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HAY RIVER, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

REV. J.T. MCCOLLUM: Almighty God, from Whom cometh all wisdom and power, we, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in session assembled, humbly beseech Thy blessing on our deliberations, to the end that, inspired by Thy divine wisdom, and setting aside all prejudices, private interests and partial affections, we may work to the benefit, welfare and happiness of the people, and to Thy glory. Amen.

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Please be seated. It is a pleasure today to welcome the people of Hay River to this fifth session of the Ninth Assembly. This is the first time that a session has been held in Hay River since the movement of the government to the Northwest Territories. I believe in 1963, immediately following the flood, the Assembly of that time sat one day to deal with the emergency that was taking place in Hay River at that time.

It is a pleasure to welcome the people in the gallery and I trust that you will see the operation of the democracy of the Northwest Territories. It is a very slow and a cumbersome type of business, but we hope that we can do justice to the needs and requirements of the people of the North.

Recognition Of Distinguished Visitors

We have sitting with us today within the ropes some honoured guests. Dave Nickerson, Member of Parliament for the Western Arctic. Mr. Steve Brooks, the deputy mayor of Hay River. Mr. Pat Martel, the chief of the Hay River Indian band. In the second row we have His Worship John Vogt from Fort Smith, Mr. R. Simon, chief of the Resolution Indian band and our old friend, His Worship Otto Romeike from Pine Point.

---Applause

So today, as we open our session, we have members from various levels of government, from the federal scene right down to the municipal and to the basic first form of government, I presume, in the Northwest Territories, that of the chiefs of the Indian bands.

In our gallery today we have an honoured guest, Mr. Robert Porritt.  
Mr. Porritt.

---Applause



Mr. Porritt served three terms as a member of the Northwest Territories Council. He was first elected in 1954, re-elected in 1957 and 1964. Thank you very much, Mr. Porritt, for joining us here today.

#### Introduction Of Pages

Our Pages, who do an awful lot of work for us in the course of a sitting, from grade 11 we have Patricia Russel. From grade nine, Adele Goudreau, Alanna Hyde, Jessica Latour, Ivana Milovae, Kathy Nessel, John Plaquin, Jolletta Negso, Cameron Bowles, Tracy Hemeyer, Robert Hewlett, Mia Johnson, Catherine Munro, Jamie Stewart, Tom Tetrault.

---Applause

Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner is ready to address the House?

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

#### ITEM NO. 2: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, I am pleased to welcome you to this fifth session of the Ninth Assembly. This is the first time that a full session of the Legislative Assembly has been held in Hay River. In May of 1963, a one day emergency meeting of the Council was held in Hay River to consider action necessary as a result of the disastrous flood which the community had just suffered. Following from decisions taken at that time and subsequent actions, the new town of Hay River was established. As the principal port for the Mackenzie River and Western Arctic water transportation system, Hay River is an important hub for the western part of the Territories. With its six market gardening enterprises and a considerable potential for major agricultural production, it is a most appropriate setting for your deliberations on possible directions for agriculture in the Northwest Territories.

While this is expected to be a short session, your Ministers will be presenting some major items which they believe are of urgent and pressing concern to people throughout the Northwest Territories. Perhaps to a greater extent than in any other part of Canada today, northerners are facing great pressures in resource development and constitutional and political development. The National Energy Program clearly shows that Canada is looking to the North to relieve our country's dependence on foreign oil supplies. In addition, the federal government has expressed its determination to bring about, this year, the most significant constitutional reform in Canadian history, including patriation of the constitution from Great Britain and the establishment of a charter of rights and freedoms.

#### Assembly Representation At Constitutional Conferences

Thanks in large part to the determined efforts of your Ministers, this Legislative Assembly will be represented at least part of the time at the constitutional conferences to be held by the Prime Minister and provincial premiers after patriation. Matters of political development will be better addressed in the fall session, when the country as a whole will know the outcome of the action to patriate the Canadian constitution and when the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has had time to bring forward his proposals on political development, natural resources and land use planning and environmental management.

There are matters, however, to do with resource development which cannot wait. The federal government's Bill C-48 is one of the first actions of the new National Energy Program and has clearly placed the North in the front line of oil and gas development in Canada. The bill has raised fears among native groups that aboriginal claims to subsurface resources and royalties may be

prejudiced. Moreover, the delegation of power to appointed officials in Ottawa has led to concerns that the achievement of responsible government may be set back. During this session, the Minister of Energy will report to you on the government's intervention on Bill C-48 to the House of Commons standing committee on natural resources and public works.

