We will show in the record that it was unanimous.

Motion To Support Establishment Of Recreation Centre In Frobisher Bay

MR. CURLEY: The recreational centre at Frobisher Bay that Simonie Alainga reported on, I move that the Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee to support the Quinnuayooaq Society in its goal of establishing a recreation centre in Frobisher Bay along traditional lines.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Curley. The motion is in order because it concerns what Simonie Alainga talked about. To the motion, Mr. Patterson.

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to second the motion. I do not know if it was seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Seconders are not necessary. Would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. PATTERSON: If I might briefly, Mr. Chairman. I think what Mr. Alainga is talking about is quite a modest facility. I have seen some plans that he has proposed and this is basically the traditional community hall, a small building with an area for a place to eat, modest washroom facilities and mainly a public area where people can get together, meet, dance, eat, drop in at all hours of the day. I think unfortunately in Frobisher Bay that we have been blessed with larger facilities designed for wholesale use by the community, but Mr. Alainga is talking about a smaller-scale facility for use in the neighbourhood and I know that the village councillors of Frobisher Bay have supported the idea and their minutes will show that they have often talked about this sort of plan. Unfortunately, it is perhaps a little bit too modest for some of the architects and designers in Public Works in our government, but I would like to stress that the proposal is a modest one and would not cost a great deal. It generally I believe asks the Executive Committee to support the Quinnuayooaq Society in that role and if the motion passes I think it will be a recognition of the importance of a society that is existing to promote and preserve the Inuktitut culture and that is just as important as minor hockey and swimming and some of the other activities in Frobisher Bay where there are already facilities. So I speak in favour of the motion. Thank you.

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

Not An Area For Government Funding

HON. DON STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly do not oppose the motion. However, I wonder whether or not this is the right body to do the financing or support that we are speaking of, giving direction and giving some help. I certainly have no objections to that. However, the explanation of what this building would be appears to me to be along the lines of a friendship centre. We have the Metis Association in Hay River that have been dealing with the federal government and have been funded for this year for a friendship centre, the type of building that would be open any or all hours and a gathering place. To my knowledge the territorial government does not get involved in financing this type of an operation. It appears the federal people have. I just wonder whether this is the right body to put up the money. We only have so many dollars and if we can get the feds to do it, I think that is the place we should go for first. I know of all the friendship centres that I know anything about the federal government has done the financing on them.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I just wonder if Mr. Patterson might provide an estimate of the cost of the structure. He said "modest" and I just wondered how modest it might be.

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

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I know the mayor of Frobisher Bay has received estimates for the cost of this kind of structure and although the estimates may have gone up, I think we are talking of in the vicinity to build it new of \$75,000. Maybe that is not modest in the eyes of the financial management board, but, Mr. Chairman, if I might say I think the motion is consistent with what Mr. Stewart suggests, that maybe help could be solicited from the appropriate federal authorities and perhaps all we are asking the Executive Committee to do is help in whatever way they can, whether they actually generate the funds or assist the society through their good offices to obtain an appropriate grant from federal authorities. The motion would permit all those things to happen. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Support Establishment Of Recreation Centre In Frobisher Bay, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I hear question being called. All in favour of that motion please raise your hands. Down. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

(Translation) I would like to say thank you very much to the witnesses we had.

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Thank you for inviting us here. I did not feel very comfortable about coming to sit down here by myself. I will make other comments to other people and while you are meeting here in Frobisher, I would like you to have a meeting. When the session is over, during the evening it would be appreciated if you could come and see me, but our house is very small so all of you cannot come all at once. Thank you.

MR. TOLOGANAK: Take Bob!

MR. ALAINGA: (Translation) Thank you very much to let us come here.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is the committee ready to report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF MOTION 40-80(2): ONGOING FUNDING TO QUINNUAYOOAQ SOCIETY SCHOOL

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, your committee has been dealing with Motion 40-80(2) and it has been discussed and there was another motion and they were both -- your committee wants to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. I think the record should show that Motion 40-80(2) has been accepted and that a motion dealing with assistance for -- what was the terminology used, Mr. Curley? What was the terminology used with regard to this building we are to assist with so the record is correct?

MR. CURLEY: The recreational centre.

MR. SPEAKER: The recreational centre has been approved. Mr. Clerk, have you any announcements? Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: On a question of privilege I would just like to express to the House that I have not been very satisfied with the building down there, the concrete building where we are treated like a bunch of criminals, we cannot get around and there is no way of getting into the committee room and the doors of the federal building are locked, and I wonder if through you, Mr. Speaker, you could try and alleviate the problem and tear them down, those cages if you have to. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. If they get me in a cage they might not let me out. Mr. Clerk, are there any announcements?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): The following committee meetings will be held this week in the committee room in the Brown Building. Tuesday, October 28th at 10:30 a.m., the standing committee on legislation. Wednesday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m., the standing committee on finance. Thursday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m., the standing committee on finance. On Friday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m., a caucus meeting in the hostel and bus transportation will be provided.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would remind all Members that there is only one more day remaining for replies to the Commissioner's Address, which will be tomorrow. This Assembly stands adjourned until October 28.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Orders of the day.

MR. SPEAKER: Pardon me, orders of the day. This has not been a good day for me I have had a lot of problems.

ITEM NO. 13: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, October 28th, 1980, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Gordon Robertson Education Centre.

1. Prayer
2. Continuing Replies to Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions
4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions
6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. Motions
10. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
11. Second Reading of Bills
12. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and Other Matters: Motion 20-80(2); Information Items 1-80(2), 2-80(2), 4-80(2), 5-80(2), 6-80(2), 18-80(2); Tabled Documents 6-80(2), 12-80(2); Bills 3-80(2), 13-80(2), 7-80(2), 8-80(2), 9-80(2), 10-80(2), 12-80(2)
13. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Possibly I can get it right. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., October 28, 1980, at the Gordon Robertson Education Centre.

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