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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Friday, March the 6th. Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 147-81(1): Amendments To Northern Inland Waters Act

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. It is pursuing a matter that Mr. McLaughlin raised yesterday which was somewhat startling.

In view of the fact that the Northern Inland Waters Act is an act -- maybe the only one -- that gives some measure of control to the Government of the Northwest Territories, I would ask the Minister whether we could have a little more definite answer than was given yesterday. I appreciate the difficulty of giving an answer yesterday. The Minister did say that it is more than difficult to have any position, but will the Minister attempt to get an undertaking from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, that he will not allow his officials to proceed any further with proposals to amend that act without first giving members of the Northwest Territories Water Board an opportunity to discuss in detail the proposed changes, and perhaps any others which they themselves might like to initiate with DIAND officials, and without those proposed changes then being forwarded to this Assembly for comment? Can the Minister attempt to get that undertaking? Well, perhaps even before that, can the Minister attempt to bring to this House what the proposed changes are as a matter of fact? Again, we are dealing with rumours. It would be nice if we could know precisely what the proposed changes are.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.



Return To Question 147-81(1): Amendments To Northern Inland Waters Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I do intend to contact the Minister of Indian Affairs to express my concern with regard to any amendments to the Northern Inland Waters Act. It is unfortunate that I cannot reveal the contents of any amendments because I have not seen any of those amendments. That I think is one of the areas of concern that I have...

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Shame!

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: ...the very fact that they do not contact me or members of the Water Board with the details of the amendments.

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

Supplementary To Question 147-81(1): Amendments To Northern Inland Waters Act

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just a supplementary then. Will you attempt to get an undertaking that they will not make changes until we know a bit about what they are up to here?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Supplementary To Question 147-81(1): Amendments To Northern Inland Waters Act

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The contents of any telex will in fact ask or question the Minister as to the procedure and any amendments that may occur.

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

Question 148-81(1): ITC's Concerns Re Property Tax Policy

MR. CURLEY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Local Government. In view of the fact that the Minister received a telex from ITC objecting very strongly to the property tax policy that he announced the other day, will the Minister reconsider implementing the tax policy until such time as land claims between ITC and the federal government have been resolved?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Partial Return To Question 148-81(1): ITC's Concerns Re Property Tax Policy

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, the Executive had the opportunity to discuss the property tax implementation this morning and we are looking at various options and I would hope to give a statement to this House later on. Thank you.

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

Question 149-81(1): Clarification On Polar Bear Quota, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. Yesterday, when I was not attending, the Minister of Renewable Resources stated about the polar bear quotas. Can the Minister of Renewable Resources please clarify while I am attending the meeting right now here? Can he clarify please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 149-81(1): Clarification On Polar Bear Quota, Cape Dorset

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. In response to an oral question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo, Question 9-81(1), on February 6th with regard to polar bear quotas in Cape Dorset: Polar bear quotas are allotted on the basis of the number of bears that can be taken from the population by hunters. Our present information is that hunters are presently harvesting the maximum number of bears from the Cape Dorset area population. No increases in the quota are being considered at this time.

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

Question 150-81(1): Further Answer On Tuktoyaktuk Land Assembly

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pilot committed himself to bring forth a further answer on the Tuktoyaktuk land assembly and I am wondering if he is prepared to do so.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

Return To Question 150-81(1): Further Answer On Tuktoyaktuk Land Assembly

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Speaker, I have a letter prepared which I will hand to Ms Cournoyea this afternoon sometime.

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

Question 151-81(1): Policy On Dock Facilities, Rankin Inlet

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Executive Member responsible for the Department of Public Works. Sometime last year the Assembly did adopt a policy that this government should attempt to improve the dock facilities in the Eastern Arctic, particularly with Rankin Inlet dock. Are there any plans at this time from the government to establish a permanent dock at Rankin Inlet?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

Return To Question 151-81(1): Policy On Dock Facilities, Rankin Inlet

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Speaker, the question of dock facilities is presently being considered by the federal government. They have prepared a paper and it has come to this Executive and to this government for review. We expect to have some statement on the dock facilities and the program that will be designed by the federal government in concert with ourselves sometime in May or June.

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

Question 152-81(1): Update On Northern Leaders Conference

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I would like to ask the Minister of Aboriginal Rights or the Leader of the Elected Executive Committee about the northern leaders conference. Mr. Braden indicated he had spoken to the leader of the Government of the Yukon, Mr. Pearson, in Toronto and I wonder if he has any update on what they are doing in that area.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 152-81(1): Update On Northern Leaders Conference

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise the House that the Executive Committee has agreed to convene a northern leaders meeting primarily to discuss concerns with Bill C-48, which is related to the Oil and Gas Act. Other items may be discussed depending on the time available and the interests



of the participants. I have today invited the leaders of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, ITC and COPE to meet in Yellowknife on March the 18th and 19th. The Government of Yukon and Council for Yukon Indians have also been invited to participate in that part of the conference dealing with Bill C-48. I am hoping that this meeting will provide an opportunity for northern leaders to develop a joint position based on shared concerns which would form the basis of the Government of the Northwest Territories presentation to the parliamentary committee studying Bill C-48.

Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, this proposed conference could be one of the most significant meetings ever held in the history of our North. Given the attitudes of native groups and territorial government toward Bill C-48, I think I can say without fear of contradiction that all of us unanimously fear that what this bill is, in the disguise of the legislation, is nothing short of an outrageous land grab on the part of the federal government, a land grab that makes a mockery of aboriginal rights and the future of political development of our entire North.

MR. CURLEY: Property taxes?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I am hoping, Mr. Speaker, that what will emerge from this conference is a unanimous opinion of all northerners that the federal government cannot be allowed to get away with this outrageous attempt to severely restrict our North. I look forward to this conference and feel that the federal government should start looking over its shoulders for the results coming forth from this particular meeting...

---Applause

...and we will not sit by and watch our whole future in the North being sold down the river to an energy hungry South. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. McLaughlin, a supplementary?

Supplementary To Question 152-81(1): Update On Northern Leaders Conference

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes. The Minister did not really indicate who would be attending the meeting. Yourself -- you said you were looking forward to it. Did that mean you were going to be at it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Supplementary To Question 152-81(1): Update On Northern Leaders Conference

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I have indicated that all the native organizations are being invited, along with the representatives from the Yukon government and the Council for Yukon Indians, and we would be co-ordinating the conference.

MR. CURLEY: When?

AN HON. MEMBER: He said it.

MR. CURLEY: He already said it?

MR. SPEAKER: I believe the dates given were the 17th and 18th. Is that correct, Mr. Wah-Shee?

AN HON. MEMBER: The 18th and 19th.

MR. SPEAKER: The 18th and 19th of March.

MR. CURLEY: 1982.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Question 153-81(1): Fuel Subsidy Program For Hunters In Baffin Region

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Renewable Resources, concerning areas where hunters will get reimbursement of what they have paid for gas. When they had the meeting in Baffin region, it was stated that this was going to go ahead and that the people in my constituency, in Igloolik, would be involved in this, but they really do not know. Maybe he can clarify for me when it is really going to start or to be properly implemented and whether the hunters will be given fuel subsidies from the territorial government. This has to be very well looked after, and my constituents are not even aware of the subsidy program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 153-81(1): Fuel Subsidy Program For Hunters In Baffin Region

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, the hunters' and trappers' gas subsidy came into existence in October. It was the intention of my department to inform all hunters' and trappers' associations and also, during my presence at the Baffin Regional Council conference, I made the council members aware that the grant, the incentive grant or the subsidy would be available to hunters and trappers. It still is available and we, in fact, have budgeted for the new year as well.

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

Question 154-81(1): Request For Dock Facility, Broughton Island

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is directed to the Commissioner. The Broughton Island residents have been asking for a dock for a number of years, and I believe the Commissioner has been asked on numerous occasions. I wonder if the Commissioner has been able to give a direct answer to the residents of Broughton Island, and I would like to be given some kind of an indication whether there is a plan to build a dock in Broughton Island. Perhaps the Commissioner can answer the question. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Return To Question 154-81(1): Request For Dock Facility, Broughton Island

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the question of docking facilities at Broughton Island, our Public Works examined that subject and we found that the solution, that is, the construction of the dock, would be very expensive. In addition, the territorial government does not have a program for construction of docks. As was indicated earlier today by the Deputy Commissioner, the responsibility lies with the federal government. The federal government is in the process of developing a policy and the appropriate funds, we hope, for the provision of docking and wharfage facilities in the Northwest Territories.



I would like to add, Mr. Speaker, that when I was in Broughton Island this past summer, the question of preparing a better landing area for landing barges was discussed. I indicated that I would seek some efforts from our own forces to assist the community to prepare a landing area, and I will follow up on that.

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

Question 155-81(1): Reply From Minister Of DIAND Re Aboriginal Rights Negotiations

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, has the Minister yet received a reply to the telex he sent earlier this week to the Hon. John Munro concerning this government's participation in aboriginal rights negotiations? If he has, could he inform the House of the substance of the reply? If he has not, could he tell us what is next, as far as he is concerned, what procedures he intends to follow next?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 155-81(1): Reply From Minister Of DIAND Re Aboriginal Rights Negotiations

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I intend to table my progress report next week. I have not really decided whether it should be Monday or Tuesday, but it will be one of those two dates. During that time, I would like to make some specific recommendations for changes to the mandate that I have been given. The telex that I have sent down to the Hon. Minister John Munro -- to date we have not received a reply to my telex. However, I will keep the House informed, if that is their desire.

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

Question 156-81(1): Keewatin Regional Council Conference, Rankin Inlet

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. There will be a Keewatin regional conference at Rankin Inlet, commencing from March 23rd. I would like to know if the Minister of Local Government will be sending a representative from Local Government or if he himself will be attending the Keewatin regional council conference. I wonder if the Minister can give me an indication on this.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 156-81(1): Keewatin Regional Council Conference, Rankin Inlet

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be more than pleased to send my officials to attend this very important conference. I cannot indicate at this time whether I will be able to attend, because I have arranged for a previous engagement. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Curley.

Question 157-81(1): Federal Government Assistance For Hunters And Trappers

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I believe last session in Frobisher Bay, this Assembly instructed the Minister to try and provide an information program to hunters and trappers regarding the various federal assistance, particularly in respect to the gasoline rebate program. Has the Minister provided that information, so that the hunters can take advantage of this program? If not, why not?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 157-81(1): Federal Government Assistance For Hunters And Trappers

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I do have a response to that concern. There are a number of communities that have already had subsidy with regard to purchase by the territorial government. There are other communities which have private businesses that operate those purchases, or the sale of oil and gas products, and those are the ones at present that can, in fact, receive the grants that are offered by the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I apologize, Mr. Speaker, but further to that, I will provide the information with regard to the communities that can, in fact, apply for the rebate.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Item 3, questions and returns. Written questions. I thank the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. Noah.

Question 158-81(1): Proposed Airport Terminal Building, Baker Lake

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. I wonder if it is true, what I am hearing, that the airport terminal building at the Baker Lake airport is not scheduled to be built this coming summer, which reasons are for the lack of funding and the MOT does not have enough funds to build the terminal at the airport.

Further to that, I will ask the Minister of Local Government, last month at Baker Lake there was an injury which caused death at the airport at Baker Lake, due to the fact that there is no terminal building at the airport.

The person was caught between two vehicles. He was only 20 years old and he unfortunately died after he had recently got married. I believe that such an accident might happen again if there is no terminal building at Baker Lake airport. Perhaps I will ask this question in English. (Translation ends)

Thank you. It is difficult. My question is directed to the Hon. James Wah-Shee, Minister responsible for Local Government. Is it true that the terminal building for the Baker Lake airstrip has been cancelled for this coming summer because of lack of planning and lack of funding? Is the Minister aware of the accident that occurred recently and that a young man died instantly from that accident at Baker Lake airstrip. That happened two weeks before I came to Yellowknife for this budget session. That young man was only 20 years old and recently married. That accident did not have to happen if MOT were a little more active in planning the terminal building for Baker Lake airstrip. This is a very serious problem and I would ask that the Minister look into this as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah. Written questions. Are there any returns today? Mr. Tologanak.



Return To Question 130-81(1): Metering Of Fuel Shipments

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A return to the question asked by Mr. Kilabuk, Question 130-81(1).

At the supply depot, fuel quantities are loaded on the barge through a meter and this amount is confirmed by a barge measurement. Upon arrival at the settlement, the barge quantities are measured again, before and after fuel is delivered and piped to the settlement tanks. Quantities in the settlement fuel tanks are measured before and after barge delivery and the quantity of fuel received is determined. A comparison is made between the barge measurements and the settlement fuel tank measurements and shortages are determined, if any. These measurement methods ensure that the Government of the Northwest Territories pays for fuel received at the settlement. Shortages from spills are accounted for through a claim or charge. If fuel is spilled by the barge company, the government claims for the spill. The spill is paid for by the barge company. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns. There appear to be no further returns today. Mr. Patterson, are you sure you have the right department?