Since this House last met, the National Energy Board released its report recommending approval of the Norman Wells pipeline. The Leader of the Elected Executive will be reporting to the House on the recent discussions held on the Norman Wells project with representatives of the Dene Nation. The five points of concern which this House endorsed at Baker Lake are still not resolved and your Ministers will be seeking your further direction on this issue.

#### Recommendations On Power Corporation

The activities of the Northern Canada Power Commission have been of great interest to this and previous Houses. Influenced in part by your motions, the House of Commons has set up a subcommittee to study the present structure and operations of NCPC. The subcommittee, which will include both of our Members of Parliament, will hold public meetings in Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Yellowknife and Inuvik. During the subcommittee's visit to the Northwest Territories, the Minister of Energy will submit a brief, incorporating the recommendations made by this Assembly at the fall session in Frobisher Bay. These recommendations include the establishment of a power corporation solely for the Northwest Territories...

---Applause

...with its headquarters located in the Northwest Territories and the transfer of the agency debt free to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

#### Financial Constraints On Budget

We have, of course, started a new fiscal year, but again I would remind the House of the continued budget restraints which have limited this government's capability to respond to external pressures, particularly the social and economic effects of new resource development projects. The financial constraints on this government's budget are severe if not critical. To provide a better basis for the financial arrangements between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, your Ministers have identified the negotiations of a resource revenue sharing scheme as one of their basic objectives. When its study is complete, the government's proposal on resource revenue sharing will complement the proposed arrangement for formula based financing which is expected to replace the current method of financial negotiations with the federal government.

#### Significant Step Forward In Political Development

It should also be noted that our Minister of Finance will be going to Ottawa during this session to discuss the government's budget before the Commons standing committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development. This appearance represents a significant step forward in political development, as it will be the first time that an elected Minister from the Northwest Territories, rather than officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, will be handling the discussions on our budget before this important committee.



Since this Assembly last met, which is less than 60 days ago, your Ministers have attended a variety of key meetings and conferences to promote the political development of the Northwest Territories. In March, a northern leaders conference was held in Yellowknife to develop a common northern strategy to respond to the federal government on Bill C-48. This meeting was attended by three of your Ministers -- Mr. Braden, Mr. Nerysoo, and Mr. Wah-Shee -- along with representatives of the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, Inuit Tapirisat, the Council of Yukon Indians, and the Yukon government.

In April, the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, by invitation, attended the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Canberra, Australia. At this meeting, principal resolutions were drafted by representatives from the Northwest Territories and Canada, Australia, Scandinavia, and Latin America. I understand that many of these delegates attended the conference at great personal risk of punishment upon return to their home countries. It is a reflection of the nature of Canada and the sensitivity of this Legislative Assembly and government, that we have established a minister specifically responsible for aboriginal rights and provided a mandate for him to promote this concept in the Northwest Territories and in the rest of Canada.

#### AVTC To Be Designated As A College

In April, the Executive Committee held a regional meeting in Fort Smith. The question of the name and status of the Adult Vocational Training Centre was discussed at that time and at a subsequent meeting, and a decision has been taken to designate that educational facility as a college. A proper name will be chosen and announced in the near future.

Late in April, the Leader of the Elected Executive met with Premier Hatfield of New Brunswick to outline the position of this House on the patriation of the constitution and on the Government of the Northwest Territories participation at constitutional conferences. Also, the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism visited a number of uranium exploration sites in northern Saskatchewan.

On April 1st, four new hamlets were proclaimed, bringing the total number to 24. The Hon. James Wah-Shee officiated at a ceremony in Norman Wells, while the Hon. Kane Tologanak and Deputy Commissioner Pilot visited Coppermine, Gjoa Haven and Spence Bay to mark the new status of these communities.

Several Ministers attended meetings of regional organizations in the Central Arctic, Keewatin and Baffin. Your Ministers support the initiatives of communities in those regions who seek a greater voice in their political, social and economic affairs.

