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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1981

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Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Curley, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Kilabuk, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. MacQuarrie, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Noah, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mrs. Sorensen, Hon. Don Stewart, Hon. Kane Tologanak, Hon. James Wah-Shee

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Before we start with the orders of the day, I would like to recognize in the gallery, members of the 13 different countries of the diplomatic services who are on a one year sabbatical leave attending Harvard University Centre for International Affairs. Would you please now join me in welcoming them to the Northwest Territories?

---Applause

Just for a little added information, the countries represented are the United States, Korea, New Zealand, Israel, Chile, France, India, Japan, West Germany, Belgium, Ireland. Welcome gentlemen.

Speaker's Ruling

Now, at the conclusion of our work yesterday, we had a question. I did not complete my reply to the hon. Mr. MacQuarrie and after reading the verbatim debates, the situation does get a little more clouded. However, to save time and to try and answer, I think, what Mr. MacQuarrie wanted to know, the chairman of the committee does not have to take the word of the Law Clerk. Mr. Noah made that point to you yesterday. He was following his own conscience in coming to the decision and it was an opinion.

Now, as things occurred yesterday, this opinion was never turned really into a ruling so it is still Mr. Noah's opinion with regard to the matter. Now, as far as the question is concerned, inasmuch as it is part of legislation rather than a normal House rule, the Speaker and/or the chairman of the committee may make a ruling that would satisfy this House. However, legal action could be taken through the courts with regard to this particular subject and although we are prepared to accept a ruling that they are not in conflict of interest, that would not protect them from court action, so again you come back to the point of the conscience of the person involved, whether they feel that they are in conflict of interest. I hope that that satisfies the situation for the time being.

Orders of the day, February 11th.

Item 2, replies to the Commissioner's Address.

Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 32-81(1): Constitutional Amendments Re Aboriginal Rights

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. There have been reports in the news recently that the House of Commons Senate committee has approved further amendments to the proposed Canadian constitution which will entrench aboriginal and treaty rights and further, will allow aboriginal leaders of Canada and elected representatives of the territorial government in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, representation at First Ministers' Conferences, at the discretion of the Prime Minister and where matters concern them.

Would the Minister please tell this House whether he feels that the new amendments can be considered a victory for northerners and whether the Executive Committee has discussed plans to lobby for further amendments regarding mobility rights?

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

Return To Question 32-81(1): Constitutional Amendments Re Aboriginal Rights

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate to the House at this time that we are very pleased with aboriginal rights being incorporated in the charter of rights at this time.

---Applause

However, we are concerned about some provisions regarding the time limit which has been attached to the participation of the Northwest Territories and Yukon for a period of two years. We feel we would like to bring to the attention of the federal government that we would like to have the same right to participate beyond the two year period because, obviously, the constitutional involvement of Canada definitely affects the Yukon and Northwest Territories and we are concerned about that provision.

Also, I would like to indicate to the House, that we intend to table a document with the most recent provisions that have been made by Jean Chrétien and the federal government regarding the most recent changes that have been made regarding the constitutional development. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Oral questions. The hon. Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 32-81(1): Constitutional Amendments Re Aboriginal Rights

MRS. SORENSEN: Just a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. You mentioned, Mr. Wah-Shee, that the government is concerned about the time limit with respect to involvement of the Northwest Territories and Yukon elected representatives and that you would, in your own words, like to let the federal government know. Can I have an indication of what you mean by "let the federal government know" and what measures you plan on taking as a government to do that?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Supplementary To Question 32-81(1): Constitutional Amendments Re Aboriginal Rights

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I am the Minister who is sharing some of this responsibility with Mr. Wah-Shee, I can perhaps address the question in a little more detail.

We have, as my other colleague pointed out, been given the opportunity to participate in constitutional discussions during the amending procedures that will be put in place if and when the British North America Act is ever brought back to Canada. We have, in a letter to the Hon. Jean Chrétien, outlined a number of more specific points concerning the further definition and further entrenchment of a permanent status for the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories, not only in the amending formula but in any constitutional debates that take place thereafter.

As my honourable colleague, Mr. Wah-Shee, has indicated, there will be some documents tabled in the House which outline this specifically, and as I understand it, these documents include correspondence with Jean Chrétien. As soon as they are translated, we will have them before the House, for all Members. These letters, Mr. Speaker, will address in much more detail the kinds of things we are trying to achieve before the constitution is brought back from England. I really regret that we do not have this material to place before you today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden. Oral questions. The hon. Mr. Curley.

Question 33-81(1): Communications With Alberta Government

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Leader of the Elected Executive Committee. It continues on with Mrs. Sorensen's concern with the constitution or amendment to the federal proposal.

I wonder if the Leader of the Elected Executive Committee would communicate with the leader of the Alberta government and suggest to him that it would not be appropriate for members of the constitutional committee to come here before this Assembly has actually studied all of the amendments that have been presented to the Canadian constitution. I think it would be only fair that this Assembly have a chance to consider the amendments and develop its position. Would you let me know whether or not you are prepared to do that?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 33-81(1): Communications With Alberta Government

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the honourable Member's comment, I would indicate that the group wishing to visit Yellowknife and to meet with Members of this Legislature is a group composed of the Alberta legislature, not the Alberta government -- even though there are some people who would say that the Alberta legislature is, by and large, the Alberta government since there are, I think, only five opposition MP's.

Now, I would be prepared to discuss this further with my colleagues on the Executive and with Mr. Curley. I can see there is some merit to his suggestion but there may also be some merit to having interested Members of this Legislature quiz the representatives from the Alberta legislature's constitutional committee to see what their views are. Thank you.

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

Question 34-81(1): Keewatin Students Returning Home For Easter Break

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) I want to ask the Minister of Education, the students who go to school here from the Keewatin and Baffin regions have indicated to me that they would like to go home for an Easter break. I wanted to know if they would be able to go home for an Easter break, because I understand they did not last year. Can he tell the House as to whether they will be able to go home to their settlement for Easter?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Patterson.

Partial Return To Question 34-81(1): Keewatin Students Returning Home For Easter Break

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not think they will be sent home, but I will give you a written reply later on.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions.

MRS. SORENSEN: That softens the blow when you speak in Inuktitut.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Noah. Oral questions.

Question 35-81(1): Reopening Of Thelon Game Sanctuary

MR. NOAH: (Translation) I have an oral question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to the Minister of Renewable Resources, regarding the Thelon Game Sanctuary. I asked last year to reopen it. I made a motion to open the Thelon Game Sanctuary. I wonder what they have done so far. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 35-81(1): Reopening Of Thelon Game Sanctuary

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have looked into the matter and there are implications, not only with regard to legislation within our ordinances of the Northwest Territories, but legislation that falls into the jurisdiction of the federal government. Now, in order to change or amend any kind of sanctuary, we would have to ensure that discussion with them begins and it is going to be a process that would probably take a little longer than was anticipated.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further oral questions? Mr. Curley.

Question 36-81(1): Sanctuary Opening, Time Limit

MR. CURLEY: Yes, supplementary to Mr. Noah's questions, I would like to find out from him specifically what does he mean by the more time involved. Does it mean two years, or five, or immediate?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 36-81(1): Sanctuary Opening, Time Limit

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: It is difficult to say the time limit, mainly because we would like to do an inventory within the area of the sanctuary to indicate what kinds of species of animals are available to people. I know that it is a lot longer than usual, but the federal government would probably try to ensure that such a study would take place. Now, we will try to get on with the work as soon as possible and get the studies that might be proposed onstream as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Item 4, written questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Ms Cournoyea.

Question 37-81(1): Recovery Of Polar Bear Tags For The Northwestern Arctic

MS COURNOYEA: I have a written question for the Minister of Renewable Resources, Richard Nerysoo. Could the Minister of Renewable Resources tell this Assembly, what is the status on recovery of polar bear tags for the northwestern Arctic? What is the context of the agreement that the Northwest Territories and Yukon governments are planning to sign in this regard? Why are only five of the six tags being turned over to the Government of the Northwest Territories? What benefit is it to the Yukon to retain the one tag? To whom would they issue that tag, as all waters to low tide to the Alaskan border are under Northwest Territories jurisdiction?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. The hon. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question 38-81(1): Volumes And Types Of Petroleum Products

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Finance. What are the volumes and types of petroleum products purchased by the Government of the Northwest Territories for use as heating or motive fuels, or for power generation, and does the Government of the Northwest Territories pay the world price for any of these products? In addition to this, what are the volumes of similar types of petroleum products used by the private sector, the federal government, federal crown corporations in the Northwest Territories, and do the federal parties pay world prices for any of these fuels?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question 39-81(1): Proposed Tunnel For Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a question coming in from Pangnirtung hamlet. The hamlet of Pangnirtung has been requesting a tunnel under the airstrip and I understood that it was approved. However, now I understand that it is not approved because the cost is approximately seven million dollars. Would the Minister of Local Government please advise me if the building of the tunnel has been approved or not?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 40-81(1): NWT Metis And Non-Status Indians, Non-Resident Hunters In The Yukon

MS COURNOYEA: I have a second question to the Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Richard Nerysoo. Would the Minister of Renewable Resources please inform this Assembly if he has had deliberations with the Yukon government to forward the cause of the Northwest Territories Metis and non-status Indian people. What efforts have been made with the Yukon government to exempt the Yukon legal requirement that Metis and non-status Indians who presently...

MR. SPEAKER: You are going too fast, please.

MS COURNOYEA: Okay. What efforts have been made with the Yukon government to exempt the Yukon legal requirement that Metis and non-status Indians, who presently and have traditionally used certain parts of the Yukon, from being considered non-resident hunters required to pay a fee of \$50 to \$500 to hunt certain individual species of animals in the Yukon, with the additional requirement of a Yukon outfitter?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. The hon. Mark Evaluarjuk, Foxe Basin.



Question 41-81(1): Nordair Ltd. Revised Schedules

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is quite lengthy. I am not sure to whom it is going. Perhaps it is going to be directed to the Commissioner, I am not sure. Perhaps after I ask the question, maybe somebody can tell me who it is directed to. Last week, Nordair Ltd. implemented their revised schedule on Tuesdays with their flights from Montreal to Hall Beach and this has been very inconvenient to the residents of Igloolik and Hall Beach.

With the revised schedule, Igloolik passengers have to leave at 10:30 in the evening and have to wait until 2:00 in the morning before they leave Hall Beach en route to Frobisher Bay. The incoming Igloolik passengers have to wait around until 7:00 in the morning before they are transported to their final destination. It is very inconvenient to the incoming passengers to wait at the Hall Beach terminal which has no washroom facilities nor a coffee shop.

The flights on Fridays arrive at Hall Beach at 2:15 in the morning, therefore forcing the Igloolik passengers to travel right in the middle of the night. This has proven to be most inconvenient to Igloolik passengers. I would like to know if the Executive Committee and/or the Commissioner can do anything about this situation and relay the message to the carrier and to the Air Transport Committee. If the administration is not prepared to help in rectifying this situation, Igloolik residents will have no recourse but to involve the media on the matter. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Which Minister will undertake that? Mr. Wah-Shee will reply to that. Thank you. Written questions.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to give a written reply to the honourable Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. The hon. Mr. Kilabuk, Baffin Central.

Question 42-81(1): Water Supply, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I still have a question from Pangnirtung. The water reservoir in Pangnirtung has been continually worked on since it was first constructed, and it has been very expensive to maintain this water reservoir. I wonder if it is going to be more feasible to construct a water pipeline although it would probably cost as much as it has to maintain the reservoir. I wonder if the administration has given any consideration on this matter?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. That is a written question. You will get a written reply from the Minister involved. Any further written questions? Are there any returns today? The Hon. Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 4-81(1): Response To Question 193-80(2), Policies Regarding Deputy Ministers' Positions And Other High Ranking Positions

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, a question asked by Mr. MacQuarrie on February 4th, Question 4-81(1), regarding a policy on senior public service appointments, I would want to give the following reply.

The territorial government does not have a formal policy peculiar to the appointment of senior officers; however the following comments apply to the informal policies which are followed:

It is the policy of the territorial government to seek to fill senior level positions by promotion from within the service. For deputy ministerial and director level jobs, there is a clear requirement for knowledge of the Northwest Territories, an understanding of the territorial government's systems and some experience in the particular field or program. We are concerned that

our employees who have demonstrated their interest in continuing to live and work in the North, and who have proven ability and managerial experience, will be provided with opportunities for advancement, and to this extent we are increasingly engaged in career planning. Through this method we demonstrate to more junior employees that there are opportunities for advancement within the service. On occasion, it is necessary to inject new talent into our system, in particular in some technical and professional areas; however, these occasions are becoming less frequent.

