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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 11th. Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Ms Cournoyea.

Question 165-81(1): Land Assembly In Tuktoyaktuk

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not know who I should address this question to. However, it is regarding the land assembly in Tuktoyaktuk. I am wondering if possibly, whomever is responsible could ensure that the work would begin in order to complete the work by early spring rather than September 31st, 1981.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as notice and pass it to the Hon. James Wah-Shee who is the Minister responsible.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I just might add, Mr. Speaker, that it is an issue which probably could be raised during the discussion of the Local Government main estimates.

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

Question 166-81(1): Invitation Extended To Deputy Minister Tellier

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first is to you, and again it is not by way of expecting an answer, but the question is, and perhaps you can tell me in some other way if you choose not to answer now: Have we not received even the courtesy of a reply from Deputy Minister Tellier with respect to the invitation this House extended to him?

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



Question 167-81(1): Report On NWT Government's Role On Aboriginal Rights Negotiations

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Hon. James Wah-Shee, the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. I see he is not here, yet I feel that I must ask the question and would ask another Minister to relay it to him. Both I, personally, in a letter, and this House were promised that we would receive a report on this government's role in aboriginal rights negotiations with attached correspondence in time for some discussion. This session is nearly ended. I am becoming concerned and I would like to know when we are going to see that paper.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Partial Return To Question 167-81(1): Report On NWT Government's Role On Aboriginal Rights Negotiations

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Wah-Shee has the paper almost completed. He indicated the other day that it was being translated. In discussion with him last night, he expressed a concern about a certain part of it and that he wanted it rewritten, but I give assurances to Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Speaker, that the report will be presented to this House.

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

Question 168-81(1): Discussion On Bill C-48 And Northern Leaders Conference

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Energy, and again, because time is growing short, the Leader of the Elected Executive indicated that you, Mr. Minister, were now in charge of the Executive Committee's position on Bill C-48. The Leader of the Elected Executive had given this House an understanding that Members would at some point come to know what the government's position is prior to attending the northern leaders conference. Do you also give us that undertaking? When will we have the chance to discuss it, or comment on it at least? Finally, in answer to a question the other day as to who will actually attend, there was some vagueness. Is that more precise now? Who will represent this Assembly and this government at the northern leaders conference?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 168-81(1): Discussion On Bill C-48 And Northern Leaders Conference

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: With regard to the second part of your question, since I am not the one that is heading up the actual conference, it is not up to me to decide who would attend from this Assembly. With regard to further information, we did, as Executive Committee Members, agree on some of the principles, and maybe, I will give you the guarantee that I will table them in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 168-81(1): Discussion On Bill C-48 And Northern Leaders Conference

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I ask then who is heading up the conference? I had earlier addressed my question to the Leader of the Elected Executive because I thought that he would lead our delegation. He seemed to indicate it was you. Now I am quite confused.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Supplementary To Question 168-81(1): Discussion On Bill C-48 And Northern Leaders Conference

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Wah-Shee is actually the one that is co-ordinating the conference. As you know, the item for discussion will be Bill C-48, and I will be playing probably a major role in that discussion, but I am not the one that is going to be designating who will be or can attend conferences. At present, on speaking to the Dene Nation, they would like the conference, I guess, to be one that is not very bulky but rather one that allows for probably the heads of the organizations or the heads of the government at this time to participate, but that certainly does not suggest that this Assembly cannot choose delegates to be part of that conference.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I understand that the Commissioner may have an answer for Mr. MacQuarrie relative to Mr. Tellier. Mr. Commissioner.

Return To Question 166-81(1): Invitation Extended To Deputy Minister Tellier

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel I have a responsibility to answer the Member's question with regard to the invitation to Deputy Minister Paul Tellier to attend this session and to answer certain questions. The reason that I had not provided an answer before this time was because there was an understanding between myself and Mr. Tellier that he was going to make an attempt to reach the Speaker by telephone and explain his situation to him directly. It appears that that telephone call has either not been possible or has not taken place.

In fairness to Mr. Tellier therefore, I think I must report on the matter. Mr. Tellier phoned very shortly after he received the message containing the question and he discussed it with me. He then followed it with a letter to me explaining that he felt that he should not appear before the Legislature because he was not an elected person and therefore he was not at liberty to discuss the policies of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He advised me that a discussion of those policies had to come from the Minister himself.

He further advised that he would have been prepared to come to discuss the procedures which the department followed but he felt that a discussion of those procedures would have led to further frustrations in this House because he would not then have been able to go the necessary step from procedures into a discussion of the policies themselves. Therefore, he felt that he would have to decline.

During his visit here, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs advised the caucus, and I am not breaking any confidence, I believe, in saying this in a public fashion, that his Deputy could meet with the Members of the Legislature to discuss processes but he did not feel that he should meet with the caucus or with the House while it was in session. That is, he could only meet in a fashion that would be of the nature of providing information. Therefore, for that reason, he would not be appearing before the committee of the whole of this House.

The time pressures have been very great but I felt that it might be helpful in conjunction with the Deputy Minister to obtain from him, the very latest information on cabinet papers which were under consideration by the department about which they were prepared to comment, that is papers that were relative to matters taking place in the Northwest Territories, and to lay such a paper before this House. However, the timing has been such that it has not been possible to do that for this session, but if Members were desirous, Mr. Speaker, this could and perhaps should be done for the next session of the Legislature.



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.  
Supplementary To Question 166-81(1): Invitation Extended To Deputy Minister Tellier

MR. MacQUARRIE: Well, certainly I would say that is desirous from my point of view. I am afraid next session may be too late because I understand that some of these will be policy by that time. Is it my understanding then, that it would be only the Minister who could specifically tell us what policy papers are being considered and any details of those policy papers and that no one else would be able to do it, and not yourself either, Mr. Commissioner?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Return To Supplementary To Question 166-81(1): Invitation Extended To Deputy Minister Tellier

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, that is correct. The Minister may, though, authorize either the Deputy Minister or myself to provide, in writing, certain information and that is something that is yet to be determined. In the ordinary sense of the situation, the responsibility lies on the Minister's shoulders and of course he accepts that responsibility.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 169-81(1): Construction Of Holman Island School

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Education could explain why there does not seem to be any indication for the Holman Island school to be designed in 1981 and built in 1982, as were in the plans last year.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 169-81(1): Construction Of Holman Island School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the honourable Member for notice of this question. The current enrolment in the Holman Island school is 95 students of which 81 are regular attenders and the facilities now -- two classrooms and three portables -- are felt to be adequate. The enrolment projections for the coming years seem to indicate that a decline in enrolment is likely. According to departmental projections, enrolment is predicted to be 86 in 1982; 84 in 1983; and back to 86 in 1984.

Holman Island is in a three year forecast which would see the following occur; planning money in 1982-83 in the amount of \$270,000, construction in 1983-84 and completion in 1984-85 -- \$2.5 million and \$1.89 million respectively in those years. However, to answer the Member's question, I must say that current plans for planning and construction of the school should really be described as tentative since there are current and future heavy demands on capital funding in 1982-83 and 1983-84. Because of these heavy demands, only the most urgent projects will get consideration. In the final analysis, decisions on priorities will have to be made between the capital planning committee, the financial management board and the Executive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 170-81(1): Closing Of Paulatuk Co-op Store

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Butters, concerning the closing of some co-ops in the Arctic, in particular about the Paulatuk co-op. Could the Minister please indicate the status of the Paulatuk co-op and what is intended to be done to supply food to this community?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 170-81(1): Closing Of Paulatuk Co-op Store ill C-48 And Northern Leaders Conference

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give thanks to the Member for giving me notice of the general area of questioning. The Government of the Northwest Territories has a seat on the board of the Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation Limited. The CACFL has among its members, many individual, but co-operatives of which the three that are known in financial difficulty are included. The information is that the three co-operatives are in difficult financial positions having major outstanding deficits but rather one that allows for probably the heads of the organizations or the heads of the government at the situation with regard to the Paulatuk co-operative is that it has a Assembly deficit at the current time of \$164,943. In the course of a confidential financial review of CACFL board of directors in the past, it was decided that three co-operatives, Paulatuk among them, would be approached by representatives from the federation to discuss with the board members of the individual co-operatives just what their future would be.

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In the case of the Paulatuk co-operative, this meeting between the CACFL people and the Paulatuk board members has not occurred so that I cannot report on what the future direction will be until that meeting does occur and some determination takes place. One of the co-operatives that was mentioned is the Arctic Bay co-operative and a meeting did occur recently in which 30 members discussed their fiscal situation with the CACFL people and as a result of that meeting decided that they would go into voluntary bankruptcy. The other two co-operatives are still in the situation where a meeting has not occurred yet as not taken place.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Kilabuk, re Oral questions.

Mr. Tellier phoned very shortly after he received the message containing the Question 171-81(1): us Polar Bear Quotas, Clyde River And Broughton Island to me explaining that he felt that he should not appear before the Legislature.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am questioning the Minister of Renewable Resources. I have asked him through a written question concerning Clyde River and Broughton Island having more polar bear quotas. Would those communities, Broughton Island and Clyde River, have to request it and would that solve the problem then?

He further advised that he would have been prepared to come to discuss the

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerys' comment followed but he felt that a discussion of those procedures would have led to further frustrations in this House because Return To Question 171-81(1): Polar Bear Quotas, Clyde River And Broughton Island session of the policies themselves. Therefore, he felt that he would have to decline.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, with regard to Clyde River and Broughton Island, it has not yet been decided whether or not to increase it will occur to the polar bear quota not to speed up some of the process. I could give probably some replies. I am not sure whether or not the information that Mr. Kilabuk has tasked is already in the returns. If it is not, then I will have an reply for him before this session is over. That is, he could only meet in a fashion that would be of the nature of providing information. Therefore, for

MR. SPEAKER: re Oral questions, Mr. Cournoye - pardon me - Mr. Kilabuk, do you have a supplementary?

Question 172-81(1): Petition From Pangnirtung Hamlet: it might be helpful in conjunction with the Deputy Minister to obtain from him, the very latest

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am questioning the Minister of Local Government. The problem about the taxes that have been requested, have you seen a petition from the Pangnirtung hamlet, the public hamlet? Have you seen any of that or heard of that? It would like clarification on that. It is not possible to do that for this session, but if Members were desirous, Mr. Speaker, this could and perhaps should be done for the next session of the Legislature.



MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

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

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

Question 173-81(1): Liquor Prohibition, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. I am asking the Commissioner concerning Lake Harbour. They have told me that they would like to have a vote on liquor prohibition on April 6th and they would like some clarification. The people of Lake Harbour asked that.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Return To Question 173-81(1): Liquor Prohibition, Lake Harbour

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, the matters of votes on liquor plebiscites, drinking plebiscites, come to me for final signature but the responsibility is now being handled by Mr. Braden in his capacity as Minister for Justice and Public Services. Mr. Braden and I consult closely on these matters, but I would prefer that in the first instance that he be given the proper opportunity to respond to the question concerning Lake Harbour.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, the government would be pleased to send some officials and a lawyer into the community of Lake Harbour to assist the community residents to better understand the liquor plebiscite process and how it operates in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arlooktoo.

Supplementary To Question 173-81(1): Liquor Prohibition, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I understand about that, but when there is going to be a plebiscite on liquor, the Commissioner has to sign it. It has been looked after in Frobisher Bay for a while and I was asked to bring up in the Assembly about the Lake Harbour liquor plebiscite, whether it is a good procedure or not. I have never seen any of the Commissioner's written -- maybe the officials in Frobisher Bay are okay. Maybe I can bring it up again to the officials in Lake Harbour concerning this.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister. Mr. Braden.

Return To Supplementary To Question 173-81(1): Liquor Prohibition, Lake Harbour

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand there appears to be some confusion with respect to the work that officials in Frobisher Bay are doing on this and the work that the Commissioner has to do in his capacity of signing or authorizing a plebiscite to be undertaken. I will give the Member my assurances, Mr. Speaker, that I will have this matter investigated today and I will report to him as soon as possible, trying to clarify what the confusion and problems are.

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

Question 174-81(1): Tuktoyaktuk Land Assembly Project

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, now that Mr. Wah-Shee has arrived, I have given notice that I would like to ask him about the Tuk land assembly, if he would be willing to give us a report whether that project can be undertaken as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 165-81(1) And Question 174-81(1): Tuktoyaktuk Land Assembly Project

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure the honourable Member that we are going to be getting more information in this area, and then we will complete the land assembly before September, if it is possible. I require some more information in this area and I will certainly give the reply to her as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms Cournoyea?

Question 175-81(1): Polar Bear Tag Situation

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, this is not a supplementary, but another question to Mr. Nerysoo. He indicated that he was going to do everything in his power to clear up the polar bear tag situation. Could Mr. Nerysoo assure this House that these polar bear tags will be available very soon, as the hunting season is very soon upon us and the people are waiting for the tags?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 175-81(1): Polar Bear Tag Situation

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give the assurance that I will be sending a note to the Member from the Yukon legislature to have the polar bear tags available.

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

Question 176-81(1): Contract Between Government And Fort Simpson Liquor Agency

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, on February 9th, I asked the Minister responsible for the Liquor Licensing Board a question about the agreement that is entered into between this government and the liquor store agency in Fort Simpson. I asked for either a copy of the agreement to be filed or else details of the agreement. Yesterday, Mr. Braden provided general details of the contract but forgot, or purposefully decided to omit, the essential terms of the contract, which is the financial aspect of it. I wonder if Mr. Braden would now provide detail as to the financial aspect of the agreement, or if not, then whether he would just simply provide me with a full copy of the contract document.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member has my assurances that I will provide him with further details on the contract.

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



Question 177-81(1): Construction Of Baker Lake Airport Terminal Building

MR. NOAH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a very simple question directed to the Local Government -- I have asked him a few times now, the Minister responsible for Local Government. The Minister said he would find out about the Baker Lake terminal building. Has the Minister found out about whether or not the terminal will be built this summer? This is a very simple question. Even a child could answer it.

---Laughter

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I will give a very simple reply to that today.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Question 178-81(1): Manpower Involved In Construction Of Baker Lake Terminal

MR. CURLEY: Supplementary to that, because the Minister was given a written question about two weeks ago and he said he would find out, I would like to ask the Minister what kind of an organization does he have to create and what kind of manpower has to be involved to find out whether or not the Baker Lake terminal will be built this summer or not?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 158-81(1); Question 177-81(1); And Question 178-81(1): Construction Of Baker Lake Airport Terminal

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I think the honourable Member will appreciate that this particular program is really a federal responsibility and the only area that we participate in is co-ordinating. The scheduling of construction of various airports, and terminals included, is still under the federal responsibility and the federal government has their own schedules. So therefore, we do not, as the territorial government, set the scheduling and timing of the construction of various airports and terminals.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Supplementary To Question 178-81(1): Manpower Involved In Construction Of Baker Lake Terminal

MR. CURLEY: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister not feel that this government has a responsibility to pressure the government to proceed with it, because it has a responsibility for the public of the Northwest Territories? I think Local Government should definitely have the interest in representing the people of Baker Lake. They needed that terminal and they have been asking for it. Will the Minister indicate to this House whether or not his department will lobby hard to make sure that the terminal is built this summer or if not, at least a temporary one is put in?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Supplementary To Question 178-81(1): Manpower Involved In Construction Of Baker Lake Terminal

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I most certainly will be more than happy to pressure MOT for the construction of the terminal in Baker Lake. However, if that is not possible, then, of course, some other arrangement has to be made. Anyway, I will provide the honourable Member with the most up-to-date information that I do have regarding the Baker Lake terminal.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 179-81(1): Resignation Of Minister From Special Committee On Education

MRS. SORENSEN: My question is for the Minister of Education. Mr. Minister, in view of the strong conflicting views witnessed in this House over the special committee on education recommendations and in view of the need for a Minister of Education who will not be seen to be in conflict, much less be in direct conflict, concerning further recommendations that may arise out of the special committee's deliberations over the next year, I wonder if I could have the assurances of the Minister that he will immediately resign from the special committee on education?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No way.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 179-81(1): Resignation Of Minister From Special Committee On Education

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The answer to the honourable Member's question is no.

MR. SIBBESTON: Good.

---Applause

MRS. SORENSEN: It is on the record.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Curley.

Question 180-81(1): RCMP Search And Rescue Procedures

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice and Public Services. In view of the fact there was a recent death of a young man in Frobisher Bay about four days ago and in view of the fact that RCMP had not organized a search and rescue party, will the Minister inquire into that incident and explain and report back to the House as to why the RCMP plane was not there and why there were no other planes to search for that missing person? The young man died as a result of exposure and I believe there are problems with the search and rescue procedures. Could he undertake to look into that and report back and explain to this House as to why the RCMP plane was not around?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member has my assurances that I will provide a written return to that question as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 181-81(1): Recovery Of Polar Bear Tags

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, it is a supplementary to the question I asked the Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Richard Nerysoo. In regard to the polar bear tags, if he is going to bring a reply to me and to this House, would he also find out whether in fact the polar bear tags have been in Ron Hawkins' office in Inuvik for the past three to four weeks?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.



HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I will give the assurance to the Member that I will provide that information.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Thank you, Mr. Commissioner and Mr. Deputy Commissioner, for your attendance today.

Item 3 on your orders of the day, questions and returns. Written questions. Are there any written questions today? Are there any returns?

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the debate on the special committee on education's recommendations during committee of the whole, the Minister of Health and Social Services was worried about Bill C-55, therefore I would like to table Tabled Document 29-81(1), Summary of Bill C-55, An Act to Amend the Canada Student Loans Act, and it is translated.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether it would be the appropriate time under special committees to present my aboriginal report at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The orders of the day do not really have a designated place for reports of this nature so I will accept it under this heading because you must have a way to be able to bring reports. Proceed, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Report By The Minister For Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional Development

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like at this time to present a report to the Legislative Assembly in my capacity for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. My report is not intended to be a detailed update or analysis of the negotiations, but rather a general overview with an emphasis on the review of the sessional paper in light of the six months experience applying it.

I tried to point out that as a Minister of a public government, the sessional paper creates somewhat of a dilemma. On one hand, there is one direction to co-operate and support native associations. On the other is the implicit obligation to represent non-claimant concerns and speak on behalf of the interests of the public government. The sessional paper does not speak to those concerns and, in fact, places our attendance at the negotiations at the discretion of the native associations. This can only be interpreted as a weak mandate and we really have to reconsider the whole question of our participation. We have to decide whether we should or should not be involved in the negotiations. We simply cannot be effective under the restrictions of our present mandate.