#### Governor General's Visit

On the first day of this month, the people of Fort Smith welcomed His Excellency Governor General Ed Schreyer to their town. Following an overnight stop in Yellowknife, the Governor General continued north to visit Cambridge Bay, Rae Point and the gas and oil exploration activities of Panarctic, the Polaris lead-zinc property at Little Cornwallis Island, and the community of Resolute Bay. The Governor General and his party continued on to Nanisivik and Arctic Bay, then called in on the people of Rankin Inlet before concluding his territorial visit. Mr. Schreyer has a great interest in the North, its people and their activities, and it was a pleasure, indeed, for me to accompany him throughout his trip.

I took the opportunity of being in Rankin Inlet to visit that community, as well as continuing on to three others in the Keewatin; Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet. In each place, meetings sponsored by the hamlet council were held and a broad range of issues and activities discussed.

I was particularly pleased to be accompanied by Tagak Curley in Rankin, and by William Noah in the three communities of his constituency. In each place, I noted with pleasure the competent and energetic manner in which local matters were being handled by the respective mayors, their councillors, and hamlet staff.

#### Air Service To Greenland Inaugurated

On May 6th, a regular air service between Frobisher Bay and Greenland was inaugurated. This new link will serve to promote the natural ties of friendship between the people of the Northwest Territories and the people of Greenland. It will also assist your Ministers in holding direct discussions with Premier Motzfeldt and ministers of the Greenland home rule government on matters of common concern.

I am pleased to be able to tell the House that the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, and the federal government are negotiating an agreement on the transfer of the forest fire protection program to the Northwest Territories. The Minister of Renewable Resources will be reporting to you on this matter.

#### Proposed Legislation

During this session, a legislative program of six bills will be introduced for your consideration. These bills include proposed amendments to the Co-operative Associations Ordinance, the Fire Prevention Ordinance, the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Ordinance, and the Public Trustee Ordinance. Two new ordinances, the Extra-Territorial Custody Orders Enforcement Ordinance and the Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Ordinance, are proposed. A supplementary appropriation for the fiscal year 1980-81 will also be placed before you. I recommend the passage of each of these ordinances.

The rest of the year hopefully will show progress in aboriginal claims negotiations. We are pleased that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has appointed a Dene claims negotiator and we hope that the negotiations will lead to an amicable and equitable settlement of Dene claims. Discussions are continuing between Inuit Tapirisat and the federal government, with the acknowledgement by both parties of the need for participation by representatives of this government.

I now commend to you for your earnest consideration and wise judgment the business of this House as I declare open this fifth session of the Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

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

MR. SPEAKER: At this time we will break for coffee. Our normal coffee break is 15 minutes; however, to give the people present time to meet the MLA's and guests, I propose that we recess until 3:30, giving us a half an hour. Then we will continue with the business of the House which will include replies to the Commissioner's Address. The House will be adjourning at 6:00 p.m. this evening. We will stand recessed then until 3:30.

---SHORT RECESS



Recognition Of Distinguished Visitor And Pages

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes a quorum and calls the House back to order. As usual the gremlins were at work today. I am sorry I neglected and missed Michael Amarook, the president of ITC, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, in the stands.

---Applause

And a further oversight, I missed two of our Pages, Michael Hyde and Kent DeLancey.

---Applause

That is not bad for opening day, just two mistakes so far.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, it is hard to hear you. You will have to get closer to your mike or else you are not in there. It is very hard to hear what you are talking about.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is that any better? The orders of the day. Item 3, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 3: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-81(2): Co-operative Associations Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 1-81(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Co-operative Associations Ordinance, be read for the first time.

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

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 2-81(2): Extra-Territorial Custody Orders Enforcement Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, I shall move that Bill 2-81(2), An Ordinance to Allow the Enforcement of Extra-Territorial Custody Orders, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I guess we are having sound troubles off most mikes. The last two speakers were not coming across very clearly either. So everybody will have to get a little closer. I guess the acoustics in here are not that good. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-81(2): Fire Prevention Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 3-81(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 4-81(2): Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 4-81(2), An Ordinance to Provide for a Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate, be read for the first time.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

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

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 5-81(2): Maintenance Orders  
Enforcement Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 5-81(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Ordinance, be read for the first time.

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

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 6-81(2): Public Trustee Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, May 19th, 1981, I shall move that Bill 6-81(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Public Trustee Ordinance, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 4, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 4: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to retable a document that has been before this House on other occasions and is slated for discussion tomorrow, Sessional Paper 1-81(2), Principles for the Development of an Agricultural Policy for the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Item 5, replies to the Commissioner's Address.