The methods open then to us for filling deputy ministerial and director level positions are as follows: (a) Open competition, used when no obvious internal candidates are available. This does not preclude internal applicants. (b) Internal competition, used where several candidates are available with territorial experience. (c) Invitational competition, used to test interest and examine persons who are clearly qualified. (d) Direct appointment, used when one candidate is clearly ahead of others in experience and ability and often used when a person has been seen to be "next in line" for position and may have been in either acting or assistant role for some time. Thank you.

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

Item 5, on the orders of the day, petitions.

Item 6, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 6: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

The Hon. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 8-81(1), Annual Report, 1979, Northwest Territories Co-operative System. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 6, tabling of documents. The Hon. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 9-81(1), Report of the Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Assistance.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there any other tabling of documents? The Hon. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 10-81(1), Workers' Compensation Board, Administration and General Expense Budget, 1981. I believe it has been translated into Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any other documents for tabling?

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 8, notices of motion. Are you sure everybody is feeling well around here today?

---Laughter

Item 9, motions.

ITEM NO. 9: MOTIONS

Motion 4-81(1). Mr. MacQuarrie.

Motion 4-81(1): Response To Bill C-48

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Motion 4-81(1):

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for Energy has indicated that the Government of the Northwest Territories does not have a detailed position on federal Bill C-48 which, if it is passed, will have serious implications for the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has indicated that the Government of the Northwest Territories has been invited to appear before the standing committee on national resources and public works to comment on this bill;

AND WHEREAS there is very little likelihood that the Government of the Northwest Territories, or any other party, will be able to prevent the passage of this bill in its essence;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Lynda Sorensen, that this Assembly request the Executive Committee to develop a detailed position in response to Bill C-48 for presentation at hearings of the standing committee on natural resources and public works in Ottawa;

And further that the Executive Committee seriously consider including in the Government of the Northwest Territories position the following:

1. That the Government of Canada should have Petro Canada establish a subsidiary corporation to be known as Petro Canada (NWT) Ltd., to which crown shares in oil and gas production enterprises in the Northwest Territories and its adjacent waters will be transferred;
2. That the directorship of Petro Canada (NWT) Ltd., reflect northern interests;
3. That the operations of Petro Canada (NWT) Ltd., be accounted separately from all other Petro Canada operations so that a clear picture of northern resource revenues will emerge;
4. That Petro Canada (NWT) Ltd., serve as a framework for whatever public energy corporations might eventually be established in the Northwest Territories or northern territories into which it is subdivided;
5. That the basic royalty, section 40, accruing to the federal government from oil and gas produced in the Northwest Territories and its adjacent waters, or some suitable portion of that royalty, be assigned to the Government of the Northwest Territories or at least be placed in a trust fund until aboriginal rights claims are settled;
6. That the annual amounts accruing to the federal government from its share of the net profit, section 41, of production enterprises located in the Northwest Territories, or on and in its adjacent waters, be assigned to the Government of the Northwest Territories or at least be placed in a trust fund until aboriginal rights claims are settled;
7. That the Crown, using its powers over disposal of production, section 48, order that adequate supplies of oil and/or gas, at reasonable prices, be offered for sale to the Government of the Northwest Territories by various production enterprises operating in the Northwest Territories, or on and in its adjacent waters;
8. That moneys placed by production enterprises operating in the Northwest Territories, or on and in its adjacent waters, in the environmental revolving fund, section 49, be assigned to the Government of the Northwest Territories to be used for those specific objects it chooses, so long as the funds in general are spent to protect the environment.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. MacQuarrie. Please proceed.

Executive Committee Position Requested

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My motion refers, of course, to the proposed act, Bill C-48, which is a proposed act to regulate oil and gas interests in "Canada Lands" and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act; and of course this act refers to the Northwest Territories as Canada lands and it therefore has serious implications for hydrocarbon development in the Northwest Territories and for the future of the government of the people of the Northwest Territories.

Members will recall, Mr. Speaker, that several days ago I asked our Minister responsible for Energy, the Hon. Mr. Nerysoo, whether the government did have a detailed position in response to this bill and the indication at that time was that it did not and that it was certainly open to input from this Assembly and discussion in this Assembly. Thus this motion is an attempt to provide that input and to provide an opportunity for discussion.

I would ask Members to note that there are really two parts to the motion. The first part is to ask the Executive Committee to develop a detailed position and the second is the suggestions that I have as to what might be included in that position and they are suggestions.

An Ideological Position

Both myself and the seconder have adopted the approach reflected in this motion because we recognize that, as a government in the Northwest Territories, we could maintain the ideological position that, under the Canadian federal system, non-renewable resources belong to provinces...

---Applause

...and since we have hopes some day of achieving provincial status in the Territories that those resources really belong to us, to the people of the Northwest Territories and, of course, when I say an "ideological position", I do not mean therefore that it is only a theoretical position or an unimportant position.

I suppose if I believe that standing on that ideological position would win us success, then I would stand on that ideological position. After having considered the presentation of the bill in the federal parliament, the timing; the obvious determination of the federal government to proceed on its energy policy; after considering, regardless of what we might think, the likely response of the majority of Canadians favouring federal government control of hydrocarbons in what are called Canada lands, then it seems that we have at least to recognize that this bill most likely will pass in parliament with little likelihood of being altered substantially.

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame, shame!

MR. MacQUARRIE: If there are Members who do not think that is a proper analysis, I hope they will explain why in a little while. I would like to know personally if we could succeed by adopting another approach. At any rate, this position is then adopted in that I think it offers the kind of approach that we can take which will give us maximum leverage because it is a reasonable and justifiable approach to the problem of resources. I think because it is a reasonable and justifiable approach, it is practically obtainable.

### Nature Of The Subsidiary Corporation

In considering the motion, I would like Members to note very particularly, first of all, the nature of the subsidiary corporation that I am suggesting, that is Petro Canada (NWT) Ltd. I am not suggesting that the Government of the Northwest Territories should become the shareholder there, that it is a corporation, and therefore our government would not acquire the assets or any liabilities as a result of the operations of that corporation, but it is recommended, nevertheless, so that the operations of Petro Canada in the Northwest Territories can be separated from the operations of Petro Canada say in the Hibernia fields off the east coast of Canada or its operations in provincial Canada.

There are two reasons I would like that to be done. The first one being so that with an accounting procedure that takes account of that corporation's operations in the Northwest Territories, we can begin to get a clearer picture of what the commercial transactions are in the Northwest Territories and help ourselves and other people in other parts of Canada to get over the idea that we are simply welfare recipients here in the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

Secondly, by keeping a careful and separate accounting of the commercial transactions of that corporation, it will help us better to see, when the day of reckoning comes, when we have the right to receive compensation from the federal government for resources that have been used in this Territories over the years, it will not simply be a wild reckoning, an approximate reckoning but a detailed account of what is owing to the people of the North.

### Revenues From Oil And Gas

I would ask Members to notice then, what I am seeking secondly is: In the act, the federal government indicates that it will receive 10 per cent royalties on all oil and gas production on all enterprises in the North. What I am suggesting is that that revenue should be turned to the Government of the Northwest Territories. We should attempt to achieve that, or some suitable portion of it, and if the objection is that it is still not settled in the North as to the rights of aboriginal peoples and the concerns of the Government of the Northwest Territories, then let us not let that serve as an excuse for the continued channelling of those funds into general revenues of the Government of Canada. Let us put them, then, into a trust fund, a heritage fund, which can be kept separate and divided justly once aboriginal rights claims are settled.

There is the possibility of getting that kind of revenue and also, the federal government is, incidentally, asking for 40 per cent net profit from all of these enterprises, in addition to its royalty. I am suggesting that that should be funnelled in our direction. There is some possibility of achieving these. Yesterday, I heard a report on the radio that Minister Munro seems to feel that they will have to divvy up some of the revenue that they get from resources in the North.

The third element -- there are other specific suggestions that I have for channelling revenue to this government -- the third point that I want you to note, though, when you are considering whether to support this motion or not, is that I am merely asking the Executive Committee to consider including these matters in the government's detailed position. It would not bind them and, therefore, if

you are wondering whether to vote for it or not, I would say please do not vote on the basis of whether you personally can approve of each of these things or not, but vote yes or no on the basis of whether you would like your Executive Committee at least to consider these items when it is formulating a detailed position.

It is quite possible that the Executive Committee will find that some of the things that we have suggested in our motion are not possible, for one reason or another. I do not intend that it is definitive in any way. Certainly, with the kinds of limited resources we have to do analyses, I am sure there are bound to be one or two defects, anyway. So, they may very well find fault here or there. It is not intended to be definitive and it is not intended to usurp the Executive Committee's function.

Position Must Be Taken

If there are Members who feel they cannot support the motion, then I would say to you, do not abstain. Do not become infected by the Executive Committee disease, do not abstain. Take a position, please.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear! Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. MacQUARRIE: Take a position, please. I would say that if you cannot support it, then you have a serious obligation to suggest what should go in its place. It is not enough to say, we do not want this, and then to leave it just to the Executive Committee to formulate, or maybe not formulate, a position.

The very last thing that I would like to say is this is not an attempt to usurp the Executive Committee's position. I ask all of you to remember that we do not have party politics. We do not have a government party that has policies that determine how we should respond to things like this, and there are many important things like this coming up, incidentally. We have a consensus government, and so it is the responsibility of all of us to offer guidance to the Executive Committee, and that is the attempt that is being made here. I would ask you to support the motion.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen, as seconder, do you wish to have the floor at this time?

MRS. SORENSEN: I will hold off my comments until I have heard what other Members have to say, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Mr. Curley.

Motion To Refer Motion 4-81(1) To Committee Of The Whole

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, this is quite a document. I move that it be deferred for the committee of the whole and be studied in detail, for further information that we will be requiring as we debate it.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion to defer. Is there a seconder? The Hon. Mr. Wah-Shee. To the motion to defer.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Is it proper to amend -- oh, yes. Good heavens.

---Laughter

I could be shot for that, I guess. Is it permissible to amend a motion to defer? In other words, I do not mind but I would like -- I do not want it to go into limbo like my constitution motion.

---Laughter

I would like to set a time...

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry. Sorry, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Would you tell me whether it is proper, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie, there is no debate, really, on the motion to defer. Ready for the question to defer?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Refer, Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour of the motion to defer? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

Motion 5-81(1), Mrs. Sorenson. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I heard you say the motion to defer. You meant the motion to refer, did you not?

MR. SPEAKER: That is quite probably correct, Mr. Butters.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Is it proper to amend a motion to refer, Mr. Speaker?

---Laughter

AN HON. MEMBER: Too late.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I do not think so. That was a motion to defer.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I think probably it is the will of the Assembly, as I take it, to put it into the committee of the whole...

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: ...and that I accept as being the will of the House. So, it is referred to the committee of the whole, and we will get it on the order paper very quickly, so it will be dealt with. We are not going to bury it.

MR. MacQUARRIE: You are a gentleman. I accept that, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen. Motion 5-81(1).

Motion 5-81(1): To Raise The Maximum Small Claims Court Limit

MRS. SORENSEN: Motion 5-81(1):

WHEREAS the maximum amount allowed on a small claim is only \$500;

AND WHEREAS this amount has never been adjusted;

AND WHEREAS inflation has increased the cost of all services and products in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories has one of the lowest small claims limits in all of Canada, in spite of the fact that it has one of the highest costs of living in this country;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Frobisher Bay, that this Legislature recommend to the territorial court rules committee that it raise the small claims court limit from \$500 to \$2000, as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Proceed, please.

MRS. SORENSEN: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker, I think the time has come to increase our small claims court limit. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I believe an increase has been long overdue. The question, of course, is how much should the limit be increased, and when I was trying to decide what my motion would recommend, I considered increasing the limit from \$500 to \$1000, I considered \$2000, and I considered \$2500. I opted for the \$2000 level.

My research indicates that this government, with a \$500 limit, is in fact the lowest in Canada. Alberta, for instance, has a limit of \$1000. Saskatchewan is at \$1000. British Columbia has a small claims court limit of \$2000, and Ontario, \$1000, except for Metropolitan Toronto, which has a \$3000 limit.

Reason For Supporting \$2000 Figure

I decided to support a \$2000 figure, simply because we do have a higher cost of living in the Northwest Territories and because of the fact that a \$2000 debt is not hard to accumulate in the North. Products and services, as I said, cost more; therefore, it would stand to reason that our small claims court limit should be higher. In addition there is another reason. I think that we must understand that an effective small claims court system is important to consumers and businessmen alike, because it provides a simple and inexpensive way to have a money complaint or dispute fairly judged by an impartial magistrate.

Now, the court is much less formal and the magistrate plays a more active role in attempting to settle the dispute. The important thing is that the person to whom money is owing does not need a lawyer. He simply follows the procedure that is outlined in the special documents. He serves the papers on the person who owes him the money and about three weeks later is able to go to court, when the court, of course, is in his community.

