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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1981

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Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Kilabuk, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. MacQuarrie, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sayine, 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 Thursday, March the 12th. Item 2, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 2: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 182-81(1): Minister's Paper On Aboriginal Rights

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question for the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. The paper that was distributed yesterday was not entirely the same as the comments that you made. Could I ask, Mr. Minister, the paper that you circulated, is your intention to table that? Secondly, Mr. Minister, you had said that there would be correspondence attached, particularly a letter you had sent to the Minister. Will that be included? Thirdly, Mr. Minister, I notice that the item is right at the tail end of committee of the whole business. Would you attempt to ensure that your paper is discussed before this session is prorogued?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 182-81(1): Minister's Paper On Aboriginal Rights

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, the comments that I made are basically my introduction to the report. The report is different from my comments. I do believe that my report has been distributed among the Members. It also has been translated into Inuktitut. Also, what I would like to do is table the correspondence that you requested and I would like to do that today, this morning if possible.

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

Supplementary To Question 182-81(1): Minister's Paper On Aboriginal Rights

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, the report was distributed but I believe it is not formally tabled and I would appreciate that. I think it is not really a part of the proceedings, until it is. The other question, Mr. Minister, that was not answered, will you attempt to ensure that we do discuss the paper before we prorogue the session?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Supplementary To Question 182-81(1): Minister's Paper On Aboriginal Rights

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, it is not up to me whether or not the House will discuss it or not. Really it is up to the Members of this particular House.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Will you table the report?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I do believe that the report was already tabled when I made my comments, I made the report available to the House at that time.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am not sure. I do not think it was tabled and I would like it to be if it was not. It does make a difference.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, Mr. MacQuarrie, possibly I could answer part of this. Really there is no place on our order paper to have reports from the Minister and we decided that we would allow these reports under reports of standing and special committees. Now it has been the practice that these reports, then, put in via this method are treated the same as tabled documents. It is a tabled report. However, if you wish it to go the other route, it is a matter of form. Unfortunately the rules as they stand do not really allow a Minister to make a presentation so this is the method we have been using to get these reports on the floor with a minimum of delay. The only other way would be by way of notice of motion which would take 48 hours to get it onto the floor.

MR. MacQUARRIE: If I may explain, Mr. Speaker. The report that was read in during reports of standing and special committees is not the same as the report that was distributed to us later so if the other report has authority, I would simply like it to be tabled so that it is part of our proceedings. That is my request to the Minister. He need not accede to it but I would simply ask that he do so.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie. Oral or written?

Question 183-81(1): Correspondence On Federal Government Decisions Re Drury Report

MR. MacQUARRIE: Oral. Mr. Speaker, for the Leader of the Elected Executive. In the report from the Minister for Aboriginal Rights, Mr. Minister, I noticed again to my surprise that we have been informed by the federal government that they will make decisions with respect to Drury's report in the fall. Will you circulate to Members, Mr. Minister, the correspondence that we received from the Minister in respect of that, so that individual Members can begin to make preparations well ahead of the Hay River session?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 183-81(1): Correspondence On Federal Government Decisions
Re Drury Report

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, in response to the Member's question, there is not much in the way of correspondence. What was reflected in Mr. Wah-Shee's reports is the product of meetings which I have had with senior federal government officials. Now I want to clarify something for Mr. MacQuarrie and for other Members. John Munro is the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He is one of a number of Ministers who are going to be participating in making some decisions about the political future of the Northwest Territories. Now I have told this House before that in the conversations that I have had, they have been with other federal government officials in central agencies who have a lot more power and authority than John Munro has. So I just want my colleague to know that the Minister of Indian Affairs does not control everything, that he is one of a number of Ministers who will be participating in this decision making process that will be taking place in the fall.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 183-81(1): Correspondence On Federal Government
Decisions Re Drury Report

MR. MACQUARRIE: I recognize the truth of what the Leader of the Elected Executive says. Nevertheless, while he is only one, he is a very important one. I believe that our Commissioner reports to him and I believe that the Northwest Territories Act which is our constitution is administered under the authority of that particular Minister. I do not think that we can afford to underestimate the power that he will have to alter the constitutional situation in the Northwest Territories.

If I may quote very briefly what prompted me to ask the question, in Mr. Wah-Shee's report there is a sentence. On number five, it says: "The federal government has informed us that they will be making decisions..." and I underline that "...this coming fall on the Drury report with respect to the transfer of powers and have invited us to submit a proposal."

So I am just surprised that we have just learned about it now but, at any rate, if there is any correspondence, I would appreciate seeing it so that individual Members can have an opportunity to prepare. That was the substance of my question. Can we have it? If you say there is none, we will prepare as best we can then.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Return To Supplementary To Question 183-81(1): Correspondence On Federal
Government Decisions Re Drury Report

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I informed this House about a month ago of what was transpiring at the federal level. I want it on the record that the Member is incorrect when he says that he is just informed now. If you check back into the examination of the Executive budget, I believe questions came up concerning this and also oral questions came up very early in this session about what is taking place. I also want it on the record that it is not just the Drury report. There are a number of other documents, inputs, that the federal government will be considering. One reason why I want to see us make some major constitutional decisions is because I, too, would like, on behalf of the government, to be able to make some intelligent input to the Government of Canada before they finish their decision making process.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I would like to conclude this debate that has been going on between the gentlemen. Have you any correspondence that you can file, or do you not have? I think that is the question. If you have none, just say you do not have any and let us get on with this thing.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: No, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions? Item 3, questions and returns. Do we have any written questions? Are there any returns today?

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. Wah-Shee.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to written Question 41-81(1), asked by Mr. Evaluarjuk on February 11th, 1981. This is regarding the Nordair revised schedules. In discussions with Mr. Tom Rowland, director, scheduled services for Bradley/First Air and Andre Bernard, northern services of Nordair, we are advised that scheduled services between Hall Beach and Igloolik will not be significantly improved until May 1st, 1981, when Nordair's newly acquired Boeing 737 goes into operation. Their new schedule is not confirmed as yet. They are totally committed with existing aircraft and have no place to tighten up their schedules.

Bradley/First Air's difficulties are with crew duty times. On day two, their Hall Beach based aircraft goes to Igloolik, Pond Inlet and Nanisivik, with the same stops on the return to Hall Beach. The crew must then have an eight hour break, after 14 hours on duty, thus causing the delay in Hall Beach departures. On day five, apparently this causes no problem. On March 4th, 1981, Nordair instructed their Hall Beach manager to make arrangements for delayed passengers to use Nordair washroom facilities. Thank you.

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

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In accordance, I understand, with traditional practice, I will table Tabled Document 30-81(1), Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation Concerning Bills to be Introduced at the Fourth Session of Ninth Legislative Assembly.

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

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mr. MacQuarrie.

Report Of Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this would be the appropriate place to read this report, but again, as I understand, in keeping with tradition, I will ask the agreement of the House to delay reading the report now and to comment individually as each of the bills is raised in committee of the whole.

I will just comment on one thing with respect to the report now and that is that the committee has considered steps that it might take to make the committee more useful and more effective throughout the year, thereby being more helpful to the Assembly and to the public, and in this connection the committee has asked me, as chairman, to examine means to do so and report back to the committee in Hay River. I will be soliciting the views of all MLA's in this connection prior to the Hay River session. So, Mr. Speaker, with the agreement of the House then, I will bring the committee's views on each bill in committee of the whole as bills arise.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: It is normal practice, I think, and it is understood that this is the procedure we will adopt. Any further reports of standing and special committees?

Item 7, notices of motion.

Item 8, motions.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

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

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My motion is regarding changes to the motor Vehicles Ordinance and the All-Terrain Vehicles Ordinance.

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 of 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: Your motion is in order. Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser, as seconder, do you wish to speak?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MS COURNOYEA: Question, never mind.

---Laughter

MR. PUDLUK: Are you 60 years old?

MS COURNOYEA: You have a conflict of interest. Sit down, Pete Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Have you got any lights up there?

MS COURNOYEA: It is okay.

MR. FRASER: I have to speak to this, just because of some comments made by my immediate colleagues here, saying that it was a conflict of interest.

---Laughter

However, I feel that maybe, if it does come to a vote, that you would accept and vote for me too, because you are in the same category as I am.

---Laughter

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 28-81(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour?

MR. FRASER: Everybody, come on.

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 31-81(1), by Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that motion delayed until tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: We will delay on the motion until tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. That then concludes motions for today.

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

Item 10, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 10: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 10-81(1): Income Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 10-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Braden. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. The bill is at first reading.

---Carried

Introduction of bills for first reading. Mr. Braden.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 9-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 9-81(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I would request unanimous consent to give Bill 10-81(1) second reading at this time, please.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: That is anticipation. I have not gotten there yet. Is there any further introduction of bills for first reading? Thank you. Item 11, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 12: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Unanimous consent has been requested for second reading of a bill. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 10-81(1): Income Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 10-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Income Tax Ordinance to ensure that the tax base on which income tax for the Territories is computed is not eroded.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Second reading of bills. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 9-81(1).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent being requested. Do I hear any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 9-81(1): Council Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 9-81(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Council Ordinance to provide for revised constituency allowances; to provide for revised salaries for House officials including a second deputy chairman of committees of the whole, and to provide for payment of certain specified expenses of the Speaker of the House.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 9-81(1) is at second reading.

---Carried

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; Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance Responding to Non-Renewable Resource Development; Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance; Bill 2-81(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1980-1981; and Bill 3-81(1), Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1981. We will resolve into committee of the whole 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, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order. Bill 1-81(1), page 13.02. We have a bit of a problem this morning. There was a motion on the floor when the House adjourned. The mover of the motion is not here so that motion dies on the floor. We will now call Mr. Wah-Shee. If you wish to call in any witnesses, Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have the consent of this House to bring in my Deputy as a witness.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government, Directorate, Total 0 And M, Agreed

Thank you. We are on directorate, page 13.02, total 0 and M, \$1,477,000. Comments of a general nature. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Development And Training, Total 0 And M

Page 13.03, development and training, total 0 and M in the amount of \$1,488,000. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, in the last year or so, there has been some activity or some movement in respect of band councils becoming more involved

in municipal administration. In Providence, I understand members of the band council ran for office in the settlement council election last fall and were pretty well elected, so the band in a sense has taken over the settlement council. In places like Fort Liard, the band council runs municipal affairs. I understand in Wrigley too there is that situation, so it seems that there has been a movement back to band councils rather than a further strengthening of the settlement councils.

In Fort Simpson, as I said, last year the village council does not really reflect the local population. It was mostly non-native people who were on there. This past December native people decided to become involved and consequently there were two native persons elected on the village council and, since then, I must say the village council has vastly improved.

I am aware that the Local Government department has been holding or conducting a number of courses for settlement secretaries and secretary managers and so forth. I am wondering whether the training could also be offered to the band councils. In places like Fort Simpson, the band exists parallel in a sense to the village council and perhaps could benefit from the training as offered to the settlement and village councils. Is that possible?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I think the Department of Local Government would be more than pleased to offer these courses for the band councils. If I may add, Mr. Chairman, the courses that we do offer are open to municipal councils as well as band councils.

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

Problems In Nahanni Butte

MR. SIBBESTON: Another point I would like to raise is in respect of Nahanni Butte. Nahanni Butte is a small settlement of approximately 60 or 70 people and people are not very well organized. They are part of the Fort Liard band council and the Liard band council has not really paid very much attention to the community. Consequently people, I would say, on the whole are in a disarray. They are unorganized and to a certain extent, demoralized. There has been a tremendous amount of drinking going on and in 1979 there were five people killed as a result of liquor.

Last fall, people voted for prohibition so since then things have been a bit better. The people there need some help to organize themselves. There are just a lot of things to be done but there is not a means or an instrument whereby people can get things done. There is no local council. There is no band council and I wonder whether the government would provide some assistance to the people. The houses in Nahanni Butte are the worst of any houses that I have ever seen in the North. Last year I tried to get some help from Mackenzie Valley Housing and unfortunately was not able to get any help. So people need some help in getting themselves organized and on their feet. So I wonder if the department could provide some help there.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, we intend to have a development officer stationed in Fort Simpson. This will be done through the Fort Smith regional office. This particular development officer would be responsible for the community of Wrigley as well as Nahanni Butte. I would hope that this would give the kind of support that the honourable Member is requesting for the community to better organize themselves.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Just for your information, Mr. Sibbeston some of the Members are addressing the Members directly like you address Mr. Wah-Shee. You have to address the Chair, Mr. Chairman or Mr. Speaker, as the case may be. Otherwise you will be cut off.

---Laughter

Thank you. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: It just seems like an unnecessary thing to say Mr. Chairman every time that I speak.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Well, you change the rules and we will change you.

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, one final point to the Minister. I will just pass for now. I have lost my train of thought.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That was not hard to do.

---Laughter

Development and training in the amount of \$1,488,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston.

Local Government Development Officers

MR. SIBBESTON: Okay. I want to make a point now about government officials who work out of Fort Smith. In our area, in Simpson, we are under the administration of the Fort Smith region and I will use Local Government as an example. Perhaps there are Local Government officials, perhaps there are officials in Fort Smith who are there, employed to help people develop local government councils. I must say that during my time on this Assembly in the last year and a half, I have never seen anyone from Fort Smith come to my area and talk about local government matters. I do not know why this is, whether they are busy in other places of the North or once they get to Fort Smith they simply think it is retirement and just live there without travelling around. I do not know what the problem is.

I am pleased that Mr. Wah-Shee says that they are prepared to place a Local Government official in Fort Simpson but I say this will be the first time that we will have seen anybody from Fort Smith. I would just like to hear from the Minister, are there Local Government development officers in Fort Smith? How many are there? What are their positions and perhaps try to explain why, in our area, we just never see them?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Wah-Shee, have you the information please?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to clarify the honourable Member's statement regarding my officials. I would just like to inform him that my development officers have been in Fort Simpson and the surrounding communities within his constituency. Obviously he does not recognize my officials. Just for his information, I would like to ask my Deputy to give more information regarding how many officials do go from the Fort Smith regional office to his particular constituency.

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

MR. ELKIN: Yes. Just to expand on that, in Fort Smith we have a superintendent who expends extensive time in the field. In terms of the actual detailed development area, we have a regional development officer whose full and total responsibility is to work very closely with the communities from a developmental point of view. That person is aided by two staff that he has located in the field; one in the community of Hay River, as of this point, to serve the surrounding smaller communities, and one in Rae-Edzo. We appreciate that a higher priority needs to be placed on the communities of Nahanni Butte, Fort Liard, Wrigley and Jean-Marie River and that is why we are going to put another officer into the field to serve those areas as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. I see it is a problem for the Member. I wonder if Mr. Wah-Shee is right, that he does not know them. I wonder if you could give him the names and then the Member could be aware when they are coming in. Would you like that, Mr. Sibbeston?

MR. SIBBESTON: Of course. I would like your help.

Development And Training, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Development and training, \$1,488,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal Affairs, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 13.04, municipal affairs, total O and M in the amount of \$17,249,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance, over the year, has discussed the collection of revenues. We see that part of responsible government, particularly in the Northwest Territories, is to look at all the aspects of revenue. One of the areas that we have particularly pinpointed is the whole area of industrial property tax and by "industrial property tax" I am talking about major corporations and large industries such as NTCL, Dome/Canmar, gold mines, that kind of industrial operation. Now it is my understanding that the existing tax mill rate for industrial establishments is fairly low. I wonder if the Minister could provide the House with an explanation of how the territorial government set its property tax mill rate for these areas called "taxation areas" and whether the government is looking at a reassessment of either the mill rate or the assessment process.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to have my Deputy reply to the honourable Member's question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Elkin.

Tax Based Municipalities

MR. ELKIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. When you talk about properties, it must be clear that what happens in what we call the "tax base" of municipalities and the other communities throughout the Northwest Territories is not the same. The tax based municipalities which are the villages, the towns and this city do have the authority to tax themselves. They set the mill rate and they do have the authority to decide whether people who live in houses should be taxed the same as the mill rate that may be set for a commercial enterprise.

If my figures are correct, I believe in Yellowknife they have decided that the commercial rate should be higher. They feel that business is prepared and able to pay a rate that is slightly higher than the person who is attempting to own their own home. That is the only municipality as of this point that has decided to have a mill rate for those two areas that is not the same. The other municipalities set their mill rate each year and it is the same, whether it is for commercial, whether it is government or whether it is private.