The situation last week where I recalled our staff from ITC negotiations is a good example of the point I am making. Under the terms of the sessional paper

we had no choice but to leave the table and try to negotiate the terms of our acceptance at a later date. Obviously, when we meet with native associations in the future, we will not be dealing from a position of much strength unless we do get a strong mandate from this Assembly.

#### Sessional Paper Modifications Required

If this Assembly wishes the Government of the Northwest Territories to have a significant role in the negotiations, a number of modifications to the sessional paper are required:

(1) Recommendation two clearly requires that all parties concerned approve Government of the Northwest Territories participation. This is not logical. The Government of the Northwest Territories has a legitimate legislative and public requirement to participate in these negotiations and this right should not be subject to the approval of the various native associations only.

MR. SIBBESTON: That is b.s.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Obviously this situation is inadequate and does not permit the Government of the Northwest Territories sufficient latitude in its conduct at the negotiating table as the native associations can seek removal of Government of the Northwest Territories representatives at any given moment.

(2) Recommendation four requires the Minister to enter into an informal dialogue with native associations. This dialogue is to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) Seek out areas of commonality with native associations;
- (b) Identify issues where the native associations can be supported by the Legislative Assembly;
- (c) Identify issues where the native associations can support the Legislative Assembly;
- (d) Identify areas and processes where outstanding issues can be resolved.

Clearly the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights should have a mandate to enter into formal dialogue with the native associations and to formally seek and confirm progress consistent with the objectives of (a), (b) (c) and (d).

(3) Recommendation five requires that the Minister bring forward recommendations to this Assembly as a result of this informal dialogue and that these recommendations have to have been endorsed by the respective native associations and the Executive Committee.

The objectives of (a), (b), (c) and (d) are obviously desirable and any activities planned as a result of such initiatives would need the concurrence of the native associations. However, the Minister must also maintain the right to bring forward independent recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Assembly. The Government of the Northwest Territories has unique obligations arising out of the responsibilities and legislative authority of a popularly elected public government. It is not reasonable that the Minister should always require the approval of native organizations for positions and courses of action which he and his government wish to follow.

#### Minister Requires Enhanced Mandate From Assembly

The territorial Minister has interests and responsibilities broader than those of native associations and must maintain his requirements for independent action. Therefore, if the Government of the Northwest Territories wishes to participate fully in aboriginal land claims negotiations, the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Rights requires an enhanced mandate from this Assembly that allows for the following:



An established role in the negotiations which reflect the responsibilities of this government to represent all citizens of the Northwest Territories in addition to supporting native groups in their struggle to secure their aboriginal rights. This means we would have a responsibility to address issues relating to non-claimants and public government.

The ability to prepare recommendations internally for positions, policy and strategy for presentation to the Executive Committee and this Assembly. These positions will reflect our responsibilities as a public government and should not require the approval of native associations who may have different interests and priorities.

The responsibility as a Minister of this government to formally and officially enter into a dialogue and consultation with native associations. I am in no way suggesting a need for bilateral undertakings but any dialogue that I enter into must carry the full force and responsibility of this government. Informal can be interpreted that the Minister is not mandated to represent nor speak on behalf of the government.

In light of the fact that the two groups, ITC and COPE, are in the process of negotiating their agreements, although with some delay at present, it is essential that we immediately re-examine our purpose, our responsibility and our resulting role in these negotiating sessions. It is my feeling that this government has a legitimate role to play as the representative of all citizens of the Northwest Territories, but in order to do so, this Assembly must decide on a stronger mandate. Thank you.

MR. CURLEY: No way.

MR. SIBBESTON: No way.

MS COURNOYEA: Get those people who wrote the report to stand up. Stand up.

MR. CURLEY: Who wrote that for you anyway?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

MRS. SORENSEN: Oh, here we go. Here we go.

Motion To Move Report By The Minister For Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional Development Into Committee Of The Whole, Carried

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to move this report into the committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Do I have a seconder?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie. Discussion. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot accept that a paper and a document of that calibre be moved into the committee of the whole, so I will vote against this being moved into the committee of the whole.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am not able to support the motion. The Minister was given the responsibility at Baker Lake and the paper should not have been modified twice. I am unable to support it at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Recorded vote.

MR. SPEAKER: Question. Recorded vote. Mr. Clerk, recorded vote. All those in favour of the motion.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Tologanak, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Butters, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Fraser.

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Patterson, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Noah, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SPEAKER: Abstentions. Would you bring me the results, Mr. Clerk? The motion is passed, the vote being nine in favour, eight against.

---Carried

Reports of standing and special committees. Item 7, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion 32-81(1): Report Of The Joint Parliamentary Committee On The Canadian Constitution

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HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, March 13th, I shall bring in the following motion: That this Assembly express qualified support for the Government of Canada in its efforts to repatriate the Canadian constitution and that this Assembly urge the Executive Committee to seek further amendments to the federal government's constitutional package.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Notice Of Motion 33-81(1): Request For Information, Federal Government Northern Policies

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MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that on Friday, March 13th, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that this Assembly urge the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to provide its Members at the earliest possible date with all pertinent information on federal government policies presently being shaped that will affect the North and on changes in federal legislation that will affect the North.

---Applause

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

Notice Of Motion 34-81(1): Adoption Of Terms Of Reference, Special Committee On Impact Of Division

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MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that on Friday, March the 13th, I will be moving a motion: Now therefore, I move that the proposed terms of reference of the special committee on the impact of division attached as Appendix A be adopted.



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Notices of motion. Item 8, motions.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

Motion 28-81(1). Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 28-81(1): Changes To The Motor Vehicles Ordinance And The All-Terrain Vehicles Ordinance

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS most of the senior citizens of the Northwest Territories live on small or fixed incomes;

AND WHEREAS our senior citizens do not use their automobiles and snowmobiles to the same extent as other residents of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, Mr. Fraser, that this Assembly recommends that the Executive Committee consider making the necessary changes to the motor Vehicles Ordinance and the All-Terrain Vehicles Ordinance so that senior citizens over 60 years of age may receive operators permits and registration for personal vehicles at either no charge or a minimal charge, and that the Executive Committee opinion be prepared in time for discussion and possible adoption at the next session.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 28-81(1) in my book does not include any "whereas" clauses at all. Do I have a bad copy? Does everybody else have one that has "whereas" clauses attached?

AN HON. MEMBER: No.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No. Mr. Speaker, when I turned in my motion, there were two pages, and I did not turn in the "whereas" page until yesterday, and it has not been put into the books yet.

MR. FRASER: Out of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Fine. We will delay dealing with this motion until such time as it is complete in the books.

MR. FRASER: Out of order.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay. That is fine. I can wait until tomorrow then.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

MRS. SORENSEN: He has got a conflict. He is over 60.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 29-81(1). Mr. Curley.

Motion 29-81(1): Eastern Arctic, Property Taxation In 1981

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker: (Translation)

WHEREAS this Legislative Assembly by adoption of Motion 9-80(2) at Baker Lake expressed its objection to the imposition of residential and commercial property taxes in communities in that part of the Northwest Territories expected to be contained within Nunavut, until the settlements of land claims between Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the federal government;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living in Eastern Arctic communities is substantially higher than in communities of the Western Arctic and the Mackenzie Valley;

AND WHEREAS the imposition of property taxation would place an even greater burden on the individual businessman of the Eastern Arctic;

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Local Government in a statement dated February 27, 1981, announced that property taxation will be implemented in a number of Eastern Arctic communities in 1981;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Foxe Basin, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommend to the Executive Committee that it not proceed with its announced intention to implement property taxation in 1981 in the following communities: Clyde River, Whale Cove, Pangnirtung, Eskimo Point, Hall Beach, Baker Lake, Igloolik, Repulse Bay, Arctic Bay, Coral Harbour, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet, plus 14 commercial fishing lodges.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Curley. However, the hour being 10:30, we will recess for 15 minutes for coffee, at which time you will have your opening remarks.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Curley, your motion was found to be in order. You may proceed at this time to speak to it.

MRS. SORENSEN: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order to respectfully ask the Speaker for a ruling on whether Mr. Curley, as president of a development corporation in that area known as Nunavut, called the Inuit Development Corporation, whether Mr. Curley has a conflict under Rule 14(1), concerning direct pecuniary interest and as well, in addition, whether Mr. Curley has a conflict of interest under section 16.1 of the Council Ordinance. Mr. Speaker, if I could speak to that as well.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: You are not going to be the only one.

Pecuniary Interest And Conflict Of Interest

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order has been raised. Mr. Clerk, bring me the rule book, please. In the rule book, Rule 14(1) on pecuniary interest: "No Member having a direct pecuniary interest in any question is entitled to vote on that question and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed."

The other rule that you referred to in the Council Ordinance subsection 16.1(1), conflict of interest: "Where a Member either on his own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Council is concerned, and is present at a sitting of the Council or meeting of a committee thereof at which the matter is the subject of consideration, he shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of the sitting or meeting, disclose his interest and the extent and nature thereof and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with respect to the matter, or attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

"(2) The interest of dependent spouse, son, daughter or other relative of a Member who has the same home as the Member shall, if known to the Member, be deemed for the purpose of this section to be also an interest of the Member.

"(3) Subsection (1) and (2) do not apply to an interest in any matter a Member may have

- (a) as a voter or a user of any public utility service supplied to him in like manner and subject to the like conditions as are applicable to a person who is not a Member;
- (b) because he is entitled to receive on terms common to other persons any service or commodity or any subsidy, loan or other such benefit;
- (c) by reason of his purchasing or owning a debenture;
- (d) by reason of his having made a deposit the whole or part of which is or may be returnable to him in like manner as such a deposit is or may be returnable to all other ratepayers; or
- (e) by reason of his being a member of a co-operative association.

"(4) Every disclosure of interest under subsection (1) or (2) shall be recorded in the minutes of the sitting or meeting.

"(5) The failure of a person to comply with the subsection (1) or (2) does not of itself invalidate proceedings in respect of any matter mentioned in subsection (1). R.O.N.W.T. 1974, c. C-19, s. 16.1."



Controlling Interest

"16.2(1) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), a Member shall be deemed to have a controlling interest in a corporation if he beneficially owns directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, equity shares of the corporation carrying more than 10 per cent of the voting rights attached to all equity shares of the corporation for the time being outstanding."

Indirect pecuniary interest: 16.2(2) "For the purpose of this ordinance, a Member has an indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Council is concerned,

- (a) if he or his nominee
  - (i) is a shareholder in, or a director or senior officer of, a private corporation that does not offer its securities to the public,
  - (ii) has a controlling interest in, or is a director or senior officer of, a public corporation that offers its securities to the public, or
  - (iii) is a member of a body that has a pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Council is concerned; or
- (b) if he is a partner or employee of a person who has a pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Council is concerned."

Exception

"(3) A Member does not have an indirect pecuniary interest by reason only that he is

- (a) a director or senior officer of a corporation incorporated for the purposes of carrying on business for and on behalf of the Council,
  - (b) a member of a board, commission or other body as an appointee of the Council, or
  - (c) a nominal director of, or the owner of one share in a private corporation that does not offer its securities to the public.
- R.O.N.W.T. 1974, c. C-19, s. 16.2.

"16.3 The question of whether or not a Member has contravened subsection 16.1(1) or (2) may be tried and determined by the court.

"16.4(1) The Commissioner or an elector may, within three months after the fact comes to his knowledge that a Member may have contravened subsection 16.1(1) or (2), apply to the court by way of originating notice in the manner prescribed by the rules of the court for a determination of the question of whether or not a Member has contravened subsection 16.1(1) or (2)." and so on.

Speaker's Ruling

Now, as I understand the point of order, you requested the Speaker to make a decision on whether or not Mr. Curley has a pecuniary interest in this particular motion. My feeling on a matter of this nature is that it is up to the conscience of the Member making a motion. A Speaker cannot be asked to judge a case where he does not have the facts. On the basis of this, it is up to Mr. Curley to decide whether he is in contravention of these sections. He has a choice at this time of withdrawing his motion on this basis or he has a choice of proceeding and then the point of order that Mrs. Sorensen has made can be taken to the courts if she so desires. I do not see how you can expect the Speaker to rule on a matter of this nature without actually having a court case to determine whether or not, indeed, the person is guilty.

The rules are laid down and as far as I am concerned it is a matter of conscience. If Mr. Curley wishes to proceed, he may. He may also withdraw his motion if he feels that he may be in contravention of this section. Your point of order, Mrs. Sorensen -- I suggest to you that if you are not satisfied with this ruling, that court action is available to you.

---Applause



Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (Translation) The settlements that I was talking about are like the settlement in -- like in Pelly Bay they were talking about the food. Because of the high cost of living, and that they are leaving Pelly Bay because of the high cost of living there. If the property tax was going to be put there, they will have to start going by air freight and they have to pay for the electricity. I am thinking in northern part of Canada -- if they are going to be paying property tax. If they have to pay this out of their own pocket the money is going to go to the hamlet. It has to be at the level that the Minister -- if there are more businessmen coming up, it would really help when the Minister of Local Government indicated that the communities, that the little hamlet would make approximately \$300,000 total but only 25 per cent is going to the hamlet, that it is up to the community how they spend the 25 per cent or I guess the hamlet would have to make a lot of decisions on how their employees have to take over that. It would really be good if they would have property taxes.

Small Eastern Communities Cannot Afford Property Taxes

Since there it has to go by freight, by air, and the high cost -- it does not matter that the community -- there would not be more houses constructed and the road would not be further constructed and the hamlet equipment would not be in good condition. Now it is really small communities in the Eastern Arctic. Even those communities are not up to 1000 population. Some have only a population of 200. This I know. I have experienced that they are afraid of the cost of -- even the people, the business people cannot pay for the gasoline. I know that you would like us to say that we will pay taxes, these kinds of taxes, and so you will pay taxes too. I would like to do that very much -- pay taxes concerning the fuel oil. If it is going to be three dollars for Rankin Inlet, sometimes in the winter it is very hard for the small businessmen. I would like to see the property tax fixed up. We are going to see the division of the Northwest Territories. Until that day the government has to stop the property taxes for awhile. It is a very small thing but I have been fighting for it very hard, about having Nunavut when it would be really good, when all the things are coming up of high costs. I would like some support from the Legislative Assembly Members.

MR. SPEAKER: As seconder, Mr. Evaluarjuk, would you like to speak now?

Property Taxes Should Be Delayed

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have not much to say as I am not talking of myself, that I know that when I seconded the motion, he does not have a business and for myself, I have a business too. I am not talking about my business. However, I have asked my constituents and talked to them about this situation, and they have not been informed clearly about the property taxes, and they have no means to support this very much. I am not going to stop this property tax for awhile. I would like to speak as though it is possible. We would like to keep this property tax delayed for awhile. It is very hard to satisfy people. We know that we are not going to be happy when this is defeated, and when the other people have defeated this, they are going to be happy. When they have enough requests for the property taxes, they are trying to -- like us, we have requests for some and they are not enforcers of what we request. Why? I do not like this very much, paying a lot of taxes.

As Mr. Curley said, there is really high taxes over there in the Eastern Arctic and because of the high costs of things. Even some people say that they would like to have some business and that they would have some opportunity of having good money too, even though...

MRS. SORENSEN: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mrs. Sorensen.

Conflict Of Interest

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, again I must rise under Rule 14(1) to state that I feel the Member has...

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Oh, come on! Come on! Read the rules.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...a direct pecuniary interest under that section because he owns...

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen, a ruling has been made by this Chair and it will stand during this debate.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...a hotel in Igloolik.

MR. SPEAKER: It will stand in this debate, Mrs. Sorensen.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Sit down. Sit down.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. As I was saying, support in the communities -- there are not enough people that have businesses but it is very hard to -- and there are going to be more problems if this is defeated. When we had a meeting in Frobisher Bay, the people who have businesses and others were attending the meeting too about the cost of living. We, in the communities, would be coming up with the same complaints due to high inflation rates, we will be crying out forever, and you people do not even listen to us when we try to explain to you the high cost of living in the Eastern Arctic.

Eastern Arctic Not Prepared For Taxation

The Baffin region and Keewatin residents have not prepared themselves as yet for this taxation, and those of you who have easier transportation systems in the West, it is easier for you to impose taxation to the people in your region. I believe it will be better if you would ask the people in the East how they feel about taxation, and if the results are favourable, then perhaps Local Government can look into a taxation system. Local Government has been saying for years that it costs so much to get a water truck and other municipal vehicles. It is maddening at times that in the East it is quite high to be served by other municipalities. I raised that this morning, and express to you to support me in opposing the taxation at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion 29-81(1). To the motion. Mr. Noah.

High Cost Of Living In Eastern Arctic

MR. NOAH: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I was in Baker Lake, I mentioned to you that I was opposed to the motion and it has been reintroduced again. My constituency very much is opposed to the property tax at this time. It has been reintroduced at this time. The local businesses in my constituency would go bankrupt, due to the fact of the high inflation rate and high cost of living. If the property tax were to be imposed, they would probably go bankrupt. For example, there would be no improvement to the roads in the communities. There is a very high cost of gasoline and fuel. At this time it is too expensive. The food is very expensive and they are not getting any kind of a subsidy. The hunters have never been given a subsidy due to the rising cost of fuel and this is a very heavy burden on these people.



I believe that the Local Government does not know for sure that some of these local businessmen and local hunters -- it places quite a burden on the people. Whenever we ask for anything they do not give us the things that we ask for, on the other hand, anything we oppose, they implement, and primarily in Keewatin and Baffin. We have asked for many things that have never been implemented. Anything we oppose, Local Government goes ahead and implements.

If there will be the imposition of the property tax, the Minister of Local Government has indicated, in view of the imposition of the property tax -- I do believe that the Minister of Local Government has not even made a visit to the Keewatin yet and he does not know the situation of living conditions in that region. For example, Calm Air rates are getting higher every year. I would like the hunters in the Keewatin to be subsidized. We have been asking for this for a long time and if the Minister will impose the property tax, the local businessmen will go bankrupt and there will be no improvement. They would not be getting any kind of returns whatsoever. The government will not be gaining anything by disrupting the local businessmen. It is not going to be beneficial to the government at all if the property tax is imposed and the local businessmen, as a result, have gone bankrupt and will not be able to pay their property tax.