In the North where there are very few lawyers, it surely makes sense to use small claims court for small debts owing and in order to do that we must have a reasonable limit. I am saying that \$500 is not a reasonable limit. I would like your support today to recommend to the territorial court rules committee that they consider raising the small claims court limit, as I said, from \$500 to \$2000.



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Patterson, as seconder, do you wish to have the floor now?

Lawyers Are Not Plentiful Throughout The NWT

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly in support of the motion, I concur with most of the comments of the honourable Member from Yellowknife South. I would not say there are very few lawyers in the Northwest Territories though. There are lots of lawyers in the Northwest Territories. The problem is they are all clotted here in Yellowknife.

MR. MacQUARRIE: A clot of lawyers.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: There are a lot of lawyers, yes.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I said a clot of lawyers.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: That is right. So I agree with her, however, that is very important, especially in the areas outside Yellowknife, and really only Hay River is an area outside Yellowknife that is presently serviced with a lawyer. It is very important that people have access to a procedure that they can use without needing to consult a lawyer to settle disputes of all kinds. The rules committee also, I think -- may I mention in passing -- is looking at streamlining the procedure as well to make it even less complicated than it is now and really it is a matter of paperwork and I think they are trying to reduce the number of papers that are involved to get the matter into court.

There is obviously a need to increase the limit. In my experience in practising, what has often happened is that because the limit is \$500 -- you find that people who have claims over \$500 and most claims that are worth while taking to court are over \$500 -- if they are worth the trouble they are usually worth more than \$500. Most people have to resort to trying to break the claim up so that if you have a rent bill owing for say \$1000, you claim twice for under \$500 and of course this is obvious needless duplication. It has been pointed out to me that the rules committee has already fastened on a figure of \$1000 and while I find that acceptable, I do not see why it could not be \$2000. Therefore, I will support the motion as it stands and urge other Members to support it for all the reasons that have been given. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. The Hon. Mr. Braden.

Examination Of Small Claims Rules

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to commend my colleague from Yellowknife South for bringing this motion into the House, and my Executive colleague, Mr. Patterson, for enlightening us all on some aspects of small claims rules.

I want to indicate at the outset that I think we all can agree in principle that there has to be a change made in the maximum amount allowed in small claims. I have been informed that the territorial court rules committee, which is a committee headed by the chief territorial judge, has considered this particular issue. The purpose of the committee in examining the small claims rules was twofold.

Firstly, it was the intention of the committee to simplify the rules so that they can be easily used by non-lawyers as the bulk of the cases in small claims courts are handled by the litigants themselves without the assistance of lawyers. The second purpose was to revise the limit of the small claims court from \$500 to a more suitable level, in keeping with recent inflationary trends. My honourable colleague has gone into some detail on this particular factor or aspect in her remarks.

#### More Appropriate Limit Determined By Rules Committee

It is my understanding that the committee has recently examined the small claims limits in various parts or jurisdictions of Canada and they have determined that the appropriate limit in the Territories would be \$1000. This limit was arrived at after an examination of the limits that are in place in other jurisdictions and after input from legal practitioners in both the private and government sectors.

As I indicated earlier on, I think we agree in principle that there has to be change but in this particular case I have to say that it would seem to me that we have entrusted a responsibility to a committee, set up under a territorial ordinance, and I, as the Minister responsible for Justice, would want to pay serious attention to their judgment and collective wisdom in this particular area as well as a lot of others. So, Mr. Speaker, I suppose there are a couple of alternatives from my point of view. I am in a position where a committee of respected, and experienced lawyers have made a recommendation to me...

MRS. SORENSEN: Aha!

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: ...and we have a recommendation from an experienced and knowledgeable legislator in our House. I do not want to get beyond the level of principle and down to whether it should be \$1000 or \$1500 or \$2000. I think that we have got it on the floor here and the government and the rules committee are prepared to move so I am wondering if the honourable Member and the mover would consider making an amendment to the motion whereby a little bit more flexibility would be introduced into the increase that has been proposed. I notice we do not have a time limit. We should make this effective as soon as possible.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I want everybody to recognize that at the level of principle I am in full support of the move of the motion. We have a few problems when it comes to some of the details. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Of course, you cannot amend your own motion. I would suggest to you that the motion reads to recommend to, so this is the thought, and what the committee comes up with would be an acceptance of part or all of the motion. So if you debate the thing further, you close the debate, Mrs. Sorensen. To the motion. If Mrs. Sorensen speaks, it closes the debate. Anybody wish to speak first? The hon. Mrs. Sorensen. Go ahead.

#### \$2000 A More Acceptable Limit

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I must rise to the occasion after such eloquent words about myself and about a committee called the territorial court committee. I, as well as the committee, Mr. Braden, studied other jurisdictions and I, as well as the committee, looked very seriously at recommending \$1000, \$1500 and \$3000 and after the great amount of research and deliberation that I have done, I came to the conclusion that \$2000 in the Northwest Territories was an acceptable limit given all the other factors that come to play here.

I think that it is very evident that the respected group of lawyers have done a good job of their research and I would commend them for that. I must also bring to the attention of you, as the Minister of Justice and Public Services, and this Legislature, that I personally have been trying to get that limit raised since 1975. Since becoming a legislator, I have had conversations with people within the territorial court service asking if they would not consider raising the limit. It is only at the point where I felt that it was not being raised that I came in with a motion in this Legislature. I feel \$2000 is acceptable and I would urge Members to support that level.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

Motion 5-81(1), Carried

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: A question being called on Motion 5-81(1). All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

That then concludes motions for the day. I notice one has got the improper date on it and it will be rectified, Mr. MacQuarrie. Your motion should be dated the 12th instead of the 11th.

Item 10, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 12, second reading of bills.

Item 13, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 13: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

Bill 1-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1982. The hon. Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 1-81(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1981-82, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now this committee will please come to order. I believe we are on the Housing Corporation, page 3.04. I wonder if Mr. McCallum would like to invite his colleagues. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yes I would like to invite my colleagues.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Agreed.

---Agreed

Could somebody open that window? (Translation) Thank you. Mr. McCallum, yesterday or last night, in the evening, I do believe we stopped when we were having general discussion on that matter. Does anybody else have any general discussion concerning the topic we are on, before we start going on the details of the amount of money? Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few remarks I would like to make about Housing Corporation. I feel with my colleague, Mr. Patterson, yesterday that some of the recommendations that we have presented last year were, I believe, put into effect this year, and I was very pleased at, in my riding that, you know, the whole approach of the Housing Corporation taking action on is very much appreciated, very much; you know, people are very grateful that you have been able to do that. I wish that we were able to get this kind of action whenever we do get certain recommendations presented to you.

Although some Members have expressed that the Housing Corporation should become the ministry of Housing, I do not know whether or not that would be the solution to the needs of the public because putting it under the direct ministry would actually be saying to the corporation, "Look, the mechanics of the bureaucracy are better and actually more efficient than a private corporation" and so on. To me, I believe that, in my experience, the crown corporation not directly under the hands of the ministry could actually, I think should in fact be able to, carry out its mandate more efficiently given the fact that they would not have to comply with the tight reins of the civil service and the bureaucrats in the government.

I believe that the Housing Corporation certainly has to get its act together in light of the report by Thorne Riddell and Co., the chartered accountants, and I do not think any ordinary corporation would be allowed to not have certain controls and so on, but I believe that in light of this report being made public, I do believe that the Housing Corporation in my view will have no choice but to straighten it out and will come to control. I expect to see that happen sometime this summer, that it will shape its act together. I have confidence that they will do that.

#### Problem Lies With Past Assembly

I believe the problem has been the other administration, or the other Assembly. The previous Assembly probably did not have too much interest in the Housing Corporation's activities. I think that is where the problem has arisen.

MR. APPAQAQ: No, no.

MR. CURLEY: I think this particular Assembly is interested in making sure that, "Look, shape up and get your act together so that the people in the Northwest Territories can be provided with decent housing and accommodations in their areas." I, for one, have seen a lot of same old faces come and go and come and go in my region trying to manage the Housing Corporation and many of those people that have come here to take charge of their regional operations are, in my mind, technically responsible. They are the kind of civil servants that are, really good to have as social friends. They do very, very well in social gatherings, and very adaptable and really open to have social activities. I think they can specialize in that area, but technically speaking, professionally speaking, about the need to handle the contractual responsibilities of the contractors over there, they have not been that efficient.

Not only, I think, the Housing Corporation should get its financial accountability straightened out. I think in the regions they are going to have to put people who know about the technicalities of the building and constructing and erecting of houses in the field. That is where our problems in the regions are.

### Experienced Managers Needed In The Field

I would like to see and I will attempt to make certain recommendations that the Housing Corporation put in the field, managers in the field that have experience in the building construction. I think if they do that, the private contractors will be able to do a better job in the field. Right now, sure the contractors -- some of them may have complacency and not really give a damn about putting on the proper finishes that decently, and putting in, constructing houses in the wrong direction in some places.

I think if we had regional managers, regional staff, of the Housing Corporation that are able to say "Look, I think you are not really actually doing it according to the standards of the National Housing Act and in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions that we have given you" then I think we are not going to see any improvement. So part of the major problem in my area -- I know for sure in all of the Keewatin region -- is that we have a group of people there that are very good friends of the people socially but when you look at the business and the contractors over there, they have an awful, awful lot of time trying to -- doing a runaround on behalf of the Housing Corporation and in fact losing time and progress because they are doing a runaround for the Housing Corporation when in fact, the one who has actually issued the contract should be doing that service. So I want to see some changes made to that.

### Changes Needed In Housing Administration

In terms of the communities, I believe, you know, administrationwise in providing housing in the settlements, I want to see some changes and new goals set out by the Housing Corporation. I think the Housing Corporation has been doing quite a bit of catching up and improving housing for our people in the region -- no problem in that. But I see that it is carrying out that service, providing housing to our people, only for a certain group of age level. For instance, you know, the young couples and the single people in the settlements are nowhere near ever getting a house and in no way has the Housing Corporation set out a program whereby it is providing a single family or single parent or whatever, single person, housing. We have a real problem in the settlements. I think there has to be special attention to people who are single. I would like to have accommodation because many of our people cannot continue to live with their parents. I do not think your kids would, for instance, in a place like Yellowknife -- at a certain age, they like to get into certain accommodation and start to live in a world that they like to live in. So I think that is a vacuum area.

### Administration At The Local Level

In the other administrative part of the Housing Corporation, at the local level, when we look at the housing associations, I think there have to be more controls put in there, more guidelines so that certain practices -- some of them could be termed as discriminate actions -- will not be applied when allocating houses to the people. There has been some evidence that this is practised. I will want to see and I will probably attempt to make some recommendations that, for instance, the housing association boards not be given the priority in moving to houses each time the new models come in. That is going on in the regions. You know, the housing association board of directors seem to be looking after their own housing needs and moving into a new housing unit when there are families in the settlement that do require priority as far as the accommodation is concerned, people with large families. For instance, in Rankin Inlet, there was, during a radio show, one...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, your time is up.

MR. CURLEY: Oh, you are kidding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your 10 minutes are up.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: Let him proceed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this House -- proceed? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Agreed.

---Agreed

Go ahead, Mr. Curley.

Favouritism To Housing Association Members

MR. CURLEY: During one radio show, you know, about the housing association's business and operations in the settlement, one unfortunate family member went on the radio and said that she would like to get onto the housing association board so that she would be eligible to move into a more decent house because many people believe that only the elite group like the members of housing association board of directors are the ones that are served by the Housing Corporation.

So I think there have to be certain guidelines developed where the housing association board of directors are not getting into conflicts of interest and thereby serving their own interests because that has been the practice in larger settlements when their new models come in. The housing association board of directors transfer to the new models so I think it would be good if we can try and resolve that. I would even suggest that the housing association board of directors, during their term of office, should remain in one unit and not move unless absolutely, absolutely necessary for them to move into a new unit.

So I do not have many other ideas but I do really feel that the Housing Corporation is going to have to address the problem of the single people. I do not think it is a problem in the larger places like Yellowknife here but in places in smaller settlements, it is really a dreadful situation. You know, every family tends to have a large family but single parents are not given an opportunity to move, and in many cases they do not even bother to apply, and that they have to live in a family atmosphere. Sometimes it is not always a pleasant atmosphere when there are domestic problems involved. That is a particular area I think requires special attention and with that, I will conclude. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Any more general comments? Mrs. Sorensen.