In the other communities in the Northwest Territories, the settlements and hamlets, the mill rate is set by us and because we all appreciate that costs in the Northwest Territories are high and because the idea of encouraging businesses and home ownership is a priority, everything outside of the major municipalities is very low. It is 25. That is 25, whether it applies to a home owner, the government or a business. The question can be raised: Should we expect business enterprise to pay more? When we met with the standing committee before and this particular issue was raised, we agreed that it may, in fact, be time that we reviewed what we were doing in that whole area and consider the pros and cons of a split mill rate for those communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: So I take it then, Mr. Chairman, that the Minister is giving an undertaking to the House to re-examine the mill rate and assessment program and can I have then a further undertaking with respect to a time frame? Can we expect a report on this issue, say by the fall session?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to assure the honourable Member that we can accommodate the requests and that we come forward with something in the fall. Also, we certainly would be quite prepared to look at the present rates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the standing committee on finance then, I will not proceed with motion A19-81 and take it then that we will receive a report on this matter in the fall. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Municipal affairs, \$17,249,000. Mr. Sibbeston.

Organizing Regional Councils In The Mackenzie Valley

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I notice that there is quite a large sum of money for both the Baffin Regional Council and also the Central Arctic Regional Council. Now, I am wondering why there are not similar councils in the western part of the Northwest Territories. Like people in my part of the North, Liard Valley and in the Mackenzie area, have talked for quite a number of years about a Liard Valley authority in respect of economic development. I suppose the body, were it to be set up, could also deal with local government matters. Now, have your officials been, perhaps, more active up in the Arctic areas than in our parts of the North, thus resulting in these councils being set up, or what would you say the reason was for the Inuit people to have these councils and not having similar councils down the Mackenzie Valley?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I had the impression the honourable Member did not recognize this government. I do not really know why he wants to organize more councils, but in replying to his question, really, the communities collectively decide whether they want to have a regional council. The initiative really has to come from the various community councils. What my department does is that we give our support in terms of holding conferences, workshops, and if the band councils and the municipal councils within the Mackenzie Valley would like to form a regional council, then naturally, we would be more than happy to assist, but I do not think that is really the responsibility of my department to go into those communities and start organizing regional councils. The initiative has to come from the various communities in that particular area collectively.

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

Advantages In Recognizing The Territorial Government

MR. SIBBESTON: The Minister said something about me saying that I do not recognize this government and I must say that there are a lot of people in my constituency who have not accepted this government and, consequently, for the past few years have shied away from such organizations as the settlement councils and village councils and so forth. I think it is becoming clear to myself and a lot of other people that there is some merit in becoming involved; not to necessarily endorse this government, but just as a matter of practicality. It is quite clear to me that if people co-operate with this government, let us say like the Inuit people -- they are very quick and very open to taking on and being involved in this government -- they are very well rewarded, as it were. People, perhaps in your constituency, Mr. Wah-Shee, are deriving a great deal of benefit from this government. So, perhaps, it is to their advantage to, perhaps, recognize this government to a certain extent.

I am going to, in my area, do more to get native people involved in this government's programs, not necessarily as an endorsement of this government, but as a means to obtain services on a day-to-day basis and also for the preparation for the future, when the Dene Nation, or Denendeh comes about. So, if we want to become involved, it is not necessarily that we wholeheartedly endorse this government, but just to receive some services, which ought to be given to everybody in the North, but it seems they have been withheld because you do not fully accept this government and take part.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): If you cannot beat them, join them. After coffee, 15 minutes, Mr. Wah-Shee.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. Mr. Minister, I think you have a question on the floor. Are you prepared to answer at this time?

Dene Communities Do Recognize Territorial Government

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, regarding the working relationship between the administration and the various communities, at the present time I think that the working relationship is quite cordial and co-operative, I do believe. However, I would just like to correct the honourable Member's statement, that the honourable Members of this House should not get the impression that all Dene communities do not recognize the administration.

MR. SIBBESTON: One million bucks...

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like to make it quite clear that some of the communities within the honourable Member's constituency have been very co-operative with the officials of the administration regarding the kinds of assistance that they are putting forth. I think that it is not really fair for the honourable Member to give the impression that Dene communities are not prepared to work with the administration. I would even go so far as, that to my knowledge, no Dene community has ever passed a formal motion, either in the band council or municipal council, to publicly state that they do not recognize this government. I think that the honourable Member should be corrected in that area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: On the point of whether the Dene communities in my area recognize this government in full or not, I guess my submission on this point, as to whether they do or not, is indicated by such things as whether the people support the band councils as opposed to the settlement councils. That could be one way of seeing whether the people recognize an institution that is set up by the federal government and for many, many years and which has the support of the people. I can tell you that in Fort Liard it is the band council that runs the municipal affairs and the people in Liard have much more of a relationship toward the federal government than this government.

In places like Wrigley, this government has attempted to establish a settlement council for years but, in my view, have not been successful. The people have rejected the settlement council idea. They have gone back to the band council idea and get their funds, basically, from the federal government.

In places like Fort Providence, you have had both the band councils and settlement councils in existence. Just this fall, the band council has taken over the settlement council, which to me indicates that the people support the band council as opposed to the settlement council concept.

In Fort Simpson, the band council has existed, co-existed, right along with the village council and this fall, for the first time, decided to participate in the village council election, only because the village council was not representing the native people's point of view. Also, native people are in the majority in Simpson and more or less saying, well, we are fed up with the village council taking directly opposite positions to us and so we are going to take it over and get involved. It is only because they object to what the village council is doing that they are becoming involved.

No Communication Between Territorial Government And The People

So, these are the things that indicate to me that a lot of people in my constituency do not support this government. They do not understand it. There is no communication between this government and the people. So, there are serious problems. There is a great gap between this government and the people in my area. The other thing is, when there is a Dene Nation general assembly, people from my constituency just flock to the assembly and I do not see one Dene in here, except one man from the CBC, who is listening here to our Assembly proceedings today.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Look around, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: You know, so all of these things indicate to me that people have more links, more association with the federal government, with the Dene Nation, than this government. I, as their representative, have not taken part in this government. Otherwise I would have been booted out, and voted out.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, do you want to respond to that? I do not know...

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, just another point of clarification, because, first of all, I think that if the Dene people in his constituency do not understand the territorial government, then I would like to further add that they do not understand the federal government. I think that we, in the Northwest Territories, are much closer to the communities. The other thing, of course, that I want to add is that the financial assistance that the federal government is presently providing to the band councils is fairly limited, and compared to the financial assistance that we provide to the municipal councils, is much greater in terms of percentage.

The other area of course is that the type of municipal councils that the Dene people want is really entirely up to the communities and this is one area which I have indicated to the honourable Member, that Local Government is more than willing to sit down and meet with the various communities in the Mackenzie Valley to really address the whole area of community government councils. In some of the communities the band councils have taken over the responsibilities of municipal government, and this was done through an arrangement through my department. So I am not particularly hung up on the structure itself, rather to really address the whole issue of taking over municipal responsibility.

Dene Nation And Territorial Government Working On A Co-operative Basis

I think the other area, of course, is that my constituents, the chiefs and band council in my area, have attended Dene Nation meetings since the day it was formed. I may add that all the Dene communities have attended Dene Nation meetings, and at the present time the honourable Member knows very well that the Dene Nation and the territorial government Executive are working on a very co-operative basis. So really the Dene people not recognizing the administration or the territorial government is not an issue as far as I am concerned.

I think the honourable Member ought to go back to his constituents and really check this out, because I can assure him that his community representatives will not indicate publicly that they do not recognize the present administration. As a matter of fact, I think I am prepared to go to his constituency sometime after this session, and I personally will bring up the matter with all the communities within his constituency.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. We will give you a little change. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have anything to say regarding this but I feel -- Nick Sibbeston, I want him to listen.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Sit down.

---Laughter

---Applause

MRS. SORENSEN: Aggressive. Very aggressive all right.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Well, we have been listening to this for a long, long time, what Nick Sibbeston has been saying all along. Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, you are going to stop me, but he has been saying that the Baffin people are well looked after. Perhaps the people in his constituency have heard that. I feel that the Indians are going to start to hate us Inuit. I think it is even going to be dangerous just to walk around alone as an Inuk. I want to tell him he should tell his people, to try to tell them to work hard, not just to try to push the government. Let them try to help themselves, so that way they can be better helped. I feel that they are not trying to do enough. That is why they are saying that they are not getting any help. I wanted to say this while Nick Sibbeston was listening. Thank you.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Quyanamik. Ms Cournoyea.

Western Arctic Not Interested In Regional Government

MS COURNOYEA: I guess as Mark Evaluarjuk says too, I want to say something as well. Some things I do not agree with, and what Mr. Wah-Shee has said, Mr. Chairman. I think a lot of times when we talk about government and government control, we speak of two things. Number one, we speak of policy and another one, we speak of administration.

I do not believe the Inuvialuit communities that I represent ever felt that receiving funding for infrastructure in their community really meant endorsing everything the territorial government ever did, because that money was turned over from the federal coffers for building up those communities, and it is our job to make the case for our communities in our region. We have had a great deal of difficulty in the Western Arctic in terms of policy and how we are going to go in setting up regional governments and we have defeated at least seven attempts by the bureaucrats of the territorial government to set up a regional government. I do not believe that in any way harmed our ability to deal with what was needed at the community level. We are going to continue to struggle and fight to have things set up in the way that would serve the long-term interests of the people of our region. We want our own regional municipality, and I believe the bureaucrats in the government have their own idea and they push and push their idea, and sometimes they do go around, and sometimes people really get the feeling sometimes the money belongs to Larry Elkin. Because these people in the government have their ideas of how they would like to see things move, we have our ideas as people who live in the community, and those frictions will always be there but it is upon our own ability to fight to get what we want in our area. Sometimes the struggle is not pleasant and sometimes it is very difficult, but the work has to be done to represent that region.

I do not believe that the Eastern Arctic is getting more than the West because I have travelled in almost every Eastern Arctic community. There are some pretty sad states of affairs. I have travelled in most of the Western Arctic Dene communities and they have their problems, but I do not think there is a big discrepancy in the funding to those communities, because the development in the western part has taken place much earlier and funds have been moved to a degree over the last few years to the High Arctic and Eastern Arctic because they just were not there before.

Government Money Belongs To The People

I know in our area we fought regional forms of government because we felt that the system had too much to do with how it was going to be set up, but we do not feel guilty about that. We will continue to insist that our perception of how and where we want to go in the future is going to be recognized. The bureaucrats in their own right and how they feel will continue to say "Well, we like it because it fits better on paper the way we see it." In no way should that jeopardize the fact that communities in need of funding to build up their infrastructure and the needs for their community should be jeopardized because that funding is being transferred from the federal government to the territorial government on behalf of the people who live up here. It does not belong to the bureaucrats. ~~It does not belong to the administration.~~ It belongs to us as a people. A lot of people feel if they take that funding then they are recognizing that they have to go in a certain fashion to develop their communities, but that is not so. They are two different things.

I feel that sometimes there is too much emphasis placed on who is signing the cheque. That money is the people's money, not the bureaucrats money, and it is our job to fight for what we believe is the right direction to go. We are not going to have a pleasant time. Nick Sibbeston, all I want to tell you is I do not like to see the Minister saying to you that he will go to your communities to try to get a different opinion from your communities by undermining your representation there. I believe you are saying one thing and the people have certain fears and I think that should be respected. You are going to have a difficult time and this undermining is not -- I do not endorse that and neither do I respect that. I think Mr. Wah-Shee has fought for his constituents to get things in his smaller communities; so much more credit to him. If you are able to get something more, so much credit for you, but do not sell your soul for a few bucks or a water truck or whatever. Just fight for it. That is all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Mr. Minister.

Minister Very Knowledgeable Of Dene Communities

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: First of all, I do not think that my department is aggressively trying to organize the regional council in the honourable Member's constituency. I think it would be better if I discuss the matter with her at some other time.

My feeling is that I have travelled all over the Dene communities for many years. The information I have is a little different from what the honourable Member's statements are for Mackenzie Liard. Ever since we got elected here, all I hear is the same statement coming forth from the honourable Member. I am more aware of the Dene communities than the honourable Member for the Western Arctic because I come from here. I cannot really comment on the other areas but certainly I think that changes are taking place. I am not saying that I would like to see the communities endorse or have a recognition of the present government because really what we are working toward is change to the political structure and I respect that. We have to go through evolution and changes will have to be made.

As far as I am concerned, I have never been bought off by the administration and I do not intend to be. I have my own ideas and I will continue to represent my constituents, but to me, whether they recognize the administration or not is not really an issue at all. I think that evolution has to take place. I am well aware that many of the communities are not happy with the present set-up and they would like to see some changes. So, I think these are the changes that we are going to have to pursue, with the co-operation among ourselves in this House and in co-operation with native organizations and I totally respect that.

Regarding the issue that the honourable Member brought up from the Mackenzie Liard, I would like to apologize to the honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard. If and when I do go to his area, we will hold public meetings. I apologize and I will bring up the matter in his constituency. That particular statement is not called for and I apologize for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Sibbeston.

Native People Lack Training For Government Jobs

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it might serve some purpose in me explaining what I mean by a lot of people in my constituency not supporting this government. I have said it quite a number of times and maybe there is a misunderstanding as to what I mean. It might serve some purpose in having me say something about it, so people do clearly understand what I mean.

Now, what I mean by a majority of people in my constituency not supporting this government is that the territorial government in many ways is not a bad government. It is certainly physically closer to people in the federal government, but amongst the Dene people there is a basic feeling that it is not their government, because of such things as jobs. They do not have the jobs that are available from this government. It is slowly getting better but it is because of, perhaps, lack of education or lack of training that native people are not able to get into jobs with government.

Native people are just coming from the bush or coming from the land. They have a different language. They have different ways of doing things. The thing that is agonizing or difficult for them is that their culture, their way of doing things, is not good, is not accepted by the white society that is dominant in the North. The skills, the languages, the knowledge that people have are of no consequence or are of no benefit to them in respect of this government. The system, this government, does not support the people. This government does not deal with people in Slavey. This government does not give any credence to the fact that a man might be a good hunter and a good provider. He is not the man that the government says, well, he should be the game warden. There is not that sort of thing.

Native People Must Benefit From Resources

Then there is the matter of the resources. People do not like governments or businesses taking resources from within the area that Dene people live. People do not like the idea that there is going to be a pipeline from their lands and it is going to go right by them, south, because there is a basic feeling that the land is theirs. The resources really are theirs and the government or big business have no business taking these things out. People do not see what benefit they are getting from it. There are always a few jobs and there will always be a few people who will benefit from such development in terms of jobs. I do not knock that, but the leaders of the people have to reflect the gut feeling of the people, knowing that they say it is not right for the business and government to take these resources without the people saying it is okay and without people benefiting. So, there is that gut feeling and that is why there is antagonism toward the companies that operate and take resources from the North.

I mentioned the civil service jobs. Native people are at a disadvantage as far as civil services jobs, because white people in this government set the standards and they say, you have to have these standards of education. Otherwise, you are just out of luck. You are not able to get any work and people resent that fact, that there are white people from the South who come into the North and come into the communities and have these jobs. People for the most part, particularly those that live off the land, have a very meager existence, a very tough life that they lead trying to make a living off the land. It makes them feel -- they think it is unfair. They cannot understand why people can come in from the South, be given big houses, be given vehicles to drive, be given opportunities to fly around in chartered planes and so forth. So, it is that kind of a feeling that people have toward this government.

Native People And Alcohol

There is also the matter of alcohol. Because of the basic philosophy that native people have, alcohol plays havoc with them. It is white people that brought the liquor into the North. Maybe native people, too, did not resist it enough, but it is a fact that alcohol has done a lot to demoralize and kill native people. The leaders are aware of what is going on. The leaders know it is not right, but then again it is this government that sells the liquor. It is this government that licenses bars. So certainly, as a leader of the people, I have a basic negative feeling toward this government, that the government should not do that sort of thing. The government should see how liquor is detrimental to people and do something about it.

It is like I say, I have always used the case of drugs. The state thinks that drugs are bad for people, so they pass a law saying that...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could we get back to municipal affairs, please?

MR. SIBBESTON: I was making my point. You had allowed me to try to explain why people do not accept this government and I am saying the matter of alcohol is one of the reasons too. Certainly, the leaders and the common-sensical people, feel that it creates a negative feeling toward government. The other aspect that people feel toward government is that native people and their native leaders have certain ideals. I have ideals and people have ideals of getting back on their feet, being able to make a living, just like anyone else, but the system in place is very difficult to function within. There is a basic hope that when the Dene Nation, or Denendeh, or when there are changes in this government, it will be easier for people to function in government. There is a feeling that government will become better because there will be more native people in government, who can provide better services to the people.