#### High Costs Of Air Transportation

We rely very heavily on the air transportation and if that can be improved and if we were given larger aircraft, then perhaps the freight costs would be lowered and it would be more beneficial to the residents. It is a very heavy burden on the local businessmen to pay their freight costs as they are very high. Perhaps the Commissioner or the Minister of Local Government, if they can pay this to the Keewatin, they will find out for themselves and the answer from the Keewatin people will be that they are opposed to the imposition of this property tax.

You here, over in the West, have very good transportation systems. You have daily airplanes coming in and in Yellowknife there is a plane every day. There is more than one airplane arriving on a daily basis. In Keewatin we rely on the air transportation, but one never knows when the plane will be coming in, due to the inclement weather system. Now, I can say for sure that my constituents in Repulse Bay, they are not able to get a plane in the middle of the month due to the bad weather in that community. Perhaps the plane is not able to get there for one month. I do not see any benefits in imposing the property tax. My people, my constituents are greatly opposed to imposing the property tax and you can ask me personally how much I am opposed to the imposition of the property tax. Thank you.

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

#### Consultation With Communities Must Take Place

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Following the debate on this subject in Baker Lake, I received some very, I would say, angry reactions from the town council of Frobisher Bay. They criticized me for not having consulted them before this motion came up on exemption of areas in Nunavut of property taxation and they pointed out to me that the then village, now town, of Frobisher Bay depends quite considerably for operation of recreation programs, social programs in Frobisher Bay, on revenues generated from taxation in Frobisher Bay. Since the motion would have affected Frobisher Bay and would have deprived the village of Frobisher Bay of significant revenue -- it was variously estimated as being up to \$250,000 -- the council urged me to -- really, chastised me for the position that I had taken.



I had and still do have great sympathy for the smaller communities in the area north of the tree line. I do agree that they are significantly handicapped by lack of transportation facilities or where transportation facilities exist, the great costs of such transportation facilities. I also believe that before this tax system is implemented, if it is to be implemented, there should be full consultation with the communities affected and I think the Minister of Local Government has said he would do so.

However, Mr. Speaker, I must point out that a lot of this tax revenue that we are talking about and a lot of these tax dollars that we are talking about actually come from the government itself, because when the government has buildings, garages, vehicles, etc., in even a small settlement, the government has to return what is called, I believe, a grant in lieu of taxation. So it could be that if the area of Nunavut was exempt from taxation, revenues that ordinarily come to municipalities and councils would be lost because there would no longer be taxation for which there could be a grant in lieu of. This was also pointed out to me by the village of Frobisher Bay.

#### Local Councils Would Benefit From Taxation

Now, one feature I would like to point out about this tax plan that Members should be aware of is it is not as bad as it might seem. In one respect the tax plan that was tabled would return 25 per cent of all taxes collected directly to the council concerned. So while individual, private home owners and businessmen would be paying a tax, the local council would benefit to the extent of 25 per cent of that tax, and that is a feature that, I think it is fair to say, does take into account the fact that these communities are not on a road system and are different from communities in the West which have the benefits of usually better transportation and communication facilities.

I would also like to say, Mr. Speaker, that the taxation bill or proposal must also be considered in light of the rebate that was announced by Mr. Wah-Shee and that was considered at the same time by the Executive Committee. That rebate would mean that, this year, up to a level of \$200 and next years increasing level, any private residential taxpayer would only pay half of the assessed tax. The government would rebate the other half. That also makes the package a little more palatable.

Now I did receive a communication from Inuit Tapirisat of Canada objecting to the Executive Committee decision and urging me to seek to change that decision. I may say and I believe it is proper for me to say, that I did raise the issue in the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee will be reconsidering the percentage of rebate that will be given back to the communities. I do feel, as a Member of the Executive Committee, that I will support the decision that was made. I feel I must do that or else resign and I do not think this issue is something that I want to resign over. In fact I think that ultimately the only way this sort of problem is going to be solved where residents of the area, the proposed area of Nunavut, complain against this government's taxation and other policies. This is simply further argument for the creation of a new territory which itself could deal with these kinds of problems because unfortunately, government depends to some extent on taxation. I found that perhaps the hard way, when the village council of Frobisher Bay told me I had voted the wrong way in Baker Lake because they need that tax revenue to operate social programs in Frobisher Bay.

So partly because of my having been part of this decision on the Executive Committee, partly because of the view of my own village council and town council in Frobisher Bay whose decisions I feel bound to respect, I must, I do not mind admitting, somewhat reluctantly, oppose Mr. Curley's motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, announcements for lunch hour please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, Mr. Speaker. For the information of those Members who are having lunch at Akaitcho Hall, there will be two government cars at the front door of the hotel at 11:35. I understand Commissioner Parker also is going to Akaitcho Hall and has offered to provide transportation for some MLA's. On the return trip, the cars will be at Akaitcho Hall at 12:40.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. This House stands recessed until 1:00 p.m. We will continue at that time with Motion 29-81(1).

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MR. SPEAKER: The House will come to order. Prior to the lunch break we were dealing with Motion 29-81(1). To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I will make a brief statement, just on my own opinion. We state our opinions when there is a motion put to the floor. I think this motion is very important here in the Northwest Territories because of us, because we do not have rules to our community. Before I hear too much about it, I really do not know what I should say. I have not been given any substance for my constituency. They probably do not know very much about it either. They will probably be given some information later on.

Native Organizations Should Be Consulted

I have not heard either from the BRC, Baffin Regional Council or BRIA, Baffin Region Inuit Association or from native organizations. I am not in favour of the motion, because we have not heard from the native organizations yet. I feel that I am not going to be in support of the motion. It would be better if the communities could be consulted first, if they agree to it or if they give us some instructions to the Executive, I think it would be better. If you do not do research on this matter first and then get the motion passed, especially for the people of the Baffin region and the Central Arctic, I do not think the people are not going to be very happy about it, especially the people with private enterprise. We know that everything in the Territories or in the world, the cost of food and everything else, is getting higher. The people, the native people, are now starting to get their own jobs. If this motion is going to pass, the people that are trying to get their own business, they are going to...

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, a point of order?

MR. CURLEY: The translation is not correct. Mr. Kilabuk is really saying if the tax policy is passed, rather than the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, Mr. Curley. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) I think I was going a little bit too fast. I will slow down a little bit. The people in the Baffin region and in the Keewatin and in the Central Arctic, they are starting to get their own businesses. The motion right now, people who wish to go on their own...

MR. CURLEY: Point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, a point of order or a point of privilege?

MR. CURLEY: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. The translation is not correct. I believe when he is talking about the tax policy, the interpreter is getting it mixed up with the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there translation problems?

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Would it be easier if I slowed down?

MR. SPEAKER: Slow down a little bit then, please, Mr. Kilabuk. Continue.

MR. KILABUK: (No translation)

INTERPRETER: I cannot hear him.

MR. SPEAKER: We are having some translation trouble, Mr. Kilabuk. Is that microphone not working?

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am sorry for causing this inconvenience.

MR. SPEAKER: It seems to be all right now. Go ahead.

Native People Will Be Discouraged From Operating Own Businesses

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) I was trying to speak about the people living in the Territories and native people especially are trying to get their own businesses going now, to run their own private businesses to make a living. This tax thing that has been introduced, the property tax, is going to discourage a lot of people who wish to run their own businesses in the future. We often say that we would like to see the native people in the Territories running their own businesses. We talk about devolution and everything else. Introducing this property tax before people have learned more about, and passing it, is not a good idea. It would be better if people learned and were informed about property taxation before it is passed. It should be studied how it is going to affect people who are planning to start their own businesses. People should be more informed about it before it is passed.

We talk about running self-government and establishing our own government in the Territories, but if you are already imposing property taxes now -- I would suggest that we wait until we have our own government to start to introduce taxation in the Territories. I would like to see that property taxation wait until we have our own Nunavut. I will support this. From my own understanding it will not help the people who want to start their own businesses. People who wish to get into their own enterprises will be blocked by this property taxation. I support this motion, because of those reasons.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. To the motion. Mr. Fraser.

High Cost Of Living In Western Arctic Communities Also

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to vote against the motion. I feel that there are a lot of settlements in my constituency that are in the same position as some of the settlements in the Arctic that are mentioned in the motion. I cannot sympathize with them on a tax base that is so small that it is not going to mean very much to the settlements concerned. Maybe this is just a start. Maybe some of them are afraid that this is just a start of taxation, next year it could jump double. I have settlements in my constituency that are in the same package as some of the settlements that the Members were talking about.

They talk about higher prices of gas, higher prices of fuel, higher prices of food. I have settlements in my constituency that are in the same position as they are -- maybe higher prices for gas and higher prices for fuel. So therefore, I cannot support the motion. I am sure that other Members who have other settlements in their constituencies, are in the same position as I am and would have the same concern, I hope, that this motion only concerns the communities in the Eastern Arctic. They have excluded some. Why, I do not know. There are only certain settlements that are included in this motion. If we are going to exempt taxes from anybody at all, it should be across the board, not only just certain settlements.



I admire the mover of this motion for bringing forth the motion. If it passes, it is maybe good for the next election, but he is trying hard and I say he is trying all he can to see what he can do. He is excluding a lot of the settlements, and I do not believe that some of the settlements that are excluded should be. Mr. Speaker, when it does come to a vote, I would like a recorded vote please. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Appaqaq. Pardon me. Mr. Arlooktoo. I am sorry.

Taxation Should Be Dealt With After Nunavut

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, the motion made by Mr. Curley, I will support because of the following reasons. In my community two people own private businesses. They have not heard about this motion and they have not had anything in it. I know that they will not appreciate it. I am supporting that because of the people who have their own private enterprises in their home town. I believe that taxation should be dealt with only after Nunavut, and we also have tried to get our own business going, but we have always felt that it was too expensive when it came to paying taxes. It is very difficult now in trying to set up our own businesses and when it comes to paying taxes, it is more expensive. I will support Mr. Curley's motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Quyanamik. (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not heard what all has been said about the motion, but I will support the motion for the following reasons. The communities in our region are not settled properly and not managed properly, and when they talk about Arctic Bay, as is mentioned here -- I often go to Arctic Bay in the springtime when the snow is melting. They are trying to run that community on their own. In the spring there is a lot of flood water coming in from the mountains right into the settlements, and what floods! They are going to be paying taxes in that community, but I do not see any sense in paying taxes for that, and I see the same thing happen in Pond Inlet. Resolute Bay is different, but we do get flooded in the springtime when the snow melts.

These are the things that are happening in the communities. The communities are falling apart in the springtime because of the floods. I would not want to pay taxes -- only when the communities are improved. I would be against the motion, but for now I will support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Implications Of Taxation Program

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to provide some information regarding the taxation program and the implication it may have for the Eastern Arctic. I will give you a typical example of taxation, the implication it would have, specifically in the area of Rankin Inlet, seeing that the honourable Member from Rankin Inlet has moved the motion regarding taxation in the Eastern Arctic.

The information I have in terms of the implication of the taxation program that we are considering and would like to introduce -- in order for the businessman who owns the largest hotel in Rankin Inlet, in order for him to recover his costs and the implication it would have on his particular hotel, would amount to having the proprietor charging 25 cents per day and add this on to his daily rate which is, from my point of view, very reasonable. The other area, of course, is that the individual person that owns and runs the business in the Eastern Arctic is in a position to deduct from his or her personal income tax as a

business expense, which I think is also quite reasonable.

The other area, of course, is that as far as the individual person who owns his or her house, if we did not introduce the tax rebate for home ownership -- and I say and I stress that if we did not introduce the home ownership -- property taxes for a private home would cost anywhere from \$13 a year to \$169 a year. However, that figure has also changed because we have introduced home owners tax rebate, so that figure has fallen down so the lowest taxes that can be paid in the Eastern Arctic for private home ownership would be eight dollars a year. That gives you 12 months to pay eight dollars. That is quite reasonable. The highest that you can pay is \$119, as well. I would like to clear that up because I think that the honourable Members who are going for tax exemption for the Eastern Arctic ought to be a little more familiar with their facts.

The other area, of course, is that the 14 lodges that the honourable Member for Keewatin South has indicated, that should be exempted from the taxation program, are all in the West. None of these lodges that have been presently assessed exist in the Eastern Arctic. They are all in the West.

MRS. SORENSEN: You are probably right.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The other information that I would like to provide at this time is that if we do not introduce the taxation program, we will lose 70 per cent of the federal taxes that would be normally paid to the various hamlets, which I assume is related to the Eastern Arctic again, and that 20 per cent of the taxes that would be normally paid by the territorial government would also be lost. The small percentage of 10 per cent is being paid by the average businessman from the Eastern Arctic, which I think is a reasonable proposition again.

#### The West Is Paying Higher Percentage Of Taxes

Again, I would like to indicate to the House that the West is paying a much higher percentage of taxes. I think that we are trying to be extremely reasonable, but at the same time, I think that we have to be a little fair. I do not think that we have to wait for aboriginal claims to be settled before we address the whole issue of taxation because, really, if you want to run your own affairs at the community level, then the federal government, naturally, would expect some contribution from the communities.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Hear, hear!

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I think that this is the way that you progress toward self-government. You will be expected to pay your own way at some point in time. As far as the taxation that is presently being required to ask the various communities for various contributions, at the present time we have 25 per cent which can be retained by the various hamlets and I think that we are prepared to consider a higher percentage to be retained at the community level. I think that we are not particularly hung up on the 25 per cent.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee, would you slow down a little, please?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to indicate to the House that I think we can be a little more flexible on the taxes that are being raised in the various communities. At the present time we have 25 per cent. I think that we can be a little flexible in that area and we can raise the amount from 25 per cent to a higher level.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I think that that will not create a burden on the residents of the Keewatin communities nor, for that matter, the Baffin, Central and High Arctic communities. Thank you.

---Applause



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Ms Cournoyea.

Government Costs In Collecting Taxes

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I am going to support this motion because, in my calculations, of what I am able to surmise from the statements placed before this House, it will probably cost the territorial government six times that amount by the time we employ the civil servants to do the assessments in the communities, send in the bills...

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: It has already been done.

MS COURNOYEA: ...and continually lobby for collecting these small amounts of money which mean virtually nothing.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Then why are you so upset?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MS COURNOYEA: I do not feel bad in dealing with these particular communities, even though my constituents may be in another area and not recognized in this motion.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Well, so are mine.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MS COURNOYEA: I feel that when we are evolving on the basis of promoting taxes to local businesses and home owners, it is very easy to come into a community and say it is only going to cost you this small amount this year and then next year it is more, and next year it is more, and next year it is more.

So in all honesty and fairness, I feel these communities should have the time to really understand the whole system of taxation and what it really is going to mean to them in the long run. I do not believe, and if I understand the arguments put forth, it will not be that much money that we are talking about that will be recovered from these people in the first instance. So, I can fully support the motion on the basis that these people here have a high cost of living, as we do too, but Mr. Curley and Mr. Evaluarjuk have put this motion on behalf of their constituents. They are going to fight for what they believe is right for their constituents. If other people wish to do the same thing for their constituents, then they should do so.

I realize that on the coast many, many times it is difficult to get supplies when you need them, and at a competitive rate. I believe in some of our areas in the Western Arctic and on the river stream we do have some options. Maybe some communities do not have too much, but I support the motion on the basis that Mr. Curley had the guts to come up and fight for his constituents and I do not think we are talking about some money that is going to mean anything to this government.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. To the motion. Mr. Noah, have you not spoken already on this?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, he has.

MR. SPEAKER: You can only speak once in formal session. To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: So has Tagak Curley. It is his motion, really.

Benefits Accrue To People Of The Communities

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I am in support of the motion and of the idea of putting taxes in particular places. I believe that, as the Minister has indicated and as other speakers have indicated the benefits of taxation accrue to the people of the communities, and as well, the benefits accrue to the municipalities. People in the West have been criticized by people from the East for not knowing and not being involved and not seeing places in the East. I think the same criticism can go to people in the East for not knowing what is going on in the West.

This government is being continually asked, Mr. Speaker, to provide more and more services to all people in the Territories. We have limited sources of funding, not the least of which, of course, would be our deficit grant, but a part of the amount of moneys that we generate is through taxation. We have very few things that we can tax. We use this tax money, to provide additional benefits to senior citizens. We use that tax that we generate to provide for subsidies for home owners and for providing public housing. We use taxes to provide social assistance. We use the tax to enable people within the Territories to have increased hospital health services. We are asked continually to provide new maintenance materials, equipment, mobile equipment to various communities, not just in the West, but in the East. We provide the social services, the health, the education, the housing, local government, public works to all places and if we in the West have to pay our particular share of that, then I think it is only fair that people all across the Territories pay their particular share or a portion, to provide those services that we all have.

I understand full well that there are certain individuals in the Northwest Territories that have a special status and can get particular materials and resources from other areas and are covered by other sources, the federal government. When we are continually asked to provide increased clothing allowance, increased assistance to families and social assistance, when we are asked to continually put more money into education and we are asked to provide increased subsidies in terms of paying for utility costs in our public housing, I think it only fair that those people provide some of those resources whereby we can give that kind of service to other people. So, Mr. Speaker, I support my colleague, Mr. Wah-Shee in the kinds of statements and the kinds of arguments that he puts forth on this particular motion.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

MR. FRASER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: If you speak, Mr. Curley, you close the debate. Mr. Sibbeston.

Dene Communities Paying Taxes

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I just want to find out, if possible, whether the communities in the Mackenzie Valley, places like Fort Providence, Fort Liard, Wrigley, Fort Norman, presently pay any taxes. I would like that answered, if possible, without losing my opportunity to speak, if possible.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Agreed.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: The answer is yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Are we agreed?



SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Certainly, it is a question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The Dene communities are required to pay taxes at the present time and this had been instituted, I believe, long before we even considered introducing the matter to the Eastern Arctic.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. To the motion.

MR. FRASER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Is there any person that has not spoken who wishes to speak? Mr. McLaughlin.

Eastern Arctic Should Start Contributing To Operation Of Government

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, just very briefly. I think Members should realize that it is more than just what Mr. McCallum said about the taxes that are raised that come into our general revenue for the territorial government and then are redistributed to the whole Territories. What I think Members in the Eastern Arctic should realize is that in our communities in this area, our own communities raise taxes in their own communities and keep those taxes in their communities, and we pay between two thirds and three quarters of the cost of running our own municipalities and our own towns whereas the territorial government finances 100 per cent of the operation of the communities in the Eastern Arctic.