Housing Problems Remain In The West

MRS. SORENSEN: Certainly as a westerner I would be saying the same thing about the Housing Corporation as Mr. Patterson said and Mr. Tagak Curley has just said, if 90 per cent of the capital was being spent in the West. Look at your paper; 90 per cent of the capital before us is being spent in the East for houses and rehabilitation, so naturally they think the Housing Corporation is doing a good job. The fact remains that the Housing Corporation under the existing system has been in a mess since day one and every Assembly has commented on the difficulties that we have been facing with respect to the dollars and how they have been handled within the Housing Corporation. So, I think that we have to seriously discuss perhaps bringing the Housing Corporation under an elected minister and under direct accountability to this Legislature. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I certainly have some concerns with regard to the Housing Corporation and some of the programs that they offer. I realize that, I guess, I could commend you on your response to some of the concerns that were expressed to this Legislature over the past year. However, we still, as Mrs. Sorensen just stated, have some concern that the Housing Corporation is not responding, as I think they should, to the concerns of the Dene communities. Certainly, there seems to be a delay in many of the kinds of requests that have been coming from the Dene communities. Now, this is not to say that the programs that you have available are not good programs, but there seems to be a delay in processing the programs so that the communities will be satisfied and know that if they apply for their own homes through their rural and remote housing program or through the SSHAG program, that there will not be any delays, but there seems to be a problem there. I am not terribly happy about some of the concerns. People have come up to me in my constituency and said, "Well, I applied three years ago for some support in retrofitting my home." Now, if it has taken that long for the Housing Corporation to respond, then there has to be something wrong somewhere.

#### Funding On A Per Capita Basis

I also have some concern in that I would like to know from you gentlemen, whether or not you are allocating funding on a per capita basis. I think that we do not have any problems in the Mackenzie Valley worrying about some of the concerns that the Inuit communities have. We have logs and we have a lot of trees. We can build our own homes. However, there does not seem to be, as I said before, enough initiative on the part of the Housing Corporation, and certainly the people who work in the regions -- enough initiative to ensure that these programs are initiated and are taken care of as fast as possible.

Now, I guess I have additional concerns. Firstly, I am not terribly happy, as Mr. Curley has stated, with the way some of the housing associations are being run. I stress this fact because -- and I do not want to get out of my constituency -- but, in the Inuvik area, in Inuvik, there seems to be some problem with regard to people that are on the board and are issuing homes to those people in the area of public housing and lower rental housing. There is some concern that the people that require the housing are not getting the houses. I really feel that something should be done with regard to that.

Now, I think the other problem that I find is -- and I state this -- is that the community has to, when there is a requirement from people to move back to a community, there has to be a number -- there is a process that they have to write to the Housing Corporation and say, well, these people are going to move back to this community. Now, it seems somewhat difficult for the community that applies for the houses to go to another community and run around chasing the people that do want to return to the communities they originally came from. If there is a lack of homes, then there has to be a delay in that move. You allocate the homes and you are building more houses, for instance, in Inuvik for people that are, in a sense, transient to the community and they want to return to their own community, and there is that delay; and you build more houses, and you then expend the money for homes in Inuvik, rather than in the communities that they wish to return to. Now, this is only an example. This probably occurs in other communities as well, in other regions, and certainly it is a very valid concern, that people want to have addressed.

Housing For Single Persons

Now, the other concern, I think that I would have to support Mr. Curley on, and that is the housing for single and young married, or single home -- no -- single people, or single mothers, or single fathers, or whatever you want to call them. They do not have any homes as well, and we do not seem to be addressing the problem of building or constructing any kind of places that these people can live in. We may be attempting to, but there seems to be a delay, and I really think that we have to address that problem as soon as possible.

Another question I would like to ask, and that is something that you will probably be able to answer, and that is, what is the association that you have with the Mackenzie Valley Housing Association? I would really like to know what that relationship is, because it really has not been explained to this group here and many people really do not know what that working relationship is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Just before the question is answered, maybe we could take a break for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) We have a quorum. Before the answer is given, if I am going to be the chairman now, after the coffee break at 4:00, I will have things to say. If people do not come after the 15 minute coffee break, there will be no coffee break tomorrow.

---Laughter

To answer Mr. Richard Nerysoo's question, Mr. McCallum.

#### Housing Provision For Single Parents

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Nerysoo asked two particular questions, or possibly three, and made comments, as did other speakers. I think there are a number of comments that Mr. Nerysoo, as well as other speakers -- in particular, Mr. Curley -- and from their comments I recognize that there were difficulties and that there are concerns that are prevalent across the Territories and not peculiar to an area, not the least of which is the question of the provision of housing for single parents. I think we have to be aware, Members of the committee should be aware, that we enter into partnerships, as it were, with the federal government in the provision of housing in the North under the two sections. It is the federal government who will not get into the situation of providing housing for single parents. We would have to then, embark upon a program of our own. That is not to say that, in point of fact, we should not.

Again, I would indicate to you, Mr. Chairman and the committee Members, that we have a certain amount of money that we have to make to the contribution to the Housing Corporation that we use to provide -- that is to put down as front-end money, to acquire other moneys from the federal government, our loaning institution. Now, perhaps we should then not enter into as many agreements with the federal government and embark upon a program of single parents' homes. I think that is the kind of direction the board of directors would want to get from the Legislature. If that is a direction of this House, then the board of directors, obviously, would take that and anticipate putting together something and making decisions as a board of directors.

In that regard, in terms of the absence of certain policies that were referred to, I think by both the last two speakers, Mr. Curley and Mr. Nerysoo, I would agree that the board of directors should be taking a greater role in determining policy and setting policy that is in relation to housing needs in a community and the operation and conduct, if you like, of members of local housing associations.

Now in relation to two of the questions, I think that Mr. Nerysoo asked. One dealt with whether or not the corporation is funded on a per capita basis, that is, on the basis of the number of people in the Territories, either in total or by ethnic origin. The answer to that is, no, the corporation is not.

#### Relationship Between Corporation And Association

The second question dealt with the relationship of the Mackenzie Valley Housing Association and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, sits as a member of the management board of the Mackenzie Valley. It co-chairs that management board with a representative from CMHC. The Mackenzie Valley group get their funds directly from CMHC as well, from the federal government.

I think those are the two questions that were asked. I should indicate that a Member of this House, Mr. Fraser, is still the chairman of the Mackenzie Valley Housing Association. If there were further questions that had been posed and I

missed them, Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to attempt to answer them, but I think simply to comment on the comments and the two direct questions I think Mr. Nerysoo posed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Did you get your answers, Mr. Nerysoo?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have an additional question.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A point of order. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Are we into questions, or just general comments?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): It is supposed to be general comments. (Translation) Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try to speak for nine minutes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) We are not into questions really, so can you keep that in mind? If you have any questions later on, then you can ask questions. Thank you.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) I think I made a mistake. I think I am just going to have questions. I do not have any comments right now, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. You will be able to ask questions later on when we deal with the budget. Thank you. Mr. Kilabuk, do you have any comments?

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make some comments regarding some of the comments that were made. We have been dealing with housing policies in the Northwest Territories for a long, long time. We have talked about this so many times, and it is still the same thing. We are still listening to the same concerns of the people of Northwest Territories.

#### Concerns On Heating And Electricity Costs

Some of the problems have been met, but not all of them, up to today. The people in my constituency have concerns over houses regarding the Minister's -- regarding paying the electricity on their own homes and we know that they use a lot of electricity. The old houses are cold and some of the houses have ice that will not melt inside them. That is why the people are not too happy when they are going to have to start paying their own electricity, because the people thought maybe it would be better if the people start paying their electricity after the houses have been renovated up to a standard. I was told before that they are using furnaces right now, and the people felt that maybe hot water would be better for a heating system, as the electricity will be paid by the tenants. This is a problem, because the houses are not into row housing units. I know that boiler heaters do not use as much gas as the furnaces; I want the Housing Corporation and the board to think about getting hot water heaters. Because we are in the North, it will be harder to put this together.

I also know the settlement housing association has employees all over the Northwest Territories. We were told, in our community that one person has to look after 10 houses. There are only two employees in the community and they have to look after 128 houses. There will be nine more new houses done this year and there is only a staff of two and they will have to look after 140 houses. I wonder what this means when one person has to look after 10 houses in the community. I know sometimes that some of the employees just stop working because there is no money available to pay their salary. Also I found out and I have heard that they were not going to get paid until all the rental payments are in.

INTERPRETER: Can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): You can go on now.

Additional Funding To Housing Associations

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) One of the statements I made about the housing association employees in my community, I heard a rumour saying that the employees of the housing association were not going to get paid until the housing rentals have been paid in that community.

So I would like the Housing Corporation or the association to consider this problem and see if the housing associations can be given more funding for the salaries for the employees. So, of the \$71,000 that will be given to the community of Pangnirtung, \$20,000 will be taken off and given to Frobisher Bay. As I mentioned, Pangnirtung will be receiving \$71,000 for 1981-82 and then afterwards I was told that Pangnirtung will be receiving only \$50,000 instead of \$71,000 because the rest was going to Frobisher Bay.

There is another concern in the housing associations in the communities that the housing association should have more responsibilities for the -- yes, and I understood that only seven will be built this year in Pangnirtung and the community itself was requesting 24 units, because the population in Pangnirtung is rising. Then there are people presently seeking accommodation and I know there is a lot of people who want to move into new units. There are 42 people who are seeking accommodation, however, only nine units are being built. Those 42 people are asking -- for 1981-82 there will probably be the same amount of people who are seeking accommodation, even though those nine have already been given some units.

Those are the main concerns. Those small houses that were built the first time, those small buildings are using a lot of energy. They were told that they were going to write off, or they were not going to be using those small buildings. However, presently those small buildings are still being used in a lot of the communities.

I see in Clyde River, that there are going to be only seven units built, and that is a very small amount, especially when there are people who want to move into housing. This summer they were not even building houses at Clyde River. Those small buildings, houses that were built the first time, are not built properly. For instance, they are using a lot of electricity and heating fuel. I heard they are still not going to improve their construction of buildings and I want to find out what your concern is, whether those small buildings are going to be renovated, or are they going to be write-offs.

Those are the concerns I have for houses. The things I used to say concerning the young people who need buildings were brought up again at this session. I do not know how that will be rectified in the future.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask one question. Do you have...

Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Mr. Wah-Shee, you will be able to ask questions later on. We are on general comments right now. Are there any more general comments? If there are no more general comments, we will move on to capital items, \$6,139,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Lack Of Clear Definition Of Extraordinary Maintenance

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I notice on page four in the Thorne Riddell and Co. report, they indicated that a part of the problem that the corporation faced was that because there has been a lack of clear and consistent definition of capital and operating expenditures, particularly with regard to extraordinary maintenance, both for budgeting and accounting purposes. I would ask, Mr. Minister, that you explain as clearly as possible, what that difficulty was or is and what implications it had for the corporation then.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think we are talking about the operation of the corporation as such and I would think that the question would be better served by Mr. Forrest.

MR. FORREST: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Chairman, never in the history of the corporation was there an exact definition of the term "extraordinary maintenance" either by the Auditor General, by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation or by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and therefore, these funds were often used for capital improvements and also for standard maintenance type improvements. Since April of this year, we have been working with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Auditor General and within this month, there will be a clear definition as to what comprises extraordinary maintenance. Through tradition, these moneys have been used for maintenance, but these were capital moneys that we have found out by the definition now being developed, and not operating moneys. So in this year's budget for 1981, we have clearly defined that extraordinary maintenance is, in fact, capital moneys, capital funds. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Forrest. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Confusion Between Capital And Operating

MR. MacQUARRIE: Am I correct in thinking that this confusion between capital and operating expenditures was not and is not only a problem faced by the Housing Corporation but that in fact that fuzziness, if that is what it is, exists throughout the Government of the Northwest Territories? Would the Minister be able to tell me that?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, no, I would say that is not correct. The extraordinary maintenance money the corporation received to do work on particular units, was not being viewed as capital funding. It was being viewed as maintenance money but in fact it is capital, but I would not say that that is prominent throughout all particular departments of the government. We are talking precisely here in relation to the kind of maintenance work that would be done on any number of units. If the Member would like maybe a further elaboration on it, then Mr. Forrest may do somewhat in relation to the corporation.

Term Was Developed By CMHC

MR. FORREST: Mr. Chairman, the term "extraordinary maintenance" is a term that was coined and developed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as it related only to residential construction and by original definition, it related to extraordinary maintenance conducted south of the 60th parallel which was not suitable for the needs of the North and through practice, we developed a cut-off point of \$7500. Anything below that was considered to be maintenance and anything over \$7500 was considered extraordinary maintenance. However, this was not acceptable. It has proven subsequently that this was not an acceptable definition by both Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Auditor General so through practice, it led to this confusion or fuzziness. Now this fuzziness is being removed but it is a definition that we are striving for that pertains only to housing in the Northwest Territories and not trying to force it into the southern definition. This was our problem.

Recognition Of Municipal Administration Course Participants

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Forrest. Before any further questions, I wish to acknowledge the presence in the gallery today of several people who have just completed a university course in municipal administration offered through our Department of Local Government. When I call your name, could you stand up, if I say it right?

