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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1982

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): I would like to call now on Allan MacPhedran, a local pastor from Yellowknife, to open with our prayer.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

REV. ALLAN MacPHEDRAN: Shall we pray together? Our Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for this privilege of meeting in Assembly to direct the affairs of our Territories. We are mindful that many in our world suffer under oppression and do not possess such freedom. Help us not to take this privilege of freedom lightly, but keep us ever mindful that with the privilege of freedom comes the responsibility of freedom. Grant to us the wisdom of your Spirit, that we might practise justice before politics, the good of others before our own selfish interests and the equality of all our people before personal prejudice and preference. Help us to work together in a spirit of co-operation rather than confrontation to the benefit of all our people and to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Pastor MacPhedran. At this time I would like to recognize inside the ropes today a part of the ceremony opening the seventh session of the Ninth Assembly, we have the chief judge of the territorial court, Mr. R.J. Slaven and His Worship Mayor Mike Ballantyne.

---Applause

It is customary at this time on the opening of an Assembly to hear from our Commissioner. Mr. Clerk, would you see if the Commissioner is ready?

Item 2, Commissioner's Address. Welcome, Mr. Parker.

ITEM NO. 2: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, I take pleasure in welcoming you to the seventh session of the Ninth Assembly. May I extend to each of you my best wishes for 1982, a year in which we may expect continued progress in the development of a northern consensus in meeting the unique political, social and economic challenges faced by the people of the North.

At this point I would like to recognize the hard work and innovative thinking shown by all of the Ministers you have named to serve on the Executive Committee. In the 1920s a United States president said that, "Government after all is a very simple thing." If that were ever true, one must declare that times have most certainly changed. For several years the Northwest Territories has been confronted with increased outside pressures for development of its non-renewable resources, constraints to the fiscal capacity of government to carry out programs and services and constitutional and political development issues of increasing complexity. Through very often frustrating circumstances, your Ministers have striven to safeguard the interests of the people of the Northwest Territories and to search out and take advantage of new opportunities to promote the development of increased self-government and greater economic self-sufficiency in the North.

In the area of constitutional development, this Assembly hardly needs to be reminded of the significant role played by all of you, as Members of the special committee on the constitution of Canada, in securing the reinstatement of aboriginal rights in the proposed Canadian constitution. Members of Parliament, and the Canadian public at large, were most impressed with the dedication and thoughtful positions put forth by your committee. As the Hon. John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, has stated in the House of Commons on November 24th, 1981, when referring to committee Members, "I think they should take some real credit for this unique achievement."

Initiatives Taken In Various Government Departments

The government has taken strong initiatives in economic development through the privatization program to place government projects in private hands, and through the establishment of new tourism zones to encourage the development of additional tourism business opportunities. In non-renewable resource development four socio-economic agreements have been concluded: namely, for the Polaris and Lupin mining projects and for hydrocarbon exploration and development in the Beaufort Sea and the High Arctic. We are confident that these agreements will ensure that northern residents and businesses will receive meaningful and increased benefits from resource projects in their own communities and regions. Moreover, a new environmental assessment division and an energy and resource development secretariat have been established. These agencies are intended, respectively, to address the environmental impacts of resource development and to develop new policies and proposals to promote greater northern control over the development process.

I am pleased to advise Members that Dr. W. Winston Mair of Victoria, British Columbia, will carry out a review of the capacity and capability of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, as it is presently structured and staffed, to handle the tasks currently facing the department and those to be encountered in the next few years. High levels of resource and economic development activities now under way and proposed for the Delta and Beaufort Sea areas demand a strong and effective governmental response capability, and for this reason Dr. Mair's study will be concentrated in these areas and in the headquarters unit of the department. He is particularly well suited to this task, having held senior professional and managerial responsibilities in the renewable resource and economic development fields in the northern parts of the western provinces and in the Northwest Territories for many years. The Hon. Tom Butters and his senior staff members look forward to the advice which will result from this review.