Further Return To Question 67-81(1): Funds Provided To The Tutorial Assistance Program

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I think I do, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. This is a return to oral Question 67-81(1), asked by Mr. Sibbeston on February 17, 1981, on funds provided to the tutorial assistance program in Fort Simpson. The superintendent of Education responsible for the education program in Fort Simpson has been able to allocate \$2100 to this program for the remainder of the fiscal year. In order to carry on with the program from April 1 until the end of the school year, the superintendent on behalf of the Fort Simpson local education committee, will make application to the interdepartmental special education committee for funding. This committee reviews and decides on applications on behalf of single students or groups of students who suffer from physical, emotional or mental handicaps. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns.

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 7, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

Ms Cournoyea.

Notice Of Motion 26-81(1): Business Restrictions, Ex-Government Employees

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on March 9th, 1981, I will move the following motion:

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, Mr. Fraser, that this House urge the Executive Committee to implement the following:

(1) That as a condition of their employment, employees of the Government of the Northwest Territories employed in the area of economic development and renewable resources, be required to sign a restrictive covenant so as to adequately guard against such conflict of interest in the area they have worked for a reasonable period of time after termination of employment;

(2) Where such former employees and consultants are presently in the private sector that would have fallen under the restrictive covenant, that the Government of the Northwest Territories adopt a policy whereby such former employees must establish, to the satisfaction of the government, that no such conflict of interest exists where government contracts or assistance to such former employees or consultants is involved.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion.

Item 8, motions. There are no motions for today.

Item 9, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 9: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 16-81(1): Lotteries Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, March 9th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 16-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting Lotteries, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 10, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 11, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 11: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might have permission to remain standing as we proceed through a number of bills for second reading.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Second Reading Of Bill 6-81(1): Boilers And Pressure Vessels Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 6-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance to allow the Commissioner to adopt certain codes or standards by regulation.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder to the motion? Mr. Nerysoo. The second reading of the bill can be debated in principle only. Are you ready for the question?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 6-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.



Second Reading Of Bill 7-81(1): Electrical Protection Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 7-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Electrical Protection Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Electrical Protection Ordinance to allow the Commissioner to adopt certain codes or standards by regulation.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Tologanak. Bill 7-81(1). Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 7-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 8-81(1): Fire Prevention Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 8-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance to allow the Commissioner to adopt certain codes or standards by regulation.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder? Mr. Butters.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 8-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 11-81(1): Justices Of The Peace Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 11-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Justices of the Peace Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Justices of the Peace Ordinance to enable the Commissioner to appoint juvenile court judges and to enable the Commissioner to make regulations establishing a justice of the peace advisory council.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Bill 11-81(1). All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 11-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 12-81(1): Liquor Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 12-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Liquor Ordinance to provide for increased penalties for people unlawfully supplying liquor, and to provide immunity to peace officers or designated persons who breach the ordinance for purposes of obtaining evidence.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 12-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 13-81(1): Pawnbrokers And Second-Hand Dealers Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 13-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers Ordinance by eliminating the duty of a second-hand dealer to record details about the purchaser of goods valued at less than \$50.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. Are you ready for the question?

MR. PUDLUK: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 13-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 14-81(1): Regulations Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 14-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Regulations Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Regulations Ordinance to allow the Commissioner to deal with citing and numbering regulations, exempting maps, plans or drawings from gazetting in appropriate situations, and to provide a legislative base for consolidated or revised regulations.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 14-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

Mr. Braden, go ahead.

Second Reading Of Bill 15-81(1): Safety Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Finally, Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 15-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Safety Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Safety Ordinance to allow the Commissioner to make regulations respecting medical examinations of employees.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Tologanak. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 15-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: That is all I have, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Second reading of bills.

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

ITEM NO. 12: 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. We will resolve into the committee of the whole with Mr. Noah in the chair.

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

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

Department Of Renewable Resources

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): We are dealing with the Department of Renewable Resources, with Minister Richard Nerysoo.

MR. PUDLUK: Proceed.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, might I have permission to invite the Deputy Minister into the ropes?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): General comments. Any more general comments? Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, my comments mainly concern the wildlife service, but as well concern the other elements of the Renewable Resources division. Mr. Chairman, I cannot promise you I am going to be brief.

In part of the introduction of the budget summary, the stated goals of the wildlife service are no doubt acceptable to all of us. I will just quote from one section: "...Encourages the wise use of wildlife within the limits of



sustained yield." It "promotes proper management of wildlife...", and "...support to organizations of wildlife users." And "the wildlife service is responding to direction from the Legislative Assembly by shifting manpower and funds toward the implementation of plans for devolution of some responsibilities and involvement of community organizations in the development of policy, laws and programs."

#### Wildlife Service Working Against Stated Objectives

In the Western Arctic, Mr. Chairman, I see little performance or recognition of those goals by the wildlife service. I would like to state, in my view, we have a wildlife department to manage wildlife for the long-term benefits of the people of the Territories who depend on them for their livelihood. This responsibility of the managers should be to fully involve the harvesters in the consideration of management for the wildlife. This area of concern is of deep importance to the Western Arctic, Inuvialuit and people who are the harvesters of that area.

The harvesters depend upon the technical resources of the wildlife service to provide advice upon which to have management considerations. In the Western Arctic, events over the last two years have tested the policy and competence of the wildlife service and found them lacking. Instead of promoting the stated objectives, the wildlife service appears to work against the stated objectives.

I would like to give you some highlights of those examples to show why I cannot support this budget for the wildlife service. In my view, the wildlife service is an impediment to rational wildlife management in the Western Arctic. We would be better off without them and we would be better off without the one we have, and I cannot accept any overture that they will do better this year than in last year. If this department was unwilling and unable last year to do the job that they should have been doing, why should they be more willing and more able this year?

#### Examples Of Wildlife Service Working Against The People

Some examples I would like to show:

- (1) That the wildlife service has failed to respond to the legitimate concerns of the harvesters.
- (2) The wildlife service has not involved the harvesters in the development of management policy, although they have expressly agreed to do so.
- (3) The wildlife service has tried to undermine the effective management of several wildlife species.
- (4) The consultations by the wildlife service are totally ignored when they make their decisions.
- (5) Promises to undertakings of the wildlife department are forgotten and reversed, without any ratification of the effective communities. Some of the examples and the themes of those examples upon the failure of the wildlife service are in the area of responsibility, reliability and accountability, co-operation.

In the Inuvialuit agreement in principle 14-2C, there is required consultation under that agreement in principle. The agreement, signed by the Commissioner, requires the wildlife service to consult with COPE as part of their more general consultations on any legislation or administrative changes. If no agreement can be reached, the status quo is to be maintained. In the 28 months since the signing of that agreement, the wildlife service has not ever consulted COPE on any such legislation or administrative changes. COPE wrote to the wildlife service 18 months ago to remind them of the obligations of the wildlife service and suggested some mechanisms to implement the agreement. There was basically no answer.



### COPE's Proposed Musk-Ox Regulations

Finally, in September 1980, COPE asked specifically about the new concerns expressed by the communities with respect to the musk-ox regulations. The Deputy Minister replied with a letter outlining the proposed regulation changes and saying the affected hunters' and trappers' association had been consulted and asked for COPE's comments. COPE reviewed the department's proposed regulation changes to the hunters' and trappers' associations and found: First, that the regulation changes were not what the communities thought they would be; and second, the regulation changes did not reflect the management concerns of the communities.

At that point, the Inuvialuit Game Council, made up from representatives of all the hunters' and trappers' associations in the Western Arctic, responded to the Deputy Minister's proposed regulations changes by proposing an entirely different set of regulations which would adequately suit the management requirements for musk-ox.

After some discussion between the Inuvialuit Game Council and the wildlife service, agreement was reached for the regulation requirements as well as a long-term management approach to be followed. Although agreement was reached by both parties and confirmed by letter, the regulations were not enacted as agreed but no one was told. When on January 5th it was prohibited for hunting as they had thought the regulations would permit -- this is for the subsistence -- Ron Hawkins told them the agreement was for next year, not this year. Yellowknife, however, had said in the Delta that the regulation had been passed this year. Why is it when the wildlife service consults and agrees with the advice, they ignore it? Why are various members of this service each passing the buck to someone else? No one seems to know what is going on.

### Co-operative Management Agreement For Musk-Ox

Another example concerns another aspect of the musk-ox story. The Inuvialuit Game Council recommended to the wildlife service on October 24th that there should be a co-operative management agreement for musk-ox on Banks Island which must have a management plan worked out with the community, hunters' and trappers' association, Inuvialuit Game Council, the Inuvialuit Development Corporation and the wildlife service. After discussion between the Inuvialuit Game Council and the game department, a discussion paper was produced on November 17th outlining the parameters of the management agreement and the management plan. A chief component was the identification of the need to work out with Sachs Harbour what the priorities and options for a management strategy would be. Without a single communication with Sachs Harbour or the Inuvialuit Game Council, the wildlife services three months later produced a draft management plan which made all of the management decisions that should have been worked out co-operatively. Not only were the decisions very dubious, the co-operative nature of the agreement and management plan were undermined.

### Commercial Utilization For The Harvest Of Musk-Ox

Another aspect of the proposed management agreement dealt with the consideration of the utilization of musk-ox. The Sachs Harbour Hunters' and Trappers' Association, the Inuvialuit Development Corporation and wildlife service were to work out co-operatively an approach for commercial utilization of the harvest of musk-ox. Without any involvement of the other parties, the wildlife service set up a utilization committee which proceeded on February 10th and 11th to muck around with the issues again. Many issues were debated from the position of opinions of the members of the wildlife service. A member of the ad hoc

committee was quoted as saying -- I will quote Sam Ransom. He advised the committee that: "After travelling a considerable number of miles by snowmobile on Banks Island, it is his opinion that the musk-ox are not overpopulating the island..."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea, your time is up. Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MS COURNOYEA: Can I continue or are you agreeing my time is up?

---Laughter

AN HON. MEMBER: Continue.

#### Pressures Of A Political Nature

MS COURNOYEA: Okay. I will go back to Sam Ransom. He advised the committee that: "After having travelled a considerable number of miles by snowmobile on Banks Island, it is his opinion that the musk-ox are not overpopulating the island and that the pressures being made are of a political nature." Although in the same report, this same individual had said to the chairman of the Inuvialuit Game Council, Andy Carpenter, that he recognized the musk-ox were overpopulating the island.

Apart from the twofold nature of this person's relationship with the communities involved, how can the wildlife service maintain any credibility as wildlife managers when the opinion of one untrained technician riding around on a snowmobile is passing judgments on the nature and motivation of a community concern? How insulting and arrogant can the wildlife service become when the considered views and opinions on wildlife matters of respected hunters and trappers of Sachs Harbour can be disregarded and labelled as political pressure. Why should we provide a budget to pay nincompoops to insult the knowledge and integrity of our concerned citizens?

Although members of the wildlife service are willing to pass flippant, off-the-cuff judgments as to the motivation and knowledge of the Inuvialuit Game Council and the Sachs Harbour Hunters' and Trappers' Association, they recognize their own shortcoming when it comes time to do the work and to deliver the product. This is a further quote from this report of February 10th and 11th: "The committee was in agreement that, if possible, private enterprise should do the work. Restrictive government financial regulations, inflexible lines of communication and departmental pettiness would hamstring and render inefficient a territorial government effort."

#### Recognition Of The Inuvialuit Game Council

The next example also deals with the Inuvialuit Game Council but not particularly relating to musk-ox. The Inuvialuit Game Council was set up to represent the regional hunters' and trappers' associations interest of the Western Arctic. Interim members were selected from hunters and trappers of Holman, Sachs, Paulatuk, Tuk, Aklavik, Inuvik. Although in the agreement in principle, COPE has the consent of legislation and administration changes 14-2C, COPE assigned this power to the Game Council. This devolution was thought to be important in terms of the development of a regional structure for hunters' and trappers'



associations which would come through the settlement of claims. We had no luck at all in having the Inuvialuit Game Council recognized by the regional wildlife service people even to the extent of being included on the mailing list for information.

Finally, the superintendent said he thought there should be no problem recognizing the advisory group and supported the assignment of the 14-2C COPE consent to this body and would expedite the co-ordination of administration between Inuvik and Fort Smith to include Holman's participation in the Inuvialuit Game Council. However, in the Minister's meeting in Aklavik to deal with the issue of devolution for the Western Arctic region, there was no support for the Inuvialuit Game Council to attend nor was there any provision for Holman representation at that meeting.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Minister said he was not prepared to recognize the Inuvialuit Game Council because it was a political body and he wanted to deal with people who hunted and trapped. For the Minister to imply that the members of the Inuvialuit Game Council were not hunters and trappers is ludicrous and unacceptable. Andy Carpenter, the chairman of the Inuvialuit Game Council would like to invite the honourable Minister on behalf of the Inuvialuit Game Council for a little workshop on hunting and trapping abilities. If the honourable Minister is satisfied that Andy Carpenter can hunt and trap, would the honourable Minister then recognize the Inuvialuit Game Council?

#### Yukon Game Ordinance

The other examples I would just like to briefly mention: The Western Arctic people from Aklavik and Fort McPherson were having problems with the Yukon government game ordinance. We asked the wildlife service and the Minister to correct this situation. For 12 months nothing happened. Finally, COPE accomplished some changes directly with the Yukon. Its resolution required the game department to administer the polar bear tags. This still has not happened, and I am not satisfied that all was done to make this happen.