You should realize what people in my community and others think when they have to pay taxes in order to get water and sewer, when they have to pay taxes in order to get their roads graded and for all the other services. We do not get money to pay for our town office and expenses to run it and all our employees. We have to raise that money in our own community and pay our own expenses and pay our own way. People in my area find it very hard to believe that people in the rest of the Northwest Territories do not pay anything for the running of their municipality. So I am against this motion because I think that if there is going to be a lot of money spent all over the Territories -- if you look at our budget, you see the tremendous amount of money that we are paying in our budget to the Keewatin and Baffin regions in proportion to the number of people there. You probably get two or three times the amount of money per capita spent in your region from this budget.

I do not mind that, because there is a lot of catching up to do in those regions as far as water and sewer services and paving and airports go, and I can appreciate that. You have to appreciate that people in my part of the Territories want to see you at least contributing something toward the operation of this government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. FRASER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Last call to the motion or I will give the floor to Mr. Curley which will close the debate. Mr. Curley.

Eastern Communities Do Contribute To Municipal Services

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think when we get into the estimates on Local Government, it will show right now during this debate that the communities in the Eastern Arctic do contribute to the municipal services and that the small businessman contributes quite substantially to the hamlet budget in lieu of municipal services. They do not get away with free delivery of water and sewage.

They pay quite a significant portion of their operating budget, the small businessman and the private home owner, not in lieu of taxes but in lieu of municipal services. I think the director of Local Government will show that but he does not choose to give that information to the Minister of Local Government.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am still convinced that this proposed policy will not improve substantially the municipality budget. Presently the way it is, the present policy says "Well, municipalities will get to keep 25 per cent" and if an individual is charged with \$500 tax assessment in one year, the government is going to say "We are going to give you \$250 tax rebate". So how in the world is that a tax rebate when it is not a tax rebate.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to urge the Members of this Assembly that they do not just have to follow the bandwagon in the West. Just because they have joined the Executive does not mean that they ought to go and get on that bandwagon and support the tax policy which is not supported by the consumers of the Territories.

---Applause

Representing Small Businessmen

Somebody has to represent the small businessman and the consumer, private ownership. In Eskimo Point they are very strongly against this particular tax proposal. Communities are already paying. The small private businessman is paying quite significantly. I was told Baker Lake for instance, gets about \$120,000 in revenue accrued from municipal services. So it is not true that they are not paying anything right now. If you want to, I will give a tax rebate to the people in the Western Arctic -- do so. I think the rebate program should not be tied into the way the present tax is set out in the Eastern Arctic. My motion did not suggest that Frobisher Bay be excluded from that tax proposal. It mentions 12 communities, but Frobisher Bay is not included in that because this is a taxation introduction for 1981. Frobisher has been probably charging tax program in the communities but I would urge that the Members vote on their own conscience, and the Executive Members on their own conscience. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: This concludes the debate on Motion 29-81(1). I am now going to call the question.

MR. FRASER: Recorded vote, Mr. Speaker.

Motion 29-81(1), Defeated

MR. SPEAKER: Recorded vote being requested. Those in favour of the motion, would you please stand and remain standing until your name is called? Those in favour of the motion?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pudluk, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Noah.

MR. PUDLUK: And Mr. Remnant.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed to the motion, please stand. Remain standing until your name is called.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Patterson, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Butters, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Fraser.



MR. SPEAKER: Will you bring the results to the Chair, please?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Abstentions.

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry. Abstentions.

---Laughter

---Applause

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

MS COURNOYEA: Nice to see all the Executive in their chairs at once for a change.

MR. PUDLUK: Yeah, for a change.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: What a revelation.

MR. SPEAKER: The vote in favour of the motion is seven. Order please.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mrs. Sorensen would not let me sit over there. Somebody does not like me either.

MRS. SORENSEN: They will stab you in the back every time, Mr. Patterson.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The vote is seven for, 10 against, one abstention. The motion was defeated.

---Defeated

We now move on to Motion 30-81(1). Ms Cournoyea.

Motion 30-81(1): Study Of Economic Development And Tourism In Inuvik Region

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, Motion 30-81(1), Study of Economic Development and Tourism in the Inuvik Region:

WHEREAS due to recent economic activity in the Western Arctic region, the economy of that region is about to undergo a period of substantial and sustained growth;

AND WHEREAS each impetus is going to be further sustained by the developments in the non-renewable sector in the Beaufort Sea and Norman Wells;

AND WHEREAS the opening of the Dempster highway will further increase economic activity in the Western Arctic region;

AND WHEREAS in order to take advantage of the increased economic activity in the Western Arctic region, it is essential that local businesses in that area are provided with adequate assistance and guidance by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism;

AND WHEREAS the regional office of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has, to date, failed to provide such assistance and guidance to local businesses to enable them to fully participate and capitalize on the increased economic activity in the region;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that the operation of the regional office of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism be closely examined to make the much needed improvement in its operation;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, Mr. Fraser, that this Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee to appoint an independent professional consultant to conduct a study into the operation of the regional office of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Inuvik region over the past three years and to suggest methods for reorganizing the regional office so that it may be able to effectively service local businesses in that region to fully participate and capitalize on the economic development in that region.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea, your motion is in order. Proceed.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not know what I have not said about my concern about Economic Development and its operation in the Western Arctic region. I wonder if the Members would like me to repeat myself, or are they adequately feeling that the arguments have been placed before us on numerous occasions, particularly in the study of Economic Development and their budget that was placed before us?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just say speech number three, Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Well, I am just feeling that I cannot continue to say the same thing. So, I would like to beg upon the Assembly, if they can recollect the statements I have made on behalf of the concern that I have in the Western Arctic region and let it rest at that.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Agreed. Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser, the seconder, is not in the House. To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

Amendment To Motion 30-81(1)

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some amendments to the motion. The amendments occur on page two, the fourth line. They are to add "s" to "operation" to make it "operations" and to remove "regional office of the", remove those four words. On the sixth line, to again remove, "the regional office", to remove those three words, "the regional office" and replace those three words with "those operations so that they will", instead of "it may". So therefore, the "Now therefore I move" would read as follows: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, Mr. Fraser, that this Legislative Assembly urge the Executive Committee to appoint an independent professional consultant to conduct a study into the operations of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Inuvik region over the past three years and to suggest methods for reorganizing those operations so that they will be able to effectively service local businesses in that region to fully participate and capitalize on the economic development in that region.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: The amendment is in order. To the amendment.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, the amendment is just to make sure that it is not only the regional office of the Department of Economic Development that is looked at, it is the whole aspect of economic development and the government service in that area that I believe that Ms Cournoyea is wanting. So, I felt I did not want to just restrict it to the office, but it was a much broader aspect that she was wanting and in that way I could support the motion wholeheartedly. So, I would ask Members to support the amendment.



MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, I require a seconder to the amendment. Do I have a seconder? Mr. Pudluk. To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MRS. SORENSEN: Question.

Amendment To Motion 30-81(1), Carried

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

---Carried

To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 30-81(1), Carried As Amended

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

---Carried

I believe that that then concludes 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. Nerysoo. Are you waving at me?

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 9-81(1): Council Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, March 13th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 9-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be read for the first time.

---Applause

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: 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.

Second Reading Of Bill 16-81(1): Lotteries Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 16-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting Lotteries, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to allow the Commissioner to regulate and license persons or organizations conducting and managing lottery schemes as permitted pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Do we have a seconder? Mrs. Sorensen. Discussion to the bill in principle. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The bill is at second reading.

---Carried

Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might have unanimous consent to return to one item for first reading. I was being talked at and I missed it, sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

MR. CURLEY: Nay.

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well played, sir.

---Laughter

AN HON. MEMBER: You had better take it back.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, I have heard two nays on the floor.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I heard them too. I noted them too, sir.

MS COURNOYEA: No one was talking at you?

MR. SPEAKER: Second reading of bills. I will call it again. 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, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 1-81(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1981-82; Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82; NINTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Department Of Public Works, Detail Of Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee is on page 11.13, detail of capital. It starts on page 11.13 to page 11.20, in the amount of \$13,900,000. Mr. Wah-Shee.



HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Are we dealing with the Department of Public Works, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Department of Public Works, Mr. Wah-Shee. Would you like to call in some witnesses?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes. Could I call upon the Deputy Commissioner, Bob Pilot, and Paul Moody, the director, to appear as witnesses?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it agreed, Members?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Will the Sergeant-at-Arms see that those members are in? Before we go into general comments, I think when DPW was concluded last week there was a motion on the floor that was not completed. I will just have the Clerk read the motion now to the Members. Mr. Clerk.

Motion To Move Highways Department To Hay River, Enterprise Or Fort Simpson, Restated

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The motion on the floor is: I move, in keeping with the stated position of this Legislature to decentralize government wherever possible, considering economics and efficiency, that the Executive consider the moving of the complete highways department to commence this year, to Hay River, Enterprise, or Fort Simpson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That motion was made by Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart, to the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I believe he spoke to it.

HON. DON STEWART: Yes, I have said all I wish to say about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Stewart. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, we have had some time to look at it in the interval but I really felt that it was not proper at all at the time to bring such a motion as that into committee of the whole. It is the kind of thing, if it is going to be presented anywhere, it should have been in a formal motion. I find that in a sense it is somewhat mischievous, to that extent. I do not believe that this government's policy of devolution means that we send headquarters departments all over the Northwest Territories. It is to attempt to see that in so far as possible, operations are centred in the field and that where decision making powers are required, that where possible, those be in the field.

You certainly need headquarters operations. The actual mechanics, as far as I know, are located already in Hay River. I notice that there is \$220,000 going toward a garage in Hay River. There are highways maintenance camps at various places along the highway so it is not as though Yellowknife has all of those things. What we simply have here now are the headquarters staff and, as I understand it, the planning function and where better for them to be, in my opinion, than along with the other segments of DPW that they will have to work with.

Already Sufficient Devolution In Highways Division

I think it would not make sense at all to move the headquarters staff away from the other headquarters staff of the government. In other words, there is already a fair measure of devolution in this division. As Mr. Stewart even

himself admitted in first talking about this, the supervisor of the ferry system, for instance, he mentioned, is located in Yellowknife but that he is on the road all the time. I submit that the necessary service to areas is already being done adequately and that there need not be a relocation to anywhere else at all.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McLaughlin. To the motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. To the motion. I am in favour of this motion because we are not talking about moving the whole Department of Public Works headquarters to Hay River. We are talking about moving the head of the highways division, that entire division, to Hay River. Right now you have got the head of the highways division at the end of the road and he should be in the centre of the activity where the road is and he should be dealing on a day-to-day basis with the department out in the field. Most of the roads are centred around the Enterprise-Hay River area.

I would like to think that the highways division people should live in the communities that are in the middle of the highway system, and in order to get from place to place drive on the roads from Hay River or Enterprise to Fort Simpson, Pine Point and Fort Resolution and Fort Smith instead of flying there from Yellowknife, to see how things are doing. I think the amount of money that is being spent on the construction and maintenance of highways would be a lot better spent if the people from the division were located in Hay River or Enterprise or Fort Simpson and had to commute and use these roads on a regular basis, both for their business and for their pleasure. Thank you.

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

#### Enterprise As A Possible Choice

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if I could just ask the mover of the motion why he included Enterprise in that list of communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: There are probably two good reasons. Enterprise is also a part of my constituency. That has got to be one fairly good reason. The second one is that the government has seen fit to put the weigh scales and has used Enterprise in the past as part of their headquarters for the highway system, so I was not trying to dictate that it had to be Hay River. I left the options open, but the logical conclusion, of course, you would put it in Hay River.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I would like to ask some questions of the Minister concerning the practicality of this move, because I too believe in decentralization because of the difficulties that we do have in the North with economics and viable businesses in the communities. I think that the people do look toward government for that kind of stimulus. However, I would like to have a little bit more information from the Minister concerning how many staff we would be talking about and what would be the mechanics of the actual move.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the reason why we should address the whole area of public government and trying to bring government closer to the people and so forth -- I think this is really part of the process of decentralization. I think that obviously we cannot have all the territorial departments located here in Yellowknife. I think that we can do a good job in terms of decentralizing



certain responsibilities that we do have and one of those, of course, is in the highway division, that it would be appropriate to consider having the operation located south of Great Slave Lake. However, I would like to ask Bob Pilot, the Deputy Commissioner, to provide more information. He is more aware than I am. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Mr. Deputy Commissioner, did you get the question?

Study On Future Of Highways Division

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just recently the Executive Committee requested that a study be done on the highways division and the future of that particular division as it is and as it sits in the Department of Public Works. That review has been completed and has come to my desk within the last two or three days for my review, and then will go to the Executive Committee for review before any firm decision or conclusion is made. What this report was doing for the Executive Committee was looking at the various components of transportation and communication and the possibility of combining certain aspects together; highways, airports, communications, etc., and the pros and cons between the joining of or the continuation of the departments or the sections as we see them today. As I say, this report is now in my office and I will be tabling it before the Executive very shortly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mrs. Sorensen. Supplementary.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, thank you. I guess that I still do not feel that my specific question has been answered, and that is, how many people are we talking about when we talk about transferring the -- well, I am not sure what the direct motion said, but it said decentralizing highways to Hay River, Enterprise or Fort Simpson. Now, I see under the highways division we have 117.5 employees. I know they are not all in Yellowknife, but how many would then have to leave Yellowknife and move into the region?

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

Numbers Of People To Be Moved

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, my apologies for misinterpreting the question. I would say approximately 20 people located here in Yellowknife would be affected by such a move. The remaining numbers that you see in the estimate book are scattered throughout the southern and northern communities on the highway system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask another question and that is would the Deputy Commissioner envision then that management would move, for instance, the chief of highways? Would that level of employee then move south of the lake?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, I have not given it full consideration at this time but I believe it could be done either way. I think the answer could be that the chief of operations for the highways division could remain here under the direction of the Deputy Minister of Public Works or that position could go down to Hay River, depending on the management control that the department would like to see within that division and how it would be related to the present structure.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Braden.

Long-Term Planning For Transportation Systems In The NWT

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to briefly elaborate on what the Deputy Commissioner has indicated, we have examined how the government should reorganize in the whole area of transportation including highways, airports, and water traffic. Believe me, with tankers going through the Arctic waters, transportation is going to become a very, very important issue which we, as a Legislature, and we, as a government, have to deal with.

In this particular area of highways and the questions which my colleague for Yellowknife South is addressing, we are in some respects talking about the operational aspect of maintaining the highway system. There are a lot of other aspects of transportation in the Northwest Territories. We had some questions today from my colleague, Mr. Noah, from the Keewatin, concerning airports in the Northwest Territories. What we have attempted to do in our preliminary review is to pull together and rationalize the manner in which the Government of the Northwest Territories is going to deal with the whole issue of transportation. I am confident that in our deliberations and in our final decisions, we will make the appropriate judgments about decentralization of operational aspects of transportation, whether it is highways or airports or waterways, and maintaining, not only just in Yellowknife but also in the regions, certain capabilities associated with short, interim and long-term planning for transportation systems in our Territories.

I recognize the interest that my colleague from Yellowknife South has but I would request, given that it is my committee that is dealing with this reorganization in our government that we recognize the need to decentralize.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. To the motion. Mr. Stewart.

Requesting The Executive Committee To Study The Move

HON. DON STEWART: Well, yes, Mr. Chairman. Really all the motion says is to ask the Executive Committee to study the thing and try and accomplish it. It is certainly not a direction. We know that the Executive Committee will have to work on it but I think too that you need support of the House at times to cause these things to happen. All I am asking for is the concurrence of the Legislature that, yes, they believe in decentralization and if any of these places suit the relocation of the highways division, that is where it should go. That is all the motion says. It is nothing more than that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I just wanted to hear it read again first if I may.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Clerk, can you read the motion again?

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): I move that in keeping with the stated position of this Legislature to decentralize government, wherever possible, considering economics and efficiency, that the Executive consider the moving of the complete highways department to commence this year to Hay River, Enterprise or Fort Simpson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I notice Mr. Patterson wanted to speak. I am thinking of an amendment, Mr. Chairman, so I will pass momentarily.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Patterson.



Need For Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe in decentralization as a principle. We have heard eloquent speeches from people in the past about the need for decentralization and regional government. Often there are justifications given for retaining central authority. Not surprisingly they come from Members who are concerned about the economic future of a city which will eventually have to give up civil service functions and work forces to new territories and new regions. I am going to be interested in observing just how someone like Mrs. Sorensen votes on this question because she has been...

MRS. SORENSEN: I already said I believe in decentralization. Why do you not listen?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...she has been an eloquent advocate of decentralization and...

MRS. SORENSEN: Clean the dirt out of your ears.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...I hope she will adhere to the principle that is expressed in this motion.

I would just like to say, Mr. Chairman, that we are only talking about highway maintenance. We are not talking about the whole transportation system of the government and it seems to me to make sense to put the highway maintenance operation where the highways are. So I am going to support the motion. Thank you.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Move Highways Department To Hay River, Enterprise Or Fort Simpson, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. All in favour? Up, up, up. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Detail Of Capital, Agreed

Detail of capital, \$13,900,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Directorate, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 11.02, directorate, total O and M, in the amount of \$459,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. MacQUARRIE: No.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed? Page 11.02 in the amount of \$459,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion on behalf of the standing committee on finance. It is found on page seven of the standing committee's report.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is this under directorate, Mrs. Sorensen?

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Proceed with your motion.

Motion To Accept Recommendation A20-81 Of Ninth Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance, Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: I have simply put it under directorate because that is the policy making body and this concerns a policy. It is recommendation A20-81. I move on behalf of the standing committee on finance, that a policy be developed immediately to govern the operation of the capitalized project management group and that the standing committee on finance and the Legislature receive a yearly report and budget breakdown of the operation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I think it is pretty basically straightforward. The standing committee on finance feels that there is a group of individuals within the capital project management that are not reflected in the main estimates and we feel that this House should be able to see from year to year how that project management group is growing or not growing and how much it is costing us to keep them in their activity. So it is just simply requesting that DPW table in the House a management report from year to year on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Do I hear a question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All in favour? Raise your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Total O and M, \$459,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CURLEY: Nay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, directorate, \$459,000.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This motion I have here would have probably been appropriate for capital, but I will move it here, because it involves policy. So, Mr. Chairman, I have a motion, and I wish to move it now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Proceed with your motion, Mr. Curley.