There is a feeling among some of the people and some of the native leaders, that are really working hard on behalf of the people, that government sometimes buys off native people, gives them good jobs and gives them good pay, and in this way buys off people. Government likes native people who think exactly like them. Government does not like people who think differently than them. So, there is that basic feeling. That is why you have people who work for the Dene Nation and other people who work for the territorial government. People feel that you have to compromise yourself in order to work for this government.

Native People Do Not Understand Government

The other aspect that people feel is that government is wrapped up in bureaucracy and red tape. It is very difficult to get anything done. People do not understand government. In order to get anything accomplished, it takes a long time and it is a very complicated system. So, people identify with the band councils, because the band councils are the group in the town that deals with the social issues. It is the band council in Simpson that has taken issue on the alcohol problem. It is the band council...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Sorry, your 10 minutes are up, Mr. Sibbeston.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SIBBESTON: Oh. So, for all of these reasons, people...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Your 10 minutes are up. I am sorry.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SIBBESTON: There has been agreement to let me continue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it agreed? Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Okay. Carry on.

MR. SIBBESTON: Much to your dislike, I will continue, Mr. Fraser, because I am probably stating some truths that you do not, perhaps, like.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Likely.

Native People Look To The Band Council And Dene Nation

MR. SIBBESTON: So, it is for all of these reasons that people identify with the band councils and the Dene Nation, because they feel that these groups understand them. They are closer to the people and there is hope. People look to the Dene Nation, as an example, as the group that is fighting for them, that is challenging the governments and trying to get some land settlement on their behalf. It is the Dene Nation that challenges any companies that usually come into their areas. It is the band councils, as I said, that provide the meaningful services. When people have problems in Simpson, when people are down and out they do not go up to the government offices and talk with government employees. They go to the band council, which is right among the people. They can talk to the chief. They can talk to the people and if there are problems, it is the chief that goes with them, perhaps over to the government office, and tries to get some help.

So, for all of these reasons, people are suspicious of government, and particularly the territorial government. People look to the band council and to the Dene Nation. They are hopeful that it is these groups that will be able to eventually set things right on their behalf. I would like to say that that is the feeling that I sense and from which I come. People voted for me with these basic feelings, hoping that I can help them. That is why I say my role is to come here and challenge the government, not to jump in with the government. It just seems that as soon as you get on the Executive, you are not as free to talk as you wish. You are pressured and I appreciate that Mr. Wah-Shee has done very well, but I know there is still considerable pressure from the rest of the Executive Members, from the Commissioner, to be reasonable, to be a rational person and to kind of go along with government thinking. So there is still need for persons like myself, I feel, who do reflect the gut feeling of the people to say these things to this Assembly.

Municipal Affairs, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Municipal affairs, \$17,249,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston. Municipal affairs, please.

MR. SIBBESTON: No, that is all. I just thought that you were rushing a little bit, Mr. Fraser.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): O and M, \$17,249,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Town Planning And Lands, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Town planning and lands, \$1,660,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Airports, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Airports, \$462,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Recreation, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Recreation, \$1,402,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that nobody else has a say on anything, on the things that I said. I would like to think that these are important things, and I despise the fact that you are just trying to not have any further discussion on the things that I raised. You seem to be more interested in passing the budget than even thinking...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston. I think everybody in this House has heard those statements before, two or three times. I do not want to listen to them again.

MR. SIBBESTON: Perhaps you do not, but I would like to hear what Mr. Wah-Shee has to say about this. I would like to hear what some of the government officials have to say, because I have made some statements which I am sure the government either thinks are untrue or do not like to have said. I just do resent you being more interested in passing the budget. I consider that you have been rather insulting, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Recreation, \$1,402,000. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the honourable Member for the Western Arctic asked for some figures yesterday. Were they provided?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Because, with her, I would be interested...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What rule is that?

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Point of order. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, as much as I care for you as a person, I feel that in the last few days when the honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard made statements, not because I think you intentionally did so, but I...

Resignation Of Mr. Sibbeston

MR. SIBBESTON: (Outside the ropes) If that is all you care about the things that I said, stick this Council up your ass. I resign.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Order.

MS COURNOYEA: I feel that you, as Chairman, have contributed to the excitement that is taking place. I know you do not necessarily sometimes feel that you do these things and a lot of us others can take it but I think that both yourself and Mr. Sibbeston really should get together and try to resolve it, because I believe from time to time you have been very unfair to him.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Yes. I have been the other way too, Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: But you are the chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): There are other chairmen. All you have to do is take me out of here.

MS COURNOYEA: No, that is not the point.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Progress, progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

---LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order. Because of an incident which occurred in committee of the whole pursuant to Rule 23(2), I hereby suspend proceedings in committee of the whole. I must report the circumstances to the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

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

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, there was a disruptive incident caused by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard in committee of the whole which contravenes rules of the House.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Is the Member, Mr. Sibbeston, present? The Rule 23, sections (2) and (3): "When a member is named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair or abusing the rules by persistently and willfully obstructing the business thereof or otherwise, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question on a motion that the Member be suspended from the service of the Assembly for a period set by the Speaker not exceeding one week."

Part (3) of Rule 23: "Where an offence to which subrule (2) applies is committed in the committee of the whole, the chairman shall forthwith suspend proceedings of the committee of the whole, and shall report the circumstances to the Assembly and the Speaker shall put the question stated in subrule (2) as if the offence had been committed in the Assembly."

The Member in question is not present and he has indicated within the House that he plans to resign. I do not feel that we can at this time consider disciplining the Member until we can clarify his position as to whether he has resigned or whether he has not. Therefore, I will set this matter aside until the Member appears in the House at which time the matter will be dealt with.

We will resolve back into the committee of the whole, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair, to continue with the orders set out this morning which are Bill 1-81(1), the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance. We will resolve into committee of the whole, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 1-81(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1981-82; Bill 2-81(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1980-1981; Eighth Report of Standing Committee on Finance Responding to Non-Renewable Resource Development, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82; BILL 2-81(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3, 1980-1981; EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RESPONDING TO NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This committee will come to order. I wonder if Mr. Wah-Shee would like to invite his Deputy Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, could I have my Deputy Minister with me at the witness table please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Department Of Local Government, Recreation, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Go ahead. We are on the Department of Local Government, page 13.07, recreation, \$1,402,000. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, prior to the lunch break, I requested to know whether or not some figures or some responses to a question raised yesterday by the honourable Member for the Western Arctic had been provided to this House.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to inform the House that I am putting forth a proposal before the Executive Committee for that program in the amount of \$25,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Any more questions on page 13.07? Total O and M, \$1,402,000. Mr. Patterson.

Maintenance Of Swimming Pool In Frobisher Bay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the new recreation policy to be in place in the coming year, is the Government of the Northwest Territories still going to provide operating and maintenance costs for the swimming pool in Frobisher Bay or is that going to have to be borne by the municipality? I think the municipality would be unable to bear the expense of maintaining the pool themselves and I just wanted to confirm that operating and maintenance costs will be borne by the Government of the Northwest Territories as was done in the past, notwithstanding this new recreation policy. I hope I am correct.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the Deputy reply to the honourable Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

MR. ELKIN: Yes. Funding for the Frobisher Bay pool, because of the special problems, has been provided and the commitment I believe is there to carry on. The new policy, as you outlined, is being developed now. Within the framework of that, we are proposing, because recreation facilities cost so much for heating, power, to provide a reasonably high degree of support. Clearly though, this is simply a proposal at this point and will require new dollars and must go to the Executive and to the House to be approved. I do believe that the arrangements with the pool have been in the past, and obviously if the shift in policy does take place at this point, it will have to be made within the context of the commitment that was made before.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Recreation, \$1,402,000. Mr. McLaughlin.

Funding For Arctic Winter Games

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I realize, Mr. Chairman, that the funding for Arctic Winter Games has actually been passed, further back there, but this page in recreation is where the decisions are made and the sort of thrusts are made in certain areas in recreation. I am happy that the Minister has responded this year in increasing the amount of money, apparently, in the budget for the Arctic Winter Games to \$125,000 so that in a two year period, we have \$250,000 from the government toward the Arctic Winter Games. I think Members should be aware that Sport North, the organization which organizes the games and fields the team which represents the Northwest Territories, estimates that the cost of the Arctic Winter Games will be about \$650,000. The Arctic Winter Games will take place -- the regional playdowns, the territorial playdowns and the games itself -- from December this year through to March, 1982. I just think that the government is failing in this area to really respond to an initiative which this government several years ago started.

Sport North was formed and its formation was encouraged by the department of recreation, the chief at that time, and it was given a mandate to take sport out into the bush and the barrens in the Northwest Territories, into the smaller communities, to encourage the organization of territorial sport bodies in each sport and encourage those territorial bodies to involve all the communities in the Northwest Territories. I really think that if this government performed as well in its broad mandate as Sport North has, this government would not be getting the criticism that it gets from a lot of people in the remote parts of the Northwest Territories because Sport North, through the territorial organizations which make it up, has done an excellent job of involving people throughout the whole North in the Arctic Winter Games. They actually use the Arctic Winter Games as a vehicle to get people interested in sports, which has made all these organizations become real territorial organizations.

Now, when you talk about the Northwest Territories Basketball Association it just does not mean a bunch of people from Yellowknife anymore. It means people from all over the Territories involved in this sport and it goes for the other sports too. I can remember when the Arctic Winter Games first started, 80 or 90 per cent of the people...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am sorry. I have lost my quorum. I wonder if Mr. Stewart can step inside the ropes. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Mr. McLaughlin.

More Involvement In Arctic Winter Games

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can remember when the Arctic Winter Games first started, 80 or 90 per cent of the people on the Arctic Winter Games team were virtually from Yellowknife or Hay River and a few from Inuvik, but during the last Arctic Winter Games, that percentage has dropped down to maybe only 30 or 40 per cent of the people on the team now from Yellowknife, and that has proven that the people in Sport North have done an excellent job in taking sport into what I called the bush and barrens in the Northwest Territories. The involvement of the number of people has increased considerably and because they have involved people all over the Territories, their costs have gone up for the Arctic Winter Games, because there are more participants.

The point I would like to make is that although it is good that they have increased this thing by \$100,000 over a two year period, they have not really given the money required to do a successful job of this. What you have actually done is created a situation by which, because Sport North has been successful in these areas in involving people all over the Northwest Territories, you have left them short. You are now finding people in places like in the sport association I am involved with, hockey. You find those people in Rankin Inlet and Frobisher Bay and Inuvik and soon in Tuk, when they get their arena, that if they want to be involved in this sport in the Northwest Territories they do not have the money to travel. They do not have the money to play in territorial championships, and I really think that the department should look at the whole field, not just Sport North, but the idea of having territorial championships, looking at the annual funding that is given, so that each of these territorial organizations can cover some of their costs for the Arctic Winter Games, as well as for the annual championships in each of these sport bodies. Yes Ms Cournoyea I know you are upset over a failure in what...

MS COURNOYEA: I will talk about myself.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I know you will speak for yourself, and I know too, that you have a criticism for a certain sport in your area. The problem is that there is just not enough money being put into this area to make everybody happy, and I think an effort should be made to do that. The funding just is not there to

cover an initiative that the government took in the first place, which was to have the Arctic Winter Games, to participate in them and to encourage people all over the North to encourage their communities to have their youth involved in these sports. So, now what you have is a whole bunch of people that want to participate, but the funds just are not there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Wah-Shee, do you want to make a reply? Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have my Deputy Minister reply to that question, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Elkin.

Sport North A High Priority

MR. ELKIN: Yes. Thank you. Certainly Sport North, for us, is a high priority. In fact, the Government of the Northwest Territories has provided to this group more authority and responsibility for the delivery of programs than anywhere else in Canada. So, it very much fits in with our basic philosophy of devolving to the community level organizations, authority and responsibility for delivery of programs.

In the terms of the issues that you have raised, certainly it is very true that through the actions of Sport North, and our department, who strongly supports sports involvement in the North, that the number of communities and the number of people involved in sporting activities throughout the Northwest Territories has increased greatly. We believe this to be very important. We do have some concerns, though, that the Arctic Winter Games, the cost of them, is becoming extremely high and it is becoming extremely high for us, because we cover a very vast area of a number of small communities and the vast majority of the funding we need is for travel. The Yukon and Alaska do not face these same problems.

So therefore, we are at a stage where we must look at -- if we really support the concept of mass participation -- look at how we are achieving that goal. In doing so, we already have had several meetings with Sport North. In fact, it was within the last two weeks that another meeting was held. I believe the government and Sport North both say that the mass participation is important, but maybe we should be looking more at competitions within the Northwest Territories, and we both fundamentally agree with that concept.

In doing so, we are not suggesting that we withdraw from the games at this point. A commitment has been made for 1982 and we will follow through. What we must do, though -- and we are doing that now with Sport North, and we both agree that the level of funding that we are going to likely have to go to those games is not as great as we would like -- that means, we and they collectively, as managers, are going to have to look at how we can achieve the same result of sending people, but doing it at less cost than we have in the past. Certainly, I would like to assure the Assembly here that there is no misunderstanding at all or disagreement between Sport North and us on the whole idea.

Recreation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Elkin. Recreation, \$1,402,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page 13.01, total O and M, \$23,738,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

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I would like to thank the witnesses, Mr. Elkin and James Wah-Shee. Thank you very much.

Department Of Health

We are going to turn over to page 14.01, Department of Health. Mr. McCallum, do you want to make any opening remarks?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, perhaps it would be easier if I were to ask, if I may, to have the Deputy Minister come and we go to the witness table, without my saying opening remarks here, and just get at it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this House agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Sergeant-at-Arms, could you escort the Deputy Minister of Health? Thank you. Proceed, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would want to be very brief in the remarks that I make in relation to health in the Northwest Territories, that is, health for which this government is responsible. I may add, Mr. Chairman, that the regional zone director, Dr. Martin, is here as well, if there are questions that the committee would want to ask of Dr. Martin in relation to Health and Welfare Canada's role in the provision of health services to the Northwest Territories and its people.

There has been considerable controversy, Mr. Chairman, that has surrounded the health insurance systems in Canada over the past year, culminating in the Hall commission. I want to first and foremost indicate that we do not have the major problems currently found in the southern provinces. The department's objective primarily is the promotion, preservation, improvement and education in health matters of residents in the Territories. There have been new programs introduced by this government's Department of Health and new legislation. We have attempted to see that citizens of the North receive care in their homes to reduce pressure on our institutional services. We have attempted to consolidate medical transportation programs and problems. We have, in conjunction with other agencies, been very actively involved in the planning studies for a review of health services in both the Central Arctic and the Keewatin.

Frobisher Bay And Inuvik Hospitals

One of the positive things that I think we have done is that we are currently in negotiations for the contracting of the Frobisher Bay hospital to this government and the establishment of a local board of management for the Frobisher Bay hospital. We have received the support of people in the Baffin as well as Health and Welfare Canada and we anticipate that we would be

looking toward this government's active involvement and the active involvement of people in the Baffin in the operation of this hospital very soon. Upon the finalization of that contract, we have already had, as has Health and Welfare Canada, overtures from the Inuvik area. There may be a board of management and this government may take on the Inuvik General Hospital on a contractual basis as well.

There have been many things, of course, dealing with the health information system, claims, processing methods, that have attracted the attention of other people and we have had people from other governments from one coast to the other visit the Territories and attempt to take advantage of the kind of technological advances that we have made in these fields. One of the very interesting things that may occur, not this year but in 1982, would be that the Canadian Public Health Association will be holding their national conference in Yellowknife, with about 400 delegates from across the country.

Responsibilities Of The Department

The budget that I am presenting to you and your committee, Mr. Chairman, does not attempt to offer solutions to all the problems and deficiencies that Members can identify to cover the problems that are evident in health. We simply do not have the funds to do all that. We do not have the responsibility. The budget therefore does offer what we feel will give us the best value for the money that is available. It will enable us to administer and maintain the existing health insurance program of medical care, hospital care, pharmacare, and supplementary health care. It will pay for medical transportation. It will provide funds to assist communities and regions to review their health care. It will provide funds for the development of educational materials that hopefully will promote healthy lifestyles for territorial people. It will provide funds for the investigation -- and I trust that Members of the committee and Members of this House will go along with this and will support it -- it will provide funds for the investigation of additional insured services, for example, denticare and aids to independent living for all people of the Territories. In conjunction with that, Mr. Chairman, because some of the comments that have been made in the Territories and in this House and other Houses over the past few years in relation to extended day care, extended chronic care -- I should not say day care -- but extended chronic care...