Another issue relates to the general development agreements and other funding necessary to develop the Western Arctic renewable resource economy. We have had no real support from the wildlife service in getting these projects through. Although Ron Hawkins and Sam Ransom are willing to take credit for the ideas and work of the Inuvialuit Development Corporation, through them trying to develop the project, they refuse to co-operate with other territorial departments and federal departments thereby jeopardizing the projects that we want to get started. As recently as three weeks ago, we tried to get the momentum going again with the GDA or General Development Agreement and Special ARDA for the test fishing in the Delta. The game department boycotted that meeting.

#### Wildlife Services Taking Money Under False Pretences

Mr. Chairman, the point is this. The Department of Renewable Resources wildlife service has a great role to play, and I sincerely believe that. Their performance in the Western Arctic, according to their own objectives, has been dismal and we have been the ones who have been suffering from that lack of performance. Their performance, when measured by the expectation of the harvester is just as bad. Why should we continue to pour money into a territorial service that functions against the best interests of their own mandate and frustrates, debilitates and insults the very people they are there to serve.

In my view, the wildlife service has taken money in the past under false pretences. Why should we think they will change? I cannot support the budget unless there are adequate answers that the money will be used to support and effectively carry out the jurisdictional mandate of this government for wildlife management.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

MR. FRASER: Question.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think that I would like to rectify some of the comments made with regard to statements I made. Firstly, at no time have I ever said that Mr. Andy Carpenter was not a trapper. I recognize that he has been for a number of years. I think that one of the major concerns I expressed with regard to the Inuvialuit Game Council was the fact that in Inuvik and Aklavik, there were Dene residents who were in fact utilizing the same area and that the Game Council itself should recognize that. Now, it is my intention and has been that I will meet with Mr. Andy Carpenter to discuss the role that they will play in the Western Arctic region. One of the major areas of discussion over the past year that I have had is in fact the participation of regional organizations and the hunters' and trappers' associations of the communities.

#### Preparation Of A Position Paper

Now, I am not sure whether or not people are well aware as to the discussions that have gone on. They have included a number of the areas that Ms Cournoyea has stated; being involved in the development of legislation, being involved in the policies for this government, and being involved in the development of programs. It is still my intention to carry out that discussion and to prepare a position paper for this government to discuss. Now I did not complete that paper. One of the reasons is because of my non-success within the Western Arctic and the Mackenzie Delta. I intend to proceed and talk to the Inuvialuit Game Council. I stated in Aklavik that I would want to work with them and have a working relationship with the people that are involved in that council. I say so here and I continue to -- I will in fact make a commitment to have a working relationship with those people that are involved.

However, my concern with regard to Dene residents in Inuvik and in Aklavik remains that they are aboriginal people. They hunt in the same area and in fact depend on the same animals within that region. That is one of the concerns that I have, and I assume that we will be discussing that concern with the Inuvialuit Game Council.

#### Working Relationships With Hunters' And Trappers' Associations

With regard to members of my staff, I made it quite clear during the conference here that I would want them to have a better working relationship with hunters' and trappers' associations and with the organizations that are involved in negotiations in the area of aboriginal rights that make reference to wildlife and wildlife matters. Now, I still carry that position and I am quite sure that members of my staff carry that position as well. In fact, in some regions, it has been to the point where the regional directors have got directly involved in developing some of the working relationships and I commend especially Mr. Mike Stilwell for trying to get involved in rectifying some of the problems we have had over the last while.



Now, as I stated, I would want to have a working relationship with the Inuvialuit Game Council and I make that commitment at this time. Now, I am not sure, as I said before, how clear the discussions that I have had with other regions have been in the Western Arctic or in the Mackenzie Delta, but I want to be clear that the discussions also took into concern the participation and development of legislation policies and programs, and I will make people aware that all those areas are going to be discussed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to get some clarification concerning the wildlife program slaughters. They have a lot of facilities such as -- would those be -- if the wildlife officer is allowed to use only one tag for himself, or should there be other committees which they can allow them to -- I would like some clarification about those tags and their policy. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, in a number of communities we have directed or else had directed the wildlife officers to allow the community HTA's to utilize the equipment that has been there if it is not being used by the wildlife officers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Minister.

Ex Officio Wildlife Officers

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to respond to comments made by Mr. Curley yesterday. Firstly, with regard to ex officio wildlife officers, the question was brought up by the Keewatin Wildlife Federation and relayed to me by Mr. Curley, Mr. Noah and also the regional superintendent. I would like to say now that the initiative by the federation, I support, and in fact what the intent that I place before you for some of the issues that may arise.

Now, I intend to, hopefully, table amendments to the ordinance, allowing for the participation and the appointment of hunters' and trappers' presidents or designated people from the HTA's to be ex officio wildlife officers, at the next session. Now, it was my intention during the interim to allow the hunters' and trappers' associations to utilize the game guardian program to, in fact, allow them to appoint members of the HTA's to act as enforcers of the regulations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Any more general comments? Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to ask a question. It is going to be a little bit difficult, though. It is sometimes very difficult to hunt and when you are hunting in the tundra where there are no trees, it is not very good when you have a tent that is not very comfortable as to heat and the costs are very high. Would the Minister have been aware that the hunters -- if he has heard that they can be helped by the gasoline, that they have to have when they go out hunting -- not the gasoline, but the diesel for the heating stove? Would the Minister indicate to us whether he has given any thought as to giving assistance to the hunters in terms of subsidizing their fuel costs for their primer stoves, which will be diesel fuel?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, we have not given any thought at present to subsidizing fuel for primer stoves. However, in the outpost camp program, we do supply money for diesel fuel or heating fuel for those people that are participating in the outpost camp program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

Sport Hunting Program

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would like some information as to how the sport hunting program is run by the department, whether or not the big game licence holders are considered sport hunters or not. If so, are they allowed to have a guide before going out to such hunting trips? I notice that hunters, whether they be holders of general hunting licences, when they hunt in territories like the Yukon, you must have a guide to go out with you. So, I believe this kind of a policy is really insulting to the native hunters. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he would consider amending the wildlife regulations that holders of big game hunting licences should, in fact -- must have a guide before going into such hunting trips, because I believe their only purpose in really going out and pursuing wildlife is mainly on the part of the sport hunting, not necessarily because they need to live and must sustain their livelihood by hunting and trapping. So, could the Minister respond to that question, please? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Presently, in our regulations and our ordinance, we do not have any legislation that allows for the big game hunter, except for the sport hunters, I guess, for the big game hunter to be accompanied by a guide. We do not have any -- it is only within the Yukon ordinances that allow that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

More Stringent Guidelines Needed For Holders Of Big Game Licences

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think, not only should the wildlife regulations be stringent to the native people, which they are -- they have been pretty stringent, I believe, in limiting the Inuit's freedom to hunt and pursue wildlife. I think they should also apply to the holders of big game hunting licences, because I think there is a general view that the caribou migration, which is the main source for the big game hunters, is continuing to be questioned by the wildlife department. I think they should only put stringent guidelines for holders of big game licences, because they are merely going out for pleasure. They are not going out hunting because of a need of that source. So, I will seek much more stringent guidelines for holders of big game licences. I would even consider, because of the question of the caribou herds continuing to decline, as far as the wildlife officials are concerned, that -- I am convinced if that continues to be the position of the department, then I will have to ask this Assembly to decrease the quota allowed for big game licence holders, particularly with respect to caribou.

So, I would like the Minister to see whether or not he has considered decreasing the quota, not only in parts of an area, but all parts of the Territories. I would like him to try and give me an estimate of how many big game licence holders there are in Yellowknife, as well as Hay River and Fort Smith -- the big centres, including maybe, Pine Point. Roughly, how many are there, and if he can give me a general estimate as to how many caribou are



killed, for instance, from Yellowknife alone annually? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Just to respond that I have already taken the initiative to cut down the quota for big game hunters from five to, in this area and I believe in the Beverly area, to two, and in all other areas in the Northwest Territories, to three.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I asked him how many, roughly, are killed, as far as caribou are concerned, in places like Yellowknife and the vicinity of Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Maybe if the Member could allow us a bit of time we could provide the reply to him with regard to the number killed in this area.

#### Hunting On Easy Access Roads

There are other amendments with regard to hunting caribou, especially with planes and that sort of thing, especially in this region. It has increased the amount of hours to 12 hours. They have to be out there for 12 hours. I am trying to come up with regulations and laws which does not make it as easy to hunt on easy access roads -- to caribou herds as has been in the past. We have had no regulations and we are trying to come out with hopefully regulations that do not allow hunting directly on an access road for instance.

The experience last year showed that if we do not have those restrictions, then we are going to have some problems. It might be that someone gets killed or we have a situation where there is an overkill that we are not taking care of right now. I think that we are hopeful that those amendments can come in right away. We have already worked on the decrease in big game hunting. We now have to work on the regulations regarding access roads of any kind, I think. That is really important because if people are able to get into caribou herds more easily than they did before, it makes it all the easier for them to hunt them. It is a problem that we are going to have to address, especially in the western area. It is really difficult right now, and we have got to concentrate our efforts in trying to resolve that problem.

Mr. Chairman, we have also agreed that we are going to be carrying on discussions with regard to the Bathurst area with the coastal communities and with the Dene communities, hopefully having a meeting to discuss that issue. I have agreement from the Member for the Central Arctic and the Member for Rae-Lac la Martre that they will participate. I would hope that there are others that are concerned with this issue, to try to address it in a proper manner.

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

#### Polar Bear Quota In Resolute Bay

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot really remember the time when we were talking on the phone about the polar bear quota in Resolute Bay or the polar bear hunting season. We had a little conference on the phone but it was you or Mr. Simmons -- I do not know which -- I forget which one it was. We were

trying to go back to October 1 instead of December 1. We learned that, if we go back to October 1, we are going to lose the four red tags and on the phone they told me they were going to try and change some regulations. They were going to let me know after that. That was about six or seven months ago. I wonder what has been done so far. On January 1, in Resolute Bay, you can see nothing at all because it is the fully dark season. Also, the polar bears start coming around in the beginning of October. The Resolute Bay hunters would like to know what will happen if they go back to October 1. Are they going to lose their four red tags or are they allowed to keep them? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the situation in Resolute Bay -- now four of the tags that Mr. Pudluk refers to are for experimental purposes. Now, in one way I guess the concern, and the four tags themselves were to allow for hunting after January 1st because the females had already dened and there would not be a problem with regard to the males. Now, we are willing to talk further, and as soon as possible to try to come up with some kind of a solution to the problem, especially, that you had this year with the bears in the community. Hopefully, one possibility might be that the taking of polar bears from the community might be done by giving a tag to a hunter to kill one of the bears in the community. We would like to talk further with the community on that possibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Pudluk.

Defence-Killed Bears

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We might have a little problem with that. If we kill a polar bear around October 1st, when the polar bears come around to the settlement, using those regular tags, those polar bears sometimes are not very good. They come around to the settlement because they are hungry, in very bad shape sometimes -- very small, under six foot. Could we use those tags for those? Will we have to use those tags for those small little polar bears in bad shape? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the situation in Resolute Bay, earlier this year when I was in the Baffin Regional Council conference the settlement manager did call me, and there was a crisis situation. Now, I gave them permission at that time, that because there was no wildlife officer in the community, the settlement manager would be able to, if need be, kill a polar bear or polar bears. Now, they could also, I guess -- I know the effort that the hunters and the trappers gave in trying to get the bears out of the community. There is a situation where there is no alternative but to shoot them. I assume that that is a choice that we have to recognize and that they could be established as defence-killed bears when the need arose. I do not think that we have any problems with that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): We will break for coffee, 15 minutes.

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): The Chair recognizes we have a quorum now. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have some sort of agreement. Maybe the Minister would arrange to look into this problem; maybe next fall putting the polar bear people up there to see what really could be done. I should like to make an agreement on that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Quyanamik, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will give my assurances that I will have the people that are responsible for surveys on polar bears, and providing me with information on polar bears, go to Resolute Bay and try to resolve the issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Some years we do not have many polar bears around the settlement. Some years it is worse. Sometimes it is better. Maybe if I see that we are going to have the same problem for next fall, I will give you a call and we can do it in the fall. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

Minister Not Honouring Agreement

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in the agreement in principle, 14-2C, Mr. Nerysoo made a statement that he was worried about other things and this is the reason why he was negligent about honouring 14-2C. Perhaps it is because of his lack of direction in honouring 14-2C that has caused his department to become very disorganized and hamstrung in their operation in the Western Arctic. However, I am sure that it is not only the Inuvialuit that have a great deal of questions and complaints about this department and this operation.

I would like to ask the Minister, on behalf of this government, if he intends to continue not to honour 14-2C of the agreement in principle, which this government was a party to signing and if he is going to continue to act in bad faith in not doing that. Further to his concern about others, there is 14-2D, 14-2E, which was negotiated and this government was part of that agreement.