Motion For No Moratorium On Capital Works In Central Keewatin And Baffin Island Regions

MR. CURLEY: Thank you. I move that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee and the Department of Public Works that no moratorium on capital works be imposed or considered for the central Keewatin and Baffin Island regions in coming years.



HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is simply asking that the Executive Committee and the Department of Public Works not consider ever imposing a moratorium on capital works. Where there are no highways or anything, the requirements and capital projects in the East are lagging behind. I noticed that there was some talk about retrofitting it for one year, but some of these buildings are not suited to spend all that much money. So, I am in favour of a program where, if there is to be any moratorium considered, they should be considering it not all at once, but maybe region by region, for instance -- not try to do all that in one year. So, I think where there is no decent transportation to ship the major supplies, I do not think it would do any good to put a moratorium, because the public works provides quite a significant wage economy to people in the area, where there are not any other opportunities. So, it is just a guideline to the Executive Committee to consider and follow. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion.

MRS. SORENSEN: Could I have it repeated, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Clerk, would you please repeat the motion? It is a very short motion.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): That this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee and the Department of Public Works that no moratorium on capital works be imposed or considered for central Keewatin and Baffin Island regions in coming years.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion.

MR. CURLEY: Question.

MR. PUDLUK: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie, to the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Well, it is sort of a point of order. Has this Assembly already agreed to some procedure with respect to a moratorium?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen, have you got something to say? Do not point. That is rude.

---Laughter

Report Concerning Alternatives For Turning Capital Moneys To Retrofit Moneys

MRS. SORENSEN: I believe that the decision, under regional operations when we were discussing the overview of capital, was that the Deputy Commissioner would table in this House a report concerning alternatives for turning some moneys from capital into moneys for retrofit. We had sort of accepted what the Deputy Commissioner had said with respect to not calling a full moratorium on capital projects for next year, but that he could look at the budget and produce a paper that said, "All right, this year we can take X number of dollars and turn that into retrofit. Next year we can take a few more dollars and the following years we can take a few more dollars out of capital", so that it would not come as any one blow during any one year.

I have since written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner asking him when that report would be tabled in the House and he has responded that it will be tabled next week, but since we are not going to be meeting next week, perhaps he could give a further update on whether it will be ready by the end of this session.

MR. CURLEY: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner, do you want to respond to that?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the paper has been completed and has been placed before the Executive Committee and will be brought forward by the Hon. Mr. Braden, I hope by tomorrow. The paper is finished, as I say, and it is just a matter now of putting the covering paper on it, to have it brought forward to the Legislature.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. MacQuarrie, we are getting away from the motion here. To the motion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, well, in which case I would suggest that it is improper to deal with that motion at this time, until we know what is going to be said in the report. It is kind of a hypothetical motion, and I think it would be foolish for this Assembly, in any prior way, to bind itself to something which we do not even know if that is going to be recommended yet. So, either the motion should be withdrawn, which is what I think would be the proper thing, or if the mover will not withdraw it, then it would seem to me we ought to defeat it, in order to hear the report.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, do you want to proceed with your motion or wait until that white paper comes out and more information is ready?

MR. CURLEY: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We will proceed with his motion. Question being called.

MS COURNOYEA: Question.

Motion For No Moratorium On Capital Works In Central Keewatin And Baffin Island Regions, Carried

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ready for the question? All those in favour? Down. Opposed? Thank you. The motion is carried.

---Carried

We will take a 15 minute coffee break. Thank you.

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We have a quorum now. Department of Public Works, directorate, \$459,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I have another motion to present on behalf of the standing committee on finance, but before I do that, since it may not be necessary to sponsor the motion itself, I would like to ask the Deputy Commissioner some questions concerning the planning that goes into the capital projects with respect to estimates on the operation and management of those projects after their completion. I notice in the capital budget, that there is no section or no line that deals with the projected operation and maintenance costs of each capital project. Is that now in the plans and would it be the Department of Public Works that would work hand in hand with regional operations when the planning is done on capital projects?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Oh, yes. I am sorry. I cannot see you from here.

MRS. SORENSEN: I asked the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. Mr. Pilot.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The O and M costs will be reflected in future capital plans. The projected O and M costs will be developed by the Department of Public Works in concert with the capital planning group to assure that they are shown in the plan.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: In that case, I will not go ahead with the motion, except to make it quite clear that the standing committee on finance as much as a year ago felt that that was a very important move, in light of rising energy costs and that it would be important as part of the whole planning for capital in the Northwest Territories that we project along with that, O and M. So, since the government is doing that then, the standing committee will not propose its motion now. Thank you.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Department of Public Works, directorate, \$459,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Architectural Services, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.03, architectural services, total O and M, \$192,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Engineering Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Engineering services, \$214,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.05, operations, \$12,748,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

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---Laughter

Accommodation Services, Regions, Total O And M, Agreed

Page 11.06, accommodation services, regions, \$359,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am not sure whether this -- just a moment -- "who administer staff housing and assist". It has to do with staff housing. We have heard talk about a possible policy on staff housing. Is there anything to report in that respect?

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee on priorities and planning have had about half a dozen meetings over the last few months to consider the task force report on staff housing. We have, in my estimation, a couple of meetings to go before we have completed our internal examination of the report and also decision making. Now I had hoped to be able to present to this committee or the House during this session a statement on staff housing policy. Unfortunately, because we have decided to prorogue before the 20th which was, I guess, the date that I was working on, I will not be able to make that statement before the House but I want, Mr. Chairman, the Member to know that we have almost completed our internal examination of the housing task force report and I will be making, through some form -- I hope it is this month and I would hope to do it when we were sitting but it does not look like it will be possible but I hope to be making a statement some time this month on the government's decisions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Accommodation services, regions, \$359,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Regions, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page 11.07, repair and upkeep of buildings and works, regions, \$9,916,000. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes. I would like to ask the Deputy Commissioner -- we have talked a little bit about it. In the finance committee I asked you initially and I would like to ask you now that you have had some time to think about it, and maybe talk to some people in the department, about the idea of using the



Department of Public Works as it is now but to charge out the costs of the department to the other departments when you do work for them. In other words, when you do the maintenance on a school building, you charge that to the Department of Education. When you do work on housing, you charge that to the department who is occupying that house so that we can get real costs for the departments. Right now we do not really know what it costs to operate and maintain some of our departments because we do not know what your costs are, like how much time you actually spend.

The other thing I would like to emphasize is that if you did charge those departments, the people in those other departments would become concerned about the quality of the work, the amount of time it takes to get a job done, whereas right now I do not think they care how much it costs to get the work done as long as somebody does it. I would like your comments on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Quyanamik.

#### User Pay Policy

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: At the present time we have under review what we are terming a "user pay policy" and that will reflect the costs to the various departments to maintain those buildings and works presently the responsibility of the departments concerned, but for utilities, the responsibility of the Department of Public Works. We have concentrated mainly on utilities and rents, etc. So I believe that within this coming fiscal year and after the task force on housing has been reviewed and made public, we will be entering into some form of an arrangement for a user pay policy with the departments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Supplementary, Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: By what you said at the end, do you mean that the objective in the end is to put those costs in the Department of Education and in the other departments and that you will just do the work and then charge it out? That is what I am getting at. That is what I would like to see done in the end. The Department of Public Works would do the maintenance but the money would be in the budget for the department you work for, who owns the buildings, for example.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, we have not pursued that avenue but I think it would be worth looking at and the Deputy Minister indicates that they will review that in keeping with the user pay policy we are developing.

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

#### Decrease In Moneys

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am aware that because of the priorities that were set this year, the Department of Public Works did not fare too well in the budget and I see that it certainly shows in this particular category here, repair and upkeep of buildings and works. I notice that there is a situation where salaries and wages are rising. I am sure that is because of the normal kinds of increases that occur but I see also at the same time there is a very significant drop in other operation and maintenance. Now I may be misreading that but it seems to me that would mean that for materials to repair buildings and so on, that there is an actual cut. I wonder whether we are going to have employees who are productively employed during the year. Could you explain a little bit about this situation and how the department is addressing it?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, although the estimates would indicate a reduction, what has happened is we have capitalized a number of what we called in the past the O and M requirements to buildings. The reason for that, of course, if it is a major repair of a roof of a building which is going to prolong the life of that building, rather than taking the funds from our operating and maintenance side of the budget, it was the decision of the Executive to have those major repairs considered capital because they do increase the life expectancy and value of the building. So although the budget indicates a decrease, when you review the capital you will see that there are three million dollars placed in the capital budget to compensate for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I had understood that that procedure had been followed in the past where extraordinary maintenance was handled through capital funds. So does this represent a significant shift in approach? Is it a permanent shift or is it something that you have just done this year for some reason?

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

Extraordinary Maintenance Handled Through Capital Funds

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, it is a situation we have been wrestling with for a good number of years, as to the responsibility for major repairs and upkeep of buildings, whether they should fall within the O and M budget or the capital budget. This year, with a restricted operating and maintenance budget, the decision has been made and will, I believe, continue that major maintenance work will be considered capital.

They are indicated, if I may, Mr. Chairman, under page 11.15, major maintenance projects, in the various regions and in Yellowknife itself. By doing this, we find that the work can be carried out through contract in the local communities and also it provides a saving in our O and M budget, which has been reduced this year, or could be reduced this year, if we were not prudent in how we divided up the money for the various projects that are required.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: I recall that the Auditor General's department was concerned about the fuzziness in this area, with respect to the Housing Corporation. Is what is being done here consistent with what is being done there, or is it consistent with what the Auditor General's department will accept in respect of this?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, a very good question. We are in full compliance with the Auditor General in what we are doing. We have identified the capital works that we are planning to do, and the definition of capital has been clarified with them so it meets the regulations.

Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Regions, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. On page 11.07, \$9,916,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Regions, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.08, operation and repair of equipment, regions, \$2,920,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is it agreed? Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. A couple of questions concerning the department's policy with respect to vehicles. Is there a policy in purchasing vehicles now, to ensure that the smallest effective size is being purchased? Is there any thought to switching over, in say, centres like Yellowknife, to the use of propane, rather than gasoline? Finally, with respect to vehicles, could you clearly outline the policy that presently prevails with respect to the use of vehicles by government employees?

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

MR. MOODY: Mr. Chairman, with regard to a policy of DPW in vehicles, the vehicle allocation with regard to numbers of vehicles in each region, and including Yellowknife, is very carefully controlled so that when there is one vehicle finished or worn out, it is disposed of before another vehicle is put in place. There is a centralized control operating such as a consulting group in DPW to recommend types of vehicles that are the most economical with regard to fuel as well as the best buys with regard to maintenance and also, with regard to maintaining one type of vehicle throughout, so we do not get too many numbers involved.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yet, I see rather large sedans, for instance, on the streets of Yellowknife. Is it just that the replacement has not caught up with those? For instance, the police are driving smaller cars and apparently finding them effective. Do we have a replacement policy like that? There were a couple of other questions which you had not answered I felt, which had to do with a possible switchover to propane in larger centres and also, when may employees use the vehicles?

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

Using Smaller Vehicles

MR. MOODY: At the present time, Mr. Chairman, we are looking into the use of smaller vehicles where it is possible to use smaller vehicles. This is not always an economical approach, inasmuch that the vehicles are often carefully controlled with regard to tradesmen using them. A group of tradesmen will be given one vehicle, so often the smaller vehicles are not economical. There is and has been now a study going on to see where we possibly can use smaller vehicles, as the smaller vehicles are becoming more common in their use. With regard to propane, no, we have not at the present time looked into the possibilities of using propane in the vehicles.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Moody. Mr. MacQuarrie, supplementary?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Finally, there was still one part. A couple of my constituents at times have commented to me about what they considered to be improper use of government vehicles, and so, I am just asking, can you outline clearly what the policy is with respect to them?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Is that a question? Mr. Pilot.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the various policies for usage of vehicles lie within the departments that have the vehicle under their control. It has to be in this manner because if it is Social Services, for example, they may have their vehicle out at all hours of the day or night for different usage, whereas, if it is with the Department of Public Works, their policy is that all trade vehicles are placed in the compound here in Yellowknife and locked at 5:00 o'clock. In the regions, each region has a policy with regard to the use of the vehicle, and the misuse of vehicles that we try to avoid. I think it is and has been controlled fairly well in the past year or two.

Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Regions, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. On page 11.08, \$2,920,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.09, regional administration, \$1,582,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Project Management, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.10, regional project management, \$460,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley.

Motion That No Capital Funds Be Spent On Metric Conversion

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion. I would like to move that this Assembly recommend that no capital funds be spent, except highways, on metric conversion in the Northwest Territories in the coming year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Could we have a copy of that?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Can I hear the motion?

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

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The motion is: I move that this Assembly recommend that no capital funds be spent, except highways, on metric conversion in the Northwest Territories in the coming year.

MR. MacQUARRIE: A point of order.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: That is referring to capital funds. I think we already voted to accept capital funds. I would suggest it is out of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Relating to this motion here, we can go to the highways on page 11.02, if this House agrees with the move.



MS COURNOYEA: Agreed.

MR. MacQUARRIE: What is that? Nay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): If the House wants to go back to highways...

MR. MacQUARRIE: Nay.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, you can bring up your motion on the highways when we get there. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, first, I do not know what your ruling is on the point of order that was just raised, but my motion concerns regions, and for that reason I moved it under that item. I would ask for your ruling, whether it is out of order or not, and I would agree to move it somewhere else if it is out of order on this item.

Motion Ruled Out Of Order

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, on page 11.10, regional project management, there is no capital in there. If you want to deal with that motion, it is out of order.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Regional project management, \$460,000. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: You were given my note. I would like to move -- if it is out of order -- I would like to move that the word "capital" be taken out and just use the words "that no funds be used for metric conversion".

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: You cannot amend your own motion.

MR. CURLEY: Well, it is out of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Out of order. I am sorry. You cannot amend your own motion.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, I would like to move a new motion if I can get that note back.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): It was already out of order. Mr. Curley.

Motion That No Funds Be Spent On Metric Conversion In The Regions

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to try this one. I move that the Assembly recommend that no funds be spent, except highways, on metric conversion in the regions of the Northwest Territories in the coming year.

MRS. SORENSEN: Only in the East.

MR. CURLEY: All right. Fine.

---Laughter

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: She said "Only in the East." He said "All right."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Could we have a copy of that motion please?

MRS. SORENSEN: There will not be any capital works in the East next year. Right on! Right on!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I will ask Mr. Clerk to read that motion.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): I move that this Assembly recommend that no funds be spent, except for highways, on metric conversion in the regions in the coming year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This motion is in order. Mr. Curley, do you want to speak to your motion? Mr. Curley.

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

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: It may be calling on us to do something illegal. I am not sure but I believe the federal government has some regulation with respect to this and if that were the case, I would ask a legal opinion first of all because if it were actually calling on us to do something illegal, then I think we should not proceed. So could that be clarified first?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Let him speak.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I believe we have obligations, metric obligations.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I would hate to have metric obligations.

MR. MacQUARRIE: They can be fun.

MRS. SORENSEN: Interesting at night.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie, if you want a legal opinion, we will have to take about a five to 10 minute recess. It depends how long it takes. Not a day.

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Johnson, could you give us an opinion, please?

LAW CLERK (Mr. Johnson): Mr. MacQuarrie, unfortunately we do not have the federal legislation that applies with regard to metric conversion in the chamber here. I know there are certain guidelines with regard to the implementation of metric conversion but seeing as this is a recommendation to the Executive Committee, I am sure that when it is considered there, they would certainly look into the legalities of it and if, in fact, there was going to be a legal problem, they would have to deal with it at the Executive Committee stage.

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

Metric Conversion In The Regions

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very simply, I am just asking the Executive Committee not to spend funds in the regions. I believe the territorial government has been quite rapidly converting to metric standards without the real involvement of the people. I am simply asking that no funds be expended for this coming year. So I am asking that you do support it.

Yellowknife has certainly no problem with the conversion. The businesses probably welcome it, but it is not welcome in our regions. I think we have evidence that not only the Northwest Territories, some parts of it, disagree with the metric conversion, but also some businesses down south are opposing it. I think we should have a better system, possibly develop an awareness program before that can be properly implemented. Thank you.

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

Metric Conversion Forced On Canadians

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to the motion, I would like to point out a few of the realities with which we are faced. We have a federal act, the Metric Conversion Act, which was passed in 1976 and it binds the federal government, provincial governments and territorial governments to conduct a metric conversion program.

Now, this program has caused a lot of problems for people in Canada. For example, if you talk to some farmer in Saskatchewan who is used to taking a five gallon pail to measure the amount of wheat that he puts in his seeder or fertilizer, you know all this metric stuff is just a bunch of nonsense because he is used to using certain measurements that he has developed himself over decades.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Stewart is just leaving the House now because I think he could tell us the way the Government of Canada is going with respect to metric conversion in the lumber industry is just wrong. Because, you know, when you buy a piece of plywood in Sweden, it is four by eight. The Government of Canada wants us to use metric measurements on our plywood. So there are, Mr. Chairman, a lot of problems with this program that the Government of Canada has forced on Canadians. I have talked a bit about the business element, and I have talked a bit, I think, about the human element.

Now, with respect to our government, I know there are problems in the information program which we are implementing or putting into place in the regions. Mr. Curley brought this to my attention and we will try to put something into place in the communities so that people can get a better understanding of what a litre is, for example.

Problems With Metric Conversion In POL Section

Now, where we run into problems, Mr. Chairman, is in our petroleum, oil and lubricants section, for example. When we purchase oil from a distributor in Montreal, it is according to the metric system of measurement. When we pay one of the shipping companies to take that heating oil up to a community, they use the metric measuring system. So, what we are faced with, Mr. Chairman, is a situation where if we do not comply, we are going to have kind of a bureaucratic and administrative nightmare.

Now I fully recognize the intent of my colleague's motion. Speaking personally, I think the metric system leaves a lot to be desired, but we are in a situation where in some areas we, unfortunately, have to comply. I suppose to a certain extent the Member's motion is in order in that he is saying just spend it on metric conversion for highways, but I believe that if we do not expend some revenue and effort in other areas, we are really going to be left behind and there are going to be a lot of administrative problems in, just for example, the POL area. That is all I have to say, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Metric System An Enlightened System

MR. MacQUARRIE: I think, Mr. Chairman, to be more positive than that, I believe the metric system of weights and measures is an enlightened system of weights and measures and that we should be moving toward its full...

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

MR. MacQUARRIE: ...implementation. No doubt there is some dislocation while it is being done, but for a Member who is able to swallow the imposition by an arrogant government of a whole constitution and not gag...