Jim Currie, secretary manager, Broughton Island; Simon Merkosak, secretary manager from Pond Inlet; Doug Lagore, secretary treasurer, Pine Point; Joe Rizzotto, secretary treasurer, Frobisher Bay; Eric Bussey, area development officer, Cambridge Bay; Ainiak Korgak, municipal affairs officer, Frobisher Bay; Dennis Thrasher, area development officer, Inuvik; Terry Knight, course administration; Dr. David Michener, course instructor.

---Applause

Boy, I did it again.

---Laughter

Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, the extraordinary maintenance funds now will be designated as capital funds. In other words, you will get extraordinary maintenance funds as part of the capital grant and that those funds from now on will not be used for any other kind of ordinary maintenance, is that right?

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

MR. FORREST: That is correct, Mr. MacQuarrie.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Forrest. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Victims Of Confusion

MR. MACQUARRIE: The fuzziness that existed with respect to the definition was that -- how can I put this? What I am wondering is whether the people who are managing finances in the corporation would have contributed to that confusion or whether they would have been victims of it, in a sense. In other words, the definition was never clear. They were into the habit of operating in a particular way and it is only when a certain point is reached, someone says "You should not be operating that way". Or should there have been a clear understanding long ago as to what was a proper definition for that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Forrest, do you want to respond to that?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think that what I would reply in relation to that would be that those people who were involved in the corporation working within the accounting area, would be more the victim than a contributing factor. In point of fact, it would seem to me that the board of directors and/or the government should have been laying out certain particular definitions to give clear guidance, to direction, to what was going on and obviously in an attempt to resolve this, in the Member's words, "fuzziness", as to what is what in terms of maintenance or capital funding, we asked for the review, that is the corporation asked for the Thorne Riddell review, and that it indicated that there should be a particular distinction or, if you like, to ensure that there was a consistent application between capital and operating transactions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum, the red light is flashing now. You know what that means, eh? Thank you.

Clear Direction

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, obviously I have been going too quickly. I could not see the red light flashing. I had it covered. But okay, dad, I will slow it down to a trot.

In order to take away the fuzziness then, and as the report had indicated, in order to agree upon a precise definition, as Thorne Riddell have suggested the process whereby we could do that -- because there was a lack of a clear definition from the board, from the government if you like -- so I would say that the people operating, that is working within the accounting system, had no clear definition and attempted to use this funding or to, if you like, earmark those kinds of funds, the extraordinary funds as maintenance and capital without any clear direction. This way we have a clear direction and we are going to define it as being capital but I would say that they were victim more than the perpetrators of it. Now, being the victim, obviously implies that because they would keep on going on in the way that to a degree, there is a perpetration of a practice that we think should have stopped.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I am going to put this up here so everybody can see when they are talking too fast. Are you satisfied, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: No.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Go ahead.

MR. MacQUARRIE: In the capital contribution, I notice that -- where are we here -- 1980-81, main estimate, \$5,947,000. Revised forecast, \$5,947,000. I notice in a lot of the other departments that there is not an exact correspondence in what is asked for and what is spent in a capital vote, because of circumstances of one kind or another. Does this mean that precisely what was asked for was spent in the area of capital, or does it mean, maybe, that actually more was spent on capital and found in some other ways?

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

Capital Overruns

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess what I would be concerned about -- if I could have the Member just elaborate a little further on that. He is referring to page 3.01; that in 1979 there was an actual capital grant of \$6,077,000, and taking that over in each particular figure -- I mean, he is concerned that we, in fact, had just that amount, that there was no change in it. I am a little bit confused as to what, really, is the basis of the question.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: If I could rephrase it then, very simply, were there capital overruns during the past fiscal year, the most recent fiscal year?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, there were no capital overruns in 1980. Is that correct, Mr. Forrest?

MR. FORREST: That is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. We are dealing with the capital, \$6,139,000. I think Mr. Curley is first.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I have a motion, but before I go into that, I would like to ask a question of the chairman of the board, Mr. Pilot. I would like to know whether in fact, he himself has any difficulty in being head of the -- I would think you are the chief executive officer of the Housing Corporation. If so, do you foresee in the near future, transferring your chairmanship to someone other than of the government civil service, or would that decision have to be made by the Commissioner himself?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the question was asked of Mr. Pilot.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Pilot.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, that is one of the areas we are examining at the present time. This recommendation will go before the board of directors and will be dealt with at our next board meeting as a proposal. We have looked at it in principle and I believe we have received an affirmative direction to start the proceedings to change the chairmanship of the board of directors.

At the present time, I feel no difficulty acting as chairman of the board. I hope to bring my many years of administrative experience to the corporation, and working closely with Mr. Forrest, initiate the changes that are necessary to turn around what has been described as a bad financial situation, and put it into better working order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Mr. Curley.

Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. I have a motion, Mr. Chairman. I will now move that this Assembly urge the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to establish a design and construction program in the coming year, which will give priority to meeting urgent housing needs for single people and single parents in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Could we have a copy of that motion, please? Okay. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Mr. MacQUARRIE: I would appreciate a copy of it. It is very important. Last year one of these little motions lost half a million dollars, so I would like to see it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. Let us take five minutes, so that everyone can have copies; not coffee, copies.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. Let us go back to business. I believe everybody has a copy now, of that motion. To the motion. Mr. Curley, do you want to speak to your motion? Go ahead.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a typing mistake here, in the second paragraph, in that paragraph, second line. The coming "years" really should be year. I try to urge the Housing Corporation to establish policy for this coming fiscal year, and I think ever since the housing programs were initiated in the Territories, the low rental and whatnot, there has never been an urgency given to provide housing for single people and single parents.

#### Housing For Single Persons Needed

I think today the housing requirements of the people with the larger family size have been provided for, but we have not been able to provide housing for single people and single parents. I think it is very, very critical today, because we look up to our young people, our young generation. We make every effort to provide and promote job opportunities and the government continues to establish hiring practices and so on, to provide jobs for those people, but in the settlements, we do not provide housing for them. Therefore, in the isolated communities, communities continue to lose young people. They go into larger centres outside of the Territories to find jobs and mainly, as well, to find housing where they can have privacy and have accommodation that would suit their lifestyles; but, if we were to provide housing for them, I think we would be able to carry on with the young people and they would be able to stay in their settlements.

So, I think it is very critical. I think too, that many of the young people in settlements get tired of living with their parents and they normally have to leave. So, I think the Housing Corporation should establish a special program, particularly this coming fiscal year, in trying to meet at least some part of the urgent needs of the single people and single parents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Did you say, down on the second line, "coming fiscal year"? Is that what you say, or this "coming year"?

MR. CURLEY: I would change it to, "coming year".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay, thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Curley. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am in support of the motion, because even though a model development took place in Frobisher Bay, I think it is called Ikaluit III -- am I right -- whereby single units were created to meet this kind of need we are talking about, my assessment and concerns have been expressed in public, in Frobisher Bay, at the council and in the newspaper and elsewhere. My concern is that even that project only touched the problem and that really, I think I agree with Mr. Curley, that this is an urgent priority in Frobisher Bay, and probably elsewhere in the Northwest Territories.

#### Lack Of Privacy Causes Social Problems

The fact is that population studies show that there is a very high proportion of people in the under 25 age category in the Northwest Territories as a whole and, unfortunately, the old pattern of having young people stay with their parents is now being displaced by a modern desire for privacy and creating one's own life, as a young person. It is a source of considerable frustration to many young people that they are, in effect, prevented from following their own lifestyle and seeking their own objects in life, and instead, are required to continue living with their families because of housing shortages.

Also, in my experience in the law, I think that a lot of crime can be related to social causes and one of those social causes is the sort of depression that results when people cannot make lives of their own, by having their own houses and their own privacy. I would also say that when there are family problems, particularly problems in the nature of marriage problems, they are often made worse by the fact that there are couples who cannot live together. I think couples who are separating should be given all the encouragement in the world to stay together by social service agencies, by the law, etc. There are couples who simply cannot live together and when available housing dictates that a single parent cannot find accommodation -- a single mother with children for example -- because that sort of housing is not available for smaller families, then that causes great social problems and depression and even violence. I would support the motion.

From my assessment, there is still a lot to be done in that area and I would say that the initiatives taken in Frobisher Bay are commendable but apparently it seems not to have really filled the need there yet. So I would like to hear from other Members and I presume that these trends are universal across the Territories. Certainly from my community's point of view, I can support the motion.

#### Economic Aspect To Problem

In fact, I was approached at the last session in Frobisher Bay, by a number of single persons who could not get housing and therefore, as Mr. Curley said, could not keep their jobs, so there is an economic aspect to this too. By providing housing for single persons, we may permit them to have jobs and make a financial contribution to the community. So I would support the motion. I would be interested in hearing from the Minister responsible or his officials, whether or not in fact, they agree that there is a need for this sort of direction and whether or not they would be prepared to respond if the Assembly approves this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that Mr. Patterson is correct. I think that those Members who have talked about the urgent housing need for single people and single parents are correct. I mean, I do not think it is peculiar to the North. It is something that is in demand and if you read today's paper or last year's paper or last week's paper, in terms of Yellowknife, or a couple of weeks ago, the lack of apartments in Yellowknife alone, is causing some kind of concern.

I think that we are dealing with two particular aspects here though within the motion, if I may, and that is the aspect of dealing with single people which, as I have indicated to you, we do not have difficulty with putting in the apartments -- we have difficulty with single parents, that is, funding with the federal government but as a point to be made, the corporation has embarked upon already a program of providing single persons accommodations. I think that for the present year, that is the one we are in now, 1981, there are 20 units planned in three particular communities. In Frobisher Bay there are eight units planned; eight units in Eskimo Point; and four in Coppermine. These are single persons units. I am not talking about single parents, so I think the corporation is responding and has begun to respond to it through the board of directors and through the working of the corporation itself. In the coming year, if the motion refers to -- that is the year 1982, because again remember that the corporation is on a different year than is the rest of the government. So in this year that we are in now, 1981, we are planning to construct 20 single person units. We have, that is through the board of directors, the corporation has already earmarked where the housing through

the needs surveys that are done in communities, and then passed through the district offices and approved by the board of directors, have already determined where the housing, the units, are going to be placed this year, 1981.

#### Urgent Need Across The Territories

Now 1982, the coming year, then we would have to take into consideration what is suggested here, and I take it suggested to the corporation board of directors, to determine where we are going to do that notwithstanding that there are needs that will be identified in particular communities that we will have to respond to in terms of the total funding we have. So I believe, as the Members have suggested, that there is an urgent need for single people and single parent housing in the Northwest Territories. I have indicated that we are already embarked as a corporation on a program of providing for single persons. We are currently in a discourse with CMHC, the federal government, to try to obtain funding similar to the Small Settlement Home Assistance Grant, the SSHAG program, whereby single parents can begin to get their particular housing needs met. We would hope that we would be successful in obtaining that kind of funding from the federal government for that particular reason so we are already embarked to a degree on what this motion indicates but I think to have it as a clear direction to the board of directors, so that the board of directors will act on it, is indeed a positive step so I would agree with it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq.

#### Single People Should Be Guided By Parents

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot really support the motion because I know that single parents and single people because they just -- I think this is not in line with the Inuit culture because the young people, single people should be guided by their parents. The way it is written, for the young people to get housing, it seems to be urging young people that -- for the parents to tell them that you can go ahead and do whatever you want without your parents telling you what to do. If that is the way it is going to be for the single people that are not -- that have children, they are single parents -- but if the single people and the single parents are going to be given housing, I do not think I will be in support of it. They have been talking about not living the Inuit culture, that this seems to be in line with the white man's culture, that the older people will not be able to be helped by their children. I will not be in support of the motion for those reasons.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Mr. MacQuarrie. To the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The word "priority" is so often used and if it is not to be meaningless, then it must mean "giving first place to". Now, I would presume that already in your planning for next year, you have given priority to some part of your program or other. In other words, you already have plans for featuring or emphasizing certain parts of the program and so what I must ask is, if we urge this priority on you, what other priority would we be dislodging which is, I think, a very important question.

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

Priority Given To Urgent Housing Needs

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, obviously the needs that have been already expressed in communities throughout the Territories are for multiple family dwellings, if you like. When I say "multiple" that is for family dwellings in communities, that is for houses for married people. The demand has been expressed always for more and more housing. If we were to then say, all right, especially in the area of single parents and we are not able to get any extra funding, we would then have to put a greater degree, if we were to follow this to give priority or urge to give priority to it and the priority was given, then obviously you would have to take away what would be done in other communities. I think though, Mr. Chairman, you have to remember that the motion says that it "urges to give priority" to establish, design a construction which will give priority to these urgent housing needs.