MRS. SORENSEN: Careful now.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is a Freudian slip -- extended chronic care services, nursing care. I am pleased to announce that effective April the 1st, 1981, the extended chronic care services will be included as an insured service under the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services plan.

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So, Mr. Chairman, with those very brief remarks, I would like to remind this Assembly that while I am Minister of Health for the Northwest Territories, I do not have control over many aspects of health care delivered in the Northwest Territories. A large proportion of that is performed under the control of Health and Welfare Canada. However, we will continue to work toward obtaining more control of the entire health delivery system in the Northwest Territories. This requires not only the support of this Assembly but it requires the support of each and every resident of the Northwest Territories. With those comments, Mr. Chairman, I will attempt to field questions that Members may have.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Butters.

Services At Inuvik General Hospital

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Minister for his efforts some days back, in approaches he made to the federal government to acquire senior professional staff at the Inuvik General Hospital. I realize that he indicated, when responding to my oral questions, that these people are available for a limited time only. I wonder if there has been a formula developed for ensuring that the people in the Inuvik, the Mackenzie Delta and Western Arctic constituencies will not be left in such a situation again.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I can only indicate to the Member that we will continue to press the federal government through Health and Welfare Canada that those services, as they are presently provided by that government, will continue. We would hope that they would be on a permanent basis. Obviously, as I indicated in my remarks, it is supposedly the wish of the people in that area that this government become involved as a board of management of that hospital and therefore, for citizens in that area. We will be continually working toward that.

I do not know whether there is a detailed plan of action, to the continual provision of medical services. I would hope that they would be provided through the efforts of Health and Welfare Canada, until such time as this government would be involved and we would continue with those services.

If Members are concerned even more it may be that Dr. Martin who is head of Health and Welfare Canada, the representative here in the Northwest Territories, may have further information on that. I have been assured by the federal Minister that she will do her all in making sure that those kinds of services are provided to the people of the Delta and Inuvik.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Supplementary, Mr. Butters.

Invitation To Have Dr. Martin Appear As Witness

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that during the Justice and Public Services debate, we had a member of the RCMP before us, I wonder if we might not ask Dr. Martin to appear in a similar situation at this time while Health estimates are being considered and be able to provide us with some indication of federal thinking in this whole area.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort him in. Thank you very much. General comments. Any more general comments? Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McCallum related to the subsidization of day care and last year a system was devised, from what I understand, whereby a day care subsidy could be provided to individuals. Could he relate to this Assembly just what advantage has been taken with those individual subsidies for day care and perhaps tell this Assembly how much funds were used in terms of percentage for day care for children in private homes?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, when I was talking about the kinds of things that I wanted to talk about or to announce today, I was attempting to refer to extended chronic care and by mistake I said extended day care. Day care comes under the Department of Social Services, and I would be more than pleased to talk about day care and its program under the Department of Social Services. Day care is not involved with the Health department, and I can only apologize for confusing Members. I meant to say extended chronic care and the announcement that I wanted to make was that extended chronic care would now be an insured service under the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services system. When we get into Social Services, I would be more than pleased to deal with the kind of situation that we have developed as regards day care, but day care is not within the Department of Health.

Detail Of Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. General comments. Capital, page 14.10 and 14.11, \$2,800,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Administration, Total 0 And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 14.02, administration, \$1,101,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I notice that in the second paragraph under administration, it is mentioned that the department continued to fund the Rae-Edzo native women's health committee's health awareness program. I am wondering whether there is any money within the department's budget at all to provide other women's health committees with funds to do similar programs like we see in Rae-Edzo. I understand that it is a very successful program and having met just recently, a group of women from Inuvik, headed up by Cec McCauly, it would seem to me that that group, once becoming aware of money going to Rae-Edzo women, might want to take advantage in a similar way. I know they are interested in doing community projects in the whole social services area. Could the Minister, Mr. Chairman, tell me whether there is money within the department's budget to address other areas concerns?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, our department would be more than happy to respond positively to any group who would approach us with a particular project in mind. We have been associated with the Rae-Edzo Native Women's Association for a number of years. We have funding that is available within the department that I think we could make available to other groups who would approach the department. You know, with the Rae-Edzo, as the Member would know, there is \$30,000 there. That is an increase and we would very positively react to any other kinds of requests that would come to us.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: My difficulty, Mr. Minister, is finding out where the pot of money is that we are talking about. I am sorry, I am just a bit confused.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think that between our department -- whether I can identify the particular funding there -- we identify, in terms of our contributions, the money that is there. We make contributions, including THIS services, to approximately \$13.4 million. From those and in conjunction with National Health and Welfare, if there were requests that come to us, I am sure that we would be able to determine and to find funding within it, without specifying. The only group that has come to us with a formal request has been the Rae-Edzo Native Women's Association. Were people from the Delta, from Inuvik, to come to us now, I think that within what we have we would be able to identify particular funds. Had they come before this budget was prepared, we obviously would have been able to attempt to identify specifically for that. We have funds, and as Dr. Martin has indicated, obviously they would welcome being involved as well.

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

Funding For Group Organizations

MRS. SORENSEN: Under grants and contributions, on page 14.02, I see \$65,000. I turn to page 14.09, which details those contributions and I see that the \$65,000 is, apparently, already committed, but what you are telling me is that you have other sources of funding within the department that you could make available to groups and organizations that might come forward with health program projects, and you would be amenable to, if the project, I suppose, was one that you could live with, you would be amenable to supporting that group organization with funding.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yes. There is no question that we would be open to any group that would come in, and if the project was feasible and if there is a definite benefit available to the people, then we would either try to fund it from the sources within this budget or failing that then we would try to give them the kind of funding from it and come back to this Assembly with a supplementary benefit. We certainly would be open to any group that would come to us and ask for that kind of help or consideration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Administration, \$1,101,000. Mr. Tologanak.

Health Study In The Central Arctic

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of my constituents, what is the status of the health study that is being carried on in Central Arctic at the moment and at what time do you expect the report would be ready for consideration by this Legislature?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as the Member will note, the Member knows that this study has been going on. It has been conducted by Morton Warner and Associates. The study is funded by this department and reporting to an advisory group made up of representatives from the medical services of the federal government, the KIA -- our department, as I say -- and there have been negotiations going on in the communities. The study itself, I think, is going fairly well in terms of pulling everything together. The report should be completed and submitted to this advisory committee within the Central Arctic approximately the end of this month or some time within the month of April. Once it has been given to this committee, I would hope that we could start to act on what recommendations will come to the department. There has been a great deal of interest. There has been a great number of people involved, putting forth their views. It may be that the expectations that individuals have been putting forth at the various community meetings, these expectations may not all be realized but the report, I would hope, would be completed, submitted, translated within the end of this month or sometime in April.

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

Special Rates For Native People At Charles Camsell Hospital

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the question that I would like to raise is a question that I have raised before but I would, if it is at all possible, ask Dr. Martin to answer. The latter section of paragraph three, "preparing to assume provincial-type health responsibilities as they are contracted with the federal government". It is my understanding that the Charles Camsell Hospital has effectively been transferred to the Government of Alberta or the Edmonton city. I do not know which it is. It seemed that the kind of costs that we were paying as native people to go to the Charles Camsell Hospital was a preferred rate and I am wondering, in turning that hospital over to, whether it is the province or the city, what has been done to stimulate the funding for the Northwest Territories to compete with the new rates that are being put into place starting December 1st and then going up April 1st when we have to pay the normal rate of daily payment to the Charles Camsell Hospital.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the question I think was directed to Dr. Martin. I would want him to answer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Dr. Martin.

Patient Referrals To Edmonton

DR. MARTIN: I do not think I can really shed a great deal of light on the subject. The negotiations, as you are perhaps aware, were conducted by medical services branch in Ottawa with the Alberta government and the transfer was conducted effective, I believe, the 1st of December of last year. These discussions had gone on for quite a long period of time and I am not familiar with all the details of the arrangements with the Alberta government. Certainly from the point of view of patient referrals to Edmonton, in my opinion it has not made a great deal of difference. Although the Charles Camsell Hospital historically had received patients from the Northwest Territories, there had been in the past few years a change in referral patterns to a certain degree and many patients are referred to other Edmonton hospitals, not exclusively to the Charles Camsell. I know that in previous years it had been seen as the centre of native health services in the province of Alberta for patients from the Northwest Territories but in fact that had changed considerably long before the transfer of the hospital.

So it really has not made a great deal of difference. Patients, of course, can still be transferred to the Charles Camsell Hospital, referred to doctors at the Charles Camsell Hospital and will continue to be referred on that basis. It depends very much it seems on the referral pattern of the individual physician who makes that referral to Edmonton. I am not familiar with the details of the funding arrangements between the federal government and the province of Alberta and could certainly get more information for you if you would like this from our people in Ottawa.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Supplementary. Mr. McCallum.

Increase In Daily Rates At The Charles Camsell Hospital

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, if I may just say that in relation to the Charles Camsell Hospital, the rate previous to December 1st, 1980, was \$84 per day. The effective rate after December 1st, 1980, is \$160 a day. This government had no say in the rearrangement between the federal government and the province of Alberta and the takeover by the province of this institution. However, this government's Department of Health has an arrangement with the Alberta department of health that the rate that we would pay would slowly escalate with the full rate being paid after April 1st, 1981. In other words, two months.

We have not as a government paid any claims for Charles Camsell because we have been waiting to find out from Alberta what the interim rate would be. Officials of our department have been in contact with the Alberta department and I hope we would be able to clear up the concern we have over the interim rate and try to work something out with the Alberta government even after April the 1st, 1981.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I should say, Mr. Chairman, that if we are not able to do it and the Alberta government increased their rate again over \$160 or to the \$160 per day and if it does increase even beyond that in years, we will then have to come back looking for supplementary funding.

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

Infusion Of Additional Funds To Cover Additional Costs

MS COURNOYEA: In regard to that, Mr. Chairman, and with Dr. Martin's presence here, I know that in the past the Minister of Health and Social Services has endeavoured to answer our questions and certainly has not demoralized the federal services for what they have done but it seems to me that the funding for the Charles Camsell Hospital was done on the basis of the involvement of the status people who were going to that area. Now because the Northwest Territories government is taking over the health and social services apparently, and according to the last paragraph in 14.02, of Indian and Inuit or status people, I am wondering if Dr. Martin can tell us, would the federal government be infusing the extra money to cover the difference between the preferred rate and the established rate when it comes forth on April the 1st or whenever?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: No, I am not aware of any special arrangements for infusion of additional funds to cover the additional cost on a per diem bed basis at this point in time. As I say, or as I said previously, if you wish further detailed information on the negotiations that transpired with the province of

Alberta on the part of the federal government relative to the Charles Camsell, I would be pleased to get any information I can for you. I do not have that at this point in time.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I hope that Dr. Martin could provide that information because I believe the federal government is responsible for status Dene and Inuit and I believe that it is their responsibility to ensure to these people that their responsibility is being considered when increased rates and new kinds of health facilities are being established for their care. I realize that for others I cannot speak because they generally fall into the normal treadmill but I would not want the kind of facilities that were available in the past in Charles Camsell Hospital to be taken over by the problems that we are experiencing in the North, specifically with the Inuvik General Hospital.

Problems In Staffing The Inuvik General Hospital

I do not know if Dr. Martin can continue to answer questions in regard to the Inuvik General Hospital but I would like to know, in view of the fact that a certain Dr. Welsh and another individual have travelled across Canada for the last year to try to recruit people to staff the Inuvik General Hospital, I would like to have further information. The other stuff you can provide later on because the questions have been asked several times.

In terms of the work by Dr. Welsh and the individual, who have spent a great deal of funds in trying to recruit across Canada, why have they been not able to get anybody to go to work at the Inuvik General Hospital? I have accused the territorial government on several occasions that it was definitely a political play to get more money to build up a referral centre in Yellowknife, and that may not be fair, but I just do not understand why, having these people travel across the country, why it is so difficult to get people to work at the Inuvik General Hospital. I would like to have an accounting of their travels and what they have been able to accomplish, if they have been able to accomplish anything at all. I would also like to know why we continue to solicit from the University of Alberta, when other sections of the Northwest Territories have been far more successful in going to McGill and eastern hospital training centres to get recruitments for the North? We seem to be stuck in a pattern where people do not seem to want to be flexible.

Maybe Dr. Martin can also explain if, in fact, the discontent of medical people from the Inuvik General Hospital, publicized in the medical journals across Canada, has had a very negative effect on anybody wanting to come into the Inuvik General Hospital. As well, in view of that fact, why it took so long for the medical services to change the administration of the Inuvik hospital when, in fact, a lot of the publications in the journal related to that particular problem being the source of their discontent?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Dr. Martin.

Providing Emergency Dental Services Across The North

DR. MARTIN: Well, I will start back at the recruiting. Dr. Welsh is our regional dental officer for the Northwest Territories and had previously worked in Inuvik as the zone dental officer, as you are perhaps aware. Dr. Welsh has been here in Yellowknife now for the past year, and as you say, has been very active in recruiting across Canada. Now, it is very unfortunate in timing, but when he began working last year toward getting full time dentists for Inuvik, it was really the wrong time in the year.

Most of the younger graduates and so on had already made previous commitments and were not readily available for work outside of areas in the South, it seemed at that time. He has, as you know, assisted in providing service to Inuvik by bringing in dentists on a short-term basis, anything from two weeks up to a couple of months, three months in some cases, and a few even a little longer, in order to provide dental services, not just to Inuvik zone, but to all the zones across the Northwest Territories. There have been a lot of contracts arranged on that basis, to provide what we might call stop-gap emergency dental services across the North.

So, dentists have been coming in. There is a zone dental officer in Inuvik now, who started last fall. There is a zone dental officer in Frobisher Bay, who has been there for nine years. He is a long-term employee with Health and Welfare Canada and he has been supported by other dentists coming in on a short-term basis. I should point out that recruiting takes a long time and requires a great deal of lead time, as much as a whole year ahead, in order to get people into these jobs. They are just not sitting there. They are not unemployed. This is the problem. We do not work on a pool of unemployed people. They are all fully employed. We are in a very competitive situation with southern Canada. I think we are much more competitive now than we have been in the past in our discussions with doctors and dentists, in terms of offering contracts that are competitive with southern salaries, offering them federal government salaries that are not too bad, but perhaps less competitive than the contract arrangements.

Dr. Welsh is in the South at this very moment, and he has a number of dentists who have expressed interest in employment in the Northwest Territories this summer. Letters of offer have gone out on two or three. He is talking to others. I am fairly confident that by July 1st we will have, if not all, the majority of our permanent positions staffed, and those permanent positions are essentially in Inuvik and Frobisher Bay. We provide dental services in the Keewatin and Mackenzie zones through contract arrangements with the Tennant dental clinic in Hay River for the Mackenzie, and we are just in the stage of negotiating a contract with the University of Manitoba dental school for the Keewatin.

Full Time Surgeon In Inuvik

As far as the medical situation is concerned, Mr. Butters has asked earlier, what is the situation? What are we doing to try and avoid crises such as the one that developed in the past week or two? What we are doing is this. From a full time point of view, I have talked with a surgeon who is interested in coming to Inuvik on the 1st of July. He has not committed himself yet. I am confident he will, but again, this is risky. We have very few people to negotiate with and in order to try and establish some kind of stability in terms of, firstly, the surgical and anesthetic service in Inuvik, we are negotiating with the University of Alberta and, hopefully, this will be finalized as of the 1st of April, to provide coverage for surgery and anesthesia, using surgical residents and anesthetic residents from the university. These people would, in most cases, be in their second or last year of residency training. They will have had a minimum of two to three years of postgraduate training and would be fully able to provide the kind of emergency coverage that is required in Inuvik.

Now, we are not doing this at the expense of full time surgical coverage. We will put a full time surgeon, if we can find one, into Inuvik as well. We are trying to avoid the possibilities, eventualities, that occurred recently when we ran out of any surgical-anesthetic coverage. These people are fully licensed practitioners and we could and would hire them for Inuvik on a full time basis if they were readily available on that basis. It just so happens that they are postgraduate trainees in those particular specialties. So, we are not hiring inferior quality physicians to provide that service, in my opinion.