Now, the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic desire to have the management and the involvement in the game management. Am I to believe that Mr. Nerysoo, on behalf of this government, is not going to honour 14-2C and as a result, only wants to carry out more discussions with the hunters and trappers? Most people who are involved with the Inuvialuit Game Council, except for one, are full time trappers. They do not want to be involved in the day-to-day administration of his department. They would desire to be respected to set seasons and quotas and to be respected in their knowledge on how game management should be handled. They have agreed to certain things, such as conservation quotas. They have agreed with the elements of good management, which was negotiated and yet, I find the Minister of this department saying, well, we cannot honour that agreement and that commitment. I would like him to clearly state, on behalf of this government, if he intends to continue his present non-commitment to an agreement that was already negotiated.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

Agreement In Principle Is Not Final

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I think that to suggest that I am not willing to work with the people of the Western Arctic is not one that I would clearly say that I do not want to do. I think that the situation is that we have a Member of

this House and part of the Executive Committee that will be dealing, as well, on the issue of refining or outlining the responsibilities of the regional government of the Western Arctic. The effect of that will have implications on the kind of work that I do and the kind of agreements I reach with the Inuvialuit Game Council.

Now, I realize that you are getting into whether or not I personally support your agreement in principle. It is quite clear that I personally might have different opinions, but with regard to government policy, the responsibility for outlining, determining the details of the agreement in principle has been allocated to the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. I have not suggested to the Minister that he should not do that. I think that it is pretty clear that I support him in doing so, but you also have to realize that the agreement in principle has not reached its final stage.

I think that it is a clear point that I want you to be aware of, that I am willing to work with the Inuvialuit Game Council. I made that commitment, but you know, you cannot hold anyone to an agreement in principle when there still are some questions about that agreement in principle. I just wanted to make that clear to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

#### Agreement Is Binding

MS COURNOYEA: I think it is coming to light why we are having some of these difficulties, but I would urge Mr. Nerysoo to consult his legal counsel, according to the applicability of the agreement in principle and I would like the forbearance of this committee to read one paragraph, 14-2C:

"Between the date of this agreement and that of the final agreement, government, including the Government of the Yukon Territory, shall consult with COPE when proposing any legislative or administrative change with respect to the harvesting of wildlife and shall endeavour to respect the views, positions and recommendations of COPE on any matter respecting the harvesting of wildlife by the Inuvialuit.

"Canada agrees that during this period the status quo will be maintained in respect of wildlife legislation and regulation to the extent necessary to ensure that the rights in respect of wildlife that the Inuvialuit will receive pursuant to this settlement, in particular those referred to in subparagraph 14(2)(aa) to 14(2)(vi) and subparagraph 14(2)(gi), 14(2)(i) and 14(2)(ii) are not prejudiced."

Now, this is an agreement signed between Canada and the Inuvialuit, COPE, and I would suggest to Mr. Nerysoo that this agreement is binding and that if he has any further questions, that he consult his legal counsel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I stated earlier that it was my intention, and it is still my intention to work with any kind of legislation or amendments to legislation and departmental policies and the program delivery of my department, with the communities and with the regions. I stated as well that this includes working with the Inuvialuit Game Council. I know that, as I stated earlier, I will meet with the Inuvialuit Game Council. At present, except for probably the decision on reduction of caribou, most of the amendments to the regulations I have proposed or have put forward have been from this House or from discussions in the regions. So, I just wanted to assure the Member that I do not think that I intend to do any work illegally, as one might suggest.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

Legal And Moral Commitment

MS COURNOYEA: I would also like to urge the Minister that even if there was no agreement in principle and there was not a legal and moral obligation, the things that have been proposed to you by way of COPE and the people of the Western Arctic, namely the Inuvialuit Game Council, have been done on its merit. It has been done on hard work and in the good interest of wildlife management. So, despite the legal and moral commitment, I think the people up there have committed themselves to doing a job that is honourable, dignified and with proper respect to wildlife management. I believe your department has not responded in good faith.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reply to some of the points made by my honourable colleague, Mr. Curley, and some of the answers by our Minister, relative to resident big game licences, the suggestion was made that this is basically for sport. Well, I can assure you in our area that this is not necessarily the case at all.

People Require General Hunting Licences

Places such as Hay River are not predominantly civil servants, but they are people who are not necessarily at all in the high income brackets and have no northern preference or no northern allowances. Game is very much a requirement to supplement their food requirements. The Minister indicated that they are thinking of cutting the quota for caribou back to two. If this is for the Hay River area, the distance required for people in the Hay River area to obtain caribou would, of course, make -- the economics would be such that for all intents and purposes, the caribou then would not be part of the food supply to assist the people in this category.

So just to point out that there are people -- and I agree that people in high income jobs, that were hunting basically for sport, that these types of controls probably are quite all right. There are many people who have lived in this territory for many years and in fact many who have been born in the Territories, that do not have the privilege of a lifetime type of licence -- I have forgotten the name of it right at the moment -- but a general hunting licence, that really do require this. Admittedly probably there are not that many, but there are some. So I would hope that the game department, when they are considering this, would consider these people as well.

Now, one other general question, Mr. Minister. Inasmuch as your department is Renewable Resources, can you tell me why commercial and sport fishing does not come under your department?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am not really quite sure as to why it does not come under my department. Mainly, I assume, because of its economic nature it falls under the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Supplementary, Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: Yes. Well, could the Minister give me some assurance when he is looking at reducing quotas for licences, big game licences, that he take into consideration my remarks with regard to people that actually do require this? There should be a secondary type of licence. An across the board cutback of this nature is not fair for many of our residents that are living in the Northwest Territories because they may be white. I think that some special instances should be made for these people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In the amendment itself with regard to decrease in quotas for sport hunters, there will also be a clause which allows in fact a process of appeal to myself, at present. I realize the concern that you express, and in fact there probably are non-native people that are trapping at the present that are only allowed to hunt five.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to say a few words and I will also ask a few questions. First of all, I was happy and pleased when you were talking about the funding and that more funding would be provided this year toward the management of the game. I may be mistaken but when we talked about hunters in the last meeting, the hunters' and trappers' associations have been asking for secretaries within their communities because they are not able to keep their books straight without a permanent secretary looking after their books. They felt that if they had a full time secretary to do their paper work, that they might be able to run their offices more efficiently. I will go on.

#### Tranquilizing And Killing Of Polar Bears

Secondly, I would also like to express my opinions on the subject of polar bears. It has created many problems in some communities, especially when the polar bears have been studied in the past, they are put to sleep. We have heard about several communications on how harmless putting a polar bear to sleep can be and how it does not affect -- when you kill the polar bear after it has been put to sleep with a tranquilizer, you may consume the meat and it will not harm you. The older people in the communities feel that it may not be all that healthy. You may also realize that in our own communities, we do not kill the polar bear for the skin only. We use the meat for food also, and the elders in the community find it a delicacy.

Talking about the people who do surveys on polar bears, I feel certain that they would like to put more polar bears to sleep. They are maybe interested in the migration routes of the polar bears, and more than once in the lifetime of the polar bear they may be put to sleep. They want to keep doing those kinds of studies and surveys. I think the elders in the communities will not wish to eat polar bear meat again. If a hunter was to catch a polar bear that had been put to sleep, I think they should be compensated because they do not hunt the polar bear for the skin only. They also hunt it for the meat. Maybe by way of compensation, you could add \$500 to the hunter, because they will be wasting the meat because they may not want to eat it.

I remember last year there was a new ordinance set up or a study done. If a person was to catch a polar bear, the other hunters... (No translation)



(Translation) Now, last year somebody made a motion and it was agreed that the polar bears that are collected, that they have to be passed on to the hunters -- that the polar bears caught by the hunters in the community -- I would like to add some more. Last summer, in 1980, some people from Igloolik went to Repulse Bay by boat, and part way there they had to kill a polar bear in self-defence. When they arrived at Repulse Bay, the polar bear skin, right away, was bought by the people there. I do not know whether that polar bear skin was given to the hunters' association in Repulse Bay. I do not know what happened there. I want to know whether it has been reinforced that the hunters and trappers within the communities are given the polar bear skin. That is my question.

#### Number Of Polar Bears

The other question I have is -- people say that polar bears are getting fewer and fewer. I would like to know how that has come to everyone's knowledge. When I was a child, I could never see any polar bears within the campsite. When we were out hunting, it was very seldom that we saw polar bears. I would like to know -- now people have come to an agreement that the polar bears are getting fewer and fewer. They are just deteriorating away. How come just recently polar bears have been known to come into settlements? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, I guess I am not quite clear on whether or not there have been increases in polar bears. I think it is also very difficult to say that there are less. I guess I am not going to argue either for or against those two issues, but one thing we have is someone that constantly does most of the studies and the work in that area. With regard to Mr. Evaluarjuk's constituency, a lot of work was done on the west side of his constituency, but very little has been done in the Foxe Basin area. We are not really sure of the numbers in that region or whether or not there has been an increase or that we are missing numbers there that we have not counted, really, because we have not done any work in that region.

#### Disposal Of Polar Bear Skins

With regard to polar bear skins, the legislation, when I amended it, was that the polar bear skins, defence-killed, would be going to the regional hunters and trappers. They would decide on how the money that they made from that could be spent. The other area, I think, that was of concern brought up by Mr. Noah and that was with regard to keeping skins for possibly displaying in schools or in public buildings. I made an amendment to the regulations to allow that to happen. If the hunters' and trappers' associations in the communities decided that they would like to keep a defence-kill in a public building, they could do so.

#### More Money For Administration

Further, with regard to more money for secretaries and administrative support for the hunters' and trappers' associations, I think that there are certainly ways in which we could do that. We could either -- which we have not done, and that is to put money, additional money, or to utilize casual money that we have in the department. However, I still think that we could utilize money that is being spent in the communities already for people that hold secretarial positions or are clerks in communities that could handle some of the administrative, financial administration, for the hunters and trappers.

I think we should be adding more money, especially as more discussion goes on with regard to additional responsibilities to hunters and trappers, more money so that they can take on more responsibility. Now, I have only added in the budget as total, I guess in one region at the moment, mainly because of the initiative taken by that region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Hunters' And Trappers' Associations Want More Control

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one thing I would like to say again. The hunters and trappers within the communities are looking for ways to do their own work now and to be more responsible. I do not know how that has been taken into consideration. They would like to have more control in their communities. For example, in Igloodik the hunters and trappers have subcommittees; an advisory committee to advise the hunters on how not to waste meat, and how to make use of the game they kill.

We have been saying that we do not want to be told by the government any more on how to run our affairs, but we would like to be able to say to the government, this is the way we would like to run our community affairs. We do not wish to be limited or be told, when we live in our own communities, on how to run our community affairs. We do not wish to be told this is how many polar bears or how many caribou we can catch in a year. We would like to have control of our marine life and animals used in our own communities and our own areas. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I guess I agree with the comments made by the honourable Member. I think over the last year most of the statements that he made were being made by the hunters and trappers in the communities and in the regions. They were also being made by the Baffin Regional Council in the meetings they held. The whole intent of the work that I was doing this year and I will complete is to allow the people to participate more in the three areas I stated, that of participation in legislation, in regulations and policies, and in developing of programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

Conflict Between Government And COPE

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just want to get back to the issue of what seems to be a conflict between COPE, Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, and Mr. Nerysoo's department. I, as a Member of this Assembly, am sorry to see that there is a conflict between this government and the people in the Western Arctic, as represented by COPE. The problems, as stated by Ms Cournoyea appear to be very serious. There were quite a number of allegations made by the Member and I consider that these are important and serious allegations. I do not know whether all the allegations are being dealt with sufficiently well. It seems that some of them have been left unanswered.

I consider that in the past couple of years, the relations between this government and native organizations have improved and it is important to continue the good relations that have been established. Certainly, when Mr. Wah-Shee and Mr. Nerysoo were appointed to be Executive Committee Members, I had some reservations about them being on there, because I thought they undermined the Dene Nation to a certain extent. However, on the other hand, I thought there would be some merit in them being on the Executive, in that



they could provide an aspect in government that had not been there before, primarily, having native people in high level of government, which should benefit native people.

So when Mr. Nerysoo and Mr. Wah-Shee became part of the Executive Committee, I thought that they would provide an understanding that maybe was not possible before then. Unfortunately, problems seem to exist and I hope that Mr. Nerysoo will resolve the problems. If, however, they continue to persist, obviously we would have to look at whether Mr. Nerysoo is suited for the job and consider his appointment.

#### Minister Overly Protective Of Officials

I would like to see if Mr. Nerysoo will commit himself wholeheartedly to resolving the problems as stated by Ms Cournoyea and go to the extent of looking at his personnel, his officials that are out in the field. Are they really doing their jobs or just what is happening? One of the frustrations that native people have always felt about government is that sometimes government people in the field do not do a very good job. When people raise it, the department or government protects them or supports them. So the matter does not get resolved. The poor people that are being adversely affected, the people that are unhappy, never have the matter resolved because government personnel are protected by their superiors even if they are wrong. So I wonder if this is a situation where Mr. Nerysoo is, perhaps, overly protective of his officials and if this were the case, then the problem would continue to exist.

I would just like to ask Mr. Nerysoo the extent to which he is committed to resolving the problems that presently exist between COPE and this government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

#### Credibility Being Challenged

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. I guess in one sense my credibility is being challenged here. The other thing is -- I guess that is for the Member and other Members to judge. However, I think that I made a commitment upon taking this position that I would try to resolve and try to help the communities get involved in the area of wildlife management. I have tried that, and I think that in some cases I have been successful. In others I have not. I think that the situation of my staff, of me protecting anyone that I did not think was doing a good job, I do not think is right. I have never protected anyone necessarily that has not been applying the law as it should be. I must inform the Member that I can assure you that a number of staff members have left, probably because they do not agree with the direction that we are going.