With respect to the advancement and development of the skills of northern people, the teacher education program was expanded in 1981 to provide field-based training and to enable trainees to learn in their own communities. Devolution of health and social services to the community level has begun, as evidenced by the appointment of a board of management for the Frobisher Bay hospital with local input and control and by the takeover by the village of Frobisher Bay of authority and responsibility for social services.

I note with satisfaction that in the past year development of strong and efficient community governments has continued steadily. Many local councillors and community government staff have been benefited from the accredited municipal administration courses conducted in Rae-Edzo and Rankin Inlet. Four new hamlets, Norman Wells, Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Coppermine, were established last April and I look forward to the advance to hamlet status by Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour on April 1st this year. It is worth noting that a home-owner's property tax rebate was instituted in 1981 and that tax relief for home-owners in municipalities will increase in 1982.

Last April the Fort Smith region was divided and a new region for the Central Arctic established. It has been named "Kitikmeot", and full development of an administrative structure is well under way.

Distinguished Northerners

I would now also ask this House to observe with regret the passing of some distinguished old-timers who served the people of the North with distinction, dedication and wisdom. They include Chief Johnny Kay of Fort McPherson, who was the honoured guest of this Legislature at its inaugural ball, John Tiktak, the world renowned carver from Rankin Inlet, Victor Sammurtok Sr., from Chesterfield Inlet, a noted sculptor and revered elder of that community after whom the school is named, and Ted Trindell of Fort Simpson, the beloved "Shakespeare of Slavey".

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Sarah Simon of Fort McPherson is to receive the Commissioner's Award for public service at the highest level. Mrs. Simon has devoted her long life to serving the Loucheux people. Her contribution has been particularly important in strengthening the role of the church in the community, in helping families and individuals, and in furthering the use of the Loucheux language by her teaching of the language and through her work in preparation of the latest version of the Bible in Loucheux. Since one of the important priorities of this Legislature is the advancement of native language use, it seems particularly fitting that public service in this field should be recognized.

I am also pleased to advise Members that Canon Mike Gardener of Frobisher Bay has accepted an appointment to the Commissioner's Award committee. Canon Gardener will bring knowledge gained through many years of northern service to the deliberations of the committee. He replaces Alex Stevenson of Ottawa, a charter member of the committee. Mr. Stevenson, a former Hudson's Bay man who commenced his service at Arctic Bay in the 1930s and went on to become administrator of the Arctic, gave invaluable advice to the committee throughout his tenure, and I am pleased to extend my grateful thanks to him.

During the past year, two territorial residents received the Order of Canada. Mark Evaluarjuk, an esteemed Member of this House, was recognized for his very important contribution to the co-operative movement combined with his service as a legislator. Eric Anoee of Eskimo Point was honoured for his work as a deacon, interpreter and translator for the Anglican Church, and for furthering the use and understanding of Inuktitut, especially through his work with the Inuit Cultural Institute. My congratulations, joined with those from all Members, are extended to each of these gentlemen for receiving these well-deserved honours.

Important Events Scheduled for 1982

As 1982 unfolds, your government will be closely watching certain national and international events that will have direct and pressing effects upon the Northwest Territories. On the national scene, Bill C-48, about which this Assembly has expressed many concerns, has been passed by the Canadian parliament. It now becomes important for us to take a positive stance toward the legislation and seek to ensure that it is administered to the greatest possible advantage of northern people.

During this year, it is expected that the Prime Minister will convene a constitutional conference of First Ministers to consider additional changes to the Canadian constitution. Ministerial representatives from our government will be in attendance to speak to important issues of concern to us.

Internationally, we understand that the parliament of the European Economic Community is proposing to debate a motion to prohibit the importation of Canadian sealskins by member nations. Even though there is some suggestion that sealskins from the Northwest Territories would be exempted from this ban, the resultant adverse publicity could be most damaging and result in economic losses to many residents. Your Executive Committee will monitor this situation closely and support the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in its effort to combat this ban.

Within the Northwest Territories, the year ahead will be marked by many exciting and in some cases unprecedented events. In March, over 300 of our athletes will be representing the Northwest Territories at the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska. We all wish them the greatest success in their competitions.