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame, shame!

MR. MacQUARRIE: ...but even cheer afterwards, I find it difficult to see how having to swallow this imposition should be very difficult for him at all. I do agree that if we do not proceed with it we will run into serious problems. I believe that we would probably run into greater problems if we tried to halt what was happening in midstream. I think the motion should be defeated.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I have just a question of clarification of the mover of the motion, Mr. Chairman. It concerns whether he means within his motion that money should not be spent on informing the people about metric through the schools and through adult education. Obviously if we are going to be doing that, a program will have to be developed to do that and is in the process, I believe, of being developed and therefore will cost money. So, is he also meaning that any education and information items that might result because we are inevitably going to have to go to metric conversion in the North, should be also cut?

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

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think Mrs. Sorensen would have to ask her husband whether he has budgeted for information programs with respect to providing information in metric. My motion is asking the Department of Public Works not to spend any money, which means do not spend money on installing meters and converting to metric standards through the Department of Public Works. I did not move a motion regarding educational programs, otherwise I would have, but this is strictly related to the Public Works responsibility. They are not involved with providing information. Your husband is involved in that department.



HON. TOM BUTTERS: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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

Buying And Planning Under The Metric System

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, the Member, in clarifying my question has indicated that he does not mean information, and I thank him for that. However, in clarifying, he has mentioned that he does not want the highways division -- or the DPW to install metric meters. Now, if one of our old meters wear out and DPW must purchase a new meter and only meters in metric can be obtained, does that mean that he is directing the department, through his motion, to not buy the meter because it is only in metric? I think we really need to clarify what it is the Member is actually meaning.

The other point, and I would also ask for clarification from the mover, is that it is my understanding that now DPW must convert, when they are planning public buildings, from the imperial system to the metric system, and obviously, money is going to be spent, must be spent, on doing that, in terms of buying rulers, that kind of thing, and probably training some of the people in the whole area of metric, who are doing the drafting of these plans. Does the Member also mean that we should not plan our buildings under the new metric system?

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mrs. Sorensen, supplementary?

Amendment To Motion That No Funds Be Spent On Metric Conversion In The Regions

MRS. SORENSEN: I would then have to move an amendment to the motion, which would add, "recommend no funds be spent except for highways on metric conversion in that area known as Nunavut".

If I might speak to that amendment, Mr. Chairman, it is my opinion that there may be serious difficulties within the Department of Public Works if they cannot spend money when they are planning buildings and works, and if the intention of the Member is to prevent the department from building public works, then he should only do that in the East and certainly not in the area that I represent. So I would add that amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. I am going to ask the Clerk to read the motion with the amendment.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The amendment is to take out the words "in the regions" and add "in that area known as Nunavut in the coming year."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I cannot help but observe the irony that the same Member who so eloquently urged upon us in Baker Lake that it would be discriminatory to impose one tax system in the area called Nunavut and another tax system in her area is now urging precisely that we discriminate with regard to the area of Nunavut in respect of something that she considers of benefit to her area and a detriment there. So I think it is ironic and absurd. I certainly will not support the amendment.

MRS. SORENSEN: The whole motion is absurd. I am just trying to protect my area.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Question. Question.

Amendment To Motion That No Funds Be Spent On Metric Conversion In The Regions,  
Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment. Do not make me mad now. To the amendment. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour of the amendment, raise your hands. Down. Opposed? The amendment is defeated.

---Defeated

To the motion.

MR. CURLEY: Question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Recorded vote.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question? Mr. Patterson.

MR. CURLEY: Oh, you are taking recorded too seriously.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I may be old fashioned, but I feel fairly confident that I probably speak for the average person in the Northwest Territories when I say that I am suspicious of the metric system, I am resentful of the metric system, and while I appreciate the practical ramifications that Mr. Braden has pointed out, and appreciate that we may well have to, for practical purposes, conform in certain areas, such as highway traffic signs, and perhaps in the area of POL, I would certainly like to see the Executive Committee study this arrogantly imposed policy with a view to minimizing its effect in the Northwest Territories. For example, I do not think the people of the Northwest Territories are happy with the centigrade temperature system, and I would hate to see money being spent...

MRS. SORENSEN: Oh, what a bunch of garbage. This is absolute garbage.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: ...on converting thermostats. I think the people in the Northwest Territories also are not interested in converting in other areas. I like the mile myself, you know.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I agree with you somehow.

---Laughter

To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I think Mrs. Sorensen should remember that even the leader of her federal party said he wanted to walk a mile to get together with the provinces.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is that an explanation or...



MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CURLEY: Question. Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

You Cannot Change Progress

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, we have a whole school system right across the country, and in the Northwest Territories...

MS COURNOYEA: DPW.

MRS. SORENSEN: ...that has been on the metric system for some time now. My child came home the other day and said to me, "Did you buy a litre of milk, mother?" My child does not know the imperial system anymore. You cannot change progress. You may try, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am going to try.

MR. CURLEY: Listen to the mother!

MRS. SORENSEN: I assure you, you do not speak for the typical northerner.

MR. CURLEY: Dennis Patterson, listen to the mother! Mother says...

---Laughter

MRS. SORENSEN: You do not speak for anyone up here.

---Laughter

You cannot make a decision on anything. This makes absolutely no sense.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. I think you are talking about your own personal things.

MR. CURLEY: Mother says so!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Somebody was asking for a recorded vote.

---Laughter

MRS. SORENSEN: Recorded vote, yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question?

MR. CURLEY: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. Please stand until your name has been called. Mr. Wah-Shee:

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, could you read that motion again, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay, I am going to ask the Clerk to read the motion.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The motion is: I move that this Assembly recommend no funds be spent, except for highways, on metric conversion in the regions in the coming year.

Motion That No Funds Be Spent On Metric Conversion In The Regions, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Are you ready for the question? I have a request that it be a recorded vote. All those in favour of that motion, please stand until your name is called.

---Laughter

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Curley.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I have a principle.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I think I am going to go sit over there for a while.

---Laughter

Down. Opposed, please stand.

---Laughter

---Applause

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Down. Abstentions?

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Noah, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Butters, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

MR. MacQUARRIE: The Executive Committee disease is spreading.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Present policy carries the day. No decision by the majority.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The motion is carried.

---Carried

MR. MacQUARRIE: When will we get a motion to burn books?

---Laughter

Regional Project Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.10, regional project management, \$460,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.11, utilities, \$26,493. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed



Highways, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.12, highways, \$11,136,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We were told that the reconstruction of highways was coming under the authority of DPW on April 1st and within a year from now new construction would fall under the authority of this government. First of all, I know there is always a concern with these transfers as to whether adequate funds are being transferred as well, so that we can do the job properly. Can you tell us what is up with respect to funding for these transfers?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, I may have misinformed this committee on Saturday when I mentioned the transfer of responsibilities of highways. It is the full operating and maintenance, that comes under the umbrella of the territorial government 1981-82; reconstruction 1982-83; and new construction, new highways 1983-84. The negotiations with the federal government have been under the direction of the Deputy Minister and if I may, I would like to ask him to speak to that.

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

MR. MOODY: In answer to the question with regard to funding, at the present time the funding comes through a different agreement with regard to highways. The funding then for the maintenance is under the regular agreement with the federal government this year and then there will be a regular transfer, the money for reconstruction in 1982-83 will then be transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories under the regular agreement. Then, finally, the transfer of moneys for new highways will be transferred in 1983-84. Now there is, however, two areas that will be carried on in conjunction with the federal government regarding highways and that is in the area of policy and planning, regarding the new highways program in 1983-84.

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

Planning Of A Mackenzie Valley Highway

MR. MacQUARRIE: So I take it that you are not concerned that we maybe adopt or be saddled with certain responsibilities that we cannot discharge effectively because of a lack of funds? I will ask another question and maybe you can answer that one at the same time. With respect to planning ahead, what role does the Department of Public Works have at the present time with respect to planning, any kind of input at all? What I am thinking about particularly is that I know there is going to be a lot of traffic over the Dempster highway over the next year or two years. It is possible that there could be benefits to the people of the Northwest Territories if there were a Mackenzie Valley highway. I know that some of the communities which earlier resisted the building of a Mackenzie Valley highway have now changed their minds, as a matter of fact, and might be willing to see such a thing. Are there any plans afoot in that direction?

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

MR. MOODY: The plans at the present time with regard to policy and planning under the agreement are that although the transfer of new highways responsibility, that is the construction of new highways responsibility, will be in 1983-84, the lead time to plan highways is such a long-term thing, any planning and policy for 1983-84, will be now in complete consultation with the Government of the Northwest Territories, which would, of course, include the Mackenzie highway.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: So is there any pre-planning at this moment then within our government with respect of the possibility of building a Mackenzie Valley highway?

MR. MOODY: Yes.

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

Five Year Plan Regarding Roads And Highways

MR. MOODY: There is planning being done at the present moment, there is a five year plan that has gone forward to the Executive Committee, it has been reviewed by the Executive Committee with regard to the five year plan, including reconstruction of roads and new roads, new highways.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: And I gather you are not at liberty to say, until the Executive Committee has received it and commented on it, you are not at liberty to say what is in the pre-plan, or the plan rather, over the next five years?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the plan for this year, the current year, has been approved and is available. The forecast and the projected plan can be made available if so required or requested.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: So requested.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): So requested. Highways, page 11.12, \$11,136,000. Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, my question is in respect of the ferry in Fort Simpson. Last year, as a result of lobbying by myself and the village council, the ferry in Simpson was extended on weekends. Will that again be done this summer?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the budget was prepared this year to have the ferry running at the same hours as it operated last year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Member for Decho. Mr. MacQuarrie was in a sense getting on a subject that I also wanted to say something about and that is the Mackenzie Valley highway, up to Wrigley only though, not down to Norman Wells. Now the people in Wrigley...

MR. MacQUARRIE: It is not your constituency.



MR. SIBBESTON: The people in Wrigley did say that they are now interested in having the highway go to their community. As I understand it, it is just a few miles out of their community. I am wondering, is Wrigley in the forecast for having a highway?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, it is not in the current plan. It may be in the long-range plan, and I do not have that information before me at the present time.

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

Paving Plans For Settlements

MR. CURLEY: I have only one question, Mr. Chairman. I always wonder why some of the larger settlements normally are not paved when places like Frobisher can be paved, like Rankin Inlet. The road maintenance is costing the government, the local community, exorbitant funds in just trying to keep those roads in order. They tend to be washed off during rains in summer. Are there any plans in future to pave the local roads in the settlements so that the equipment does not continue to be broken down because of the extensive use and so on?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the responsibility for paving within municipalities is the responsibility of the Department of Local Government. Our highways division is only responsible for those highways that are designated as highways of the Northwest Territories.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Raise taxes Mr. Curley.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, the reason I asked that is the last sentence says "...other earthworks and roads in the settlements". So I would think that your responsibility would involve those settlements in the communities. So my understanding, then, is that Local Government department is totally responsible for such things as paving community roads. Is that correct?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PILOT: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Local Government develops the programs, and the department of highways are the technical experts that will then take that program and do the necessary soil studies and contracting to have the work done, but the initial work or program has to come through the Department of Local Government.

Highways, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Pilot. Page 11.12, highways, \$11,136,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 11.01, O and M, \$66,479,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I would like to thank the witnesses, Mr. Moody and Mr. Pilot, who have appeared before us.

---Applause

We are finished this Department of Public Works. Now, we are going to go to Department of Local Government, and before we go into that, we are going to take 15 minutes for a coffee break, 15 minutes. If you are late the fine will be five bucks.

---Laughter

---SHORT RECESS



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Sergeant-at-Arms cannot find anybody out there right now. For your information, we have still got three more departments to go. Is this better?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is better.

Department Of Local Government

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am going to use two microphones. For your information, we have still got three more departments to go, and three more days. We are going to start dealing with Local Government now. I would like to know if Mr. Wah-Shee would like to make an opening remark.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, thank you. Mr. Chairman, as Minister of this non-controversial department, I am very happy to report the following activities that have occurred, 1980-81. First of all, I would like to report that Chesterfield Inlet became a hamlet on April 1st, 1980.

---Applause

The following communities will acquire hamlet status April 1st, 1981: Norman Wells, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, and Coppermine.

---Applause

Also, a nationally certified program in municipal administration was initiated for those involved in community administration. Approximately 40 people participated in this program in the past year and 45 training sessions and workshops covering 12 topic areas were held at the community and regional levels for over 450 participants.

The extensive community consultation which resulted in the draft community government ordinance continued in 1980-81. The draft ordinance is now undergoing examination by communities and special interest groups to identify and resolve issues that need to be incorporated in the final legislative proposals that will go to the Assembly in the fall of 1981. I may add that if the communities require further consultation, that I will, as Minister, consider a further delay before I introduce this particular ordinance to the Assembly. In collaboration with the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities, a thorough review of municipal legislation was undertaken. Some 86 amendments are presently being developed and will be presented concurrently with the community government ordinance to the Legislative Assembly in the fall of 1981 or later.

Regional and territorial trials in 15 sports involved over 1500 Northwest Territories athletes and led to a final selection of a 300 member team, which represented the Northwest Territories at the sixth Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon. A regional recreation officer was established for the Baffin region in 1981.

Fourteen candidates, selected by local councils were trained as airport observer communicators at two courses which were held in Fort Smith. In 1980, a federal-territorial agreement was reached that runway lengths should be based on operational needs and that the transfer of the airport staff training program to the Government of the Northwest Territories will be effective April the 1st, 1981.

### Land Assembly Program

The land assembly program is proceeding with projects under way or completed in the following communities: Cambridge Bay, Eskimo Point, Cape Dorset, Lake Harbour, Igloolik, Baker Lake, Coppermine, Frobisher Bay and Rae. Also, I would like to add that work is under way in Tuktoyaktuk, and I would like to say at this time that we are doing a review regarding the progress of land assembly in that community.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Preliminary work to initiate land assembly projects in Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Rankin Inlet and Spence Bay was completed in 1980. Major water supply projects were completed in Inuvik, Fort Good Hope, Coppermine, Pond Inlet, Broughton Island and Igloolik. Townsite expansion plans were prepared or initiated in 20 communities. Financial and technical assistance were also provided to Inuvik, Pine Point and Yellowknife for planning efforts.

### Policy Emphasis Of Department

I would like to make some comments regarding the major program and policy emphasis of the Department of Local Government for 1981-82.

To complete development of the proposed community government ordinance and related policies which will: (a) Increase flexibility within the local government structure to permit a range of choice for each community to manage its own affairs in its own way; (b) Encourage devolution of greater authority to the community level of government in a broad range of program areas; (c) Provide a framework within which communities can strengthen local councils and develop a clear relationship between council and various communities, in the communities, to provide strong community government; (d) Provide a basis for municipal councils and band councils to come together as one representative local government body in each community.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: All right. Way to go. Right on.

---Applause

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: This proposed legislation will provide a level of flexibility in the operation that is quite unique, I might add, in Canada.

To fully decentralize the delivery of recreation programs to the regions.

To provide a wide range of training programs at a community level to councils and their staff to improve their skills in local government management.

To continue to improve airport and aviation support facilities for the 38 communities under the airports program and to provide the necessary training for local councils and their staff to operate and maintain these airports.

To continue to develop with communities general development plans and land use plans for the orderly growth of their communities. Work is scheduled for 22 communities.

To ensure the continued improvement of water and sanitation services through sewer and water capital projects in 25 communities.

To continue in development of community roads and site improvements in all settlements and hamlets in the Northwest Territories.

To provide major land assembly projects in 16 communities to provide suitable land for new houses and other buildings.



To develop and implement a home owner property tax relief.

To compete development of a new policy and program on the construction and operation of community recreation facilities and again implementation of the program.

In conjunction with the community government ordinance: To develop a program of property tax collection and retention by hamlets.

To provide strong support for a devolution of Northwest Territories programs to the community level of government.

To implement a new method of funding for majority municipalities that reflect community size, variation and cost and ability to raise local revenue.

To continue with the municipal certification training program which provides the senior staff of local councils and settlements and hamlets, villages and towns with university level of training officially recognized across Canada.

To assume responsibility from MOT, for the construction of the airport runways and facilities and for the airport review program necessary to ensure a level of airport operation that will provide safe and reliable air services to our isolated communities.

Also, regarding the present funding arrangement for 1981-82 under operations and maintenance: To meet the political development, economic development and language and culture thrust established by the Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly for 1981-82, the Department of Local Government develop proposals costing a total of approximately \$1.1 million. As a result of the severe financial restraint of the federal government, however, only \$200,000 could be approved. This includes the following program requirements: Additional funding for the Baffin Regional Council to the amount of \$59,000; funding for the Keewatin regional conference to the amount of \$20,000; additional funding for the Arctic Winter Games to meet price increases to the amount of \$50,000; additional funding for the Northern Games to meet price increases and offset reduced federal funding to the amount of \$21,000; funding for settlement secretary positions to the amount of \$50,000.

All other increases in the department directly related to price increases over which the department has no control, these include: Increased funding to major municipalities to keep pace with inflation; increased funding to hamlets to meet power and heat costs and other increases; increased costs of freight, travel, municipal contracts and salaries. To meet these price increases and the additional \$200,000 for the thrust of the Legislative Assembly, \$553,000 was cut from the existing programs to live within the target of \$23.738 million established for the department. Approximately 76 per cent of the budget for the department or \$18.1 million will go directly to the third level of government which, namely, are hamlets, villages, towns and one city which is Yellowknife, I might add.

I would like to request that I have my Deputy Minister in the witness chair to assist me to go through the estimates of Local Government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. Mr. Elkin. Sergeant-at-Arms, could you see Mr. Elkin to the witness table? Mr. Wah-Shee, are you going to sit with your Deputy Minister?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Elkin, Mr. Wah-Shee. Department of Local Government, page 13.01, general comments.