As I stated in Aklavik and I state it now, it is my intention that I will meet with the Inuvialuit Game Council and I think, as I stated, that I had some concerns and that we can work those concerns out with the Inuvialuit Game Council.

Now, on protection of staff, when I feel that someone is doing a job that is right, then I will explain the reason why I think that that person is doing the job right. I think that the Member should also recognize the fact that changes have occurred this year with regard to participation of the HTA's in selecting staff members to this government or at least to my department. I stated that I would try to allow the HTA's and regional organizations to become involved, and I will carry out that commitment.

I think it is up to the Member to judge really, from his region at least, whether or not I have done a job at all. If I have not, then I would like to know what I have not done and find out from other Members -- if I have not been as successful as most Members think I should be, to explain what it is that I am doing wrong. In fact, in many of the amendments to the legislation, I have tried to involve the organizations, both ITC, the Dene Nation, Metis Association, and tried, in my own opinion, to involve COPE and even in some cases to allow other organizations to get involved. I have not in some cases taken positions mainly because I have asked for comments from those organizations. So I think that there are concerns that are being raised, certainly to my own credibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): (No translation)

MR. MacQUARRIE: He is speechless.

Dispute Must Be Resolved

MR. SIBBESTON: I appreciate what the Minister has said, feeling that maybe I have attacked his credibility. All I guess I am saying is that in the matter of the dispute between COPE and obviously his officials out in the field, it is so very important to have the matter, the dispute, resolved. He as a native person is in the best position to be able to resolve these problems. That is why we have people like Mr. Nerysoo in the office. We expect that he has a basic understanding that maybe white people do not have. So I am not saying that I do not think he can do it. I am saying that I am disappointed that the problem exists, and I hope that it can be resolved and that he will take all steps, even to the extent of removing or firing some of his officials if need be, out in the field, who are perhaps part of the problem.

In regard to that whole area, I just heard the allegations. I do not know whether there is truth to them, though from knowing Ms Cournoyea, I know she would not state allegations unless there was some basis to them. So I feel there must be some basis to the allegations. I do not really know the total situation, so I cannot say whether Mr. Nerysoo is doing a good or bad job.

I do appreciate that he says he is committed to resolving the problem. I am satisfied now that he is looking after the problem. Now, in my area, Mr. Nerysoo wondered whether I can judge his performance by the work that he has done in my area. I can say that I am satisfied with the work of the department in Simpson. One of the most troublesome type of things that existed in his department was the lack of native people working for the wildlife services in the office in the Simpson area. Since he has been in, he has made it possible for a native person to be there as a game officer and then more recently an assistant has been hired. So, judging by that, I do believe that he is doing something and doing not too bad a job.

There are still, however, some other problems. Perhaps I have not been forceful enough in bringing these things to his attention. The matter of a guardian or a game officer for Fort Providence is a recurring problem, and that has to be dealt with. Aside from the fact that Mr. Nerysoo has not been in my constituency since he has been -- you know, as far as I am concerned, he is doing an acceptable job in my area.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Kilabuk.

Studies On Caribou In Baffin Island

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I will just say a short speech. I understand the Minister is trying to help us. I would also like to ask him, concerning the Baffin region, the caribou in Baffin Island, I would like to know what studies have been done in your department? Do you know whether the caribou are decreasing or increasing in the Baffin Island? I have heard some rumours that they have to be counted and quotas may have to be set up in the communities in Baffin Island, when it comes to hunting caribou. Could you make a reply to that, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The count for the northern Baffin has not been kept up to date and really the numbers are not known. The estimated count, at least in 1978, for the south Baffin was 35,000. Now, we intend, at least for this year, to do work in the Baffin region. I assume that we will be talking to the hunters' and trappers' federation for Baffin region, to inform them that the work might be done and to get comments as to how we are going to proceed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I was asking him if they were going to set up quotas in the communities when it comes to caribou. Are you planning to make caribou quotas in the Baffin region?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No quota system has been discussed with me. I do not think that that decision is going to be made by only me if it is going to occur. If any kind of a discussion of that nature was going to take place, then I would rather allow the hunters' and trappers' federation from the Baffin region to be involved in that discussion, which has representatives from each community.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Kilabuk.

Secretaries Of Associations Not Being Paid

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, he was saying something, and I would like to know more about having a secretary in the community for the hunters' and trappers' association. We have a secretary in our community, the hunters and trappers have a secretary in my community. I know that in six months, or maybe four months, he has not been getting paid. He looks after the hunters' and trappers' association. He has not made any money at all for the five or six months he has been working.

I would say for any one of us sitting in this room, we would not want to work for nothing. He is working because he believes in helping the hunters' and trappers' association. Mr. Evaluarjuk was saying that you have to provide more funding to the local hunters' and trappers' associations now because the hunters' and trappers' associations want to have a good administration and want to have someone looking after their papers so that they will be able to do a better job.

We all realize, within the government, that the employees make good money, and because they are making salaries they are able to do their jobs better. The hunters' and trappers' association secretaries are probably the same way, that they would like to make salaries in order to enjoy their work better. I know

that the secretary of the hunters' and trappers' association in Pangnirtung is a white man and he helps us a lot with reading the ordinances and papers, and he also looks after the hunters' and trappers' federation in the Baffin region. I will support Mr. Evaluarjuk when he says he would like to see more funding provided to the local hunters' and trappers' associations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, as I said before, I did make it clear to other Members that I did try to get additional money. There are probably areas in which we could utilize funding if possible. Now we are going to have to work that one out or you could put it right within the department itself. We had a target that we had to reach this year and we had to try to reallocate the money the way we could. Our initial presentation of the budget for the new year was far more than what was allocated to the department. Because of this restraint that we had to practise this year again, we just did not receive the money that we had originally asked for.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Just a supplementary to Ipeelee Kilabuk's question. Could Mr. Nerysoo relate to us if the grants to individual hunters' and trappers' associations is still \$2000, or has it been increased?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, it is still \$2000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Fraser.

#### More Consideration Given To Hunters And Trappers

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I tend to agree with the Member for Foxe Basin. In the budget, the wildlife services, you have a budget of five million and a half, and that money is supposed to be for devolution of some responsibilities, involvement of community organizations and development of policy laws and programs, to accommodate devolution.

I think that is what it is all about. The Member says they want more responsibility in the communities, and you have stated in this budget that that is what that money is for, for more consideration to hunters and trappers and organized groups in the communities. I strongly believe that the communities should have more say in what is happening. After all, they were there long before anybody else and at one time they had all the say, and nothing happened, the game was still there, lots of caribou and everything. All of a sudden, now there are no caribou because they are killing them all. I do not think that is the case, Mr. Chairman. You will find that it is just the old timers that are hunting now. The young guys do not do as much hunting as the old guys used to do in the old days.

I do not think the population has increased that much. I think that more emphasis should be given to the local hunters and trappers if they are in a position to handle it, have the time to do some of that research work. Then again I tend to sympathize a little bit with the Minister because of the Wildlife Ordinance that was passed by the last Assembly. I voted against the Wildlife Ordinance because I did not see too much change in it. That Wildlife Ordinance states what the Minister has to do to carry on his duties as the Minister of Renewable Resources. True enough, the ordinance is there to make changes, but everybody seems to be criticizing the work of the Minister. Nobody has mentioned that the Wildlife Ordinance should be brought back maybe and changes made to the Wildlife Ordinance before we can do anything about the changes in different structures of the wildlife services.



Results Of Surveys Never Made Public

I tend to agree that there are too many surveys done by game officials. I have experienced it myself, seeing game officials down in the mountains doing a survey on sheep or caribou or grizzly bear or whatever it is. We never hear anything of the results of those surveys, whether they are made public or not. They must be made public somewhere, in some kind of an annual report. Maybe it is on my desk here for all I know, with all the rest of these papers and booklets.

Then again, if they have not got the officials to do it, they hire contractors to do a survey. If the officials or if the game department think that they need a contract, why do they not give it to the hunters and trappers who are right in the communities? Why send somebody in from Ottawa or Ontario or Regina to come here and do a survey, or even from Yellowknife to do a survey, in communities where they have hunters and trappers that are capable of doing it and have the time to do it? Why cannot some of this money be used for that type of thing?

That is what I call devolution. Bring the work into the communities where it is concerned. The people themselves, who would be better, then, to tell the people in the community, "There are lots of caribou up there. Go and kill them," or "There are not too many caribou. We have got to take it easy." Who would be better to tell the people than the people themselves rather than you try to tell them, or the game department trying to tell them that this is the case? They would know for themselves.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that the Member for Foxe Basin has hit on a pretty touchy subject when he says that the people are getting fed up and they have been fed up for years with the government trying to tell them what they can do and what they cannot do. It is just like the teacher in school telling the kids they cannot chew gum, telling the hunters and trappers that they can only kill 10 polar bears, when the polar bears, grizzly bears and black bears are killing their dogs and running away. I have no respect for any bear -- except a two-legged one.

MR. SIBBESTON: Oh, shame!

Hunters And Trappers Should Do Surveys

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I think the Minister should take a close look at the Member's request to bring more of this money into the communities and have the hunters and trappers, if they have time and if they are prepared to, go ahead and do surveys. I do not see anything wrong with it, and I fully agree with them, but I have to say that this money is definitely -- states in the book here that it is for devolution of community organizations in the development of policy, laws, and programs. What better interpretation could you get than that is in the book? That is what the Member is asking for, and that is what a few more people are concerned about, is bringing it into the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could return to the question of the Bathurst herd which was raised some time ago, and which a number of my constituents are concerned about. First let me say that I recognize the very significant decline that has occurred in that herd over the past 10 years and the need for restrictions on hunting, and I was aware that there were some initiatives being taken to limit the amount of hunting, but I was not aware that

any final decision had been made. Did I understand from what you said earlier, Mr. Minister, that there has already been a decision taken to cut sport hunters or those who hold big game hunting licences, from five to two caribou per year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. I thought you were going to talk about mice and lemmings.

---Laughter

MR. MacQUARRIE: No, I will leave that to the Member from Keewatin North.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister, do you want to respond to that, or...

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I did make a decision that I would cut the number for big game or sport hunters from five to two. With regard to those people that depend on the caribou, in the sense of those non-native people that probably are trapping, as I said, there is a clause that they can appeal the situation to me for further discussion at least on that issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Accessibility To Bathurst Herd

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I know that a fish and game association was interested in having an opportunity to comment on the possible reduction and maybe to suggest alternative means; that is, not necessarily reducing the numbers, but making accessibility to where the Bathurst herd is located a little more difficult and that sort of thing. Was that kind of consultation ever carried out, Mr. Minister?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: No. With regard to big game hunters, no, there was not any consultation. I think that one thing was pretty clear, and that is that this Assembly was pretty concerned about the condition of that herd over the last year. Now, it is my opinion that in order for me to come out with solutions and to discuss with the Dene and the Inuit some of the concerns that I might have, they have to see that I am doing something with regard to the non-native hunters as well. I do not think that for anyone to suggest a quota system for the Inuit or the Dene is proper, then if I am not doing anything about the non-native people that really do not depend on the herd in the sense of having to live out in the bush for five, six months of the year, then obviously, some concern is going to be expressed by the native community. I think that the situation is such that the majority of the people that are able to get out, have easy access to that herd, are not native people, but non-native people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Coffee break for 15 minutes.

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): This committee will come to order now, please.  
Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to the Minister's last comments, I would say that I certainly recognize the difference between those who hunt for sustenance and those who hunt for sport, but to a large extent that is already taken account of in the different categories of hunting licences. I just feel that the principle of consultation, which is a valid one, is valid in all cases. I really feel that people who have that concern at least should have the opportunity to voice it, and to explain in the strongest possible way for themselves as to how they see it, and to be able to offer some alternative solutions. Then, I agree, the Minister finally has the right to make the determination.

#### Overkill Of Bathurst Caribou Herd

A final question, though, with respect to the Bathurst herd. Certainly the access roads have meant that there has been an increased kill recently in that herd. It is not all at the hands of sport hunters. Certainly the herd has become more accessible to general hunting licence holders as well. Then, we also have, in recent years, community hunts, fly-in hunts, that also can result in a fairly large kill. So, my last question to the Minister, did I understand that the Minister is planning meetings that will consider in what ways there may be need to be quotas or some sort of limitation on general hunting licence holders as well, with respect to the Bathurst herd?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, one thing that I have not even thought of at the moment is to suggest to the Dene or the Inuit any kind of a system of quota, but I think that there have to be meetings with the native community to make them aware that there is a problem. I know that they are as concerned about the situation as anybody, especially people within this surrounding area close to that herd, mainly because when you look at Detah or at Rainbow Valley there are a lot of people in those two, that community and part of Yellowknife here, that really depend on that herd. Also you look at Rae and Rae-Lac la Martre, Rae Lakes, Snare Lake, and also at the Inuit communities, Coppermine, Bathurst, Port Chimo, and I think those people recognize that something has to be done.

Now, I think that one thing that has to be pretty clear is that people are willing to do something. I think that is important. We want to explain to them the situation as it has been and has been over the number of years. We want them to suggest some of the options, but I think that after a meeting to resolve the issue or to have further discussions, I am not going to exclude those people that are non-native that depend on that herd as well, especially those, as I said before, that hunt and trap probably in this region.