The plebiscite on territorial division, scheduled for April 14, 1982, will mark an important step in the political evolution of the Northwest Territories. The constitutional conference recently concluded laid the groundwork for a co-operative approach to the future development of government in the Northwest Territories.

In late July and August, the conference of the Canadian Parliamentary Association will be held for the first time in the Northwest Territories, in Yellowknife, following extensive visits by members to many of our communities.

Business Proposed For This Session

As the Assembly commences this session, it is important to note that the budget you will be considering is the result of an improved executive planning system developed by your Ministers to ensure that government spending better reflects the priorities identified by this House. As indicated last week to your standing committee on finance, the executive planning system will continue to be refined by the Executive Committee and its committee on priorities and planning in 1982.

The Minister of Finance will be presenting in detail the proposed budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year. To comment briefly, the government will be requesting your approval for the expenditure of over \$443 million, including \$350 million in operations and maintenance, and \$73 million in capital. This is an increase of 19 percent from the 1981-82 expenditures. The factors behind this growth are due in large measure to inflationary costs beyond our control. To the greatest extent possible -- considering that the new executive planning system was implemented in mid-year, and bearing in mind budgetary constraints -- the proposed expenditures reflect the priorities you have identified. With the new system in place, we anticipate an improved ability to shift financial resources to accommodate Legislative Assembly priorities.

During this session a legislative program of 12 bills will be introduced for your consideration. In addition to amendments to the Plebiscite Ordinance, the Municipal Ordinance, and the Vital Statistics Ordinance, there will be nine financial bills, including the Appropriation Ordinance and a Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance. These bills are essential to the good conduct of government business. I recommend the passage of each of these ordinances.

This Assembly, responding to the diverse aspirations of its people, has charted momentous directions for the Northwest Territories since its election. Debates have been passionate at times -- but always based on a deep concern for the welfare of all the people. I suspect that that is always the case where a young, developing society or region tackles fundamental social and political principles

and issues that others may have long forgotten or taken for granted. Perhaps in the ensuing year the rest of Canada will experience a minor renewal as you provide fresh and enlightened perspectives to the national process of reshaping Canada.

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

---Applause

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Order!

MR. SPEAKER: Returning to 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. McCallum.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-82(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 4th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 1-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1983, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 2-82(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1981-1982

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 4th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 2-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-82(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1982

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 4th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 3-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 4-82(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1982-1983

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 4th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 4-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories during the Financial Year 1982-83, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 5-82(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1982

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 4th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 5-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds, be read for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I would be asking for unanimous consent later in motions to give first reading of Bill 1-82(1).

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

Item 4, tabling of documents.

Item 5, replies to Commissioner's Address.

ITEM NO. 5: REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. McCallum.

Hon. Arnold McCallum's Reply And Motion Of Appreciation

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the motion of appreciation of the Commissioner's Address to this Assembly and whilst doing so I would hope that I would be able to use the opportunity to remark very briefly on a number of issues or matters that concern this House and concern the people of the Northwest Territories.

May I, first of all, Mr. Speaker, indicate my appreciation specifically to the Commissioner rather than to the office, to the individual, Mr. John Parker, whom I believe most sincerely people of the Northwest Territories would agree was an excellent choice of a man to be the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories during this time; a man who is always available, who is a source of sage advice to Members of this Assembly, to the bureaucracy and most especially to others of my colleagues who are on the Executive Committee; a man who is very totally experienced with the North and very much aware, as evidenced by his message today, of the concerns of people and the Northwest Territories in general.

I do not believe that I would be letting the cat out of the bag if I were to indicate to you that Mr. Parker will be embarking very soon to a meeting that I think would be a first -- and I think it bodes well for the kind of development in the Northwest Territories -- Mr. Parker has been invited to attend a meeting of the lieutenant-governors of Canada. I think that this is a very noteworthy occasion to see that our Commissioner has been invited to that very august group.