Contracts With Universities To Provide Specialist Services

You mentioned, why the University of Alberta rather than McGill. At the present time we have, as you are perhaps aware, and have had for many years, a contract with McGill University to provide specialist and resident specialist services to the Baffin. This is the provision of a pediatric resident to the Frobisher Bay General Hospital, family medicine residents to the Frobisher Bay General Hospital, plus a roster of specialists who travel into the Baffin on a regular basis.

The University of Alberta has provided this service, to a degree, for the Western Arctic, including Yellowknife and Inuvik, for some time. What we are doing is increasing those services to Inuvik, effective, if negotiations are successful with the University of Alberta and I assume they will be, April 1st; service for a pediatric resident specialist who will rotate through the Inuvik General Hospital, the general surgical and special and anesthesia residents and also, from McGill, family practice residents who will be coming and have been coming, in fact, since last fall to Inuvik. These are physicians who are in their second year of residency program, who can be licensed to practise medicine in Canada and again, if they wished to work for us on a full time basis, could work for us on a full time basis. They are not inferior quality physicians. They are in postgraduate training programs.

In addition, as part of that, we have a medical student who may or may not go into the Baffin -- may go to Inuvik. I can explain later, if you wish, and Mr. Patterson I can see may have questions on this, why Inuvik as opposed to Baffin, and I will try to explain that if you wish. The subject of discontent of medical people in Inuvik -- I should maybe explain, if you will allow me, to quickly give some background on the operation in any hospital. The medical staff do not run a hospital. They work in a hospital on a system of what is called medical privileges, privileges to work in that hospital, and it is not a God-given right to do what you like in a hospital. They are indeed privileges granted by administration and in most hospitals in the South, by boards of those hospitals, to work in hospitals. Any hospital must operate on a team basis. The departments must work closely together. It is like an orchestra in fact. If one of your members is out of tune, the whole organization can go out of tune. It is most important that all work very closely together including administration with the medical staff, with the head of the laboratory, with the nursing staff; all together as a group, as a team. This is the concept of hospital operation. They do not work alone and unto themselves on a departmental basis.

Inuvik General Hospital An Accredited Institution

The Inuvik General Hospital is an accredited institution. We have been very open. We have asked an impartial group to come into that hospital and examine that hospital and tell us what they think is wrong with it from an operational point of view and from a quality, a patient-care point of view and a safety point of view and indeed they have granted, the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation has granted accreditation status, twice running now -- it was renewed last fall. I would suggest to you that the Inuvik General Hospital can stand up with any hospital in Canada on the basis of care given to its patients. I would suggest to you, like any hospital where you have got a number of departments, a hundred people working closely together, highly qualified competent professional people, that you are going to have difficulties from time to time. That is part of any hospital operation or any organizational operation.

We have been open, very open, in our operations in that hospital and we will certainly continue to do so. Much of this has become a subject of public debate and I think maybe that is unfortunate, maybe not. I am not going to argue the point but certainly it may act to the detriment of the operation of that hospital to a certain extent.

You mentioned why it took so long to change the administration of the Inuvik General Hospital. I will be the first to admit that we have had problems in administration, not on the basis of individuals -- we have had some very hard working and competent people working in Inuvik and we have people across the North that are competent and hard working, the majority in fact in delivering health services -- and the problem has been an organizational one in terms of the fact that we have imposed a great burden on one individual. As you are perhaps aware, the recent zone director who has moved over to the Yukon, had an excessive responsibility. We are correcting that and this will certainly improve the administration of that hospital by the appointment of an administrator to the Inuvik General Hospital. We have recently had the appointment of a programs medical officer and a finance and administration officer, all of which will make the team operation I referred to previously much better. I hope that some of the changes that we are making at this moment in time will result in smoother operations at the Inuvik General Hospital.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Dr. Martin, I would like to express to you that this same song has been sung for the last two years, I am a member of the Inuvik hospital advisory board and we have not had any different songs being played lately. I realize your position but I still am not quite sure when we start singing a different song, because before we had a hospital advisory committee and a number of years ago we did not encounter the same problem of having people who would like to come and work in our area.

Recruiting Outside Of Canada

I would like to pose another situation to you. One of the things is the Inuvik hospital advisory board, such as it is, which generally just has suppers every now and then and listens to the same story. We sort of thought we came up with the solution about a year ago whereby we discussed with the ex-administrator that perhaps if people from Canada were not willing to work in the North, we should be doing or recruiting outside Canada. The problem that they gave to us was that the Medical Association of Canada, which is sort of a doctor's union -- it would be advisable for them to support that, as well to send the necessary correspondence down to the Minister of Health and Social Services as well as to yourself. I think there were about 67 people that we had to consult with, which we did, and we were assured that if in fact within two months there was not an effective recruiting policy or recruiting effort in Canada, that indeed the necessary mechanisms would be put into place where we could recruit outside Canada and in the countries that had the same accreditation that Canada has and were able to work in Canada.

We were assured that that process was going to be put into place and indeed the Medical Association of Canada endorsed the view and our concern that they would be willing to support that. Your department continued to travel across Canada trying to recruit and I am wondering if you took into account our concern. Why is it that the Department of National Health and Welfare has done nothing to move forward that request that we recruit outside of Canada? Certainly if I am dying, I do not care whether it is an English doctor or a Canadian doctor or an Irish doctor. I am not concerned about that.

I am certainly concerned that we do not have those people in place and certainly from your representation today, we still do not have those people in place. I would like to know why there is such a great deal of reluctance to recruit outside Canada and why that has not been put into place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Dr. Martin.

Dental Recruiting Overseas

DR. MARTIN: Well, first of all, those discussions that took place last summer and early fall in terms of overseas recruiting, the reference there was only to dental recruiting overseas. This was my understanding in discussions with the chairman of the advisory board by telephone and in writing and, as you know, we did approach the president of the Canadian Dental Association last summer -- or in fact it is close to a year ago now. An editorial was placed in the Canadian Dental Association Journal by the president, Dr. Covitt, and as a result of that, there was certainly response in terms of dentists willing to come to Inuvik to help out on a short-term basis and Dr. Welsh has hired large numbers of those people to fill in until such time as we find permanent individuals.

Now, what I did do was to put an ad in the American Dental Association Journal. It went in last August -- and I am talking in terms of overseas recruiting when we think of the United States too, because we should not disregard the United States -- and we received a number of applications or letters of interest from dentists in the United States. These were received in November, December and January of this year, just recently. In view of the fact that Dr. Welsh had a number of graduates in Canada who were expressing interest in working in the North on a permanent basis, we acknowledged those letters but did not go to actual hiring of doctors from the United States. We have not gone to overseas recruiting otherwise. We have not gone to overseas recruiting for medical doctors. At the moment, to extend this, in terms of nurse recruiting, medical services branch is getting the data together in an attempt to convince the Department of Employment and Immigration to allow overseas recruiting for nurses which would involve the United Kingdom and as well, Australia, New Zealand, where we are able to find the necessarily trained nurses to work in the North.

Certainly overseas recruiting has not been carried out for medical people and I think I am quite correct in stating that the advisory board, at the time they brought this concern to us were talking only of dental recruiting. I will get you the correspondence if you wish in support of that.

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

Medical Staff Needed In Inuvik

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring to the attention of Dr. Martin that at that time that was a priority certainly because we did not have a dentist but we were also having the same difficulty with medical professional people to come to the Inuvik General Hospital and the only reason that perhaps you dwelt on the dentistry was because you just happened to take out Dr. Welsh, who was the only dentist at that time, to be a regional recruiting officer which left us without a dentist. We certainly place a priority on dentistry, but we have the same difficulty with the medical staff, and the request included both. Your office informed us that there was concern, because it was quite difficult to recruit.

As well, we never did mention the United States of America, because we were told that they received quite substantially higher salaries than our medical profession and it probably would not be wise to go there, and specifically, certainly, the countries of the Commonwealth were the ones that were mentioned and were specified, and it appears to me like what you are saying is there has been nothing done. We still have the same story, and you are responsible for that hospital. So, it is fine to have people traipsing across the country, but it is not doing anything. Did you ever feel that maybe something else should be done? Maybe three or four Inuit could be sent over to England or wherever we can solicit the medical staff that we require and do that soliciting, rather than having this dismal record that we have had in the past year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Before you reply, let us take 15 minutes for coffee.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair recognizes a quorum. This committee will come to order. Dr. Martin, do you wish to reply to Ms Cournoyea's questions? Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: If I may, just on the overseas recruiting, point out that at the present time we have a number of full time physicians working in the Inuvik General Hospital and we have also physicians who are interested in starting work as of the 1st of July, including a general practitioner, an anesthetist, in fact. So, I really feel that we will have these positions filled on an indeterminate or full time basis, very shortly.

Ms Cournoyea's point about overseas recruiting -- I certainly agree that if by July 1st we do not have those positions filled, and we certainly put a lot of effort into finding full time Canadian graduates to fill those positions, I would agree that we have the ammunition to go to Canada Employment and Immigration and request that we be allowed to carry on overseas recruiting for physicians and dentists. I mention, too, that we are in the process of doing that for recruiting of nurses for the Northwest Territories and nurses across Canada in general.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Administration. Mr. Fraser. Ms Cournoyea, are you finished with your questions, or do you have any further?

Overseas Recruiting Should Take Place Immediately

MS COURNOYEA: No. I am not satisfied with that answer, and I do not think you should wait until June, because I think you have got the ammunition now and we brought up the subject a year ago, and the problem was certainly evident a year and a half ago. I do not believe that Dr. Martin really should delay any longer in starting the process, because if you begin the process of overseas recruiting, from what I understand, the kind of paper procedure you have to go through takes from three to six months, to get the kind of endorsement and support from all the different departments that are involved and all the medical and nursing professions that have status unions or associations. So, I would beg Dr. Martin to proceed immediately on the basis -- and on the basis of the lack of commitment we have had from Canadian society, to recruit for the northern hospitals and proceed immediately, not waiting until June, because I do not believe after a year and a half the status report is going to be any better. I would like to see Dr. Martin give a commitment to us that he would proceed immediately on the necessary administrative matters that have to be taken care of in order to recruit, say in June.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. A further reply, Dr. Martin?

DR. MARTIN: Well, I am certainly prepared to approach my people about overseas recruiting, but I know that they are going to ask me what the situation is at the present time and what do you anticipate will occur in the next three or four months, and I have to tell them what the situation is now and what we will anticipate will happen.

Certainly, we can get started into the administrative process, but it really does depend on who you have at any one point in time, and as I say, I feel confident. Recruiting is a long-term commitment. We have been working on this for a long time. We do not just find the doctors quickly. My people have been spending a lot of time making contacts all over the country and it is finally starting to come to fruition. It does not happen in a month or two. It takes a year of concerted recruiting before you start to see results, and we are beginning to see the results now, because we have full time doctors in Inuvik, including a program medical officer. We have two other general practitioners -- three in fact. There are four full time doctors in Inuvik at the present time, Canadian graduates, Canadian physicians. We have a number of doctors who have expressed interest in coming in on the 1st of July and I feel confident that we will be able to fill those positions from within Canada.

Expanding The Role Of The Advisory Board

I will, certainly, as you suggest approach my people, but I know what they are going to ask me when I do that. If the advisory board feels that we should move in this direction, then I am certainly agreeable to doing that. I think we have tried to support the advisory board recommendations. We are trying to assist the advisory board in moving more toward the status of a full board of management. Now, we all know that we cannot do this under the present legislation, but we are committed to training and providing training to those advisory board members to fulfil their roles as hospital trustees. I would certainly be willing to accept their suggestions, as we have done.

They have written recently, as you know, to the Minister requesting that consideration be given to expanding the role of that advisory board to a full regional board of management. The Minister of National Health and Welfare has responded positively and has stated that if there is support for this concept and approach, similar to that in Frobisher Bay, then the Minister would be agreeable to moving in that direction, through a similar kind of arrangement as exists in Frobisher Bay. This would move in the direction of full community involvement in the Inuvik General Hospital. I fully support this, but it is conditional on the support of the native people who utilize the Inuvik General Hospital. Certainly, if the native people in the Delta area are interested in moving in that direction, I would suggest that they, through the advisory board or through my office or through the Minister's office, let the Minister know their thoughts in this regard and we can begin moving in that direction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Administration, \$1,101,000. Mr. Fraser is on the list.

Communications Between Inuvik And Charles Camsell Hospitals

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask a question of Dr. Martin. I indicated sometime in my reply to the Commissioner's Address, plus I had some correspondence with Dr. Martin on the communications for the Inuvik hospital and the Charles Camsell. I wonder if he has any information that he could give to me at this time?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Sorry, Mr. Fraser. Are you referring to the communications?

MR. FRASER: Right.

DR. MARTIN: Yes. You had requested that we consider implementing a two-way radio system between the Inuvik General Hospital and Charles Camsell Hospital and people living in isolated areas along the Mackenzie River, so that they could obtain information -- people back home at least, could obtain information on the status of patients in those two hospitals in particular. I would assume this would also include the Stanton Yellowknife, because some patients are coming into the Stanton Yellowknife as well.

What I have done to date, I have talked to Mr. Schellenberg, or had written communication from him before he left to go to the Yukon, on the subject. I have written back to the present administration asking them to give me all of the facts they have at hand on how they communicate with people along the Mackenzie, in updating communities and individuals and families on the status of patients, for example, how they are doing, when they are coming home, and so on and so forth. Now I am waiting for a reply from the Inuvik General Hospital on that subject and as soon as I know more, I will let you know, as in the past.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Administration, \$1,101,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As you know, over the past year I have expressed some major concern with regard to the operation of the Inuvik General Hospital and additional concern with regard to services offered in the communities. Now on a couple of occasions you answered questions by Ms Cournoyea and I was not necessarily happy with the kind of response you gave to the questions; one regarding that of administration.

It is my opinion that the hospital itself and the staff within that hospital certainly were not happy, at least over the past year, working with the administration as it was set up. I am quite sure that you are aware of the expressed concern by the advisory board and yet it took approximately one whole year to have yourself or the department deal with that situation. I am somewhat concerned that if that same situation arises again, it would take that long again to respond. Now I am wondering what kind of commitment you have really as to whether or not the hospital will receive, not necessarily priority attention, but certainly better attention than it has received over the past year. Certainly I commend the Minister responsible for Health for some of the work that he has done over the past couple of weeks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Dr. Martin.

Inuvik General Hospital Was Inadequately Staffed

DR. MARTIN: As I indicated to Ms Cournoyea, I agree with you about the administrative arrangements. It was, first of all, inadequately staffed from the point of view of administration. We did not have adequate administrative staff to make that operation function smoothly and that has led admittedly to difficulties, certainly, in dealing with medical staff and dealing with other staff in the hospital. We are staffing the zone director -- unfortunately we are in the situation right now where we have lost our zone director who is a very competent person and a hard working person who has gone to the Yukon to a promotion. He did not leave because he wanted to get out of Inuvik. He went to a promotion in the Yukon. I am certainly sorry to see him leave but we are in the process of replacing him.

We are in the process of establishing and staffing the administrator position in the hospital and, in fact, we are considering the staffing of an assistant administrator position in the hospital which would be, at least what I would see, as essentially a training position for someone interested in hospital administration working up, gaining the experience leading to an administrator role. As well, at the present time, we have filled some of those positions that were vacant for a number of months, including the program medical officer position and the finance and administration officer position. I feel confident that we will shortly have adequate staff in place.

Now, as always, we run into the difficulty of turnover in staff. It is my feeling that the only way we are going to gain or make any ground is to try and train northern people who want to live in the North and want to live in Inuvik on a long-term basis and that I see, first of all the assistant administrator position, as a possible solution to the hospital administration turnover. We have created six positions at our regional office for northern people, and native people in particular, on a training basis to try and answer some of these difficulties in turnover in staff. We are working with Northern Careers on this. We have two native co-ordinators in my office whose full time role is to work in native employment to interest people in joining the health service and gaining expertise in the health service and also to help people who are already working for us to upgrade their skills in the health service.

So at least we are trying to find some solutions now that will lead to long-term solutions. Now we are not going to see the results of this for maybe three, four or five years but I am confident if we play the game correctly right now, we will be winners in the end and we will get northern people into these positions, who are well trained. Now that does not happen overnight obviously.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Nerysoo.

People Need Opportunity To Express Concern

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It is also well known that I am a strong supporter in the idea of a public inquiry into the health services that have been presently offered in the Delta. Now, one of the major concerns I have is the fact that if you are going to have a board of management in the near future, you will have to resolve some of the concerns with regard to staffing, both on a professional and at the community level. Now, I really feel that if you are going to try to ask the communities to be part of the management board, they have to have some assurances that you are going to do something with regard to the staffing situation. Now there are, in my opinion, a lot of nurses that have not left Inuvik but probably would want to continue working at the hospital but because of the past situation, they do not want to work there. They want to express some of the concerns that they have had and certainly people that are working there and have left would want to express those concerns.