#### Factors Contributing To Increased Kill

With regard to the community hunts, I think, as I expressed to Mr. Fraser, I am going to be in the process of developing, hopefully, some terms and conditions for those hunts to go ahead. I would want to work with the communities to agree with some of the terms and conditions.

Now, as I stated, that is part of the initiative over the next year. Further, I think that we have to be aware that accessibility has played a real major role in the kill and in the amount that is being hunted at the moment. Also there are other problems that have caused people to get into hunting in this area more than usual, one being the numbers of forest fires that have occurred, the Fort Smith region is one area, and probably the forest fires that have also occurred in the Fort Simpson region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, talking about devolution of wildlife services, I wonder if the Minister could indicate his view or his philosophy with respect to the devolution of wildlife responsibilities. I ask this because I am aware that places like Fort Liard and Fort Providence, I think, are in a position where they can take over the responsibility of wildlife management in the area, certainly in respect of watching the wildlife and making sure that nobody breaks the present laws. Fort Liard is one of the most advanced bands in the North in respect of taking over services, government services, and Fort Providence is very quickly getting on its feet. Fort Providence, too, has been given an outpost grant this fall in the amount of about \$20,000, and they have been able to get 30 or 40 families out in the bush this past winter. So they are making great progress in the area of wildlife and living off the land and so forth. So I am wondering, was the Minister open to turning over responsibility for wildlife to these communities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

Community Participation In Wildlife Management

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: As I stated earlier on this year in other sessions, I had been in discussion with a number of the regions and communities, and we had discussed various ways in which the hunters and trappers, and the chief and band councils, might be able to participate in wildlife management. Firstly, the issue of seasons is something that people can already be involved in, that is, determining the seasons which they would like to hunt; also the situation of negotiating quotas. I do not think that I have any problems with that, and I am willing to sit down and discuss that matter.

The other issue of legislation, in a sense of new legislation to present to this House, I would like, in some cases, to sit down with, or have my officials at least, sit down with communities to determine what, if any, new legislation is required to be presented to the House for their approval. With regard to the ordinance, it would take a bit of time in the sense that you only could present the amendments during session and by approval of the House. With regard to the regulations, it is quite evident that I can propose the amendments to the Commissioner, and he can sign without coming to the House.

Also in program development, I would hope that in future when new programs must be developed within communities, or within the regions, the regions could play the major role in developing some of those programs and allow us to participate with them in developing new programs and new policies. I would also hope that we would allow the participation of the HTA's, by making them aware of the recruitment of new officers in their community or in their region, and hopefully allow them, at least at the regional level, to play a major role in choosing at least some of the people that are going to be working in the regions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

Full Transfer Of Wildlife Management To The Communities

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, the things that the Minister is talking about, are not really what I had in mind. I guess what I had in mind was the definite transfer of responsibility of wildlife management to the communities. I think it goes without saying that when aboriginal rights claims are settled, one of the things that native people will be able to control in the North is the matter of wildlife. So I think it is just a matter of time before native people really have full control of wildlife. I guess what I am talking about is full transfer of wildlife management to the communities.



I know in places like Fort Providence and Fort Liard, if this were done, the people there would be more protective of their wildlife resources than this present government is protecting them. I know in Fort Liard, they have discussed the idea of having their own wildlife officer, and also they have talked about having a corridor along the highways where nobody can shoot moose. This would be very protective of the moose and it would protect the moose for the people who actually live in the area, as opposed to somebody coming in from Fort Smith, Yellowknife or even the South suddenly seeing a moose and then shooting it down.

In places like Providence, as you know, last fall the people shut down the Horn River road saying that this government was not protecting their aboriginal rights sufficiently, so were going to take matters into their own hands. So if you are concerned about wildlife, it seems to me that it would be better protected if the people in these communities had the responsibility of wildlife management. That is the sort of thing that I am talking about. Would the Minister be able to do this? I think it is just a matter of time before native people do have full control of wildlife anyway.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister.

MR. CURLEY: He is falling asleep.

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I would think that I certainly do not have any problems with that kind of participation at all. I would like to put it this way. I have explained to Mr. Sibbeston some of the roles that I find the communities can play in developing some of the legislation for their regions. The only area of concern that I would like to express to Mr. Sibbeston is the fact that any kind of major legislation and incentive application to all the Northwest Territories probably has to come back to the House for discussion. Those issues of a regional nature, we would hope would try to be resolved in future by regions and by communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I will just say to the Minister that I invite him to come to my constituency in the next few months, and I know that this subject will be raised by the communities of Fort Providence and Fort Liard in particular. We will be looking for a favourable response.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Out of order. You can just invite him, write him a love letter.

---Laughter

Mr. Appaqaq.

Reindeer In The Sanikiluaq Area

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one question. In the Sanikiluaq area there are more and more reindeer, and I am wondering when we would be able to shoot the reindeer. I would like some clarification. If we do not, it is going to be difficult.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The answer would be that we are planning to do a survey this spring, to try to find out how well the herd has done. Hopefully, we could be positive about whether or not people in Sanikiluaq can shoot the reindeer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in November this House passed a motion and gave direction to the Minister to work on our behalf to expedite the migratory bird protocol in a way that we would be able to have the spring hunt legalized. I would like to know from the Minister, even though there is an Information Item 19-81(1), Ratification of Protocol, if he could give us more details as to the negotiations that took place. When he went to the meetings to represent this House, if he took the position that we were willing to go along with the ratification of the protocol without the inclusion of the Metis, because the negotiations were under way with the Dene and the federal government and we felt there was no problem with them being included in that aspect, and if he did this, and he went forth with this position, then why is his information item here saying: "Our representatives will continue to advocate the implementation of this protocol when conditions in the United States and southern Canada are more favourable."?

Who is going to decide these favourable conditions and at what stage is this government going to move in, perhaps negotiating a second position where maybe the Inuit or north of the tree line people can have this spring hunting legalized as a first step, or even, did he try that action, and perhaps give us a report on where he stands at this present time in regard to the protocol?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

#### Migratory Bird Protocol

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. With regard to legalization of being able to kill migratory birds, it is still my opinion that the non-status people that live off the land and hunt in the springtime or in the fall should be part of the protocol. The protocol itself is presently in the United States and has been awaiting ratification by both the Carter administration and now, the new Reagan administration. We asked the federal government officials to try to see if they could include the non-status and the Metis, but my opinion is that -- certainly from indications from southern Canada -- it is going to be very difficult to have an overall Canadian agreement on that. We may be able to get some agreement in the sense of North of 60, but certainly the southern provinces do not agree with that. The protocol, as I said, is already in the United States and if our concerns with regard to the Metis are going to be addressed, then it has to be through additional discussion between the Minister of the Environment and his United States counterpart.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: You stated that the problem was with the provinces not wanting to ratify the agreement because of including all these extra people. Now, did you take this House's desire that for the interim that we would be willing to accept the protocol as it was and try to institute it without the changes that may take years and years to come about?



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

In Contradiction To James Bay Agreement

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just with response to Ms Cournoyea, we did make a copy of the motion available both to the federal and provincial governments during their discussion in Winnipeg regarding the protocol itself. So we made them aware of our position. We tried to, I guess, add further the possibility of including Metis, and as you are aware, the situation in the provinces is that they do not support that, but also, that because of previous agreements between other aboriginal people, being mainly James Bay and Alaska, they have some disagreement with the protocol as it stands, since in the James Bay agreement, it includes the non-status to be able to hunt in the spring. Now, if no consideration was given to, probably, people North of 60, then it would be in contradiction to that agreement that was signed by the Cree of James Bay and the Inuit. That is only one area that would have some effect.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Could you say what the reaction was when they saw the direction from this House and what we were willing to do, and what was the reaction to the Northwest Territories willingness to deal on the basis of what the protocol says now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, actually I was not at the meeting. Mr. Simmons was the one that actually attended the conference, and Mr. Bowyer as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Curley.

Native People Not Adequately Represented

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to add some comments to that particular international convention with respect to migratory birds. Mr. Minister, I am not very impressed with the way the negotiations, or the Canadian position is being carried out by the government. It just seems to be sort of a position of do what you can, sort of thing, and let your officials, departmental officials, see what they can do. I do not believe your two officials, Norm Simmons and Mr. Bowyer, are strong supporters of the native hunting rights. If they were, then I would be very impressed with the way your department has been representing native people in trying to have this international convention changed, but I am not impressed at all.

If I was a Minister, I would say, "Well, Ms Cournoyea, could you recommend someone from the Canadian Arctic that could possibly assist my representative in trying to lobby the changes?" The United States is normally very successful in these kinds of international conventions because if it is concerned with respect to sport hunting, they would invite sport hunters who are lobbying for change. If it has to do with some other matter, then they represent them. Canada does not seem to want to get the native people as part of their convention team in dealing with international conventions. No wonder there is no progress in respect of trying to get this lobby and effective changes made to the migratory birds convention. Sure, I believe it is difficult but I do not think we should go there with a halfhearted approach. We should not go there with weak knees at all. We should be going there with a strong position from the Canadian, particularly the Northwest Territories government.

I would want the Minister to try and ensure this House that he will -- maybe he should try and at least tell me that he will do a little better than what he has already been doing. I am ashamed that he has not even bothered to represent us when he had said to us that he would try everything to represent the native people in strengthening their hunting rights when he joined the Executive Committee. I would want to see that he does. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

Lack Of Progress In Negotiating Migratory Bird Protocol

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, with regard to my representation, one of the first things that I made the Minister of Environment aware of last year was the lack of progress in the area of negotiating the protocol with the United States. I know that I had some concerns in the sense of the Metis but also there did not seem to be an initiative on the part of the federal government to go down to the United States or Washington and try to convince the protocol itself to be passed by the Senate. It has been sitting there for two years and very little initiative on the part of the federal government has been taken. Now, again, I will proceed to bring that to the attention of both the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Minister of Environment. I am meeting with the Minister of Environment within the next 10 days or so, so I will be bringing the protocol itself up to the man and try to convince him to try to proceed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I think one thing that we should get straight is that the protocol has already been negotiated and agreed between Canada and the United States. Mr. Nerysoo is certainly right in saying it is sitting in the state legislature to be dealt with but it has been negotiated and has been agreed to. Part of the problem within Canada is the ratification between the provinces. The federal government is willing to ratify it but the provinces cannot agree in allowing the Metis and a non-status to be involved. I am wondering if we took a position to accept what is already agreed to between Canada and the United States on the basis of our motion, what was the reaction to our position in terms of the people who live in the Northwest Territories? Did it seem that they were willing to deal with us on that basis? That is the question I am asking you.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Might I allow Mr. Bowyer to explain what happened at the meeting? The meeting itself was between other provinces and the federal government.

Provincial Objection To Metis And Non-Status People Having Rights

MR. BOWYER: Thank you. I did attend at the meeting with Mr. Simmons in Winnipeg. The provinces -- Ms Cournoyea is correct -- objected quite strongly to the non-status and Metis having rights and wanted the federal government to, therefore, make some overtures to change the protocol proposed by the federal government. There was strong opposition by the provinces. We suggested that in order to try and get over that problem that they change -- we suggested a change for North of 60 and then the provinces could handle their Metis and non-status problem on their own. The provinces were agreeable to that but it appeared to cause some difficulty with the federal government. Beyond that, there was almost an air of frustration on the part of the federal government in how quickly they might be able to get the United States administration to move on the protocol and to get some action on it.

At that particular time, which was in November, they were in the midst of a United States presidential election. They held no hope of getting it changed during that period of time and they were apprehensive -- I have talked to some of them since -- that Mr. Reagan's "America First" policies may delay the protocol somewhat more than it already has been. So they had no idea, and do not at this time, as to just when that protocol might get into the political arena in the United States.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

Presenting Position Of Territorial Government

MS COURNOYEA: I hate to keep belabouring this. However, what I would really like to know -- you know, we are a territorial government. We are not a province and sometimes when you are in a subordinate position, you should take advantage of that position from time to time as well. Now the provinces are the ones that are causing us difficulty and I am wondering, was it a positive reaction to the Northwest Territories going ahead on the basis of what was already negotiated with Canada and the United States, which is sitting in the United States, but it is finished, you know? I do not think there was anything in our motion that instructed or suggested that you should try to get something amended because that is a long process. The motion said "Go forward on the basis of what has been negotiated already for the Northwest Territories." I am just wondering where the difficulty is with that.

I have a firm feeling that the provinces will never agree to anything and that is possibly why I cannot get too excited when they talk about amending formulas and stuff like that, but the point is we are the territorial government. We are the arm of the Indian Affairs department. Now, what was the feeling? Did it look like we had something positive to go forward on because of the particular status that we were in and the fact that we were saying we will take it as it is for now? Did we have any strong position in that area?

MR. BOWYER: Well, we presented the position as we were instructed. When it ran into this serious opposition from the provinces, we simply made the suggestion that perhaps it would be acceptable if it was just for North of 60.

It seemed like a reasonable thing to try and do and we assumed that it might assist in bringing the matter to a conclusion, reaching agreement and to get on with it. That turned out not to be the case, but that is the effort that we made.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. On page 12.05...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: What? What? Where are we?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I cannot hear you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. Which section are we at now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): General comments.