Executive Committee Membership

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to continue then to talk very briefly about the Executive Committee -- the membership, both elected and non-elected -- and to indicate to you, sir, and to other Members of this House that this was a group that was not supposed to get along very well in the beginning. I would say -- and I am sure that other Members of the Executive Committee, especially the elected people would indicate -- that we indeed do get along very well, perhaps too well, in that we are sometimes given some criticism in terms of "we kind of hang together", but a motley crew such as we were not supposed to get along in the beginning. I think that the kinds of directions, the kinds of things that the Executive Committee has done over the last -- and more especially over the last year, since we have increased our membership of elected Members by two -- were the kinds of things, the kinds of directions that we have been able to obtain and work towards -- I think that this speaks well of a group of Members from various walks of life, from various and a very diverse nature of interests and concerns -- that we have been able to work and get along very well. I would suggest, sir, that ministerial government in the personage of the Members involved is working very well.

There are a great number of responsibilities, there are a great number of duties associated with it and though I am not trying to obtain for myself or other Members of the Executive Committee even more of an awareness or an appreciation of the kinds of things that we have to do, it has not been an easy task over the years, but it has been a task that I think each and every one of us would find very rewarding.

As I had indicated, Mr. Speaker, I applaud the role that the Commissioner plays in this group. I want to also, as well, express my deep appreciation for the role that Mr. Pilot plays as Deputy Commissioner in making sure that the executive arm of the government functions well. His advice, his experience, of course, has led us -- I believe and I am sure people of the Territories would believe -- to very wise decisions.

Progress Of Legislative Assembly

Not the least, of course as the executive arm and because we are a creature of this House, the Legislature itself, I want to as well express my appreciation particularly and individually to other Members of this House for the way in which this House was able and has been able to get along. I am not going to argue the merit or otherwise of the past, present or future Houses. Each has played and each will play a role in the evolution of government in the Northwest Territories. I have been a Member of this House, Mr. Chairman, for two terms now. I have seen a great deal of change that has occurred and although there may be those who would say that we would have never have obtained what we have obtained and are obtaining now had we had the last House, I could say the same thing about previous Houses.

We have been able, collectively as various Houses and individually, to grab hold of things, to make strides forward when it is necessary and a lot of time when it is not necessary. As to whether the future of the Legislature of the Northwest Territories should be based on a consensus, that is a moot point. There are some times when consensus does work, especially when we do arrange consensus. I am not talking about unanimity. I am talking about getting something together. Whether in fact that should be the role of the House to try to obtain consensus and to move forward, I think that future Houses will determine that. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the next election will determine it.

We have shown initiative. We have been able to lead by example. The Commissioner made reference to the kind of leadership that this House indicated during the constitutional debate and I would say to you, Mr. Chairman -- and I would applaud the efforts of this House -- but let nobody in the Northwest Territories or the rest of Canada be under any illusion, the reason why the aboriginal rights section is back in the constitution of Canada is because of the efforts of the Members of the special committee of this House. We have been able to take direction from people; we have been able to listen. There is no other legislature in Canada, in my opinion, that listens to so many people, who consults, who dialogues with so many of its citizens as does this Legislature. I think that we have proven our responsibility. I think that we are now prepared to take on responsible government. We have shown that we are responsible -- more so than many other legislatures, many other jurisdictions across the country.

I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not as well at this time extend kudos to the various segments of the bureaucracy. It is very difficult to generalize, in fact it is very hazardous to generalize on the efforts and the worthwhileness of a bureaucracy but, again, we would not be where we are if it had not been for the commitment, the assistance, the help of those people who have given so much of their time and their energy and their concern to the working of this House and to all departments and aspects of the Government of the Northwest Territories. I would want to be on record now as indicating that I, as I am sure all Members of this House would, recognize those particular efforts.

Future Of The Northwest Territories

Mr. Speaker, I know that there is a great future ahead of us -- a great future for those of us who not only have indicated that we want to live here, but those who will be coming into the Territories in the future. We are now and we have been for some time expecting a greater self-reliance. We are more representative of the people whom we represent. I would hope that before the next election that we would be even more representative. We have the capability now to extend the number of our seats to 25. I think that it would be responsible on our part if we were to extend that representation even more. I would hope that we would very seriously look at the complete business of representation of people in the Northwest Territories. We are responsible as well as representative and I think that now is the time that we should not depend to any great extent any more or any longer on the largesse of the federal government. We, as well as all Canadians, want to be economic partners in this great country.