I think the board of directors would take it as such that it is a fairly heavy demand to reassess priorities and they would obviously, as a board of directors responsible for the operation of the corporation, give that a certain amount of credence and obviously then would make up their own mind. I would not want to speak for the corporation or the board of directors. I should not say for the corporation, for the board of directors.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: I had thought of perhaps amending the motion to read "which will take due account of urgent housing needs for single people" and yet it seems from what you said, that the board is attempting to do that as well, so it would become kind of a meaningless motion in that sense. Yet I cannot really go along with it then if it is urging that you give a priority to this, because I guess I am not that knowledgeable nor do I think a lot of other Members are as to precisely what the greatest need is and hopefully the board, which is in tune with requests, with situations in communities, would know that better and be able to better decide what really ought to be the priority. So I feel that I would have to vote against it as well. I am sorry, Mr. Curley, would you...

MR. CURLEY: Do not be fuzzy.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Do not be fussy?

MR. CURLEY: Fuzzy.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Oh, fuzzy. I will try not to be. I will try not to imitate you, Mr. Curley.

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

Surveys Of Needs Reflect Priorities

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make one further comment. I think the needs surveys that are done in the communities would certainly reflect the kind of priorities that the communities would have, in determining what kind of housing would be required in particular communities. As those needs

surveys are done, if there is a greater demand for that kind of housing that a single parent, a single person -- that would come out in the natural flow of that kind of information. That information is collated, put together, and given to the board of directors, then to determine as to where it would go. So, I would think that the concerns, maybe, that the Member has would...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you finished, Mr. McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No. I think the concerns that the Member had on the motion would be met by the natural flow of the kind of information that would come to the corporation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I agree with the motion and I would like to support it. However, I would like to make an amendment to it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wah-Shee, could you pull up your microphone, so I can hear you better? Thank you.

Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Would you like me to speak in Dogrib? I would not want to do that. This Legislature does not provide for a Dogrib translation.

In any case, I would like to make an amendment to include the old age pensioners, because I do feel that they do not seem to have a standard in terms of the rent being charged to the old age pensioners across the Northwest Territories. I think that individual housing associations in the Northwest Territories basically determine, in the individual communities, the rent that is charged to the old age pensioners. Rather than having a variety of rates throughout the Territories, I would like to see a standard rate being charged to the old age pensioners, mainly because the old age pensioners only receive so much per month. I would like to see them be given priority, in terms of the design and construction of houses, as well, which they can afford. I hope that it is in line with the motion that the honourable Member from Keewatin has made, and if not, then I will be prepared to make a separate motion.

So therefore, I would like to amend it to read that this Assembly urge the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to establish a design and construction program in the coming years, which will give priority to meeting urgent housing needs for single people, single parents, and old age pensioners in the Northwest Territories; and further, that in respect of old age pensioners throughout the Northwest Territories, suitable reduction be made to the rent chargeable for existing housing and housing in the coming years, so that they may be able to meet their basic needs. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. I would like to have that amendment, please. I believe everybody may want to have a copy of that amendment. Let us take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I recognize a quorum. Now, this committee will come to order. Mr. Wah-Shee, to the amendment.

Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing, Reworded

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to withdraw my complete amendment and having said that, I would just like to add "old age pensioners" in the original motion, as it is being read.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That is in order. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am sorry, he added old age pensioners to the -- that is his amendment now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That is correct, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Okay. Well, sorry -- you know, I do not have any objection to the amendment. I did not really want to talk about the amendment. It is all right with me.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I will be in support of this amendment, both the motion and the amendment, because in the future we will probably see something better than what has been happening. This amendment is for the old age pensioners so I am very much in support of it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. MacQuarrie. To the amendment.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes. Could I ask the Minister what consideration is now given to the elderly in the corporation's housing plan?

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

Senior Citizen Housing

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would simply like to say that one of the powers, one of the duties, of the corporation is that it will provide and develop and manage housing for senior citizens. That is part of the role of the corporation, so we do provide senior citizen housing. Now, as far as I know, this is in a senior citizen unit, not as individual units. These are senior citizen homes, if you like, and the corporation has put these up in various places in the Northwest Territories. So, we are, if you like, providing senior citizen housing, which I would suggest are old age people. They are one and the same. If the Members would look on 3.05, I think there are nine areas in the West; Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Fort Good Hope, Fort McPherson, Hay River, Inuvik and Yellowknife, where we have senior citizen units.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. To the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes. It is just -- well, in a way, it is hard to vote against old age pensioners, you know.

MR. CURLEY: To the motion. To the motion. Are you supporting it or not?

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, but that is included in the motion, Mr. Curley, so it sure makes it difficult.

---Laughter

I am sorry, I did not hear you again, Mr. Curley.

MRS. SORENSEN: A conflict of interest. That was funny.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I did not hear it. I cannot laugh if I do not...

MRS. SORENSEN: He says you are in a conflict of interest...

MR. MacQUARRIE: Oh, is that right?

MRS. SORENSEN: You are an old age pensioner.

---Laughter

MR. MacQUARRIE: Not bad. I think that is the most intelligent thing you have said all week.

---Laughter

MRS. SORENSEN: Who, me or him?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Both of you.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Order, please.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I find it hard, now. I presume that if this motion passes, and it is received by the board of directors of the the Housing Corporation, that the plan will be that if someone is single and elderly and has a child, that they will receive the first housing.

---Laughter

I said that facetiously, but in a sense, the motion does kind of become meaningless when you cram several things into something that is a priority, and at the same time dislodge whatever priorities they may have at the present time.

Amendment To The Amendment To Motion To Give Priority to Single Persons' Housing

I will introduce an amendment, Mr. Chairman, and it is take out the words, "give priority to meeting", and substitute the words, "take due account of".

MR. CURLEY: Translation?

INTERPRETER: Can you repeat what you said?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, take out the words, "give priority to meeting", and put in the words, "take due account of", and so the sentence would read, "...in the coming year, which will take due account of urgent housing needs for single people, single parents and old age pensioners...", and so on.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. I wonder if you could say it in English? I just cannot make it out.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am sorry, I did not hear you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I wonder if you could say it in English? I cannot make it out at all.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Say it again?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Could you repeat it? I was listening to the Inuktitut, here -- so I can understand what you are saying.

MR. MacQUARRIE: That this Assembly urges the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to establish a design and construction program in the coming year, which will take due account of urgent housing needs for single people, single parents and old age pensioners in the Northwest Territories.

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

MR. CURLEY: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not in favour of the amendment to the amendment. I will be clear with that. I will not fuss around or dance around it before I finally get to the point. When the Housing Corporation was formed, I believe the first objective was to take due account of the housing requirements of the public in the Territories. That is their ongoing responsibility, that they must continue to take due account of the needs of the people of the Northwest Territories, not only the families but the singles as well as the single parents and the old age pensioners. So, for this reason I am going to vote against the amendment to the amendment and continue to urge the Housing Corporation to treat the housing requirements of these groups of people as a priority for a year. Surely we are going to go back to the original nature of the way the Housing Corporation operates after that, so I would just like to be clear that I am not going to support the amendment to the amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the amendment to the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

#### Determining Urgent Housing Needs

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I think that the amendment to the amendment is not necessary. What Mr. MacQuarrie may have failed to notice in the motion is that there is a qualification on this priority. It is not as if everyone else is going to be forgotten in the priorities, if this motion passes. It says "urgent housing needs for single people and single parents and old age pensioners" and the amendment now would have the corporation establish a program which would take due account of urgent needs. Well, how can you take due account of urgent needs? I think that if a need is established as urgent, then priority should be given. It does not mean that all across the Territories, all other things being equal, that single people are going to get preference. It means where there are urgent needs, and obviously the corporation has some method of determining urgent needs because I think they have already looked at Frobisher Bay, where I know there is an urgent need, and Eskimo Point where Mr. Curley tells me there is an urgent need.

We are simply saying here, in this motion, yes, that is a priority and where there is an urgent need, give it a priority and continue to do so in the coming year and you know, we can go further than we have gone. You know, Mr. MacQuarrie's amendment waters this down and it is confusing the issue. There is a threshold established by the use of the word "urgent" and I do not think his amendment helps at all and I am not going to vote for it.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly took the words "urgent housing needs for single people" and so on to mean something different from what Mr. Patterson has taken it to mean, that these categories at this time are more urgent than multifamily dwellings, did you call it, or whatever. You know, I admire your logic, Mr. Patterson, but if it is really legitimate then I would ask you to make the whole motion very simple and just say "We urge the Housing Corporation to address urgent housing needs before they address ordinary housing needs" and that is precisely what you just said. I hope they are already doing that. If they are not, they may even be criminally negligent.



SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame, shame!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Amendment to the amendment. Do I hear a question?

AN. HON. MEMBER: Question.

Amendment To The Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing, Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A question has been called. To the amendment to the amendment. All those in favour of that amendment to the amendment? Against? The amendment to the amendment is defeated.

---Defeated

Now to the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: You know, Mr. Chairman, this is an example, I think, where Mr. Appaqaq's remarks should be considered. In my experience in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories, most old people still live with their families and this is a good thing and I hope it continues. So I do not think that it is likely that in the eastern part of the Territories the corporation will see housing needs for old age pensioners as being urgent but obviously these needs have arisen elsewhere in the Territories and if Mr. Wah-Shee feels it is important, I would be happy to support the amendment.

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

Requirements For Family Housing In The Dene Communities

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, I certainly support the need for housing for single people, single parents and the old age pensioners. However, I think that we still have to address somewhere the requirements for family housing as well, especially in the Mackenzie Valley, and in the Dene communities. It is as important, I think, to address that as it is to address the southern needs, especially looking at the expenditure for the next year. I would hope that we would try to address that problem as well.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support the amendment. Last year I tried to bring to the attention of the Housing Corporation that there was a need for old folks homes to meet the needs of the pensioners. There have been reports by the then social development officer of the requirement of old age pensioners and old folks who needed to move into an old folks home if that were to be built. There was no effort by the government other than to try and come up with reasons against building such a home. I have seen the documents that prove old folks, those people on pensions, that could have benefited from being put into a certain home. Although old folks homes are not, probably an ideal idea, compared to the southern needs, in communities, they can be the source of a whole lot of activities as far as the community is concerned. School kids can take advantage of visiting folks. Relatives would be able to visit the old folks if they were in one central place because in the northern settlements, because of the harsh conditions and what not, it is not sometimes advisable to have the old folks living alone. I do not think it is just today the responsibility sometimes of the young parents, you know, families to continue to provide and subsidize old folks, when the government should be actually, with an agent, responsible to provide housing and decent accommodation to them. So I am in full support of the amendment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the amendment. Mr. Kilabuk.

Choice Of Individual Community

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, for the whole motion and for the amendment, I would like to ask a question of the witness about the motion. I think it should be whether the community would want the old folks home. Even if the community does not want an old folks home and if that motion is passed, would you then force the community to build a house or to get an old folks home or would you wait for them to ask to have an old folks home built in their community or accommodation for the young people and the single parents?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. MacQuarrie, would you like to answer that?

MR. MacQUARRIE: No, I cannot answer that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Oh, I am sorry. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, no, we would not force the community to have one. We would wait until the community indicated what they wanted. That is what the needs surveys are for. The same with the single parents, single persons. That is the kind of input that the local community has. If the local housing association determines, by whatever means they use, that there are needs to be met, we attempt to meet them. If no needs are identified, we do not force it on them.

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

AN. HON. MEMBER: Question.

Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing, Carried

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

---Carried

Now to the motion as amended. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I have spoken before. If she would like to speak, certainly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I would like to speak in support of the motion. In particular, on behalf of the standing committee on finance, I would say that we welcome such a motion as this from Mr. Curley. If this House adopts this motion, then I think number one, the strategy would be that the regions will be advised that the Assembly has wished that when they are setting the priorities for next years capital, that they consider the Assembly's wish for single parent and old age housing to be a priority.

So in a sense, if one region does not have that requirement, then it will not turn up as a priority in next years capital budget for the Housing Corporation. Likewise, when the standing committee on finance meets during this session to consider what recommendations it will make with respect to capital, we will take this motion into account, in addition, there may be other priorities that are identified in the course of the discussion of capital and the Housing Corporation. This is exactly the kind of direction that should be coming from this House, and we should not be threatened by that.

It does not say, take the existing capital budget and do away with all the buildings that are being built and build only those for single people, single parents and old age pensioners. It simply says that this is a priority of this Legislature, and we would like that taken into account. The standing committee on finance welcomes these kinds of motions. That is the basis upon which we set our recommendations for priorities for the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Mr. MacQuarrie. To the motion as amended.

Needs And Priorities Study

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. Thank you. I guess I need still more information from the witnesses. You talked about a needs survey earlier. Could I ask you who undertakes that survey and how do you go about setting any priorities that you have right now?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would have Mr. Forrest answer it. He could give you an indication.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Forrest.