ITEM NO. 5: REPLIES TO THE COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, it is my pleasure to move that the Assembly express to the Commissioner its appreciation for his opening Address.

Before I proceed, I think it would be appropriate to explain to our honoured guests and the people in the gallery, many of whom I know are visitors to the Northwest Territories and may not be familiar with our rules, that the replies which may be made by Members for several days following the Commissioner's Address are traditionally an opportunity for individual Members to not only reply to the Commissioner, but also to speak at unlimited length on any subject. In the past this has given Members the advantage of knowing that outside of the normal business on these days, they can be sure that their main concerns may be addressed and heard by all Members of the Assembly, even though formal debate does not occur. In the recent past, several Members have indicated that it might be more appropriate that the opening Address should occur only at budget sessions, but at the same time Members have been reluctant to forego the opportunity of speaking at length without limitation. Notable among these reluctant Members have been the honourable Members for Inuvik and Frobisher Bay.

Before proceeding, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Members to thank the residents of Hay River for inviting us to assemble for a session in your community, and for the courtesies thus far extended to us, which included the excellent meal which we were all hosted to last night. I would also like to thank the staff and students of Diamond Jenness High School for accommodating us, knowing that you are suffering several inconveniences, primarily the loss of the use of your gymnasium for three weeks.



I would also like to welcome all of the Members of the Assembly to Hay River, and to the South Slave area, and I hope that you will be able to take advantage of and enjoy the opportunity of taking part in the activities planned here in Hay River, as well as the surrounding areas, including my own community of Pine Point.

In replying to the Commissioner's opening Address, I am pleased to see that the elected Members of the Executive Committee have had more input into the Commissioner's remarks, and I see this as one of the several outward signs that the role of the Commissioner is changing with the advent of more responsibility being taken on by the elected Members of this Assembly.

#### Progress In Communities

The Commissioner remarked that he was pleased to see progress in several communities which he recently visited, and I could not help but think that I was impressed by the school facilities which I have seen in several communities so far visited by the special committee on education, though there is still much progress to be made in the area of public works. When I think of progress in the area of public works, I cannot help but think of the time that the former Commissioner Hodgson was on a CBC phone-in show and was invited by a lady resident of Pine Point to come and take a bath at her house; a request which was made not in lust, but out of disgust for the smell, taste, and colour of the water coming out of her taps. I think Stuart Hodgson would agree that there has certainly been progress made in this area if he finds out that this morning, Pine Point Taxi delivered five gallons of water and two bags of ice to Hay River to fill the MLA's water jugs for this meeting.

---Laughter

Speaking in relation to progress in my own community, I am pleased that during the last two years the town council in Pine Point has become more actively involved in Northwest Territories affairs, primarily through the Association of Municipalities. I am sure that under the leadership of Mayor Otto Romeike that this participation will continue. However, it is disheartening that while Pine Point has progressed from the mining camp it was several years ago, both the territorial and federal governments still often treat Pine Point as a company town. This came to light in my community recently when a youth employment application made by a committee in Pine Point to assure jobs for students under the age of 18 who are not employable at the mine, received a letter from the federal board operating these grants in the Northwest Territories, advising them that the grant had been cut in half because Pine Point was quote, "a company town".

Anyone who would have any knowledge of this would be aware that the reason the jobs are needed is because the mining operation there, by several laws of both federal and territorial governments cannot employ younger students and that is why the money is sorely needed.

#### Negotiations On Development Of Non-Renewable Resources

On progress in the Northwest Territories in general, I am glad to see the Executive Committee is negotiating with the federal government for a revenue sharing base which could accrue to this government for development of non-renewable resources. This negotiation, as Members are aware, also involves ITC and the Dene Nation as the aboriginal rights negotiations also involve the non-renewable resources which are spread through the entire Northwest Territories.