It is very ironic, Mr. Speaker, that we now open our House today at a time when the first Ministers of this country are meeting in Ottawa to discuss the economic future of Canada and although I take heart in that we do indeed have a very good representative of this government in the person of the Hon. George Braden, I am somewhat concerned that Mr. Braden and hence the Northwest Territories are only given observer status. I would believe, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Braden would lend great credibility and great insight as to what would be occurring in the Northwest Territories if he were allowed to put forth his particular views at this particular conference. It is ironic that we are now opening and we are concerned in the Northwest Territories with the same things that people in the rest of Canada are talking about.

I am not going to go into any great extent the political future of the Territories. That will evolve. It may be precipitated by the plebiscite that will occur in two or three months, but even that will only be the beginning. I would want to indicate, Mr. Chairman, that with the recently concluded constitutional conference that was attended by a great number of people from all over the West, I would want to indicate that I think this was a very great beginning of a coming together of the various peoples, at least in the western part of the Northwest Territories and hopefully, if things go well, with the kind of committee that was set up, that we will be able to involve other parts of the Territories. I want, without laying too much credit, nevertheless I would want to indicate to you, Mr. Chairman, as to other Members of this committee, how much conference delegates who were there enjoyed and appreciated the work of my colleague for Mackenzie Liard, the honourable Mr. Sibbeston, in chairing that meeting.

The concern that we have in the Northwest Territories at the present time is, how do we take our part? How do we take up our role with the rest of Canada? Are we going to go united or are we going to go separate as an entity? These are fundamental questions to be answered.

The diversity of the North is reflected, if you like, or is an example of the kind of diversity all across the country. The concerns that we have in the North are the concerns that are being expressed all across the country, from British Columbia to Newfoundland, and we have across such a large territory as the Northwest Territories the same kind of concerns, though we do not have the population. We have to be concerned with what we are going to do, what kind of role we are going to play, and it will be up to the Members of this House and future Members to push forward for our place in this great country that we call Canada.

Concerns Of The Constituency Of Slave River

Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate that I come from a constituency that, although, maybe, is not a good example of the North, nevertheless is a very real part of the mosaic of the North. It is made up of a great number of ethnic peoples. It has the concerns that northerners as a whole have. These concerns are noted by all the citizens of the town of Fort Smith, and it is reflected, if you like, Mr. Speaker, in the make-up of the local town council, a town council that is unique in the Northwest Territories. It has the other, the white people, the business people; it has the Dene chief as a councillor; it has the president of the local Metis Association as a councillor as well. It is concerned with the kind of concerns that are being raised not only in the Northwest Territories or in the Western Arctic but all across Canada. The economic issues, not just with the megaprojects that are concerned -- and I have to be careful, because I have recently been taken to task about saying "a proposed hydro project on the Slave River". There is talk about a "megaproject" that will utilize the water resources of the Slave River.

So there are concerns about what will occur with the megaprojects, but more to the issue are the concerns of the small economic endeavours that people will have; tourism and small cottage industries. People in Fort Smith, the town council, the chamber of commerce, are concerned with the high cost of living, as evidenced by the power rates, or the soon-to-be-increased power rates. We have great environmental concerns in my constituency. It is the home of unique animals, unique flora and fauna, maybe more so than a lot of other areas in the Northwest Territories.

We are concerned in Fort Smith with education, and I applaud the efforts of the Minister of Education, Hon. Dennis Patterson, in finally getting down to the brass tacks and instituting or naming Thebacha College, and, hopefully soon, to name the board of governors that will now direct that particular college in the pursuit of educational goals throughout the Territories. People in the community are concerned with education and have been for some time.