MR. CURLEY: When we get to directorate, I have a motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

International Agreement On The Porcupine Caribou Herd

MS COURNOYEA: Well, maybe I should discuss with you and not take up the time of the Assembly, but I am not quite satisfied with the answers and the kind of position. I would like to ask another question regarding the international Porcupine caribou negotiations that are going around. I would like to ask the Minister why he wrote a letter to Tony Keith saying that the latest draft of the management area of the convention looked like an acceptable position, that the territorial government could deal with, where in fact, the last draft, all the suggestions in terms of the subsistence management involvement was taken out? I would like to know why he thought he could move ahead when, in fact, that happened?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the international agreement on the Porcupine herd, from the numbers of meetings that had taken place there did not seem to be, in my opinion, at least the number that I was at and from the comments that were being made back and forth, no agreement, in the sense of trying to solve the issue with the agreement. Now, I said in the letter that I thought that it probably could go ahead. However, I suggested that they contact both COPE and the Dene Nation before they proceeded. Now, if there is disagreement with regard to that, then it is still, in my opinion -- I would not go ahead with the agreement. I still felt, in my own opinion, that there were some problems and there were concerns that had to be expressed by the native groups involved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Any more general comments? Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: I would just like to make it clear to the Minister that the last draft of the convention or the proposed convention took out all the areas that we had negotiated in our meetings with the Yukon government in Whitehorse over the years and all the provisions for the subsistence involvement have been taken out. So, it is totally unacceptable.



SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame, shame!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Any more general comments? Mr. Sibbeston. Any more general comments? Shall we go to capital now?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Agreed.

Detail Of Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Pages 12.08 and 12.09, detail of capital, \$811,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know why the Department of Renewable Resources has to spend money on outpost camp radios when similar funding is available through Special ARDA.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. I realize that we can get outpost camp radios from Special ARDA. However, because of the lack of progress in the sense of approving grants and approving funding, we still have requests on an ongoing basis from the HTA's to provide the equipment. I agree that we should be utilizing wherever possible moneys that we share with the federal government. I am probably instructing my staff members to in fact get more involved in promoting and trying to make communities aware of the program and to utilize that program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you, Mr. Minister. On page 12.08 and 12.09, \$811,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Page 12.02, directorate, total 0 and M, \$300,000. Mr. Curley.

Motion To Amend Subsection 4(3) Of Wildlife Ordinance

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I have one motion I would like to move right now. I move that this Assembly urge the Minister of Renewable Resources to amend subsection 4(3) of the Wildlife Ordinance to include all presidents of hunters' and trappers' associations in the Northwest Territories as ex officio wildlife officers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Can we have a copy of that motion please, Mr. Curley?

MR. CURLEY: (No translation)

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the motion.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, my motion is a recommendation of the Keewatin Wildlife Federation, and I certainly will want to know whether the Minister would be able to come forth with that. If he has any difficulty, I think he should state right now whether that would be a problem or not.

The reason the hunters in Keewatin would like to see the presidents of the regional local hunters' and trappers' associations included as ex officio officers is that it would contribute a number of things. One, that it would develop a strong relationship between the wildlife service and the hunters

and when the charges are being laid they could also assist in laying the charges if the charges have to be. If there is dispute with respect to the infractions of the wildlife regulations and ordinance, I think the hunters, the presidents of these associations could help. I think it would relieve quite a tension which has developed over the last few years. I can go on and give examples of how things have been in the past. I will give two examples.

#### Two Cases Of Shooting Bears In Self-Defence

In Baker Lake about a year or so ago, a couple of summers ago, a hunter killed a grizzly bear in self-defence. For some reason he had wanted to keep the hide for awhile and was not quite willing to give it to the wildlife people. So the wildlife officer there and the RCMP went in to try and take the hide from the hunter but he was not quite willing to do it because he had wanted to involve the hunters' and trappers' association. So therefore he was reluctant to give it. So the wildlife officer and the Mounted Police tried all sorts of ways to get him but he still was not quite willing to give the hide away. Eventually what happened apparently was that the wildlife officer and RCMP went back home. Someone tells me that they went and drank liquor for awhile and got enough courage to go and face the hunter again and told him "Look, if you do not give us this particular hide, you are going to be fined \$2000 and if you are fined, you are not only going to be fined \$2000, you are going to be put in jail." So, as a result of that kind of treatment, he ended up letting it go.

That is one example but if we had the hunters' and trappers' presidents as part of the ex officio officers, I think this kind of situation would not occur. I am sure the Minister is not going to allow these kinds of things to happen now. Unless we change the Wildlife Ordinance, what guarantees do we have that these kinds of problems will not occur?

This past summer, recently, Repulse Bay, as another example, a hunter on his way to Igloolik went through the Keewatin district and again shot a polar bear in self-defence. When he got to Repulse Bay, the RCMP and the people, the wildlife people, had found out about this polar bear being shot by the hunter involved and when the hunter arrived at Repulse Bay on his way to Igloolik, rather than the hunters' and trappers' association being involved in taking this polar bear hide, the RCMP had instructed the local nurse to go down and pick up that polar bear hide on behalf of the wildlife service and the RCMP. So that was a real embarrassment to the hunters' and trappers' association which is supposed to represent the hunters.

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So these kinds of practices were going on because there is no such regulation or clause in the ordinance whereby the hunters' and trappers' presidents should be involved. So I think this motion, if it were to go through and if the Minister were to support it and change that part of the ordinance, even though it is a small part, I think it would be a great contribution to the relationship between the wildlife service and the hunters in the Eastern Arctic. Thank you.

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



HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do not think that my department or I have any problems accepting the amendment. However, I do not know if I can, but I would maybe suggest to the mover that it may not necessarily be the president but a designate from the HTA that acts as the ex officio but you could put president or designate of the HTA and allow for maybe appointment of the vice president or one of the board of directors as the ex officio officer. That is the only comment I would like to make.

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

Transferring Responsibility For Enforcement

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly support the motion and I think that it would be a very simple amendment for the government to make but it would really go a long way toward showing the direction that we have all agreed we should be moving, in transferring responsibilities for enforcement to the people who have the most ability to effectively enforce the laws because they have the most credibility, and that is the representatives of the hunters' and trappers' associations themselves. The proof that the hunters' and trappers' associations are willing to take on this responsibility of course, is resolutions like the one that came from the newly formed Keewatin Wildlife Federation and remarks like those that we have heard from Mr. Evaluarjuk and remarks I have heard to that effect from hunters' and trappers' associations in my area.

This would be a way of the government saying "We accept the challenge and we are willing to offer to trust you with these responsibilities", because there is power associated with being an ex officio officer but there are also duties. I think we should be grateful that people like Mr. Curley are proposing this kind of amendment because if native people in the Northwest Territories chose to obstruct the administration of the Wildlife Ordinance instead of participate in the administration of the Wildlife Ordinance, believe me, wildlife management would be impossible. So it is a small amendment but I strongly support it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the motion. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes. It is difficult to have an amendment that really is satisfactory to all parts of the North. In our part of the North, as you may notice, I have been preaching, I guess the last year or two, about how the hunters' and trappers' associations were undermining the Dene councils. In my constituency, in some of the communities, there are no hunters' and trappers' associations. In Fort Liard the band council is running the community. They do not have a hunters' and trappers' association. They just completely refuse to have them set up in their community. In Wrigley that is also the case. In Fort Simpson -- you heard last year how I talked of the conflict between the hunters' and trappers' association and the band council. Well, since then the band council has in effect taken over the hunters' and trappers' association so there is no more conflict. In Providence there is still a conflict because you have non-native people on the hunters' and trappers' association who are still controlling hunting and trapping matters to the dislike of the band council.

Amendment To Motion To Amend Subsection 4(3) Of Wildlife Ordinance

So I would move an amendment right after "to include" provision for "a designate of the Dene band council" or "you talk with the president of a designate of the hunters' and trappers' association". The intention anyway is to provide for the appointment of a designate of the Dene band council.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could we just ask that the section that is being amended be read so that we are clear on what it now states and what it will state?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Johnson.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Johnson): The present section 4(1) reads: "The Executive Member may appoint persons to act as wildlife officers." 4(2) says: "Officers shall have such powers and duties as are provided by this ordinance or the regulations and such duties as are instructed by the superintendent." 4(3) reads: "The following persons are, for the purposes of this ordinance and the regulations..."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Too fast.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Johnson): "...ex officio officers, namely: (a) all members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, (b) all fishery officers appointed under subsection 5(1) of the Fisheries Act, Canada, and (c) the superintendent."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just a further point of clarification. Do I understand then that all ex officio officers do report through the department and its game supervisors? Would somebody clarify that for me please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Might I allow the Deputy Minister to respond to that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Bowyer.

Appointments Of Fisheries Officers And RCMP As Ex Officio Officers

MR. BOWYER: Thank you. The appointments of fisheries officers and RCMP as ex officio officers simply allows them to act on our behalf in the enforcement of the ordinance and the game regulations. This amendment would add to those named, depending on how the motion is finally worded, the people from the HTA's. Just as a matter of interest, we act in a reciprocal way and where there is not a fisheries officer, our game officers are ex officio fisheries officers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just one final question of the Law Clerk. Do you see any legal difficulties that stand in the way of this, Mr. Johnson?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: It is okay.



MR. CURLEY: Do not worry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Johnson.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Johnson): No, Mr. MacQuarrie. I cannot see any legal difficulties.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I am in support of the amendment. I would caution the Minister too though that I think the hunters and trappers in all parts of the area are quite willing to be part of the ex officio officers. It is not a job really. I do not think they get paid for it. It is just that when there is an infraction of the Wildlife Ordinance and regulations, they can assist the officers in carrying out a charge to the person, or if they decided not to prosecute the man, then the hunters' and trappers' presidents would be in the best position to resolve the problem before it gets into what Mr. MacQuarrie would probably be worried about, a legal problem.

---Laughter

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, I have your assurances on that, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: So on that basis, I hope you will support the amendment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion To Amend Subsection 4(3) Of Wildlife Ordinance, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Amend Subsection 4(3) Of Wildlife Ordinance, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Abstaining? The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. PUDLUK: We have only got two opposition over there.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to ask that the whole text be read because there was an amendment in there, and I think it would be only right that the chairman read the motion as a whole.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: He read the part that had the amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Yes. The vote had been carried, but anyway I will ask Mr. Hamilton to read it for you. Just for your information.

---Laughter

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The amended motion as adopted was: "That this Assembly urge the Minister of Renewable Resources to amend section 4, subsection (3) of the Wildlife Ordinance to include a designate of the Dene band council and all presidents of hunters' and trappers' associations in the Northwest Territories as ex officio wildlife officers."

Directorate, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. On page 12.02, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Service, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Now, wildlife service, page 12.03, total 0 and M, \$5,535,000. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, last year when we were debating the wildlife estimates, this Assembly passed a motion asking the Minister to establish a training program for newly recruited non-Inuit wildlife service for at least six months to learn the Inuktitut language and the climate. I wonder whether the Minister has taken any steps to institute this training program for wildlife people so that they will be able to communicate with the local native language and at least be able to survive and understand the land involved. So could he respond to that please? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. With regard to a training program for the non-native wildlife officers, we certainly have not come up with a program at present, mainly because we have been trying to develop a training program for the native community and we have been caught in trying to figure out what program people want to fit in. Most of our efforts have been in trying to come up with a training program for the Inuit and the Dene in the communities. I assume that it will take a bit more time seeing as I probably will also have to include the Department of Education in trying to provide that service in the communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. Mr. Sibbeston.

Government Should Be Ridding Itself Of Responsibility For Wildlife Services

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes. I just want to say -- in the paragraph you say the wildlife service is responding to the Assembly by shifting manpower and funds towards the implementation of plans for devolution of some responsibilities and so forth. I am just wondering whether this is enough. As I understand it anyway, it is just a matter of time before native people control wildlife resources. It seems to me your department should start working to rid itself of all responsibility in wildlife. That is what I would like to see the department do, not ask the communities to become more involved in the regulation laws and programs. It seems to me that you are doing this but you are still retaining control. It seems to me you should be more ambitious, more aggressive, more determined, as it were, in getting rid of your responsibility over wildlife. That is what I think you ought to be doing. You should be working yourself out of a job and all your officials should be working themselves out of a job. I would like to hear what your views are on that subject.