This whole issue, I think, is going to come to light during this session. I am sure my colleague for Mackenzie Liard is going to have a few things to say about the Norman Wells pipeline, and I would like to assure him now that he will have my full and unqualified support for anything we can do to prevent the federal government from developing a pipeline against the wishes of the



Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, against the wishes of the communities where this pipeline is going to run by and through, when there is going to be no concrete guarantee to the people who live up here that they are going to be employed on long-range jobs. We have heard promises before that have been floated by us by lots of other development companies; they are going to employ northern people, and it just has not happened, and I do not think it will happen now. So the only benefit that we are going to get on the Norman Wells pipeline is when we get some revenue out of it like the other provinces in Canada do. The only opportunity for the people in the Northwest Territories to take a role in Canada as equals in this confederation is when the people have the opportunity to take jobs, to take on roles in their community that fulfil them with some sort of a pride.

#### Rightful Role In Confederation

What we have in place in the Northwest Territories is a school system which is educating students and promising them a lifestyle in the future that is right now non-existent for most of those graduates. There just are not the jobs in our communities in the Northwest Territories so that those individual students can fulfil their own future hopes. The only way that we can develop as a people is, like the western provinces, to develop our non-renewable resources. So I want to make it clear that I am not against the development of the resources of the Northwest Territories because like Mr. Curley in the last session, I agree that that is the future for the young people up here; that is the chance for us to take on a role in confederation and become equals with the people in southern Canada, and the development of those resources and the funds from those resources, if they accrue to the people in the Northwest Territories and to this government, are going to let us take our place and our rightful role in this confederation.

#### Opposed To Development Of Pipeline

So, though I am in favour of the development, and I see it as the key to the future of the Northwest Territories, I am opposed as I was opposed when I ran for office, and will continue to be opposed to the development of a pipeline that is going to pump out a non-renewable resource of heating fuel approximately, if they go by the 20,000 barrels a day they say they are going to produce, they are going to pump out just exactly the seven million barrels of crude oil which we require in a year for heating and motor fuels in the Northwest Territories.

So what they are doing is pumping out exactly the fossil fuel requirements that this government and the corporations in this territory require, and someone is going to have to prove to me, first of all, that that makes sense. Secondly, I cannot support the development of a project like that that is being run overtop of this Legislative Assembly and the people in this territory if there is not going to be an agreement of at least a share in the revenue which can be given to the various interest groups and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

I look on this issue as one of the key things that this Assembly has to look at and stand up to. It brings together the aboriginal rights claims that are going on, the maturity of this government, the recognition by the federal government that one day the Northwest Territories should be a province or have some sort of equivalent government to a province, which will make it equal to the rest of the provinces in Canada. It also has to allow the people in the Northwest Territories to develop in the way they want, and the only way they can really do that is to have the revenue from that resource development, so that they can spend it how they want and on what they want. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to a close my reply. The main thing I would like to say is that our enemy is the federal government. None of the federal parties seem to have a policy that is well-suited to the future of the North, and I think it is time that the Members of this House and the other territorial groups take a stand and tell the federal government, "We want something out of this, because you are taking our future away from us." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the honourable Member for Pine Point. Replies to the Commissioner's Address. Mr. Sayine.

Mr. Sayine's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation Seconded

MR. SAYINE: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly and the honoured guests of the Speaker and the people of Hay River, I take great pleasure in this opportunity of having the second motion of appreciation of the Commissioner's opening Address. I too would like to thank the school of Hay River and also the people of Hay River for the great hospitality that we arrived at. Also, I must say that I am pleased that this Assembly is meeting in Hay River. It gives the people in the surrounding communities a chance to see what the government or this Assembly is all about.

Too many times in the past you hear our own people say that this is not our government, and, therefore, they even go as far as saying they really should not have anything to do with it. I feel that this sort of an attitude is wrong, simply because at the present time I feel that this is all that we have really got, and therefore we must make do with what we have got and find ways to make it work for all of us...

---Applause

...the way we want to do it, until such time as we can find another system of government that is satisfactory to all the people in the Territories. Having said all that, I feel that this government still has a lot to be desired, especially in the area of local government.

Community Councils Should Work Together

In most of the Dene communities we have band councils and settlement councils or hamlets. I feel the Department of Local Government can do more in the area of encouraging both councils in working together. I say this because I come from a Dene community where there exists a band council and also a settlement council, but for some strange reason the two councils can never -- well, I should not say can never, but -- we are starting to get together now and starting working together. I feel this sort of a thing should have happened years ago, because a lot of people in small communities like this are all one group of people and having two councils that are not working together splits up a community. By this, I mean the band council must also be recognized as a legitimate body in the communities, or on an equal basis as a settlement council or a town council. Let us face it, the band councils in communities are getting more and more involved in local government in communities and they are getting more powerful. This is not only happening in the smaller communities, but is also a big problem in larger communities.