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I would remind you again that we still have three more departments to go. Are there any general comments? The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

#### Policy Change Recognizing Band Councils

MR. SIBBESTON: I just want to ask the Minister, since he has been Minister has there been a major policy change in respect of this government and the department recognizing band councils, co-operating with them, helping them along and, in fact, in some cases making them the municipal body in a community that this government deals with?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we had one very important meeting in the past year with the band council from Fort Good Hope and we have worked out an arrangement whereby the band council in Fort Good Hope has assumed the municipal services for that particular community. At the same time, we intend to hold regional meetings in different areas within the Mackenzie Valley. I also would like to add that we would like to sit down with the Dene Nation to work out the ideas that they have concerning community governments. We are prepared to attend various regional meetings and in some cases where we do get a request from individual communities where municipal councils have not been established, certainly my officials and my department would be more than pleased to meet with those communities to work out an arrangement whereby a council can be established, and certainly we are open to working out the type of community councils that community people want.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Any more general comments? The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

#### Supplying Equipment To Communities

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister would undertake, during this coming year, a review of all the communities in respect of the equipment that they have for municipal supplies down the Mackenzie Valley? As I stated, I believe on Saturday, I and other persons are getting the impression that as far as communities in the Mackenzie Valley, that this government really is not providing very much in the way of equipment as compared to the Inuit communities. I am wondering whether the Minister would consider reviewing this whole area of supplying equipment to the communities, with a view to seeing whether, perhaps, the Inuit communities have been treated much better than the Dene communities, and if so, whether the government would be prepared to equalize the giving of equipment to all communities, and particularly the small communities.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I think that what we would like to do regarding community equipment, and it is required within the Mackenzie Valley communities, I think we should really address the process by which requests come forth from the various communities through the Fort Smith regional office. I think that if there are equipment requirements that come forth from the various communities, certainly we would ensure that we accommodate the



requirements within the Mackenzie Valley. Also, we should not take this as a situation where the East is probably getting more than the West. I would prefer to deal with the situation where the needs would be identified by the individual communities within the Mackenzie Valley and really, then we would be in the position to accommodate the needs of the communities within the Mackenzie Valley.

Detail Of Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. General comments. Now we are going to capital, page 13.10 to 13.14, \$18,750,000. Are there any questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Do I hear agreed? The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. CURLEY: Mackenzie Liard.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question?

MR. SIBBESTON: No, no.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I have had a chance to look over the capital budget of the local government. It has been a few days, so I have forgotten some of the points that I made earlier, but in looking at the amount of money that Local Government is spending in my constituency, I notice that there is not much money going to my constituency. There is, for instance, \$50,000 going to Fort Simpson and I believe, another small amount to one other small community in my constituency, but I notice in comparison, there seems to be a lot going to Mr. Wah-Shee's constituency.

MR. CURLEY: He lives there.

MR. SIBBESTON: I point out, for instance, that Lac la Martre is getting \$350,000 for a four bay parking garage and Rae Lakes is getting \$100,000 for a settlement office. Snare Lake is getting \$64,000 and a community hall in Rae Lakes, for \$200,000. I am just wondering whether this is happening because Mr. Wah-Shee is on the Executive and close to Yellowknife, therefore is able to influence the government to put a lot of these buildings into his community, or whether, is it just the fact that his constituency has been neglected for a number of years, that they are just in the process of catching up? I would like to hear what Mr. Wah-Shee has to say on that.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Sounds like a fair question.

Community Requests Differ Every Year

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I think that I would just like to say, at the offset, that the process is in place for various settlements, hamlets and village councils, the towns and the city, whereby the requirements have to be identified by the various communities. They have to go through their regional office, where those requirements are dealt with, and then it has, eventually, to end up within the various departments that are concerned; in this case, of course, Local Government.

I think that the various details of capital change from year to year, because the requirements and the requests coming forth from the various communities differ from one year to the next. So, my point of view is that perhaps the communities that the honourable Member represents have not made their requests known for various capital. So, rather, perhaps we should really address those requests which have not been accommodated at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. The Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wah-Shee and maybe Mr. Nerysoo, I believe, will be coming to my constituency in the next few weeks or months, and I will be identifying things that the community needs. I hope that these requests will be reflected in next years capital budget. Is that the way it works? Is that the way the system works, of bringing the needs to the attention of persons like yourself and hopefully have the requests met in the next years capital budget?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I will ask my Deputy Minister to further explain the process by which the Executive puts together the capital budget for the whole Northwest Territories and the process that we have to go through in putting together our financial budget.

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

Community Itself Is The Key Group

MR. ELKIN: Yes. In terms of the process, the key group involved is the community itself. We believe that it is very important that none of the capital program be initiated outside of the community, but that all of the requests, whether they start with the community or outside, end up being discussed with the community and come forward as their plan, reflecting their needs and their priorities. Clearly, in doing that, they must deal and put forward their views through their MLA's, and through the input of the political level within the community and the political area through the MLA's. Through a combination of inputs from those two sources, the plan is built up from the community. We believe that it is very important that it must come from that source. Otherwise, it is reflecting our priorities and not those of the people who live in each community.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. General comments. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just basically on what Mr. Sibbeston asked about capital being spent in some communities and not in other communities. I have talked to other Members of the Executive Committee before, and I was wondering if any move has been made to take an inventory in each community of the capital works that exist in those communities and estimate a replacement value for them, so that when the finance committee or individual Members look at what is being spent in communities, we have a way of making priorities, because it is pretty difficult to determine if one community needs something more than another community does, if you do not know what these communities have to start with. I was wondering if anything has been done in the way of making up an inventory of the capital works, which would include water, services, town halls, arenas, and different buildings owned by the municipality or the volunteer groups within a community.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to have my Deputy Minister reply to that please.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Community Should Do Inventory On Capital Needs

MR. ELKIN: In terms of having an inventory, certainly for the government and for the communities to properly assess needs, they must know what is in place now, not only what is there but whether it is new, whether it needs to be replaced. We do have that information for most of the communities but we feel as well, that it is very important for the municipalities, the hamlets, and up -- they are governments unto themselves and the buildings and the equipment are their equipment. They are not ours. We feel it is very important that they must maintain that and although we do have an overseeing view, it is the communities by themselves and the communities getting together as a group -- they are in the best position to see what they have and what the other communities have and what kind of community and regional priorities they should put on in any new buildings or equipment that they may be requesting.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I am not trying to say this Assembly should interfere at all in what any individual community feels or the next project they want done in their community, or what building they want built next. All I am saying is that we get in situations where you have some of the representatives saying that their community needs more than another community does and it is very hard for us as Members to understand the arguments when we do not know what is in those communities to start with. I would like to see something made available to Members so that we can have an assessment of what type of municipal capital equipment and services are in place in a community so we can compare the communities and can decide which regions or areas where a thrust can be made by the government to bring communities up toward the level of the other communities.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I will get my Deputy Minister to respond.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Comparison Of Development In East And West

MR. ELKIN: We can do that and would be more than pleased to, of course. The one point that we should add, when information is provided, it is important to understand that for a comparison to be true, you must understand how the services are provided in each community. It is a known fact in the West that because development in that sense has been ahead of the East, there are a lot more private contractors and, therefore, that is not shown under the inventory of the community because it is done in the private sphere. In the Eastern Arctic, the opposite, up to this point, is true. So when we give you this information, we have to do more than just give you the data on the equipment and buildings that are there. We have to give you an understanding of how they carry out their respective role within each of their communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Capital. General comments or any questions. There are 13 more departments to go. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since Members have raised questions about capital planning and perceived inequities between one community and the other, I would like to ask the Minister to comment on the system that has been developed in the Baffin region whereby a regional council subcommittee meets together with representatives from all communities in the region to decide

on what kind of advice it is going to give to the government about what priorities there are in that particular region. This would seem to me to be a direction that the government should be moving in in other areas; letting the communities that are affected themselves work out their own priorities collectively on a regional basis. It seems to be a direction that is working well in Baffin. I would just like to ask the Minister if the government finds this process useful and if in fact it would not solve some of the problems that Members like Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sibbeston have raised with regard to other parts of the Territories. Thank you.

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

Establishing Priorities For Capital Expenditures

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Well I think, Mr. Chairman, that this is a good approach because it does allow communities within a given region to establish their own priorities rather than having the priorities being set by the various regions. When I say "regions", I am referring to the various regional offices that have the responsibility of establishing priorities for their own area. My feeling is that I think in the future we ought to promote this in other areas, not only just in Baffin. I would like to see it being instituted in other areas so that the communities would have more say in terms of the priorities that should be set regarding capital expenditures.

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

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some time ago when Commissioner Parker was in Rankin Inlet, he assured the local mayor, at that time, that he would upgrade the present road and that he would undertake to jointly seek funds with the local hamlet council to seek funds so that the community would be able to at least upgrade the municipality roads. I wonder if the Commissioner has done that and if not, why?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, are you directing this question to the Commissioner or Mr. Minister?

MR. CURLEY: To the Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I remember that particular visit to Rankin Inlet. It was just a little less than a year ago and certainly I recognize that the roads within the hamlet required a considerable amount of upgrading. It was my understanding that there was money in the budget last year in Local Government for at least commencement of that work. I communicated the requirement to the department on my return. I would have to ask the Minister or Mr. Elkin to provide information as to what the results were.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to ask my Deputy Minister to provide the detailed information to the honourable Member's question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Moneys Provided For Land Development

MR. ELKIN: I am not in a position to confirm right at the moment what happened in 1980-81 but I will get that information to you. I can confirm for the new year that for land development there is \$50,000 being provided; for site development, \$15,000; and another \$62,000 for road construction. Beyond that, as part of the land assembly program for that community, there will be more work being carried out in association of developing the 40 lots and access roads to those lots.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Capital. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. I just wanted to pursue that further, Mr. Chairman. It is not clear enough whether or not the community will be able to satisfactorily upgrade those roads, you know. What would the community have to do to ensure that proper funds are available for the hamlet such as Rankin Inlet to be able to finally upgrade those roads so they are not subject to the spring run-off which will happen for sure this spring?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Minister or Mr. Elkin.

Need To Upgrade Roads

MR. ELKIN: I will have the actual details of the money that is being planned and what it is for. I can confirm in a general way that there is a need to upgrade the roads and funding will be provided in this current year to carry out the work that he has outlined. The \$62,000 is to achieve that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Mr. Patterson. Capital.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a few questions regarding my constituency that I have been asked to raise. It has been a bit hard for me to figure out from the capital plan that has been provided just what some of these items mean. There is an item for site development, for example, in Frobisher Bay. Is that the study for the trailer court? I would also like to ask about another project. Is the project for stairs from the federal row housing to the highrise planned for the coming year in Frobisher Bay?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to have my Deputy Minister reply to that, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Projects Deferred For Another Year

MR. ELKIN: In terms of the two points raised, the answer to the first question is no. The study of the trailer court is not going ahead in this current year, because of the lack of cash to carry it out. In terms of the second question regarding the stairs, it was agreed by the municipality and ourselves it was not a pressing requirement and because funding was very tight, that it would be deferred for a year.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I do not know if that is going to be good news for the town or not. I understood that they had been led to believe that those projects would go ahead in the coming year.

I would like to ask about another concern in Frobisher Bay. There was a proposed incinerator project that was fairly well advanced in planning and I understand that that project was subsequently determined not to be feasible as an energy saving project. Since the incinerator was to be the solid waste disposal system for Frobisher Bay and since that is, as the Minister may know, a very long standing, unpleasant problem that has plagued Frobisher Bay, will there be a study done, as promised, on solving the solid waste disposal problem in Frobisher Bay? Is it planned for the coming year?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, we will be providing funds to the town council to undertake a study and one of the alternatives that we are looking at is the landfill method.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. General comments on capital. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, just to confirm that in terms of the answer that Mr. Elkin gave on planning priorities, I believe that it is true to the extent, when he says that communities do put forth their priorities and then it goes to a regional level and to a degree, some of the MLA's are involved, but after that when it comes down to Yellowknife, there is another setting of priorities as you deal with your budget, and I believe you neglected to say that. So, certain areas of concern where people prioritize in a community, at a regional level, are not necessarily carried through at the central level. I just wanted to make sure that people were not suffering under any illusions that once it leaves the region that is where it stays.

#### Tuktoyaktuk Land Assembly

I would like to again ask this question, for the third time or fourth time, which I dealt with in the last few days, in terms of the land assembly in Tuktoyaktuk. I believe that is capital, but I am not quite sure where it is at. Could someone tell me just how the community can meet its commitments for the spring, because the problem that has been hung over for a long time now is the completion of the allocating of lots? From what I understand from the local contractor there, he feels that he has completed his job. However, the date we have received is September 31st, 1981, which hardly meets the commitments that we have for this year in that community.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to have my Deputy Minister reply, but before he does, I would just like to assure the Member that certainly, we do intend to look at the land assembly work in Tuktoyaktuk and if at all possible, certainly we would like to do it before September.

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

MR. ELKIN: Just further to that, we understand there have been problems and we understand that it is a high priority with the hamlet. There is a project officer in Tuk right now, or will be very shortly, who is reviewing where that project stands and we will do everything we can to ensure that it is completed in the proper way before fall.

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

#### Completion Before September

MS COURNOYEA: My question is, what can you do before fall? We have got commitments for some housing and there is a lot of local responsibility and pressure to bring forth lots for development there. Can you not do something before September? I think our need is by May.

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

MR. ELKIN: We certainly do appreciate the priority and the impact that Dome is having on the community and the need for lots. I would like to say that I know the answer for sure to that question now, but until the project officer returns,



I cannot confirm for positive whether we can do it by May, but give you assurance that this project, and because of the impact, is considered to be a very high priority and we, as a department, will do everything in our power to ensure it is done in May or very, very shortly after.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Capital. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, you can correct me if I am in the wrong department, but there are some suggestions for grants and contributions. Can I at this time ask a question, a general question, on the cross-country ski program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are on the capital. You can wait until 0 and M. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: On page 13.14 it says grants, outdoor recreation grants, various, and this is why I was wondering if I should be asking it at this time, because if we approve the capital and we get to the other section that you refer to, it may be too late.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): What page again, please?

MS COURNOYEA: It is on detail of capital. It is on page 13.14.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am sorry, Ms Cournoyea, just go ahead.

Support For Cross-Country Skiing Program

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that for several years we have had the honour of having some fantastic people go through an outdoor recreation program called cross-country skiing, which began with the federal government, and in view of the fact that the people who have gone through this program have given a lot of acclaim to the Northwest Territories, and I am under the impression that the cross-country ski program is not going to be funded this year, it seems a little bit ludicrous, because we are going to, at some time in 1981, I believe, honour Shirley and Sharon Firth for their contribution. I am wondering if this is so and what could be done about this. Perhaps it was bypassed. I do not know what is happening but it seems at this stage that we should not be doing away with the support for the cross-country ski program.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes. I would like to advise the honourable Member, Mr. Chairman, that this funding for the cross-country ski program will be going back to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, does that lead me to presume that there is some money available and that the cross-country ski program could be funded?

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

Funding Considered For Program

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to advise the honourable Member that we do have a request that will be brought forward by my department to the Executive Committee to consider funding this particular program.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister if he could tell me the amount that was allocated to cross-country skiing last year and what is the projected allocation or submission to the Executive Committee for this year?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I believe last year \$17,000 was made available for that particular program. I do not have the amount that we would like to bring forward as a proposal before the Executive Committee at this time. I would be more than pleased to provide this information this afternoon.

MR. FRASER: You had better hurry up.

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

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): And hurry up.

MR. FRASER: I would not sleep tonight if I did not have something to say about this capital budget. Apparently the Member is in the right position.

AN HON. MEMBER: To sleep.

MR. FRASER: Almost a million dollars, \$915,000, is going to his constituency and places like Fort Good Hope who are just starting up as a band council are having a hard time getting \$200,000.

MR. CURLEY: Agreed.

#### Discrimination Against Communities

MR. FRASER: I would like to know what the Minister is planning on a four bay garage for Lac la Martre. Have they got two vehicles out there? I did not know they had any more than two. There is a four bay garage going in, in Lac la Martre. At Snare Lake there is a big community hall going in. I do not know if there are any people out there. It does not seem right. It is discriminating against the rest of the communities who are asking for funds and not getting capital funds to do the work that they want to do when it is all going to three communities in the Yellowknife region.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yellowknife region?

MR. FRASER: Well, it is close to Yellowknife anyway.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Okay.

MRS. SORENSEN: It is hard to see for us.

MR. FRASER: We are off of those dogs for awhile, now. They fed them so just never mind, let me talk now. Mr. Chairman, Norman Wells, for some years there has been a water distribution problem. Right now Imperial Oil supplies water to the settlement of Norman Wells. I see in the budget here that the previous prior years cost us \$430,000 and they still do not have a water treatment plant in there. It belongs to Imperial Oil. If Imperial Oil at any time decides they want to shut it down, the settlement is out of water. That water is for their use and they have all their own equipment and they service their own equipment. I see there is \$25,000. I do not know what they plan on doing with \$25,000. I would like to know why all the money is going to three



settlements. The Minister of Local Government is responsible for those three settlements. It is quite obvious that he is thinking of running in the next election to be able to put that much money into -- \$350,000 for Lac la Martre; \$100,000 for Rae Lakes; \$64,000 for a community hall and equipment shelter at Snare Lake.

Other Communities Are In Need

I have been to all of these settlements and I cannot see how they could warrant that when there are other settlements that need the money now. A good example is Fort Good Hope, where they are trying to build a community centre like they have in Rae where hundreds of thousands of dollars went into that complex and they are still putting some more money into it. I just think it is not fair, Mr. Chairman...

MR. CURLEY: Move a motion.

MR. FRASER: ...that the settlements in the Minister's constituency should get that much privilege and the other settlements do not get anything. I do not very often agree with the Member for Mackenzie Liard but this time I have to agree with him when he spoke to the capital budget at the start; \$50,000 for Fort Simpson and one million dollars for Lac la Martre, Rae Lakes and Snare Lake. I would like an explanation as to how they arrived at that much money and other settlements are struggling to get by with a few hundred dollars, never mind thousands.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. There are some complaints and questions, Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I am more than pleased to reply to the honourable Member's inquiries. First of all, I would like to state that not all communities at this time sit right on top of the oil reserves and the federal government is pumping in massive money regarding capital expenditure in that area. So the future economic growth of that community really will outweigh the amount of money that we are putting into other areas.

MR. FRASER: How about Fort Simpson?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Like the honourable Member says, this is not an oil company community. I would hope that the community is not controlled by Esso Resources. We would like to see them have a little more independence.

MR. FRASER: It is controlled by the Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: That is why they are going to have...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Shut up, Mr. Fraser.

---Laughter

---Applause

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: ...and Norman Wells as a hamlet will be in a position to raise a very good percentage of the revenue. This is why he voted for taxation today. Also, I would like to inform the honourable Member that Local Government is putting in approximately \$300,000 for the Fort Good Hope community hall.

MR. FRASER: For what? Which one?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Fort Good Hope.