Now, it is my opinion also that you will get a better working relationship if we know what those concerns are with regard to the overall management of that hospital. You are not going to get an idea of the feelings of the people that work for you if you do not give them the opportunity to express some of the concerns that they have. It does not make any difference whether or not we take over that hospital. Those concerns will still be there. I really feel that you, in your capacity, should have a review of that hospital and the functions provided by the hospital and of the concerns by staff, both at the regional, in the hospital and in the region because you are still running a situation where you are short staffed at the communities and you will continue to be so.

Now you talked about training of community or native people. Now you already have, in some communities, lay dispensers. Now I am concerned that you are also not really addressing that issue because you have not set up at least a training program for those people to be part of. Some of the lay dispensers have functioned for at least a year or two years and still nothing has come about with regard to training of those people. They are acting in a very critical and crucial position.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Dr. Martin, do you want to reply?

Training Of Local People To Work In Hospitals

DR. MARTIN: Well certainly in terms of the lay dispensers, we do have lay dispensers all over the North as we are all aware. What we have tried to do in certain areas is to have the lay dispensers come in for a short training program in our hospitals in Inuvik or Frobisher Bay to provide them with some of the basics in dealing with the dispensing of medication and so on.

I certainly agree with you that there is a great deal more required in this whole area of the training of local people, training of health committees, training of lay dispensers, preparing people to take a more meaningful role in the health care system. We certainly have a long way to go in these areas and I am open to any suggestions in this area. I feel we are starting to put some things in place that down the line will reap dividends in a positive way but it is not going to happen overnight. It is going to take some time.

I think part of the answer is a more meaningful involvement by the people through their health committees, through representation from the communities into the Inuvik General Hospital, on the advisory board. We will fund to bring people in from the communities if the advisory board wishes, at the moment, to have more community representation, for example, in the operation of the Inuvik General Hospital. I am 100 per cent in favour of increased participation. I am not going to argue with you for a minute on this. You know, this is why I am here, frankly, and why we are trying to get these things going.

There has been a lot done in the past, but there is obviously a great deal more required. I am fully in support of community involvement in the health system, at all levels, and I will do my darnedest to ensure that that happens and support that. There are limitations from time to time on what we can actually do, in terms of dollars and so on, but we are putting the dollars into it and we will continue to do so and, hopefully make it work, with the co-operation of the people in the communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Administration, \$1,101,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

Public Inquiry Into Management Of Hospital

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: As I stated, there is one point he did not respond to, and that is with regard to the possibility of a public inquiry, and any funds with regard to any inquiry at all, or a review of the programs and the services which is presently the responsibility of the federal government unless we pass a motion. Now, I expressed the fact that there are concerns being expressed by both the nurses, and by the doctors that have left, and I am just wondering whether or not at some time you are going to allow them to express some of the feelings they have. The communities are concerned, but when you have people that are working at the hospital and really do not agree with the conditions by which they work, then you are always going to have those problems, and I really think that, at some time, and I mean in the near future, that some review has to be done, and has to involve those people in the professional areas which include the doctors and the nurses and the dentists, if you want to call them that. At some time they have to be allowed to express some of the concerns with regard to the running of a hospital so that the communities, when you want them to take over that hospital, will know exactly what concerns may come up in future.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Well, I am certainly not opposed to inquiries, because I think right now just about the whole health system is under inquiry. We have the Keewatin health study inquiry. We have the Central Arctic health study inquiry, I am fully open to any study. I have nothing to hide in the Inuvik General Hospital. If people feel that they would like an impartial body to go into that hospital and analyse the day-to-day operations, the concerns of staff and so on, I would be totally in favour of doing so. The only thing I would say is that we have had impartial observers in that hospital through the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation. This has occurred. We have been fully open in our dealings with the public. I think we are probably one federal department that has been totally open because of the structure of the hospital and the advisory board system and the fact that our business is public business, and remains so. I certainly have nothing to hide. I feel rather, though, that it is unnecessary, but maybe other people feel otherwise.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I would just like to say to you that I certainly am in favour of that inquiry, whether you think it is unnecessary or not. I think that we are having problems at the present time, and really the discussion itself with regard to the management of that hospital and the kind of services being offered both at the general hospital and at the community level have to be discussed. It has to include people from the communities and from the professional staff as well.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, if I may suggest that I have recommended a number of things that we are doing to try to make that hospital operate more smoothly; whether I can suggest or not, that perhaps we be given an opportunity to see the results of those measures over the next five or six months; and indeed, if the concerns exist, well say, six months from this time, when this Assembly meets again, certainly be very open to your thoughts of a public inquiry, and just a suggestion, that is all.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Fraser.

Authority Of Regional Director Of Medical Services

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. After thinking about it, I am a little disturbed about the answer I got from Dr. Martin. I thought he had the authority, and when we did not have Dr. Martin in the Northwest Territories -- he only moved here recently -- the answer we used to get was well, we would have to talk to the director. Now the director is here. I thought he could maybe swing things a little faster than things have been going. As he probably knows by now, that we have some concern in the Mackenzie Valley, my constituents are concerned, and I do not think we should have to wait for information from the Inuvik administration. They will only tell you what they see. If they see that it is working well enough, that is the report you will get. I do not know whether you will believe them or believe the people.

I imagine Dr. Martin is a pretty busy man with his work in Yellowknife here, but I would like to invite Dr. Martin on a trip to some of these communities to see for himself and maybe have some of the concerned people ask him questions directly, rather than us asking him in the House. I know it is of concern to the people. They would be glad to meet you. They hear so much about the director whom nobody has ever seen, up to this last year when you were stationed in Yellowknife. Before, we had to go to Ottawa or Edmonton, but I would like to invite Dr. Martin on a trip. I would be glad to have him come with me and visit some of these communities.

We have a great concern in Norman Wells, and I have mentioned this before. It was taken into consideration. Nothing has ever been done about it, to my knowledge. I realize Inuvik is having problems with their doctors, but in Norman Wells, we have a visiting doctor who comes once or twice a month, and he is usually pretty busy. He has to get back to Inuvik, and I do not think that one afternoon or one day in the settlement does the people any good. They have to wait until the next time he comes if they miss one appointment, but that concern is, it is very inconvenient if a person is sent in from one of the outlying settlements. Norman Wells serves five communities in the very close vicinity of Norman Wells, and I imagine you are aware of those communities, but if a patient is sick from Norman or Fort Franklin, they send him to Norman Wells.

The nurse there says, "You have got to go to Inuvik." Whether you are dying or not, you have still got to go to Inuvik, because that is where the doctor is. Then, the doctor there signs a warrant that this patient has to go outside. They cannot do anything for him in Inuvik. Sometimes, in the case, the nurse knows that they cannot do anything in Inuvik, but her hands are tied. She cannot do anything. You still have to go to Inuvik and that is another two hour flight from the Wells to Inuvik, when they could be coming to Yellowknife where they have the proper equipment to deal with this type of situation. If they have no intention of stationing a doctor in Norman Wells, which serves five communities, which is the sensible thing to do, I think we should maybe -- I brought this up before in the House, Dr. Martin, and I have never had any results.

My concerns are the concerns of my constituents. I think you have the authority to make some decisions and if you are not prepared to make your own decisions here and now, I would like to hear further from you. I would like very much to take you on a tour of some of these communities this summer, if you happen to get time, or whenever you have time. I am sure that you will get a lot of the people voicing their concerns, which is a concern that is your responsibility as director of northern health. I would just like, maybe, to see if you would respond about coming on a little tour with me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Dr. Martin.

Tour Of Communities Planned

DR. MARTIN: Mr. Fraser, I had planned to tour the Delta area and the Mackenzie area. In fact, we were going to do it this month, and we are now awaiting the filling of the zone director position and will, as soon as that is filled, tour those communities. Certainly, you are welcome to come with us on that tour if you wish to do that and we can meet with the people. I would be quite pleased to do that. I have not been to all the Delta communities. I have been to Aklavik. I do want to get around. I have covered the Eastern Arctic and the Keewatin, and there are a number of communities in the Mackenzie still and the Delta area that I have not been to. I do hope to get to those soon.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Martin, I am very pleased to hear that you are going to tour the communities. I am sure when you get to these communities that you will be in touch with the right people. Lots of times the nursing stations do not have the concern that some of the people have. I would be only too glad to accompany you travelling through my constituency and meeting with the general public, rather than meeting with the nursing stations and just talking to them because you will get a very true picture of your position, once you find out what your position is. I am sure you will get some good feedback that you are not aware of. I will be glad to accompany you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Dr. Martin. Try that microphone and see if it is working.

DR. MARTIN: No, I have nothing further to say on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. McLaughlin.

Study On Edmonton Office

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you. I waited for Mr. Fraser to finish because I did not want to get in the middle of the conversation about the Inuvik hospital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My question is to the Minister. I think he is aware that there was a report done by the Education department, a company called Carcajou in Edmonton did a study on the Edmonton office. At one point in that report they said that the students that are sent out to Edmonton who have handicaps, who they have to take care of because they are there, are, and it said in the report "dumped on them". I wonder, is the Minister aware that the report said that and has he looked into it to see if what they meant by saying "dumped" was that there was nobody from your department that followed up to make sure that these children are being taken care of? Some of them are attending special schools for educational reasons, but others of them are only out in Edmonton because of health reasons and, therefore, these people in the Edmonton office are taking care of them because they are still going to school. The report seemed to imply that the students were not being taken care of in all areas. I just wonder if you are aware of that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Dr. Martin. No, Mr. Minister, I am sorry.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, no, I am not aware of such a report. I do not know of that.

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

Shared Responsibility To Students

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I can obviously assume that you will look into it. Related to that is another problem, which I have talked to the Minister about before. It has to do with students who have physical or social or educational handicaps who could, if the parents so desired, qualify to be sent out to Edmonton to be taken care of, whether it was for just educational purposes or also for health purposes. When a student like that is sent out, it is a shared responsibility for the cost of this between Education, Health and Social Services.

Three or four of the families in my community would like the Minister to consider turning the funds over to the local education authority in Pine Point so that they can hire the type of people that they think can help these kids with their education, and at the same time the students could stay in their community with their parents.

I realize that the professionals in your department, and also in your other Department of Social Services and Mr. Patterson's Department of Education, might be correct that it would be best in some cases for the child to leave the community for reasons of health or getting a better education. I think that if the committee in Pine Point, or any other community, can identify that it would not be harmful and might even be better for the student to remain in their own community, I just cannot understand why there would be any problem with your Departments of Health and Social Services, and Mr. Patterson's Department of Education, getting together and saying, okay, these two or three children have these problems and what the community wants to do looks like it would work, it looks like the student would still get a good education and be taken care of properly, why...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McLaughlin, you are talking about the handicapped. It is under Social Services on page 15.06. When we bring this up...

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No, Mr. Chairman, I am talking about the administration of the department. I want the people in his department to meet with the people in the other department to work something out on this. It is not just handicapped only, it is a problem of his administrators getting together with the people in the other department and doing something about it.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, if the situation requires that officials from my department and officials from my colleague's department should get together and attempt to reconcile the situation, then I would give my assurances that I will talk to my people and I will reinforce that with my colleague, Mr. Patterson, to see what can be done about it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Patterson, the last one on the list.

Frobisher Bay Hospital Staff Willing To Stay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, as Dr. Martin knows, I am quite pleased with the way things are going at the Frobisher Bay General Hospital. I think we should be grateful that we do not have the sort of problems that the Inuvik General Hospital is experiencing. There are a number of long-term staff that seem to be willing to stay there, and I am pleased that the department has made the necessary efforts to encourage two private practitioners recently to set themselves up in a semi-independent way and, hopefully, they will build houses and remain in Frobisher Bay in the long term. I also think that little things that count, such as providing country food to Inuit patients, may not seem important but the fact that it has been able to be accomplished in Frobisher Bay has made a tremendous difference to the quality of health care overall.

Indian Health Policy

Finally, I am very pleased that discussions are so well under way toward transfer of the Frobisher Bay Hospital and the involvement of board of management there. However, I did not raise my hand to be nice, because actually I have quite a bone to pick with Dr. Martin about a particular issue that has recently come to my attention, concerning -- and I am asking this question to Dr. Martin as a spokesman for National Health and Welfare -- concerning the co-called Indian Health Policy. Now, first of all, the health policy of September 19, 1979, of then Health and Welfare Minister David Crombie, as I understand it, applied to Indians and Inuit in the Northwest Territories, and among other things, provided free medical services, including drugs, for eligible people under that program. Now, is that program still in place, and are my assumptions about it so far correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Yes, so far correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Now, what I am concerned about was drawn to my attention recently by constituents in Frobisher Bay. They were shown a memo, and I have a copy of it in my hand, signed by you, Dr. Martin, dated January 23, 1981, entitled "Non-Insured Health Services", and I am just going to read three paragraphs from that memo: "Further to my recent memo on this subject, and clarification regarding those groups of native persons eligible for non-insured health services at no cost, a revision is in order as follows: Item 1 is incorrect, and should be...." This is the important part: " 'Inuit and status Indian women married to a non-native person should not...' and 'not' is

underlined, "...be provided with non-insured services at public expense. I apologize for this error, and please inform your staff accordingly." Copies have gone to about seven or eight people.

Policy Has Changed

Now, what I would like to know is, first of all -- and maybe I will just tell you how I came to know about it. I was contacted by two different families from Frobisher Bay, in both cases, Inuit women went to the Frobisher Bay General Hospital and were told that the policy had changed and that they would have to pay for the cost of drugs. They went back to their husbands in some bewilderment, because since September 1979 they had not been asked to pay. In both of these families, incidentally, there are large numbers of children, and there has been a long-standing relationship. In one case, the husband, and I will use that in quotes, went back and said, "Well, we are not really married. This is a common-law relationship. We are not really married. Does she still have to pay?" The hospital authorities quoted your memo, studied your memo of January 23, and said, "Well, if you are not married, yes, you do not have to pay," and promptly provided the drugs without charge. The other husband, because he had made the mistake of marrying this woman some 15 years ago was denied free payment.

Now, what I would like to know, first of all, are you responsible for this memo? Is this a directive that you originated in the Northwest Territories, or are you responding to directions from elsewhere, and if so, where?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

Direction From Ottawa

DR. MARTIN: I am responding to a direction from Ottawa, and this memo is consistent with the administrative policy of medical services branch across Canada.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: May I ask exactly who in Ottawa provided you with this direction?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: I was provided with that direction from my immediate superior, Dr. Gordon Butler, and this was cleared through Ottawa, through the director general of operations -- at that time was Dr. Brian Brett.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Dr. Martin, I am sure you will tell me if any of these questions are not proper. Do you accept that this policy will be a significant incentive to mixed relationships -- whether children are involved or not, do you accept that this policy will be an incentive not to marry? Do you agree with me on that? Is it the department's policy to encourage people to shack up rather than get married, because that is the effect of the policy as far as I can see it?

---Laughter

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Common-law is better.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Well, I wonder, Mr. Patterson, if there may be other advantages to marriage other than the receipt of non-insured health services.

---Applause

---Laughter

I am not trying to promote common-law marriage at all. All I can say is that this is an administrative policy of the medical services branch, which is consistently applied across Canada, both to Indians and to Inuit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Now, if that is the policy, then when did it change and why was it not implemented that way at the beginning, because the statement on Indian Health Policy, which I understand applies to Indians as well, talks very glowingly about the historical -- I am quoting from the policy "...the traditional relationship of the Indian people to the federal government in which the federal government serves as advocate of the interests of Indian communities to the..." etc. Can you tell me when this policy changed, and why the department was not consistent from the beginning, because it is very hard for people to understand now, a couple of years down the road, that there was, I guess what you call an "error", and a revision is required? When did this come to the department's attention and why was it not announced until a couple of years down the line?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

Provision Of Non-Insured Services

DR. MARTIN: With the inception of the Indian Health Policy in September of 1979, the previous guidelines for provision of non-insured services were revoked at that time. Now, what that memo did was to correct what had been stated in a memo sent about three or four weeks previously, very close to that January date, in which I was in error and my superior was in error in passing that policy on to our field staff. In fact, medical services branch in the Northwest Territories were applying these rules, if you might call them, or administrative procedures, consistently for several years, and in fact, with the implementation of the Indian Health Policy, we were placed in the position of not really knowing which direction to go, because of the Minister's statement, and because of the fact that the Minister, I believe -- the understanding was that Health and Welfare officials would meet with the native groups across Canada to come to some agreement on how the Indian Health Policy would be applied in terms of non-insured services, who would receive benefits and so on.