Now we hear about this new community ordinance that is supposed to be coming up fairly soon. I would urge the Department of Local Government to allow communities enough time to have full input into the ordinance before it comes back to this Assembly for its approval. I think I am not only speaking for Fort Resolution and Snowdrift, but I feel a lot of Dene communities have a lot of concern in this area.

I have also other concerns, like Mr. McLaughlin was speaking on earlier, development. As we all know, two years ago the Fort Resolution people were putting on a little fight with Shell Canada, when they were trying to get into the area of Little Buffalo River. At that time we told Shell Canada to wait a while and see what the people can work out themselves, before they just come in on the spur of the moment and just start their work.

People Not Opposed To Development

Fort Resolution people were not against development and they are not against development. All they were trying to really do was to make sure that everything was in place before such development took place, especially when they were talking about only 10 to 15 miles out of the Fort Resolution community. I feel that this government can also give a hand in that area to provide the proper study that was asked by the people to be done.

The people concerned made a proposal to the Indian Affairs Minister for something about \$55,000, just to do their own study and make sure that they felt everything was in place. Instead of that, they only received \$15,000 from the Minister of Indian Affairs. So, \$15,000 is really nothing nowadays. I do not think they can go very far with it. I feel that the territorial government should have a hand in there and -- at least, what they are asking for now is the other \$15,000 to be given to them by this territorial government, in order to do a study that will at least go \$30,000 worth.

Another area that people are concerned with in my community is housing. The people in Fort Resolution are trying to stop construction of frame buildings. They want to see log buildings that they can put up themselves and really get what they want, instead of getting some prefab housing that comes from outside and falls apart in five years time.

---Applause

In Fort Resolution we do have all the logs, the lumber that is required, and the labour force, so if the government puts up a house in Fort Resolution, why should all the money go out of Resolution for materials when it could stay in the local sawmill and support that local sawmill a bit in itself, and also the money for the labour can go for the people. These are three of my main concerns that I have talked about, and if I have any other concerns I will be bringing them up later. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the honourable Member for Fort Resolution. Replies to the Commissioner's Address. There appear to be no further replies today. Item 6, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Tologanak.

Question 1-81(2): Staffing Situation, Coppermine School

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the honourable Minister of Education. I have received a telex today from Coppermine, from the chairman of the local education authority, and they were quite disturbed about the staffing, or particularly the principal, in Coppermine, that the local education authority was not properly consulted. I would like to ask the Minister what has happened to the consultation process involving the local people in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 1-81(2): Staffing Situation, Coppermine School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have received a telex from Tommy Pigalak, chairman of the local education authority in Coppermine, requesting that the local education authority should have been heard, and should be heard, concerning selection of staff, and in reply may I first tell my honourable colleague that I agree completely that that should be done.



Typically, the superintendent of the area concerned consults with the local education authority prior to staffing. I regret that this was not done in the case of the Coppermine school, particularly with the principal's position, but I would like to try to explain what I understood to have happened. It was a special situation there this year because, shortly before the staffing session which took place in Yellowknife last week was to occur, the principal at Kugluktuk School resigned, and the superintendent was just about to leave for the staffing session and felt that there simply would not be time for the local education authority to interview other applicants for the principal's job on such short notice, although I agree this certainly would have been desirable. He did, however, contact the chairman of the local education authority and apparently received Mr. Pigalak's assurance that the local education authority would delegate the task of selecting a principal to the superintendent.

If they are not happy with what has occurred, and if they have a specific concern about an appointment that has been made, I would certainly be happy to look into it, and the superintendent concerned has already planned a trip to Coppermine next week, where that particular matter, of course, will be discussed, and I will hope that it can be resolved there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the honourable Minister from Frobisher Bay. Oral questions. Mr. Curley.