MR. FORREST: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are evolving and developing and this will take several more years, but we are into our third year now, whereby the needs and priorities study is becoming formalized and we, as a corporation, only act as a resource in our field and headquarters. The lead is taken by the municipal council passing a resolution to the effect that they wish to have undertaken a needs study. Once this resolution has been passed, then we, along with the housing association -- again, they take the lead role and we take the support -- gather certain statistical information and factor that information.

When it comes into the area of single people, single parents and senior citizens, the local Department of Social Services is involved. So in total fact, we have the municipal council, the housing association, the other agencies of government and ourselves in support, to make these determinations, and we call it priorities. We are into, now, our third year of these determinations, but as a corporation we no longer make these determinations as we did in the past. This is a complete and full community experience and a community responsibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Forrest. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: After getting this kind of information, does the board then set some directions for the corporation, and who is on the board, Mr. Forrest?

MR. CURLEY: To the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: It is directly on the motion, Mr. Curley.

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

Members Of The Board Of Directors

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, those needs surveys are then passed to the Housing Corporation. The corporation board of directors then takes a look at what those requests are, in relation to the kind of funding that is available to the board and members of the board, and they make a determination then, until such time as funding runs out. The members of the board would be the chairman, Mr. Pilot, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Kristensen, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Antoine, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Noah...

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Pilot.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I already said him -- and Mr. James Arvaluk, and there is another member on the board from...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Simeonie Amagoalik.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Right. Copacetic.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Let us turn to this motion, as amended.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just one final point, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Well, it seems to me that we are a government that has said we ought to, as much as possible, decentralize decision making and allow people in local areas to decide what priorities are important to them, and it appears to me that that is what the Housing Corporation is doing, with the housing associations and the municipal councils. Then, it is a board, which is comprised of people from right across the Northwest Territories, having a look at those and deciding on what the priorities should be. So now, the same Assembly that says that that is the way things should be done -- or at least that is the way I understand it -- is saying, but we right here think there should be a different priority and we are telling you to follow it. I just cannot go along with that. If I thought that in this sense you were not -- I agree that this Assembly has that right, to the power, let us say, to set certain directions and priorities and if I thought that that was not being conducted properly, then I would want to do that, but it seems to me that it is, and I do not want to override the system that is in place. Oh, it is against, Mr. Curley, against.

MR. CURLEY: Oh, fine.

---Applause

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

Overall Responsibility Lies With Assembly

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to just point out that, with all due respect to the ideal way the Housing Corporation carries out its planning in terms of capital planning, and to me it seems to continue to undermine the role of this Assembly when setting up some guidelines as to how the money should be spent. I do not want to get the impression that we have no bloody business in putting forth priorities to the Housing Corporation. Look, this is a -- we have the overall responsibility. We have the power to attempt to change the act if we want to. If Mr. MacQuarrie is not satisfied with the way the decision making is set out and if he is not satisfied that the regions do not have enough power, he should make recommendations to change the act so that they in fact have control of the funds, but they do not have control of these funds for the Housing Corporation. These are the associations that make recommendations to the Housing Corporation and I was rather embarrassed when the federation of the housing association met in my constituency, at my riding, that I was, for some reason, never informed, was not invited, so I took advantage of trying to hear something on the radio. There was not any.

If that is the kind of great planning that takes place in regard to capital planning, like Mr. Pilot explained last week, about, you know, how involved we are, I was very embarrassed and I did not want to make any noises about it. I was not invited. I would have wanted to appear and find out from the federation members, housing association members, and exchange with them a bit about my ideas as well, but I did not think I was given that opportunity. So, I think that this motion is not actually -- it is only urging the Housing Corporation -- it is not actually saying, look, this will now become a permanent policy. I think they can do with giving one year a priority and looking at the urgent needs, and not just depending on the communities.

#### No Representative Of Single Individuals

You see, the housing association is comprised of the tenants and there are not many single individuals as tenants, so therefore, they can not be members of the housing association. I see that in the settlements, no one really represents the single parents or the single individuals, because everything is taken on the large family role. I think we, as legislators, have to look a little more beyond the scope of the community, and look beyond the overall needs of the public, and that is what I think this motion is trying to do. It is not trying to undermine the local housing associations. So, if Mr. MacQuarrie is so worried about it, I can assure him that I will go to the communities and will explain to the communities what it means. I do not believe it is going to take away the needs of those houses that already have been put forth to the Housing Corporation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion, as amended. Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr. MacQuarrie and I do not often agree on anything, but in this particular situation, I have the same concerns he does. We have decentralized the Housing Corporation and put up local housing authorities across the Northwest Territories.

MR. CURLEY: Housing associations.

#### Housing Already Decentralized To Housing Associations

HON. DON STEWART: Well, you can call them what you will. Housing associations, that is fine, but they are made up of people that live in the communities and it is based on what they require, and they make their presentations, as I understand it, to the Housing Corporation, and they get their share of the pot, whatever that may be, and the construction is proceeded with, and/or repairs. But what we are saying here now, as I understand Mr. Curley, in his last statement, that this authority was going to become secondary to this House, by giving instruction that this is policy. Mr. Curley used the term policy -- that we have the right to set the policy -- and the policy, as I understand this motion, is to give instructions as to what is to be built in the various communities. I do not feel that that, in itself, is right. I feel that we have decentralized.

Surely the people in the various areas know what they need and what they want, and they should be the governing authority, because now we are giving direction and saying, this is what you will do. What kind of an answer is the board of directors and/or the management of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation -- what are they faced with? If they get a recommendation from the field, from the local communities, to do something that is contrary to the policy as stated by Mr. Curley, now who do they obey, the local housing authority or do they obey the policy set down by this motion? If they do that, then I think that we are going backwards instead of forwards.

#### Authority Belongs In Communities

We want the authority, as far as I am concerned, in the communities and let them decide for themselves what they need and what they want. We should not be telling them. It seems to me in game, and everything we go through, we are always asking for decentralization. Let the people who are going to be using the facility, or using the game, decide what they want to do with it. That has been the argument in this Assembly the whole period. If you come up with a motion that takes away that authority, in something it is already established -- to recommend to them that they may consider something of this nature, and give it some thought is all right but Mr. Curley used the word policy, and that this Legislature has the right to set policy. Then he is stating that this is what they must do and that cannot possibly be right.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Stewart. To the motion as amended. Mr. Curley.

#### Advice And Recommendations Needed

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to disagree with Mr. Speaker. He knows, for instance, as a previous board member of NCPC, Northern Canada Power Commission, that this board has the final authority setting out priorities for that corporation and it does not hurt at all to get advice or recommendations from organizations, even from the Assembly. He may not have always acted on this, like I know he did not when we made recommendations and urged the NCPC to cut the cost of electricity in the Northwest Territories. He may not always have supported them, I do not know, but it did not hurt to get advice and recommendation from this Assembly. It was useful and I say that decentralization does not mean, "Look, let us just accept that without changing the act of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation."

Just assuming that they now have the total authority in their region is not so, is not going to make them -- that they in fact control funds and are able to manage money. They do not have that. The board of the Housing Corporation has that final authority and they can make certain recommendations to the region and unless that is changed, we cannot really assume that the region has the total authority in spending money as they would like to. They do not yet but if Mr. Stewart is so serious, so sincere, about wanting to decentralize, I will believe him when he introduces a motion that regions will now have total authority in spending and making capital plans for up-coming years and I will believe what he means if he does that during this session. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion as amended. Mr. Stewart.

Abiding By Policies

HON. DON. STEWART: The problem with my honourable colleague's last statement is that the territorial government is the "boss", if you like, the controlling factor, of the Housing Corporation. They are a creature of the Commissioner and their money and everything comes from this House. So when we set policy to the board, I know that in the case of a government board such as NCPC, if the Minister writes that this is the policy, that takes away the authority of the board. The board has to abide by the policy that is set. They do not have a recourse. Now, if we were not directly connected and if the Housing Corporation was not a creature of this body, then what you say is probably right. They could take the advice or they could leave it but you are quite adamant that we, as a Legislature, have a right to be able to set the policy of the Housing Corporation. Those are your own words, not verbatim, but very close.

Having said that, I assume that you are saying that they must do what we say and, of course, if that is the case, then the board has no recourse, the local housing authority has no recourse. That, I think, is the danger because we really control the money and if we put that in as policy, I would suggest to you that they have no recourse but to do exactly what this motion says. They do not have a choice.

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

Further Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I move an amendment to the end of the motion -- to add to the end of the motion "when identified by communities".

MR. MacQUARRIE: In other words, do what you are doing now.

MR. CURLEY: No. That is not -- what do you think we are sitting around for, just to put these guys -- why do you not become the chairman of the board?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Why not make me?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Amendment to the amendment. I am going to ask the Clerk to read it for me, the whole motion with the amendment to the amendment.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The motion would read, if amended: That this Assembly urges the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to establish a design and construction program in the coming year which will give priority to meeting urgent housing needs for single people, single parents and old age pensioners in the Northwest Territories when identified by communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Amendment to the amendment. Do I hear a question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Further Amendment To Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A question has been called. To the amendment to the amendment. Please raise your hands in favour of this amendment to the amendment. Down. Opposed? The amendment to the amendment is carried.

---Carried

Now to the motion as amended. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say one thing about this since I have been thinking about Mr. Appaqaq's suggestion that this is contrary to Inuit tradition. I would just like to present a viewpoint from Frobisher Bay, that as much as we would like to, the old ways cannot be forced upon people and many young people nowadays respect their parents but do not want to live with their parents and there are some parents who cannot live with their own children, even in Sanikiluaq. You know, we have people, young people, who sometimes come from communities because of parental problems or certain difficulties. They come to Frobisher Bay and unless we can provide them with housing, they start leading a life of crime. They are the people that are breaking and entering into houses and engaging in drug trafficking and you know, causing all sorts of problems. This is the reality that we face in a community like Frobisher Bay.

Essential To The Survival Of Young People

I think that we have to be very careful about how the houses are allocated. You know, I am well aware that there are many young people or single people who are not responsible enough to have their own housing and I am going to be addressing this subject of housing allocation sometime in this debate because I think there is a real need to take a close look at that. You know, as much as the old ways are to be respected and cherished, the fact is that the sort of changes that are sweeping over some communities anyway, have meant that young people, to survive, need to have their own lifestyle and their own housing and when it comes down to a question of survival, you cannot say "Well, you should follow the old ways", because there are some young people who just are not prepared to do that.

So I am supporting this motion not because I want to encourage departure from the old traditions of people staying with their parents until they marry or even after they marry, but because there are just some young people who cannot do that and it has gotten so bad that in Frobisher Bay, there are young people who have resorted to living in tents. They obviously feel very strongly about the need to have their own privacy and that is a reality and I cannot ignore it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion as amended. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I feel that this motion has been talked about quite a bit. The person from Frobisher Bay just mentioned what I wanted to talk about. I did not want to make any comments but it has been talked about at quite some length now. I am going to be in support of the motion for these reasons as in some of the communities, like in Igloolik and my constituency, this has not been requested but there seems to be a strong feeling that this is what -- I wanted to mention what Dennis Patterson mentioned. In 1981, people were pitching their tents beside the grade school in Frobisher because of a lack of housing. So that is what I want to say, and that I want to be in support of the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Evaluarjuk. To the motion as amended. Is there a question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Give Priority To Single Persons' Housing, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): All those in favour of that motion, please raise your hands. Down. Opposed? One. The motion is carried.

---Carried



Now, before we go on to the consideration of the bill, Bill 1-81(1), and we are dealing with from 3.03 to 3.05, let us take a one minute break, and I have got to go and see my grandpa.

---Laughter

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much. Before this motion was brought up, on my list there were two people who wanted to speak to the capital. The first one is Mr. McLaughlin.

AN HON. MEMBER: He is not here.

Detail Of Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): He is not here. Okay. The second one is Mr. Patterson. The capital, \$6,139,000.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Where does housing allocation come up, Mr. Chairman? Is that a capital item, housing allocation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Yes.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am very concerned about the problems that have arisen with housing allocation, and to be very specific about it, it seems to me that housing associations, in some parts of the Northwest Territories at least, are abusing their responsibility in housing allocation. I will be quite frank about my concern. I think that all too often influences of family and other pressures are resulting in inequalities in housing allocation. It seems particularly in Frobisher Bay, where it has now become a very big issue, that the public has lost confidence in the housing associations, because of what appear to be favouritism or at least, obviously unfair allocations. Now, sometimes it relates to staff members or former staff members of the association, sometimes it relates to family, sometimes it relates to transients getting preference for no apparent reason, and it may be fair to say that there are chronic complaints that family influences on the board result in unfair allocations.