We are concerned with the kinds of services that are within the town. Questions are being raised as to the adequacy of police service, the adequacy of carrier services; the recent shutdown of Hay River 81 Truck Lines, a subsidiary of Pathfinder -- to close down their services without knowledge of the people who even work for them, in that particular community. That is very hard and it is really felt in the community, because we lose out on certain services.

These are the kinds of concerns, Mr. Speaker, as well as the political and constitutional concerns, that are being voiced all across the Northwest Territories. So, though Fort Smith may not be a good example, if you like, of the North, it is and has been nevertheless a very real part of the make-up of the Northwest Territories. It has played a great role in what occurs in the Territories, and I look forward, because of the strong chamber of commerce, because of the strong individuals within the town council, to again see it play a part in the future of the Northwest Territories.

Ministerial Concerns

If I may, Mr. Speaker, just very quickly indicate to you in my capacity as a Minister of this government, the concerns that I may have had in dealing with various departments, and I have had some experience with a large number of the departments over the last six years. I will not go into any great detail as to the kinds of things that occurred in all of the departments, save the ones that I am now concerned with, not the least of which is housing.

Housing, of course, is a very up-front kind of concern for people in the Territories, either through home-ownership, through social housing, through rental housing, and I need not go into a history of the Housing Corporation, nor of the kinds of responsibilities that have been pushed on the corporation by previous governments, save to say that it is time, Mr. Speaker that we as a government seriously question whether we can go into debt to provide the kind of housing that we do now, either in construction or rehabilitation. We have been saddled with the kinds of housing from the federal government over a number of years. We have to be concerned with the kind of debt that we now are developing, that has been put upon us in order to bring these houses up into the 1980s in terms of energy efficiency.

There are great discrepancies between the East and the West in this territory. In the West we talk about home-ownership, and, as a result, we attempt to provide less than minimum amounts of money to promote that great goal of home-ownership. Those of us who live in the West pay, or are stuck with a user-pay program, and have to pay fairly large rents. We get very little amounts of money in order to upgrade those units, while, in the East, because of the lack of a home-ownership, there is a great deal more amount of money spent by our government in order to provide adequate housing.

We have to start looking at a new means by which we can provide easily accessible mortgage money to people who want to build their own homes in the Territories, both in the East and the West. Because we are in social housing, we have to be concerned with the kind of social services that we are providing, and more and more, Mr. Speaker, social services are being demanded by people in the Territories, and the question has to be answered, "Who is going to pay for them?" The question cannot be answered simply by putting extra taxes on what we have: a tax on cigarettes; a tax on liquor; looking to the largesse or going into debt with the federal government. We have to be involved with the economic growth of the Territories. We cannot, on the one hand, say that we want all these services, and on the other hand condemn any kind of development in the Territories. If we are concerned with high power rates, we have to be concerned, as well, with how to develop the kinds of potential that we have.

There are a great many things that this government would want to do, had it the resources at its disposal to do so. We would like, for example, to increase dentacare to all people in the Territories, especially to children. We would want to expand our pharmacare programs. We would want to, as well, provide individuals who require that kind of assistance with a greater amount of assistance. We would want to involve more people with the kinds of decision making.

In all of that, however, Mr. Speaker, somebody has to pay for it, and it will be this particular House and future Houses that will have to press for that kind of development, for that kind of resources. We can no longer, if you like, continue to go to the federal government for grants because we perpetuate a subservient concept rather than one of self-reliance.

A Future Role

As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, the future holds a great deal for us, and though I do not want to use the analogy of battles and wars, because you lose a lot of battles, and war is not all that good, we are going to have to overcome a great many things. I think we, as a group of 22 people, who in the beginning were not supposed to get along with one another, have shown that by dialogue, by discussion, by sitting down and being open with one another, that we can improve the relationships that we have.

I look forward to continuing that kind of concern in the next two years. I look forward, Mr. Speaker, to playing a role not just in the next two years, but beyond, in the struggle to reach that goal that we have. I would hope that, given the electorate I serve, that they would see that I would have a role in the future.

So, Mr. Speaker, I may very well have rambled over a number of things, but it has given me the opportunity at this time to do so, and I would be remiss if I did not accept or take that particular opportunity.