Question 2-81(2): Price Increase For Arctic Char, Rankin Inlet Fishery

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Economic Development. In view of the fact that Rankin Inlet commercial fishery is in a grave danger and jeopardy right now as a result of the lack of response from the Minister or the Department of Economic Development to increase the price of Arctic char, will the Minister assure this House that he will undertake to resolve the present problem because of the -- the commercial fishery's quota, apparently, has been shut off for this summer, because of the Department of Economic Development's inability to increase the price of Arctic char for local fishermen.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, the honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I thank the honourable Member for giving me notice of his question. I am not personally aware of the details of the situation he described, but I will give him the assurance that I will look into the matter and do everything I can to resolve the situation that he has brought to my attention.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Curley?

Supplementary To Question 2-81(2): Price Increase For Arctic Char, Rankin Inlet Fishery

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister for his assurance that he will undertake to look at it, but I would also like to inform him that the cost of gasoline last year has increased substantially, at least about 41 per cent in that area, so I would ask him to take that into consideration as well as inflationary cost that has increased recently, as he reviews it, because, unless he increases the price of Arctic char for commercial fishermen, the quota will now be closed for the summer, and the fisheries advised the community that they have, in fact, accepted the local fishermen's recommendation to close the fisheries unless the price of Arctic char is increased.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley, to get away with that under questions -- on opening day, I suppose, we will be a little lenient, but that is debating. Oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question 3-81(2): Government Representatives At Water Board Hearings

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the Water Board met in Fort Simpson during April, and it adjourned its meeting to May 20th because of requests from the community to have an adjournment. I was at the board meeting, and noticed that the territorial government did not have any representatives there to make presentations. I would like to ask any of the Ministers responsible whether there is a policy of this government in respect of appearing before such a body as the Water Board, and also whether they would consider having themselves go, or having one of their representatives go to the next Water Board meeting.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleague, Mr. Nerysoo, is the Minister responsible for that Water Board; he is out of the House at this moment. I will take that series of questions as notice and have Mr. Nerysoo report back in detail to my colleague, Mr. Sibbeston. Thank you.



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Item 7, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 7: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 4-81(2): Government's Response To Resolution 81-7

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Local Government. Will the Minister inform the Assembly what has been this government's response, if any, to the concerns expressed in Resolution 81-7, passed by the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities at its 15th annual conference, and dealing with the impact of native claims on municipalities. If there has not yet been a response, will the Minister assure this House that there will soon be a detailed response forthcoming?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre. Written questions. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Question 5-81(2): Request For Additional Nurse In Pond Inlet

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) My question is addressed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. In Pond Inlet, there is just one nurse. There should be an additional nurse since the population is so large. The people of Pond Inlet would like some support on this matter. Would the Minister be able to answer this request? I would like to see the Minister take action before the end of this session.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the honourable Member for Foxe Basin. Written questions. I presume there are no returns for today.

Item 8, petitions.

Item 9, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 9: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The hon. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Report Of The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a very brief report, as chairman of the standing committee on legislation. The standing committee was scheduled to meet at 9:30 this morning, as Members were advised at yesterday's caucus meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 and adjourned at 9:59. Unfortunately, only three committee Members and no representative of the Executive Committee were present. Mr. Speaker, the work of the committee is a serious matter, I believe, and must be so treated, and I feel that Members that do come should not have to waste their time awaiting the late arrival of persons essential to the conduct of business or attending meetings that have to be adjourned without doing business. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 21st, at 9:30, and I hope there will be better results.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre. Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 10, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion 1-81(2): Principles For The Development Of An Agricultural Policy Referred To Committee Of The Whole

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that as soon as possible I wish to introduce Principles for the Development of an Agricultural Policy for the Northwest Territories and refer the same to the committee of the whole for discussion.

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

Notice Of Motion 2-81(2): Invitation To Terry Anderson To Appear Before Legislative Assembly As Witness

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that at the earliest opportunity I will move that this Assembly invite Mr. Terry Anderson to appear before it in committee of the whole, on May 19, to present his views with respect to uranium exploration and mining, because of his inability to appear on May 20th or 21st. I will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with that today. Thank you.

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

Notice Of Motion 3-81(2): Seating Of Deputy Commissioner And Commissioner During Oral Question Period

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will be seeking unanimous consent to move the motion today, and the motion reads that I move, seconded by the Member for Keewatin North, that for the duration of this session, the provisions of Rules 2(da), 2(ka), 24(2), 39 and 40 be waived to permit the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to attend at sittings of the Assembly during the oral question period and to permit the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to respond to questions concerning the government departments for which they are responsible, directed to them by Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Notices of motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I am premature.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further notices of motion? Item 11, motions.