MR. CURLEY: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, Mr. Chairman, I guess I am not really trying to exclude the communities from participating. I think that there are ways in which communities can and should play a major role but the idea that any future government or this government or governments -- I think they play a major role in the area of legislation and in the area of conservation, even though the communities will in fact be playing a role in that development. Always the final decision will be those that are elected both from the Dene communities and the Inuit communities. There are many ways in which the role of communities can be better improved; not only improved but the fact that direction itself to this government and to the department can be given from communities and from the regions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

Dene Nation Seeking Total Control Of Wildlife Management

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I am aware that when this Assembly was sitting up in Frobisher Bay last fall, there was some communication from the Dene Nation to myself and maybe other Dene Members of this Assembly, that they wanted us to support a motion which would give the Dene Nation total control of wildlife management in their area. For various reasons, because of lack of time and so forth, I and others did not go ahead with the motion to that effect. Really, we know pretty clearly that the Dene Nation is going to seek total control of wildlife management, and the negotiations are going to be between them and the federal government, and this government is not going to have any say on the subject even if they want to retain control. I cannot help but think Mr. Nerysoo, having been the vice president of the Dene Nation and certainly a Dene person, ought to be very sympathetic towards this, and during the time that he has been a Minister, do everything possible for the native people to obtain this objective. That is why I ask because I just do not see much movement towards native people getting control of wildlife resources within the present set up.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make the Member aware that we have had, and certainly I have had, discussions with the Dene Nation and that we are working to try to, not only improve our working relationship, but certainly to do work in a number of areas in which they would be involved, possibly in future negotiations. In the negotiations for forestry management, the area of surveys or inventory studies and that kind of stuff, that certainly is required by both parties, even if in future this government does not have that mandate any longer. Presently we have the mandate and we are trying to work out a better working relationship with the organizations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

Native People In The Department Of Renewable Resources

MR. SIBBESTON: The other matter concerns a subject that I had raised earlier with Mr. Wah-Shee and that is of getting native people up in the higher levels of government. Mr. Nerysoo, why have you not gotten yourself a native executive assistant and also how come we do not see any native persons rising up very quickly in your department, so that eventually, when native people do take over wildlife there will be some people with administrative experience and ability? That is the sort of thing that I expect from you, frankly, as a Minister for Renewable Resources.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I guess in the sense of an executive assistant of mine, it is difficult to say why I do not have one, but I certainly did approach two Dene persons...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Two too much.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: ...to in fact, be my executive assistant, but both are employed, one with the Dene Nation and one with the Fort Good Hope band.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

Cannot Support Budget Of This Department

MS COURNOYEA: Well, I think we have sat here since early this afternoon and I have heard a lot of platitudes and a lot of, we are going to try to do this and we tried to do that, and we are going to take that back to the people, and we are going to talk to this person, and we have got to have more discussions, but I cannot support this budget and I will not take Mr. Sibbeston's suggestion that I should bring forth a motion of non-confidence, because I do not believe that the Members of this Assembly, in the detail I have been talking to Mr. Nerysoo in this last couple of hours, really understand what I am talking about. I am not satisfied that the wildlife service has made any attempt to do anything.

Mr. Sibbeston and everyone are talking about devolution, but as far as this government has anything to say about devolution, as to how do we pass the menial tasks to hunters and trappers when they get together on their own, forming their own group of people. Well, you want to talk to somebody on the street to undermine that. There has been no concerted effort to respect people when they do things on their own. I have never seen any commitment from the Minister to say that he is willing to pass the responsibility of seasons and quotas and senior decisions regarding game management. I have heard him make commitments on things like the loans and all these silly things that his government department are expert in doing with paper. I cannot see where we are going.

The Minister has not -- he refuses to accept there is 14-2C. He has talked around it. He has made all kinds of excuses and he said, well, I will go back and talk to this person and I will talk to that person. There is absolutely no commitment on the part of this government to respect what one native organization has got and which everybody else around this table has been talking about. So, if you cannot make a commitment to that, then you will make no commitments and you will run us around in circles. So therefore, I want to go on record, I cannot support the budget of this department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

Willing To Make Changes

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I think that I would like to clarify some points. Firstly, the idea that all I want to talk about in the regions was to have the communities take over programs is wrong. I think that my intention initially was to have the communities take over major portions or in the sense of -- major responsibilities in the area of wildlife management. With regard to seasons and quotas, I think that very thing was brought up during my first meeting with the Keewatin Wildlife Federation. I have not once yet stepped back from supporting that agreement. I think that there is more to what they were saying. I think it is far more. Maybe I am a bit wrong, but there is far more to the recommendations



that were given to me than just those minor things. I think maybe that I have to make myself aware as to what was said in that, but some of the major things that were said and I have agreed to, and I hope that I want to write the thing down, and all I am suggesting is that it is not for me to explain to people what they want.

I know that they have said it over and over and over again, and I am just willing to move on it, but I would hope that some of the concerns that I express -- mainly because of some of the legislation already in existence and the time that it takes to amend those legislations, that it be recognized by other people. That is just the only thing that I have to say. I am willing to try to work and I give that commitment, in the sense of willing to make the changes. I know it is a bit frustrating, but this sort of thing has been frustrating for me in that I have been, in my own opinion, been delayed as well. So, I will try in a sense of getting on with the amendments and the changes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

Changing The Musk-Ox Season

MS COURNOYEA: Well then, Mr. Minister, with a strong recommendation from all the communities in terms of the highly populated musk-ox areas that we have, why have you not changed the season? Why have you not taken seasons and quotas from subsistence users? Why have you not done that? It seems to me a very simple thing to do and it has been going on for a number of months. I see nothing in front of us. I see no commitment. Where is it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: We have, as you know, amended one area. The season itself in Banks Island, I have not seen anything on my table with regard to changing that season -- just the numbers and where they should be taken. That is all that has come to me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, we have had several meetings and we have made all kinds of proposals to your officials. I do not expect you to be at all the meetings, but the recommendation from all the communities is that there is a sufficient number of musk-ox, that there should be no seasons and quotas for subsistence take and that has been put forward on the table a number of times. There has been no action on it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: As I said, I have not seen that and certainly with the Member making me aware of it, I will take action as soon as possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

Wolf Bounties And Transplanting Musk-Ox

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some time again last year, when considering the estimates, we passed a motion asking the Department of Renewable Resources to transplant musk-ox from Banks Island to other parts of the Northwest Territories, where there are not any. Could the Minister tell this House what has happened, what progress has been made with respect to moving some of the surplus of those musk-ox on that island? If he has not considered it, why has he not considered transplanting some of the live musk-ox to some parts of the Territories. Surely, you know, we have a lot of room in the North where a herd can be increased.

The other question that I have is, we also passed a motion last year that this department institute a wolf bounty, particularly in my area, and I would like the Minister to respond to that, as to what has happened to that motion that the wolf bounty be brought back to the regulations. The third point I wish to ask the Minister again is how many caribou were killed, roughly, from the Yellowknife area last year? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: It was my opinion that the wolf bounty, because of the amount that was placed in the budget last year, that it would go ahead. Now, I have just asked the Deputy Minister and he is not sure whether or not it has.

With regard to transplanting musk-ox, I certainly have tried to inform the members of my staff that we should be going ahead and trying to transplant them. One thing that we do not have in our budget and certainly that we have asked is the money to do that. In many cases, the transplanting itself in the past I think has been done with moneys from Economic Development. Now, I am not clear on all that stuff.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: He is not finished yet. I do not think the Minister is finished with the question that I asked him about the caribou, and I will have one more question after that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, are you ready?

#### Numbers Of Caribou Killed

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am not sure if this is what you are asking for but with regard to non-resident hunters, we have about 681 in this total region. Now, last year the kill, according to the information here, is 989 Barren-ground caribou. Would you like to hear the numbers or else where they come from rather than the total? The Central Arctic, there is 17; Fort Providence, 2; Simpson, 4; Fort Smith, 15; Hay River, 47; Pine Point, 37; Rae, 9; Snowdrift, 1; Yellowknife, 529; Tungsten, 1; non-resident aliens, 22.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no further comment really but I am a little uneasy with his lack of assurance whether or not he will consider transplanting musk-ox from Baffin to other parts of the area in the Northwest Territories. Is he prepared to see -- that he will ask his officials to see if this is possible, report back to the Assembly, or is he just going to let them try and do whatever they wish and not get any kind of a commitment from the Minister or not? I think that is what the problem is with respect to wolf bounty. Can he make a commitment whether or not this program will go ahead or will it not go ahead this year? These are the kinds of things we like to hear from the Minister rather than him just saying "Look, my officials had difficulties. They did not have any money." Heck, you know, if you do not have any money, if you want us to ask for it, we could help in moving a motion that money be found to go ahead in establishing those programs. At least we can help if you have such a difficulty. Could you give a little more assurance, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I will give my commitment to the Member for Keewatin South that I will initiate and ensure that the program comes into existence. With regard to the transfer of musk-ox, I will also make a commitment that we will come out with a possible schedule for that and have it before you as well, certainly before the Keewatin Wildlife Federation, to ensure that they are aware of it, and the wolf bounty as well.



Wildlife Service, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Thank you. Wildlife service, \$5,535,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Environmental Service, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Page 12.04, environmental service, total O and M, \$233,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister can tell me if his officials have checked on what I had reported in respect of Trout Lake a number of weeks ago. As I said, the people there have noticed the water turned a different colour than the water usually is and they are so concerned that they have actually quit drinking the water. They have apparently advised the government officials in Simpson, particularly the forestry people, but I am wondering whether any of the Minister's officials have actually checked into this report from Trout Lake.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, the Member made me aware of it and I did bring it to the attention of the Northwest Territories Water Board officials. I was hoping that they would be able to be the ones to do the checking since they are responsible for that area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I appreciate what the Minister has done but I would think that he has a number of officials here. It looks like six who ought to be concerned with things like this so I was hoping that he would have one of his officials deal with it rather than the Water Board. Certainly the people in Trout Lake see it as an extremely important matter. I would think that the government would absolutely just jump and react to it and just fly helicopters in there and find out what is going on because it is a serious allegation when the water used to be blue for the last centuries and suddenly it has turned green. It is, you know, a serious matter.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I will give a commitment as well that I will have my officials check into it as soon as possible. I will also inform him as to when people will be going there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Environmental service, \$233,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Energy Conservation, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Now page 12.05, energy conservation, total O and M, \$139,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Agreed? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I would like to ask the Minister if the people in this department are concerned at all with long-term utilization of the energy in the Northwest Territories or is that done by people in the Executive Secretariat?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, with regard to this area and long-term energy concerns, it has been basically dealt with by the special assistant to myself in the energy area and it has also been responded to by other members from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Again, Mr. Chairman, it is an area in which I was hoping for a little more action than what is presently being shown by the Minister's officials. It says that the department is involved in public awareness in technology and conservation, as they pertain to energy utilization and so forth. The people down in the Mackenzie Valley in the past few years, or a decade or so, have been using oil as a result of low rental houses being set up for them by the government and so forth. So, there is quite a bit of that in the communities down the valley, but in the Mackenzie Valley there is also a lot of wood. So, with this concern over energy, I would think that the government would be extremely interested in the people reverting, turning back to burning wood.

So, it seems to me that that is an area that his officials should just be trooping up and down the valley telling people about this and really encouraging people to burn wood instead of burning oil. So, I have not seen any of his department's officials in my constituency ever since -- certainly in the past year. So, I am wondering if the Minister would maybe light a fire under some of his officials, get them down the Mackenzie Valley, get them into my constituency to talk to people about burning wood instead of continuously burning oil. That is the sort of thing I would like to see -- a little action, a little life, instead of nothing.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Use wood when you light that fire.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Mr. Minister.

#### Energy Saving Projects Considered

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. With regard to the using of wood from the valley, I certainly agree with the Member. I think the basic area that we are trying to get into in this program seems to be that of large projects, rather than that of the utilization in the single house. One of the major concerns that I have is the construction of new houses that do not have and do not utilize wood and good wood burning facilities that we have now. We have a number of projects that are being considered even now and the possibility of the new energy program being utilized to bring down our concern with regard to over-utilization of oil and gas and even to go from diesel in home heating to utilizing of natural gas, but that is within the other mandate that I have, and that is with regard to energy.



I think that is one area that we have not really, in my opinion, done a lot of work in, but we will be wanting to do that work probably this year, in the area of coal as well. We have the option of pretty good deposits around communities that we could utilize, but we have not been doing so. So, those are some of the concerns that I have and certainly things that I am going to press on with this year.

It has been a problem as well in the area of the number of people we have. We only have three people and we are trying to get into a situation of making people aware of all the possible programs or all the possible situations where we could utilize renewable resources around communities. For this year we have at least four projects that are going ahead, at \$400,000, that are going ahead for sure or are onstream. We have some 12 projects under development of \$832,000 and eight projects under consideration and that is worth \$973,000. So, we will hopefully get the program on its way. I have been sort of unhappy about the availability of money at times and we cannot go ahead with projects unless we change the financial situation and the financial arrangements in the government here, but other than that, I think we are now beginning to utilize the program.

We are well aware of the concern that has been expressed with regard to energy, both that of utilization of oil, oil products, and that of electricity. We have a number of commercials, certainly, on TV now that are done in six different languages. So, we are hopefully getting into those kinds of productions, as well as, we have got a number of radio commercials that we are now having done on stations in the Northwest Territories. So, I hope that kind of thing will, in fact, encourage the people to get involved.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Noah): Report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Progress.

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Mr. Noah.

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

MR. NOAH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 1-81(1) and wishes to report progress. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Noah. I have decided after looking at the work to be completed that the House will sit tomorrow between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The subjects will be the completion...

---Applause

...the completion of Mr. Nerysoo's department and with any luck we should be able to start the Department of Public Works.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): There will be a meeting at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow of the CPA executive committee in room 301. Monday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m., Katimavik A, a caucus meeting; 11:30 a.m., in room 301, the education committee; 7:30 p.m., in Katimavik A, the standing committee on legislation.

ITEM NO. 13: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 1981.

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12. 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; Report of the Special Committee on Education Respecting Student Aid
13. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: The hour being 6:00 p.m., this House stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m., March the 7th, 1981, at the Explorer Hotel.

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