In summary, then, Mr. Speaker, I see a great future for the Northwest Territories. I would like to be part of it. I would like to be part of it with the people that are seated here today and others who might come in, and as such, given the kinds of concerns that have been put forward by our Commissioner in the latter part of his Address to us, Mr. Speaker, when he indicates that it is always the case that debates are "passionate at times", but there is a deep concern for the welfare of all the people, and that is the case when -- I have to be careful using the word "young", in my instance, but -- a young, if you like, developing society or region tackles social and political principles. I would accept that kind of a challenge, and I would hope that others would as well.

So, in summary then, Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to move a motion of appreciation to the Commissioner's Address, and I trust that other Members will see in it a recognition of the past good that we have done, and the challenge to the future that will face all of us. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum, the honourable Member for Slave River.

Prior to breaking for coffee, I would like at this time to introduce the Pages on duty today. Firstly, from Sir John Franklin school: Sandra Delmage, Nancy McCallum, Brian Schoneberg, Jeaniene Rostad, Kristen Meisner and Pamela Hill. From the William McDonald school: Elaine Benke, Gwen Robak, Robert Corbeil, Gail Ladobruk, Trent Phillips and Laurie Wallace.

We will stand recessed at this time for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes a quorum, so we will call the session back to order. Replies to the Commissioner's Address. Are there any further replies for today?

Item 6 on the orders of the day, oral questions.

Item 7, questions and returns.

Item 8, petitions.

ITEM NO. 8: PETITIONS

Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I have here Petition 1-82(1), Arctic Bay Housing Association, Petition for New Housing for 1982.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Any further petitions?

Item 9, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, motions. There are no motions today.

Item 12, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 12: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

The honourable Member for Slave River.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could have first reading of the bills. I wonder if I could get unanimous consent to deal with first reading of the bills that I gave notice on today.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that one bill, Mr. McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I think we could give first reading of these bills. Hopefully we can get first reading of all five of them today.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to give first reading to five bills.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any negatives?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. McCallum. Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 1-82(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1983, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Patterson. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 1-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 2-82(1): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance,
No. 2, 1981-1982

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 2-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Fraser. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 2-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 3-82(1): Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1982

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. McCallum. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 3-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 4-82(1): Loan Authorization Ordinance, No. 1, 1982-83

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1982-83, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder, Mr. Wah-Shee. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 4-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. McCallum.

First Reading Of Bill 5-82(1): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance, 1982

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds, be read for the first time.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 5-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, would the House consider giving unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 1-82(1)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 1-82(1) for second reading.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Item 13, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 13: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Proceed, Mr. Butters.

Second Reading Of Bill 1-82(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 1-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1983, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for expenditures for the public service for the next financial year.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Tologanak. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Bill 1-82(1) has had second reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I was just going to indicate a possible order of appearance of the program departments before the House during the budget session. I did not know whether this was the proper time to so indicate, and also to advise the Members that the budget speech, as such, would be delivered tomorrow prior to the examination of the estimates.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, and by way of information for the Assembly, would you proceed, then?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The order suggested to the House is Renewable Resources, Health, Social Services, Local Government, Economic Development and Tourism, Education. Those are your program departments first, followed by Justice and Public Services, Government Services, Public Works, Personnel, Information, Finance, the Financial Management Secretariat, the NWT Liquor Control System, the NWT Housing Corporation, the Executive and the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, will you see that a copy of the list provided by the honourable Minister, is made for every Member so that everybody is aware of what is to be expected with regard to Bill 1-82(1)? Are there any further requests for second readings today? Item 13, second reading of bills, has been concluded. No further business in the orders of the day that we can deal with this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, will you give us the orders of the day for tomorrow, and any announcements, please?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Announcements. There is a meeting of the standing committee on finance at 9:30 tomorrow morning in Katimavik A.

ITEM NO. 14: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3rd.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to 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. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
10. Motions
11. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
12. Second Reading of Bills
13. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bill 1-82(1)
14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands recessed until 1:00 p.m., February the 3rd.

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