Now that has not yet happened, in fact. Our field staff have been given interim instructions which are consistent with what had been happening in the past in the provision of non-insured health services, until such time as this is settled between the native people and the Minister or medical services branch. So all I am doing is changing a memo that was sent three or four weeks previously in which it had been stated that non-insured services would be available to women married to non-native persons, which was an error.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

Status Indian And Inuit Men Married To Non-Native Women

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: What is the policy for Inuit and status Indian men who are married to non-native women, are they deprived of the benefit as well?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: No, they are not.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: This policy, will it apply as well to children of such unions -- at least children of such legal unions?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Yes.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I would just like to finally ask, Dr. Martin, can you provide me with the justification for this policy? Is it financial restraints? Is that what is intended, do you know?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: This policy, as I understand, has been applied for a number of years. It is essentially consistent with statements under the Indian Act. Recently, in July of this year, the Minister, John Munro, made a statement that if band councils across Canada wished provisions of the Indian Act not to apply to their particular band, that they could so make a band council resolution requesting that the provisions not apply in their particular case. This was specifically related to native women married to non-natives.

Indian Women Married To Non-Indian Men

To date, of several hundred bands across Canada, I believe approximately 15 have made application. Now, a statement was made, a legal statement was made in October of 1976 by the director of legal services for Indian Affairs, and I will read that if you wish: "An Indian woman who marries a non-Indian man loses her Indian status because of section 12(1)(b) of the Indian Act, the validity of which was confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada in the Lavalle case. With respect to Eskimos, however, there is no law which defines what an Eskimo is, therefore, one cannot say that an Eskimo woman who marries a non-Eskimo man loses her status. It would be a matter of administrative policy to determine whether an Eskimo woman who has married a non-Eskimo man would lose her eligibility for services. The same would apply to the children of that couple." Medical services branch has adopted an administrative policy of this nature.

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you finished, Dr. Martin? Thank you, Dr. Martin.

MRS. SORENSEN: That is terrible. That is terrible.

DR. MARTIN: If I may suggest, that the Members may wish, through me or write to me, or whatever, expressing their concern about the administrative policy. All I can do is pass your concern on, but that is a matter of administrative policy at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Dr. Martin. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I would like to thank Dr. Martin for the answers to those questions. I am obviously very concerned about a policy which, I think, will provide yet one more disincentive to marriage between couples of mixed races. There are other disincentives imposed by taxation and other federal

policies. I certainly believe that the policy is not over yet. I also believe that the impact has not yet reached the public, and I predict there will be concern expressed by Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, if not, the Indian Brotherhood.

At any rate, I would like to just in closing, Mr. Chairman, thank Dr. Martin for coming and express, probably on behalf of all Members, our desire that this will be a regular event because I do think that until services are transferred to the territorial government, it is very important that both our Minister of Health and the regional director for the federal government be willing and accountable to the people of the Northwest Territories, wherever possible.

I cannot help but observe that there has been quite a degree of co-operation. I realize there are all kinds of constitutional and political implications to transfer. We recently went through a debate in Education that was very, very difficult, and I think probably could have been avoided if there had been perhaps a little better co-operation in educational matters between the Department of Indian Affairs and this government in the past. So I am thankful you were here and I hope you will be willing to come back again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I recognize in the gallery, Dave Nickerson, Member of Parliament for the Western Arctic.

---Applause

Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one small question to ask the Minister. I understand that Dr. Martin is making a trip to the settlements. I just wondered if the Minister would be accompanying him on this grand tour of the settlements there? He would be more than welcome and I am sure the people would be glad to meet the guy in charge of Social Services and Health.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I always like to go back to Norman Wells and the Fraser Ponderosa. If he is paying for it, I will go.

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

Conflicts With Inuvialuit Agreement In Principle

MS COURNOYEA: Just further to Mr. Patterson's concern. In our correspondence with Minister Munro and the negotiations between the Inuvialuit and the Government of Canada, according to the criteria negotiated in the agreement in principle so far, that has been accepted as criteria for hospital insurance. I am wondering if Dr. Martin is saying today, or he feels qualified to say today, that this will no longer be the qualification even though it is a document signed between the Government of Canada and the Inuvialuit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: I am sorry, I do not understand what you mean in your question. Would you mind repeating that, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea, could you repeat it?

MS COURNOYEA: It is not unusual. The Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic, the Eskimos of the Western Arctic, have an agreement in principle signed between the Government of Canada and themselves, in which document qualifies who is an Inuvialuk. On the basis of those negotiations, I have been able to change many

of the health insurance cards, up to two weeks ago, and certainly the Minister of Indian Affairs has been recognizing his commitment. I am just concerned that you are saying to me today that you will no longer be bound by that agreement because of the directive that Mr. Patterson has been citing to us.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Dr. Martin.

DR. MARTIN: Well, the administrative policy that I referred to, if in conflict with any other commitments made by any other government departments, I would like to certainly receive something in writing on that basis and I can pass it on to my people in Ottawa to look at. I am not aware of how our administrative policy conflicts with your agreement in principle. I am not qualified really to comment on that. Certainly I would be willing to try and sort out any difficulties that have arisen on that basis, if there is conflict.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I am certainly willing to supply that information to Dr. Martin, and I will see that the Minister of Indian Affairs also relays to you the agreement which was signed and the qualifications of who is eligible as a status Inuvialuk.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion I would like to put on the floor.

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

Motion To Hold An Inquiry Into Operation Of Inuvik General Hospital, Carried

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Whereas the operation of the Inuvik General Hospital and medical services have come under constant criticism over the last several years; and whereas despite such criticism and concern of the residents of the Inuvik region, there has been no marked improvement in the operation of that hospital and of medical services and programs offered; and whereas the representative of the federal Department of Health and Welfare has indicated that he would have no objection to a public inquiry into the operation of the hospital or of medical services and programs offered; now therefore, I move that this House urge the regional director of National Health and Welfare to hold an independent inquiry into the operation of the Inuvik General Hospital. Such inquiry will be to examine and make recommendations on all aspects of the operation of that hospital and generally on the provision of medical services in the Inuvik region.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: If you can read it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: You know, I do not think I have any further explanation to give with regard to my concerns, and I would just like to have a vote.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour of that motion, please raise your hands. One, two, three, four -- how many? Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Let us take 15 minutes for coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair recognizes a quorum. On my list, Mrs. Sorensen. Hup, two, three; hup, two, three; hup, hup. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I really just had a comment further to Mr. Patterson's comment, and Ms Cournoyea's. I did talk to Dr. Martin about this during the coffee break, but it was simply to state that I felt personally that section 12.1(b) of the Indian Act was and is absolutely unfair and discriminatory toward native women, and that two wrongs do not make a right. What I found absolutely unacceptable, Dr. Martin, was the fact that you were condoning that section of the Indian Act in an administrative policy, when you could have chosen to right that wrong by saying that, "As far as we are concerned, a native woman is a native woman whether she marries a white or not and she shall be eligible for our benefits and assistance programs no matter what." It seemed to me that the issue is not one of whether you get free drugs as an Inuit woman or not, the issue to me is much broader than that, and it is that an administrative policy, in essence, for the purposes of services, says that, "You as an Inuit woman married to a white are no longer Inuit, because we choose to say that as the Department of Health and Welfare." I guess I find that outrageous, and that I will take you up on your suggestion and will be writing to you personally and will be writing to Madame Bégin about her directive in this area. Thank you.

Administration, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Administration, \$1,101,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Supplementary Health Programs, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 14.03, supplementary health programs, \$520,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Share Of Health Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page 14.04, Northwest Territories share of health care services, \$2,256,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page 14.05, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$20,500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medicare, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are doing pretty well now. Medicare, page 14.06, \$4,285,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medical Services Contract, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 14.07, medical services contract, \$631,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Medical Transportation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Medical transportation on page 14.08, \$823,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total O and M, page 14.01, \$30,116,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much, and I would like to thank Dr. Martin. I wonder if Mr. McCallum and Mr. Crossley can remain seated there.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: We are staying. Keep going.

---Applause

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you. Way to go, Dad.

Department Of Social Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.01. This is the last department we are going to be dealing with, Department of Social Services, \$23,362,000. Would you like to make opening remarks, Mr. McCallum?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: It is a waste of time.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Sssh!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I do not want to go into any great detail in my opening statement. I think, though, that there are some things I would like to indicate, not the least of which is the completion of the agreement between the town of Frobisher Bay and the department, on that town taking over social services. We are doing it not only in the large communities, but we are doing it in some of the Dene areas, in Fort Good Hope for example, as well.

We have, in the year of the handicapped, been involved a little bit more with the aged and the handicapped. We have established within the department a Canada Assistance Plan claims section that has collected over \$800,000 in back revenues that should have been coming to this government, since it was set up just about a year or so. Our Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council has renewed funding for 12 existing projects and four new ones: Hall Beach, Igloolik, Tuktoyaktuk, and the Dene Nation. We have corrections studies initiated in the Baffin and in the Inuvik regions. We will have some difficulty with some of the things in this coming year. There is no provision for increased social assistance rates. There is no provision to respond to some of the implications of the new federal act, the Young Offenders Act. We have a continued overcrowding within our correctional centres. That will pose problems.

The strengthening of existing child welfare resources and assessment and treatment areas is one of the areas that we would like to emphasize in the coming year. Obviously additional and/or different services to the aged and handicapped, and the young offenders, are the kind of things that we would try to, within the limited resources we have, we will try to emphasize these.

We would want to deal with the Northwest Territories corrections plan with greater emphasis on community corrections, and we intend to pursue particular areas there. I will say, however, Mr. Chairman, that there is one area that I think we see a great emphasis on and possibly an increase in the kinds of community involvement will occur. That is the area of alcohol and drugs, in that particular division of the department, the alcohol and drugs and community social services contributions.

As of April the 1st, Mr. Chairman, we will introduce a program that will see the detoxication aspect of the alcohol program included as an insured service under the hospital insurance plan. That will, I think, free funding to allow for more community projects. I think this is a major step forward and it will indicate that our department is obviously concerned with what is going on and is taking major steps forward to do something about the alcohol situation within the Territories. I have very little else to say, Mr. Chairman. I am sure that there will be certain questions and I will be prepared to answer those.

Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. General comments. On page 15.01, \$1,054,000, capital. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.02, administration, \$4,638,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Family And Children's Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.03, family and children's services, \$4,057,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Corrections, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.04, corrections, \$3,767,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, during the deliberations of the standing committee on finance, there was a fair amount of discussion that took place concerning, I guess what we would call, potentially dangerous repeat offenders who are constantly in and out of jail and who go back into the community and more or less terrorize the community. I would imagine there are all sorts of reasons for that. We do not have a mental hospital or that kind of facility in the North, and our correction system is two years less a day therefore they are not put into prison for lengthy periods of time and into rehabilitation programs. If some of us had our way, we would like to just shoot them and get rid of them but, of course, you know being the fine Liberals that we are, we would never do that.

---Laughter

Mr. Patterson is not here to rise to that. We, of course, realize that there is not an awful lot of money floating around for programs like this, but I guess what I am asking on behalf of the standing committee is whether the department has discussed this problem and is aware of this problem. If it has, does it have any plans for addressing what is seen as a very big and almost emergency situation in some communities?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, since we appeared before the standing committee on finance and the matter was raised at that particular meeting, we, as a department, have been discussing it. In the case of handicapped people, that is mentally handicapped people, obviously there are avenues that we can pursue to look after those people. I think, though, that where the concern is is basically with alcohol related offences against the community, once an individual comes back upon release, if they have been convicted and sentenced, they come back to the community to go through the same thing.

Correctional Studies Under Way

In the time since we have been before the standing committee, we, as a department, have been discussing it. We have under way, as I had indicated, studies about corrections in the Delta. I recognize that Members in the standing committee were looking for something preventive in terms of working, counselling with individuals. As such, at the present time, I cannot assure or give any positive indications that we have any real answers to that problem.

However, you know, if an individual is taken to court and charged, convicted, serves time, upon release that person is free. They have paid their debt. Although I recognize that there may be repeat offenders, if they become habitual criminals, then I think there is something that can be done about that. We do not have an answer. That is not to suggest that we will not be attempting to look into the situation. It is not a very easy one to grapple with.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, I think that you have hit the nail right on the head, Mr. Minister. The standing committee on finance had the same difficulty as obviously the department is having. What do you do? We had discussed the possibility of setting up, in addition to our two year less a day correctional institute, what we had termed bush camps, where your sentence may include the two years in a correctional institute and also an additional length of time in a bush camp where some rehabilitation and perhaps some training might go on. Mr. Chairman, has the department perhaps looked at that whole area of rehabilitation, that whole area being bush camps?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we have attempted, and are continuing to look into the possibility of using alternative facilities rather than simply an institution such as the Yellowknife Correctional Centre or the Baffin or the South Mackenzie.

INTERPRETER: Sorry, I cannot hear.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I beg your pardon? Sorry, she cannot hear. As I was saying then, Mr. Chairman, we have attempted in the past -- there I go again. No, I am back. What are you doing to me, love?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I do not think the interpreters can hear you. Let us take a five minute recess to see if we can resolve this problem.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): What we are going to do now, is we are going to ask if Mr. Evaluarjuk and Mr. Kilabuk can have the interpreter sitting right beside them so we can go on, if this House agrees.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Point of order. How will that affect the court reporters? Will they be able to...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am sorry, I do not get you.

MR. MacQUARRIE: How will that affect the reporting of the proceedings?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Can the reporter hear me? Okay. Carry on, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I was indicating that we have in the past attempted to use other things to look after those inmates who have been committed to various of our correctional centres. They have been in a very limited way, that is by -- I am not sure whether we should call them bush camps, but certainly situations where we would, by contract, have people look after X number or a certain small number of the inmates.

Alternatives To Correctional Centres

We would hopefully want to continue that, but again, Members know that I am saying that is for a very minimum number, and it becomes a very costly operation. We are, at the present time, trying to work out an arrangement with a person in Yellowknife to set up such a situation. We will not, as a government, be paying for the full cost of it. There are funds available from the federal government that this individual or group will want to use. So, between the two, we may very well be able to have some of our inmates serve part of their time, as it were, in this kind of an environment. The problem is that it is a very limited number, and through a classification, it will be after these people have been in the corrections for a period of time. We do not get very many first offenders who serve the kind of time that these individuals who are running this camp want to have. To some degree, they have served time for two or three offences and that gets to be a little difficult with the operators of the kinds of camps.

We certainly have been attempting to look at various alternatives. We would hope that, as a result of the studies that have been done in the Baffin and the Inuvik area, the Mackenzie Valley area, that there may be kinds of suggestions that will come from that whereby we could look into other alternatives, other than putting them in the three major correction centres that we have now.

Corrections, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Corrections, page 15.04, total O and M, \$3,767,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Alcohol And Drugs And Community Social Services Contributions, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.05, alcohol and drugs and community social services contributions, total O and M, \$1,222,000. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, there is an organization in the Baffin area for alcohol and drugs and in Pangnirtung. Since they organized this, how much improvement have they had in that area?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure how much they have been given in contributions from the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. I can go back three years or include a figure for the last two and this proposed one, and that totals \$169,000.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I just want to ask again -- they probably had an application, because they had a meeting this year and they wanted some funding. Did you get a letter asking for some money from the Baffin Regional Council?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. McCallum. Did you get the question?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as I understand the question, he is asking whether our department received a letter from the Baffin Regional Council about providing funding. Those requests go to the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, who then distribute the funding that we give. We anticipate funding the Pangnirtung alcohol and drug committee in this coming year, \$55,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Alcohol and drugs and community social services contributions, \$1,222,000, total O and M. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Services To The Aged And Handicapped, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.06, services to the aged and handicapped, \$1,415,000, total O and M. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Assistance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.07, financial assistance services, total O and M, \$8,263,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15.01, Department of Social Services, total O and M, \$23,362,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I wish to go to the bill -- Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I promised not to slow up the proceedings...