MR. FRASER: It does not show in here.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: It is under two different places. I think we will have to point it out to you once we come across that.

MR. FRASER: Will there be other places in here that Lac la Martre will show up in here too?

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, yes. I can show you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Shut up, Mr. Fraser. Order, Mr. Fraser. Capital. Mr. Curley.

Motion That Funds Be Provided To Municipalities Affected By Taxation Program To Upgrade Roads

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion I would like to move. I am going to move that this Assembly recommend to the Department of Local Government to provide adequate funds, to upgrade and pave municipality roads, to those affected by the property taxation program in 1981-82.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Could we have a copy of that motion, please? Yes, the motion is in order. I am going to ask the Clerk to read the motion again.

CLERK ASSISTANT (Mr. Hamilton): The motion is: I move that this Assembly recommend to the Department of Local Government to provide adequate funds, to upgrade and pave municipality roads, to those affected by the property taxation program in 1981-82.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I think it is only fair that the best possible roads be in the communities to those who are going to pay for property tax in those settlements. Often the roads are washed away. It does not happen in many communities in the Western Arctic but I think those people who have lived in Rankin Inlet will see that the amount of maintenance that the government and private people normally have to spend is normally as a result of very poor and lumpy roads in the settlement. There is no priority or there are no programs by the government to have a stage by stage development plan to upgrade roads.

The only time that the community can actually do that is if they scream loud enough and complain loud enough, but it is not the nature of the Inuit communities. In places like Yellowknife, you have very good representatives on the Assembly, very affluent and very able representatives. They can do that, so there is no problem with that.

Best Service Provided To Settlements

So often you will find, as you travel in the spring, that the roads are washed away. It is so low that people have to wear boots forever, and so I think that if we are going to be serious in instituting property taxation to the communities, we should expect them to have the best possible service that this government is able to provide. I do not think, for once, that we should accept the very poor conditions in the settlements. I think it is important that if they are going to pay property tax, that they be provided with best possible -- you know, roads is one thing.



There are many other things which have to be improved for sure which we will talk about when we get to the directorate, but that is one area that has to be treated as a priority. I believe it would also cut down the government's maintenance costs with respect to the equipment, heavy equipment. Local governments, hamlets and so on, have to spend quite a lot of money repairing equipment as a result of the very poor conditions on the airport roads or in the local settlements. I would urge Members to support the motion. Thank you.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I think it makes sense that tax revenues gained be used to upgrade the communities that are providing those taxes, and I might say that while I do support the new tax policy, I did not really agree with some of the opinions expressed by Members earlier today when it was debated, particularly the suggestion that Eastern Arctic communities are taking the government for a big ride and are not producing revenues to the best of their abilities.

#### Eastern Arctic Communities Are Contributing

Particularly, I feel that Mr. McLaughlin, for example, should know that hamlets like Arctic Bay and Pangnirtung, which because of the absence of a significant private sector, are owning, operating and contracting out extensive projects in their communities, are in fact raising up to 40 per cent of the revenue required to operate their communities even though they are not tax based communities. They are raising significant revenues from construction, from contracting, from fees and permits and this sort of thing, and also from contracts for water and sewer and the like. So the Eastern Arctic communities are making a contribution, and to the extent that this new tax program will result in revenues to the Government of the Northwest Territories, I think it is appropriate that the proceeds from those revenues be spent where they are produced.

Of course, when the communities become tax based communities, then that is the way it will work, but until then, I can support the motion, because I think the principle is fair and that is why people pay taxes, is so that government can provide services. So I would support the motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Wah-Shee. To the motion.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to state that I will support the motion, because really, if we are going to impose taxes in various communities, then I think the opportunity for local people to take on contracts for road maintenance or to even have paving within their own communities ought to be supported. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. To the motion. Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

#### Inuit Have Learned To Fight For Rights

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I do not support the motion and I will tell you why. One of the things that is becoming very clear to me is that one must be very aggressive in order to obtain what he wants for his constituency.

MR. CURLEY: Good.

MR. SIBBESTON: It has become clear to me that the Inuit people -- for instance, I have learned from them that they are very aggressive in fighting for the things that they want to do, and consequently, government has more or less given them a great deal. If you go up into the Inuit country, you will see that the Inuit are in much better shape generally than the Dene people. They have Inuit broadcasting stations. They have regional councils now. Another new regional council is being set up. So I am learning something from them. Now, I am also learning something from Mr. Wah-Shee.

---Laughter

---Applause

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Wah-Shee has come on the Executive, and as a result, his constituents are getting a great deal of money, and I am beginning to wonder if that is the approach to life that I ought to take.

MR. CURLEY: To the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

Mackenzie Valley Communities Should Get Paved Streets

MR. SIBBESTON: So, Mr. Wah-Shee stated that the communities down the Mackenzie Valley have been paying taxes for quite a few years. If the government is going to start paving streets, should not those communities that have been paying taxes for a long time be the first ones to get paved roads?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Oh, you like those.

MR. SIBBESTON: So I vote against the motion. If the government is to begin paving streets, they ought to start with communities down the Mackenzie Valley.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Right on!

MR. CURLEY: After Eastern Arctic.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would just like to clarify the misunderstanding by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

---Laughter

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Easy, he is learning something.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The reason why I am supporting this motion is because it really does apply to all communities. It applies to Dene communities as well.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yellowknife too?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yellowknife has had paved streets for years and years, so really, we ought to concentrate in other communities. Therefore, he should really consider supporting this motion, because it is going to benefit his community and his constituents as well.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!



HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: So nobody really is being left out.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, the reason I said I was going to vote against the motion is that Mr. Curley certainly implied that now that the Inuit communities are going to begin paying taxes, they ought to be given paved streets, and it is implied that if there is to be any street paving, it is to be started there first, and if he is suggesting that all little communities that pay taxes ought to have paved streets, and if he is prepared to accept that the communities that have been paying taxes for a number of years ought to get paved streets first, then I would support it on that basis.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Curley, do you want to reply?

Proper Facilities Must Be Asked For

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to indicate to the Member from Fort Simpson that sure, I am in support of any program that would upgrade the services that people are paying for. The only reason that I would think that some of his communities do not have the proper facilities is mainly because they have not asked for it. If they ask for it, then I will support it, and if I was in control of the Department of Local Government funds, I would want to make sure that funds are properly spent for the well-being of the northern communities, but I am not in charge, so I cannot assure him whether I would be able to ensure that all his communities get the proper -- and upgrade all their facilities. I do not know what condition they are in, but if I had seen them, I would certainly want to make sure that they would be upgraded. My motion is limited to the area and to the conditions of which I am personally aware.

MR. SIBBESTON: Oh, shame, shame!

MR. CURLEY: I agree with the Minister of Local Government. He said he is in support of the motion, because it applies to everything, and I will stand by that as well, and I will support that position. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Stewart, to the motion.

Roads Must Be Up To Paving Standards

HON. DON STEWART: Yes. Basically it is just the practical application of the motion that I wish to speak to, and that is: First of all, you have got to have a road that is stabilized before you can start paving, or you are wasting your time and your money.

MR. CURLEY: Oh, I forgot!

HON. DON STEWART: First of all, you have got to get a road to -- you told us you did not have any roads, that is why you did not want to pay any taxes. Now, you have evidently roads...

---Laughter

MS COURNOYEA: No, no -- your interpretation of that.

HON. DON STEWART: Now evidently we have roads, and if they are up to paving standards, that is fine. I have no objection to it, but there is a lot of time involved into getting a road into shape to pave it. Now, we have all gone through it in the Northwest Territories. Now, under normal municipal business, the town has to pay 50 per cent. Is that the rule you want to operate under or do you want them paved completely by the territorial government, or are you prepared to pay 50 per cent of the cost, the way the rest of us had to do?

MR. CURLEY: My motion does not talk about taxes.

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

MR. FRASER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to speak a little bit to the motion. The mover of the motion is requesting that the streets be paved in the communities that are going to be taxed, is that right? Is he asking for the money that the government is going to collect for taxes -- does that money go back into paving or does he want the government to pay the full shot?

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

MR. CURLEY: Well, that is really up to the municipality. If Mr. Fraser would volunteer to give some of his indemnities to that project, I would think that that would be acceptable too, but it just says, adequate funds be provided by the Department of Local Government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

MR. CURLEY: Question.

Motion That Funds Be Provided To Municipalities Affected By Taxation Program To Upgrade Roads, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hands, please. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Capital, \$18,750,000. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister or his Deputy Minister what -- in the negotiations for getting funding for major highway construction -- I do not know who does that, however, within a community, on what basis is it determined a highway where you negotiate separate funds, sort of under a federal regime, like the funds are turned over to you. Are there criteria that a road is a highway or part of a highway system? How is that determined? Who negotiates it and how is it reflected in your budget?

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



HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Local Government is responsible for the building of roads within the community and also the maintenance, but outside the community, where the road connects with the highway, then that responsibility really falls on the Department of Public Works, under the highways division. The expenditure under the highways for construction of new highways and the maintenance would be under the estimates of the Department of Public Works.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then, what you did state, addressed to Mr. Chairman, is that within the municipal boundaries of the community, that would be the responsibility of the municipality. Is that what you said?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Would you say that it would be in the best interest of the community to keep its boundaries as small as possible, so that they could take advantage of the federal funding for highway construction?

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

Boundaries Do Not Affect Moneys Allocated

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Well, it is really difficult to say. It all depends. I think you can take advantage of either, because really, the funding that is allocated for highway maintenance and construction would still be there. If you move your boundaries, then of course, the amount of money for that particular maintenance of highways will not change, but I think either way, I think the same amount of money would be allocated for the maintenance of highways, and also, within the municipal boundary.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Who is paying for the highway construction within the town boundaries of Inuvik?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The Department of Local Government is paying for the maintenance of the highway. I believe you were referring to from the airport to the municipal town of Inuvik.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then would you not say that if the municipal boundaries were not where they were, the federal DPW department would probably have paid for the construction or the upgrading of that highway?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the honourable Member to repeat her question, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea, could you repeat that?

MS COURNOYEA: Since the Local Government is paying for the highway from the town to the airport, because it is within the municipal boundaries of Inuvik, if those boundaries were not there, would it have been conceivable that the federal government, in the negotiations with the Department of Public Works, would have paid for that portion of the highway?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to have my Deputy Minister reply to that, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Maintenance Of Highways A Territorial Responsibility

MR. ELKIN: My understanding is, that would not be the case, because highways in the Northwest Territories -- the maintenance of them has been turned over to us and the funding for construction is negotiated with our involvement and certainly reflects, as much as possible, our priorities. So, it simply would be a matter of whether it is our own Department of Public Works who are involved with the highways, or this particular department of ours, that is involved in the communities. I believe, if anything, it is probably a little bit easier for us to fund within a municipality, rather than acquiring the capital funds for construction of highways, simply because there is not the same level of funds available for construction.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, one of my fears is that there are a lot of requests for funding to improve roads within a community and possibly hard topping them or having some kind of a solution so that the roads would be kept in better condition, without continually regravelling every year. It seems that we are always short of money and I am concerned that this allocation which -- I am not objecting to the allocation of funds for the improvement of that road -- but it seems to me, in the territorial government's quest to take a hold of things, that sometimes you take a hold of something that just ends up costing money and takes away from money that could be used for other municipal purposes.

I wonder if the Minister can assure me that if, in fact, that money that is being allocated, which I believe is about \$2.5 million, for the road from the town to the airport could not have been received from the federal government? Also, could you assure me that these funds could not have been used for another purpose if it was not spent on what I feel is a federal responsibility, because that road is connecting the Northwest Territories onto the Dempster into the Yukon, and I really feel that is a federal responsibility.

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

Dempster Highway A Federal Responsibility

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that this really is not the responsibility of Local Government, but I do believe it is the responsibility of the federal government, under that Dempster highway system, which connects to Inuvik.

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



MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, you said we were paying for the highway. The highway has never been completed and my understanding was that we were responsible for municipal concerns but certainly not a federal highway. I realize you are saying that this is just an upgrading of that highway but certainly that highway has never been completed. It is in very poor shape. It was not up to standard when it came within the boundaries of the community. You did make a statement that the Department of Local Government was indeed paying for it.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I was just basically stating that the roads within a municipality normally is the responsibility of Local Government but I was also indicating that outside the municipal boundaries -- for example the Dempster highway is really the responsibility of the federal government -- and if there is further clarification that is required, I would be more than pleased to provide more information in that area.

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

MS COURNOYEA: I certainly do not want to tie up this kind of an argument here and I certainly would want further clarification but I will not do it here. I just would like to strongly state that the highway that we are talking about is part of the Dempster highway, in particular the location outside the hospital area, hooking onto the bypass. I do not believe that it should be the responsibility of Local Government to pay for a federal highway system that is being planned for the future.

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

#### Unique Situation In Inuvik

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, normally the roads within a municipal boundary are the responsibility of Local Government. This is why we provide funding for road maintenance, construction of roads, etc. I think in the situation regarding Inuvik, there is a rather unique situation there, I think because you have the Dempster highway which connects with the road between the airport and the town of Inuvik. However, what I would like to do is ask the Commissioner possibly to provide further clarification for the honourable Member.

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think there is just one point that has not been clearly understood here and it is this. Certain roads are designated as highways even though they are within the limits of municipalities, if indeed they connect to a territorial highway or are part of the territorial highway system.

Using Inuvik as the example, the road that extends from the junction between the Dempster highway and the airport road out at the airport, from that point in to the edge of the built up part of Inuvik is a territorial highway. For the construction and reconstruction and the eventual paving of that seven or eight miles, we receive that money directly from the federal government as part of the federal-territorial highways agreement and it is not part of the funding in Local Government. It does not reduce the funding of Local Government in any way. The same sort of thing exists in Hay River where the territorial highway actually extends right through the municipality down to the dock area, because it is a true highway use and not a municipal road. Does that help the Member?

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

MS COURNOYEA: That is what I wanted to know. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard. Capital.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Requests From Jean-Marie River

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to put in a list of things that the Jean-Marie River community has asked for, since the system is based on putting your needs forward. The list is as follows. This is a letter written to Mr. Wah-Shee on February 26th, 1981, and I would like to see if some of these are possible in this years budget or whether we have to wait for next year: Firefighting equipment, just pump and hoses; community vehicle for freights of all kinds, wood, water, oil and gas; gardening equipment; DCC cat to maintain the roads and airports; a community hall; furniture for the community hall; community layout and expansion plans.

Now I would like Mr. Wah-Shee to see if some of these are possible this year. I note in the budget that there are some items that are not identified but just state "various" and I take it that these moneys are not allotted, therefore contingencies, and maybe some of these requests are possible under some of these. Otherwise then, I expect the major items to be in next years budget because I have done all I can.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: To the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thanks for your information. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I think it may be possible to accommodate the fire-fighting equipment. The gardening equipment would really have to go to Economic Development -- perhaps some of the furniture for the community hall.

MS COURNOYEA: They have to have a community hall first.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Otherwise it may not be possible to accommodate the other large capital expenditure because really it should go through part of the normal process where community requests are dealt with at the regional office. In this case it would be the Fort Smith regional office.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

Electricity For Kakisa Lake

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, one more item and that is to do with Kakisa Lake. The people have been after me really for the last year and a half to see if I can get them electricity. I have been writing letters to you and each letter has been getting a little terse. The people do want electricity, be it from the electrical system that is 30 or 40 miles away or else a small power plant. I wonder if that could be provided in this years budget.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I am well aware of the request from Kakisa Lake regarding power for that community. I have already written to the Alberta Power Corporation regarding this and also NCPG. The reaction we got from these two companies is that it is not economically viable for them to introduce power



poles and to have the connections. So the other possible alternatives that I have been looking into, and I have already discussed this with our energy division, is that we would like to put forth a proposal together from that particular division to take advantage of federal funding under the energy program and perhaps to experiment utilizing the small river turbine, which is really an experiment. We would hope to have the proposal together very shortly so that we can take advantage of the federal funding. Naturally I would like to keep the honourable Member informed regarding this particular project.

Detail Of Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Capital, \$18,750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 13.02, directorate, \$1,477,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Tagak Curley.

MR. CURLEY: We are dealing with directorate are we?

MR. FRASER: Report progress. Report progress.

Motion That 75 Per Cent Of Funds Generated Under New Taxation Program Be Retained By Municipalities

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that this Assembly urge and recommend to the Executive Committee that 75 per cent of funds generated by those municipalities affected by the new taxation program in 1981-82 be retained for their own discretion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Could we have a copy of that motion?

MR. CURLEY: Question.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Let us sleep on that.

MR. FRASER: Report progress.

MRS. SORENSEN: Progress.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I move we report progress.

MR. SIBBESTON: You are out of order. There is a motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: There was the other day too.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Fraser's motion is not debatable. Are you ready for the question? A question has been called. All those in favour of reporting progress, please raise your hands. Down. Against? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We will report progress. I would like to announce a small thing. I think that Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Curley and Mr. Noah are going to leave tomorrow and I would like to thank them for being in this House the whole time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82; NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-81(1) and wishes to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Speaker, I have received a petition from the Akaitcho Hall students. I wonder if I could seek unanimous consent to return to orders of the day, Item 4.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested. Do I hear any nays?

ITEM NO. 4: PETITIONS

Proceed, Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members. I have received a Petition 4-81(1), from the students of Akaitcho Hall, from the girls dormitory, to the effect that...

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...and it is dated March the 4th and has seven signatures. The petition is from students who wish to go home for spring break which is at least a week and a half, which starts in a couple of days. We would be very pleased if you could help us with this petition to go home for spring break.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Tologanak. Are there any other petitions? Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening in Katimavik A of the Members' Services Board. Tomorrow, Thursday, March 12, at 11:45 a.m., a meeting of the standing committee on finance in Katimavik A.

ITEM NO. 13: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 1981.

1. Prayer
2. Oral Questions
3. Questions and Returns
4. Petitions
5. Tabling of Documents



6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motion
8. Motions
9. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
10. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
11. Second Reading of Bills
12. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills,  
Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters:  
Bill 1-81(1); Eighth Report of the Standing Committee  
on Finance Responding to Non-Renewable Resource Development;  
Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance;  
Bills 2-81(1) to 16-81(1), inclusive; Report by the  
Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional  
Development
13. Third Reading of Bills
14. Assent to Bills
15. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The hour being 6:00 p.m., this House is adjourned until 9:30 a.m. March 12, 1981, at the Explorer Hotel.

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