ITEM NO. 11: MOTIONS

Unanimous consent being requested. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to humbly request unanimous consent to deal with my motion concerning the attendance of a witness in the uranium debate.

MR. SPEAKER: House agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: You have the unanimous consent to proceed.



Motion 2-81(2): Invitation To Terry Anderson To Appear Before The Legislative Assembly As Witness

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the continuation of the debate on uranium exploration and mining is scheduled for May 20 and 21;

AND WHEREAS due to prior commitments, Mr. Terry Anderson, a witness for the Dene Nation, who could not be heard at the last session, is unable to appear on May 20 or May 21;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the hon. Bob MacQuarrie, that this Assembly invite Mr. Terry Anderson to appear before it in committee of the whole on May 19, to present his views with respect to uranium exploration and mining, because of his inability to appear on May 20 or 21.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order, Mr. Patterson. Proceed.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control Mr. Anderson cannot appear on May 20 and 21. He is one of the witnesses who came to the last session and was unable to appear due to time limitations. There is one advantage to him appearing on the 19th in committee of the whole, and that is that on the 20th the House will have to deal with the visit of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and it might be an advantage to have one less uranium witness to hear on that day. I asked for unanimous consent today so that Mr. Anderson can confirm his travel arrangements and I trust Members will agree. He has already been approved as a witness by a previous motion. It is just a question of timing. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 2-81(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Mr. Curley, you were requesting unanimous consent.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask for unanimous consent to proceed with the motion asking the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to sit during the sitting of this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent being requested. Are we agreed? Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Curley. You have unanimous consent.

Motion 3-81(2): Seating Of Deputy Commissioner And Commissioner During Oral Question Period

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS it is essential that Members of this Legislative Assembly be able to direct oral questions to the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner relating to the government departments for which they are responsible;

AND WHEREAS this practice was followed during the fourth session of this Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin North, that for the duration of this session the provisions of Rules 2(da), 2(ka), 24(2), 39 and 40 be waived to permit the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to attend at sittings of the Assembly during the oral question period and to permit the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to respond to questions concerning the government departments for which they are responsible, directed to them by Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Proceed, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Very simply, I would just like to permit again the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to be able to respond to the questions directed by Members and also to allow Members to ask the Commissioner for policies related to their particular departments. Mainly the departments they are responsible for are Public Works, Regional Operations, Personnel and other agencies. So, I would ask that the Members support this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I do not support the motion and I will just state my reasons again. I feel that the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner should not be in the Assembly, even to answer questions as witnesses. I say this because over the course of years responsibility over various departments has been transferred to elected people who have become Ministers, and I feel that having the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in here to answer questions takes away some of the responsibility or onus on the Ministers who do have responsibility. It is primarily for this that I am against the motion. I feel that to have the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to continue coming in here delays the eventual complete takeover by elected people of the responsibilities of this government. So, on these principles, I do not support the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 3-81(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour, indicate by the raising of hands. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I seek unanimous consent to move the motion relative to the agricultural policy?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I hear any nays? You have unanimous consent. Proceed, Mr. Butters.

---Agreed



Motion 1-81(2): Principles For The Development Of An Agricultural Policy  
Referred To Committee Of The Whole

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the paper on the Principles for the Development of an Agricultural Policy for the Northwest Territories has not been considered in past sessions when it appeared on our order paper;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that this paper be referred to committee of the whole for consideration as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Proceed.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The motion is self-explanatory, sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 1-81(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Item 11, motions.

Item 12, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 13, second reading of bills, must be redundant, then, today.

Item 14, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters. We have nothing to put in the committee of the whole this afternoon. That then concludes your order paper. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Speaker, yes. I have certain announcements, if I might proceed with those. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the caucus room. There will be a meeting of the constitutional development committee at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, room 101 in the Ptarmigan Inn. For the information of Members attending the opening of the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., transportation will be leaving at 10:30 from the Ptarmigan Inn, and at 10:45 from the Mackenzie Place.

ITEM NO. 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 15, 1981.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to the Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions
4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions

6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. Motions
10. 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: Sessional Paper 1-81(2), Principles for the Development of an Agricultural Policy for the Northwest Territories; Cost of Living in the Northwest Territories
13. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., May 15th, 1981.

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