---Laughter

...but there was a matter left hanging, the question of the Executive Committee's response in the matter of the moratorium on capital construction. We have a short paper, which I would like to have your permission just to distribute, not with the expectation that it would be discussed at this time, but for the information of Members. I apologize, because time has not permitted it to be translated, but this will be done and translated copies sent to Members. In the meantime, though, I just seek your approval to let it be distributed, so that particularly the standing committee on finance will have it for their future considerations.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Does the committee wish to go clause by clause now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, amount granted for 1981-82, of Bill 1-81(1). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5, transfer of moneys and accountable advances. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schedule, total operation and maintenance, \$291,813,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total capital, \$65,951,000. Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total appropriations, \$357,764,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 1-81(1) as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank God!

---Laughter

---Applause

Now Bill 1-81(1) is ready for third reading. Is this agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we are going to the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Responding to Non-Renewable Resource Development. Lynda Sorensen.

Eighth Report Of The Standing Committee on Finance Responding to Non-Renewable Resource Development

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I have been discussing the standing committee's report, with the government leader and with Mr. Nerysoo, the House planning chairman. I believe sincerely that Members are tired and that the deliberations of the standing committee on finance's report responding to non-renewable resource development study is one where we need Members to be bright and fresh and cheery. So, I would be prepared, and I am sure that my committee will agree, to stand down the eighth report until tomorrow, if it could be the first item in committee of the whole, and go on to further government business, that being whatever the government chooses at this time. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if I could have the assurances, if I do agree on behalf of the committee to stand down the report, that it will be the first item on the order paper, for committee of the whole tomorrow morning.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this committee agree?

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion That Eighth Report Of Standing Committee On Finance Be Deferred To March 13, 1981, Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: I will make the motion then. On behalf of the standing committee on finance, I move that the eighth report of the standing committee on finance be stood down and be the first item in committee of the whole tomorrow.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hands. Down. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 2-81(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1980-1981

We are going to go to Bill 2-81(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1980-1981. Mr. Butters, are you going to make an opening remark?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the information has been in the Members' hands for a number of weeks. The chairman of the standing committee on finance will advise you that it has also been considered by her committee. I think that the Members know that at almost each budget session there is a supplementary estimate put forward and this one covers our requirements for the current year. I would attempt to respond to any general questions on the requirements as we go through them. However, I would expect that the Ministers responsible for the departments who are putting forward supplementary estimates at this time would answer any questions that deal with their area of responsibility. So possibly the standing committee on finance chairman would wish to comment on these estimates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance has spent several lunch hours reviewing in some detail, page by page, the supplementary estimates. Members will find somewhere in their pile of papers a booklet called Supplementary Appropriation No. 3 and that gives you the detail to Bill 2-81(1) in your big book so I would advise that you follow through with each department as it comes up in your book because it gives you some of the particulars with respect to where there were additional expenses incurred or where there was a lapsing of funds. I will, Mr. Chairman, make comments if there are comments to be made when we go through each department's supplementary appropriation. So with that, I will wait until the department concerned comes up.

MR. FRASER: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee wish to start on page one?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legislative Assembly, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Legislative Assembly, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive, Commissioner's Office, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page two, Executive, \$112,300. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, you are on two, and we approved the first item on that page. How about the second item on that page and then I suggest, sir, we go to page one, a little bit further along where it begins with the Legislative Assembly's requirements.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We just finished that, Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Oh, you finished page two?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): No, we are on page two now. Do you wish to make a comment on page one?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page two, Executive, Commissioner's office, \$112,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive, Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page two, Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, O and M, \$4,510,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Financial Management Secretariat, Secretariat, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page three, Financial Management Secretariat.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just a point of clarification, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: We did cover the \$150,000 for the Legislative Assembly, did we?

AN HON. MEMBER: Yes.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Okay. I am on track.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page three, financial management secretariat, O and M, \$80,000 in the hole.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Personnel. Oh, they are all in the hole. Okay. Directorate, \$99,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: On the secretariat, the chairman said \$80,000 in the hole. I do not believe that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I was just using my language too. I am going to correct myself. It is \$80,000 surplus. Okay?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Directorate, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page four, Personnel, directorate, O and M, \$99,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel, Systems And Administration, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Systems and administration, O and M, \$15,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Classification And Compensation, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Classification and compensation, O and M, \$20,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Staff Training And Development, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Staff training and development, O and M, \$300,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Personnel Services, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Personnel services, O and M, \$288,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice And Public Services, Police Services Agreement, O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page five, Justice and Public Services, Police Services Agreement, \$204,000 surplus. Mrs. Sorensen.

Personnel, Staff Training And Development, O And M

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I must apologize. There was a comment to be made on page four under staff training and development.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: The standing committee on finance was very concerned that there was a surplus of some \$300,000 within the Department of Personnel under the staff training and development and therefore, through the Minister, requested some more detail unto why there was that surplus since we have heard time and time again in this House that training of our people in the North is so important

and to have a surplus of \$300,000 in the Department of Personnel in the area of training and development was indeed a concern to us. I have received a response to that from Mr. Blewett, the director of the Department of Personnel and I shall read it into the record:

"Thank you for your letter of March 3, requesting further information on the reduction of \$300,000 in staff training and development. There are several contributing factors to the excess of funds remaining in this activity:

"(a) It is very difficult to precisely predict usage of salary in the trainee program because of the rate of turnover and the method of calculating the percentage of salary paid.

"(b) When the trainee program was transferred, no field staff or man years were transferred. This had made it very difficult for our small headquarters staff to identify additional training opportunities and work with departmental and regional managers to draw up training plans. This problem will be largely rectified in 1981-82 by the addition of counsellors in three of the four regions which will allow us to more fully utilize the man years.

"(c) No requests for trainee positions identified by departments have been denied.

"It is difficult to respond to your question (b) as we are not aware of any request for training which we were unable to fulfil. In fact, when we began to predict a surplus, we embarked on at least one training scheme which was not originally planned. We have hired nine native trainee typists on three month on-job training, with a view to preparing them for entry level positions. We would envision expanding the use of such programs next fiscal year to ensure full utilization of available resources. I trust this information is what the standing committee requires. If further elaboration is required, I will be happy to provide it."

Personnel, Staff Training And Development, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Staff training and development, O and M, \$300,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice And Public Services, Police Services Agreement, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page five on Police Services Agreement, O and M, \$204,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance, Financial Systems And Training, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page six, Finance, financial systems and training, O and M, \$190,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance, Funds And Investments, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Finance, funds and investments, 0 and M, \$270,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance, Comptrollership, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Comptrollership, 0 and M, \$82,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Transportation, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Transportation, under Government Services on page seven, 0 and M, \$201,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Systems And Computer Services, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Systems and computer services, 0 and M, \$123,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Supply Services, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Supply services, 0 and M, \$38,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Directorate, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page eight, Public Works, directorate, 0 and M, \$12,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Building And Works, 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Public Works, building and works, 0 and M, \$6,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Operation And Repair Of Equipment, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Operation and repair of equipment, O and M, \$92,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Utilities, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Utilities, O and M, \$5,230,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Directorate, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Renewable Resources on page nine. Directorate, O and M, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Wildlife, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Wildlife, O and M, \$468,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Energy Conservation, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Energy conservation, O and M, \$90,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Local Government, Municipal Affairs, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Local Government on page 10. Municipal affairs, O and M, \$1,097,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Local Government, Recreation, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Recreation, O and M, \$165,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Administration, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): On page 11, Department of Health. Administration, O and M, \$31,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Northwest Territories Share Of Health Services, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Northwest Territories share of health services, O and M, \$300,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Administration, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 12, Department of Social Services. Administration, O and M, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Financial Assistance, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Financial assistance, O and M, \$520,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism, Manpower Development, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 13, Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Manpower development, O and M, \$28,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Schools, O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Education on page 14. Schools, O and M, \$505,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance also asked a question of the Department of Education concerning the first paragraph there: "To provide funding for increased costs in contracts and leases and for additional materials and supplies: \$240,000."

We asked for a breakdown of the \$240,000 and the breakdown is as follows:

Lease for temporary facility for Pine Point.	\$ 20,000
Smith area bus contract, negotiated higher than anticipated.	\$ 9,000
Yellowknife urban bus contract, death of Mr. Drygeese required alternative arrangements to be made for transportation from Detah.	\$ 16,000
Smith area, handicapped funds.	\$ 10,000
Increase in rate and requirements for substitute teachers, Fort Smith region.	\$ 69,000
To make a total of:	\$124,000

Under materials and supplies:

Yellowknife urban	\$ 20,000
Inuvik	\$ 13,000
Smith area	\$ 26,000
Hay River area	\$ 31,000
Simpson area	\$ 10,000
Cambridge area	\$ 16,000
To make a total of:	\$116,000

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. FRASER: Agreed.

Education, Schools, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schools, O and M, \$505,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Higher Education, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Higher education, O and M, \$10,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Liquor Control System, O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 15, Liquor Control System. Northwest Territories Liquor Control System, O and M, \$679,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive, Executive Committee Secretariat, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Executive, capital. Executive Committee secretariat, page 16, \$229,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Systems And Administration, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 17, Department of Personnel, systems and administration, capital, \$27,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Petroleum Products, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Government Services, petroleum products. Capital, page 18, \$100,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Engineering Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Public Works, capital, page 19. Engineering services, capital, \$740,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Architectural Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Architectural services, capital, \$464,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Wildlife, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Renewable Resources on page 20. Wildlife, capital, \$138,500 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Local Government, Directorate, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Local Government, capital, page 21. Directorate, \$499,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Local Government, Town Planning And Lands, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Town planning and lands, capital, \$942,900 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Health, capital, page 22. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, capital, \$925,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Corrections, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Social Services, capital, page 23. Corrections, \$19,300 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism, Commerce, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, capital, page 24. Commerce, \$87,000 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism, Tourism And Parks, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Tourism and parks, capital, \$152,300 reduction. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Schools, Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Department of Education, capital, page 25. Schools, capital, \$6,031,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are we ready to go to Bill 2-81(1) again in that big book there? Mr. McCallum, did you want to say something?

MR. MacQUARRIE: They are in the bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is it okay? Bill 2-81(1).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Yes, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Have you called approval on the revolving accounts in the Government Services and Liquor Control System?

AN HON. MEMBER: They are in another bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That is under schedule 5. On page five. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to be sure that we are correct, I wonder if you could just ask for approval for page 26 and 27 and that way we will not overlook anything.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, POL Revolving Fund, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 26, Department of Government Services, revolving fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

NWT Liquor Control System, Revolving Fund, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 27. Northwest Territories Liquor Control System, revolving fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we go to Bill 2-81(1), page one, clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 6, transfer of money and accountable advances. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 7, deletions from inventory. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 8, deletion of debts. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 9.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schedule for total operations and maintenance, \$2,331,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital. Total capital, \$4,827,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total supplementary appropriations, \$7,159,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Item one, petroleum, oil and lubricants, revolving fund, \$10,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Item two, Northwest Territories Liquor System revolving fund, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total revolving fund increases, \$10,500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 2-81(1) as a whole.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That concludes Bill 2-81(1). I propose that I now report Bill 1-81(1) and Bill 2-81(1) to the Assembly, that they may be given third reading today, if it is agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-81(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1981-82; EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RESPONDING TO NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT; BILL 2-81(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3, 1980-1981

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-81(1) and 2-81(1) and wishes to report these bills ready for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Bill 1-81(1) is ready for third reading. Item 13, third reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 13: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 1-81(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1981-82

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1982, be read for the third time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder? Mr. Fraser. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 2-81(1) is now ready for third reading. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 2-81(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1980-1981

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 2-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the third time.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Clerk, will you see if the Commissioner is ready to give assent to Bills 1-81(1) and 2-81(1)?

ITEM NO. 14: ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. As Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I assent to Bill 1-81(1), and Bill 2-81(1). Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the desire of the House that we recognize the clock to be 6:00 o'clock and start at 9:30 tomorrow morning?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MRS. SORENSEN: No, no.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Let us finish the financial bit.

MRS. SORENSEN: The bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, can you give me the orders of the day again? Oh, I have them here, sorry.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: How do you work that one, dad?

MR. SPEAKER: I am not sure if we have read them into the records or not, so at this time we will resolve into the committee of the whole to study Bill 3-81(1), Bill 4-81(1), Bill 5-81(1), with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 3-81(1), Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1981; Bill 4-81(1), Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1981-82; Bill 5-81(1), Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1981, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 3-81(1), FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE, 1981; BILL 4-81(1) LOAN AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE NO. 1, 1981-82; BILL 5-81(1) NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HOUSING CORPORATION LOAN ORDINANCE, 1981

Bill 3-81(1), Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1981

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order and consider Bill 3-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. Is it the committee's wish that we go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page one, clause 2, interpretation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

Clause 3, agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4, additional provisions of agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 5, variation and amendment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 6, ratification. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 7, implementation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 8, lapse. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 3-81(1) as a whole.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Do you now wish to report Bill 3-81(1) ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 4-81(1), Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1981-82

Bill 4-81(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds From the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1981-82. Is it the wish we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page one. Clause 2, authority to borrow from Canada. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 3, agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4, authorization to make loans. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 5, conditions of loans. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 6, guarantee. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 7, power to implement obligations and rights. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 8, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Schedule 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Schedule 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 4-81(1) as a whole.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Do you wish to report the Bill 4-81(1) ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 5-81(1), Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1981

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 5-81(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds. Is it the wish we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Schedule, \$10,881,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 5-81(1) as a whole.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish that we report this Bill 5-81(1) ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

Is it the wish that we assent to these bills for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 3-81(1), FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE, 1981; BILL 4-81(1), LOAN AUTHORIZATION ORDINANCE NO. 1, 1981-82; BILL 5-81(1), NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HOUSING CORPORATION LOAN ORDINANCE, 1981

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, your committee is considering Bills 3-81(1), 4-81(1) and 5-81(1), and now wish to report these bills ready for third reading.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 13: THIRD READING OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Bill 3-81(1) is now ready for third reading. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 3-81(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1981

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Commissioner, I move that Bill 3-81(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the third time.

MR. FRASER: That is not the Commissioner, that is the Speaker.

MRS. SORENSEN: We promoted him.

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have a seconder? Mr. Evaluarjuk. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 4-81(1). Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-81(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1981-82

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-81(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds From the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1981-82, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. Discussion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 5-81(1). Mr. McCallum.

Third Reading Of Bill 5-81(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1981

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-81(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. Discussion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any?
The motion is carried. Bill 5-81(1) is at third reading.

---Carried

Recognize the hour being 6:00 o'clock?

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any announcements? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I have a short motion here resulting from Monday morning's meeting with Members. They requested the Clerk and I prepare a motion regarding an appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board and I would like to get unanimous consent at this time to get back to Item 7 on the orders of the day, to take care of this business.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: Do I hear any nays? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion 35-81(1): Appointment Of Bryan Roberts To Workers' Compensation Board

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Whereas the desirability of appointing the executive director of the Workers' Compensation Board to that board has been expressed to this Assembly; and whereas this appointment, if made, would provide for more efficient operation of the board; now therefore I move, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the executive director of the Workers' Compensation Board, Mr. Bryan Roberts, be appointed to the Workers' Compensation Board; and further, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that in determining whether or not a quorum of the board is present at a particular meeting, only the chairman or the executive director, but not both, be included in the count of members present.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. McLaughlin. I presume that you would like to -- Mr. Fraser, a point of order?

MR. FRASER: A point of order. I did not get the name of the seconder on that.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Nerysoo is seconding it.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo as seconder? Sorry. The motion is in order. Do you wish...

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Old Mr. Fraser will not second mine any more.

MR. SPEAKER: ...unanimous consent today to move the motion?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Please. Thank you.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion 35-81(1): Appointment Of Bryan Roberts To Workers' Compensation Board, Carried

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the desirability of appointing the executive director of the Workers' Compensation Board to that board has been expressed to this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS this appointment, if made, will provide for more efficient operation of the board;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the executive director of the Workers' Compensation Board, Mr. Bryan Roberts, be appointed to the Workers' Compensation Board; and further, that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that in determining whether or not a quorum of the board is present at a particular meeting, only the chairman or the executive director, but not both, be included in the count of members present.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Your motion is in order. Do you wish to speak to it?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question. Question.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Just briefly...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question. Question. Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSSO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Could I have unanimous consent to return to tabling of documents?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent being requested. Do I hear any nays? Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 5: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. RICHARD NERYSSO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 31-81(1), Aspects of Bill C-48 That Require Consideration by the Legislative Assembly. This document has also been translated.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo.

---Applause

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): I have no announcements, Mr. Speaker.

ITEM NO. 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 13, 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: Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance; Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance; Bills 6-81(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. Prorogation

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The hour being 6:00 p.m., this House stands adjourned until March the 13th at 9:30 a.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

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