The tenants who pay the rent do not seem to be rewarded. So, I would like to ask, first of all, is the corporation aware of this problem, and without in any way trying to take away from the integrity of the housing associations and the fact that we do want local authorities to take control of housing and eventually build their own houses and certainly design them, have any efforts been given to trying to encourage associations to develop fair criteria for allocating houses? Because everywhere I have talked to other people, and I think it has been referred to by some Members already in this debate. There seems to be a lot of concern about these kinds of problems. I am just wondering, has the corporation tried to assist associations, in any way, to encourage them to develop fair standards and practices?

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

Corporation Advice To Housing Associations

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The association, the housing association, obviously is an association of tenants. We, as a corporation, attempt to investigate complaints when those complaints are made known to the corporation, either by board members or by other people writing directly to the corporation. The board attempts, through its training program, to deal with the working of the association, the local association, in its entirety; that is, how it operates within a particular community, giving them advice, indicating to them the proper procedures that they should be following. In my opinion, I think that the board, that is the Housing Corporation board, the board of directors, should be giving better advice, if you like.

MR. CURLEY: Guidelines.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Possibly, that means laying down certain rules, regulations, or from the echo, guidelines, certain standards, but I think that the board of directors should be doing a little bit more in this regard. There are certain guidelines, though, that I think the corporation has, that have been, can be, passed on to the members of the corporation, or the associations, or the members of the committee, as to how we see the associations should be operating. Perhaps Mr. Pilot might want to comment, in terms of the board of directors, and how he would see it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Pilot.

Policies And Guidelines For Housing Associations

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, that is one area in which the board must get involved, providing those guidelines and, in particular, the policies that are required to guide the various associations and housing authorities. At the present time, I do not believe there are any policies in place and it is my belief that the policies and the guidelines that the associations must adhere to, must be first set by the board of directors and by the corporation administration. That is one area that I will be addressing over the next few months, in fact.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Mr. McCallum. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: You know, it has gotten so bad that in Frobisher Bay the council is fairly actively considering requesting that the authority for housing devolve to the council. The board may have -- you may have heard about it, or you may have not. It is in the discussion stage and I know meetings have taken place between the housing association and the council. I think the real reason for that is because of the public concern about misuse of the allocation responsibility. So, I am happy to have that answer, because I have a motion sitting here which would, hopefully, assist the corporation to address that problem; and maybe, notwithstanding your answer, I will make the motion, or I will pass it around for review. If I may, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Go ahead, Mr. Patterson.

Motion To Develop Universal Housing Allocation Policies

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I have got copies made, but I will read the motion: That the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation be encouraged by this Assembly to develop universal public housing allocation policies to assist housing associations across the Northwest Territories to develop fair standards in housing allocation considering financial need, length of residence in the community, length of time in a house without a change, family size and tenant responsibility in rent payment and damage; and further, that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation communicate to each housing association board the rules concerning conflict of interest in the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, so that board members are aware of their obligations under the law when they are dealing with housing allocations involving board members or relatives of board members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Are you going to give copies to the Members? Okay. To the motion. The motion is in order. Mr. Patterson, do you want to speak to your motion?

Developing Fair Housing Standards Across The NWT

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This motion is designed to encourage the corporation to develop guidelines for housing associations. I want in no way to be accused of trying to put something over on the housing associations. You know, I think ultimately the responsibility should be theirs

but if we pass this motion, we are encouraging fair standards across the Territories and also drawing to the attention of board members the fact that being elected to a housing association board is a public responsibility. You have to be careful to separate your own interest and your family interests from your responsibility to the general public.

I would like guidance from Members on whether or not the criteria I propose, financial need, length of residence in the community, length of time in a house without a change, family size, and tenant responsibility and rent payment and damage are good, are fair criteria. I will just briefly explain why I put them in.

When I said financial need, in these criteria, I put that in because, at least in my experience, there are a lot of people occupying public housing in the Northwest Territories who, if they were kicked out or not given housing, would build their own housing or even live in their own housing. In fact, in Frobisher Bay, there are federal civil servants who are entitled to federal housing who are living in public housing. I do not want to name names. There are private businessmen who have access to private housing or could build their own housing who are living in public housing over people who cannot, who do not have those kinds of resources. There are people even living in public housing who have bought and sold their own homes and are sort of engaged in real estate speculation on the side in addition to living in public housing. Apparently, allocation is not being given on the basis of financial need.

#### Length Of Residency

Also, length of residence in the community. I think that the longer you live in a community, the higher you should be in the priorities and again, people who sort of get off the plane seem to be able to get houses if they do the right lobbying or hold a sit-in at the housing association office or whatever, and I think your entitlement should be based on the length of residence in the community. I also think that housing associations should not encourage people to move from their own communities to other communities by letting them have housing when they come to a place like Frobisher Bay. It is an incredible problem in Frobisher Bay. Large families come to Frobisher Bay and demand housing and our own people who have been born and lived there all their lives are often displaced because of people who sort of put themselves on the doorstep of the association.

I mention length of time in a house without a change because it seems to me very often that as soon as there is an election for housing associations, the board members and their families get new houses and people who have lived in old houses for years and years are sort of passed by.

Family size speaks for itself. Tenant responsibility and rent payment and damage; it seems to me that, in my observation, people who, even if they have not paid rent and are behind or else have damaged houses, sometimes seem to be able to get new housing. I think those who have paid their rent and looked after their houses should be rewarded.

#### Conflict Of Interest Problem

Just in closing, Mr. Chairman, the latter part of my motion asks that the rules of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance be communicated to board members. You know, it is not proper, as I read the Conflict of Interest Ordinance -- and perhaps the Law Clerk can correct me if I am wrong -- it is not proper for a member of a housing association board to vote or participate in housing allocation where he or a relative of someone who lives in the same home as he does is in a position to benefit directly or indirectly. I think this rule is not being followed in some places. I do not want to paint a terribly bad picture of all kinds of abuses and nepotism and the like. I think that the

housing associations are -- the people who serve there are very largely dedicated people who are serving their communities in a very public spirited fashion. I guess what I am saying is that in some cases, it seems that it is not working out as well as it should and that we should try to encourage board members to recognize that, they have a public responsibility and a public trust. So that is what the motion is intended to do.

Now, I did not have time to correct the copies but on the second and third line, after the words "allocation policies", the word "for" should not be there. It should be "allocation policies to assist housing associations". I do not think we should impose allocation policies on them. In the third line, where it says "across the Northwest Territories which would develop fair standards", it should read "across the Northwest Territories to develop fair standards in housing allocation". So the first four lines would read: That the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation be encouraged by this Assembly to develop universal public housing allocation policies to assist housing associations across the Northwest Territories to develop fair standards in housing allocation, etc.

I think we have to try to assist them and not tell them what they should do and if any Members feel that these criteria I have suggested is wrong or something else should be added, I am quite open to that, but this is what I tried to develop as being the key elements in it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much, Mr. Patterson.

Housing Corporation Guideline Manual

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say to the Member and to other Members of the committee that in point of fact, the corporation does have a manual with guidelines but they are guidelines only. It is not a policy and I guess what I am saying is that we should have these guidelines put into a policy to which housing associations would have to adhere.

We are going through an educative, training process with our associations laying out these guidelines. Perhaps it is time we got into making them policy. We would be prepared, as a corporation, to bring these policies to Members tomorrow so that you could see what, in fact, these guidelines are. I would suggest that we would be able to make them available to individual Members, if I may, tomorrow. That should not negate what is going on in relation to the motion.

May I just make one further comment as regards those particular factors that would be considered in the development of fair standards? We have already indicated by way of motion, I think just previously this afternoon, the prioritized urgency for single persons, single parents as well and you may have a difficulty in terms of those in relation to length of time, length of residence in an area. If somebody moves into the community, a single parent into the community, would they have a difficult time in getting that if one of the determining factors is length of residence. Now, you asked for comments on those factors, Mr. Patterson, and then I am giving you that. That is the comment that I would make. I am not attempting to raise any difficulties with it. Those are the kinds of things, I think, that are set out in the guidelines as they are now. There may well be -- there are others -- but we would make those available to you tomorrow, but that is not to say that we should not deal with the motion.

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

Motion To Develop Universal Housing Allocation Policies, Withdrawn

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the previous motion dealt with construction and design in the coming year and that would relate to what units are being built and it should not affect housing allocation. If the corporation has guidelines prepared, which we can see tomorrow, I think it is probably best for me to withdraw this motion now and take a look at the existing guidelines before proceeding with the motion. Maybe I can present the motion again or revise it once I look at the guidelines because they are probably better than the ones I have prepared this afternoon. So I withdraw the motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. I wonder if the committee wishes to report progress.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley.

Violation Of Human Rights Act

MR. CURLEY: I would suggest, if you are tired, you get your deputy chairman up there, because we have 10 minutes yet. You know, I somewhat regret the proposed motion was withdrawn, because it would only have encouraged the Housing Corporation to establish guidelines. There have been instances, I think certain loss has been because the communities were not given information about, for instance, conflict of interest laws and the federal laws, such as the Human Rights Act; and I think sometimes, these are violated somewhat because the communities are not given any information about those. Sometimes what happens is that, and I have experienced it in the communities, some people have no recourse to present their complaints, so they would give them to some of us. It is difficult for me to deal with housing associations because, as you say, they are their own governing body. Since the Housing Corporation provides funds to the housing associations, I think it is only right that they would put certain guidelines and conditions to the way the money is going to be administered at the community level.

You know, I certainly do not like to discourage people from a community to a new place, but so often some families are prevented because they are not, in some communities, like my riding, given housing or could not get any housing because they are not from that ethnic origin, which the community is -- the majority holds in that community. So, these kinds of things, I would think are worth looking at, because some Inuit people were from other regions, they normally are at the bottom of the allocation list. So, I would like the Housing Corporation officials to be aware of those when considering allocation. That, for instance, the Human Rights Act says without regard to race, should be considered in allocation; because sometimes discrimination is practised because they are not aware that the laws are there, which prevents discrimination. So, I would only encourage you to take that further. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Does this committee wish to report progress? Okay then, I will stay. Capital budget, \$6,139,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the capital spending in the past year, I did ask earlier whether there were capital overruns and the answer -- just to be very clear -- was that there were none in -- did you say a particular year, or in the most recent year, or what?

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

Cost Overruns In Capital Funding

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I indicated that we have not had cost overruns in capital funding, or capital expenditures, but in maintenance moneys, and the deficit that the Housing Corporation has now was directly attributable to the overruns in expenditures, that is the O and M, over the last two years, 1978-79 actual expenditures. In maintenance, extraordinary maintenance, the administration, the difference in the statement of anticipated revenue from rent and the actual rent, and the amortization costs, and in department operation as well, so that we have a total overrun in those two years under those particular headings, but not in capital.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: So that I understand then, Mr. Minister, that all capital projects that were undertaken came in according to the projections that were made for them -- am I understanding that clearly? I hope you will have patience. I am not an expert in these matters, as I have confessed already. Is that understood, all capital projects came in as they were projected to come in?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, collectively, yes.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: I think I understand. I will just clarify it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. What you mean is that when they are all averaged out, that some may have been over a bit, but some were under a bit, and so, when you average it all, they did not come over.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Right.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Does that mean, then, that all that were projected, that all that were planned, were proceeded with? So that all the capital projects that were planned were undertaken and completed, and that in the end, they averaged out as they should have.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yes.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Nerysoo. You have got two minutes.

Not All Projects Completed

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Just a supplementary to Mr. MacQuarrie's question, and that is, he said they were all completed. In other words, all projects were completed. I have to refute you in that, mainly because some projects are under way but they are not completed at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, let me try to refute the refutation that was made by Mr. Nerysoo.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Forrest.

MR. FORREST: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our construction period spans two years in time, with the exception of 1979, when we did design, build and occupy 70 per cent of our homes in the calendar year, but Mr. Nerysoo is quite correct. We begin our construction once the material arrives on the site, whether it is by seallift or by barge, or by air, and the approximate construction period then begins in July through April, May and June. So, it does span two years. We have, and if I may add, are very secure in our -- to date, that our 1980 construction program will be completed on budget. Every indication points that, up to date, and we are 80 per cent there now. Does this answer your question, Mr. Nerysoo? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Forrest. Now, the time is 6:00 o'clock. I wish to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-81(1), and wish to report progress. Also, your committee was giving me a hard time.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, are there any announcements and would you give us the orders of the day, please?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes. Announcements for Thursday, February 12, 9:30 a.m., Katimavik A, a meeting of the special committee on the impact of division. At 7:30 p.m., room 441, Yellowknife Inn, a meeting of the special committee on education. Friday, February 13, 9:30 a.m., Katimavik A, a meeting of the executive committee of the Northwest Territories branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

ITEM NO. 14: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, February 12, 1981, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to the 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. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
11. Introduction of Bills for First Reading



12. Second Reading of Bills

13. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bill 1-81(1); Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., February 12, 1981, at the Explorer Hotel.

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