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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1982

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. MacQuarrie, 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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Thursday, February 18th. Item 2, replies to Commissioner's Address.

Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 35-82(1): Information Requested On Proposals To Raise Water Levels

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Hon. George Braden, Leader of the Elected Executive Committee. Mr. Braden, on page 1055 and 1056 of yesterday's unedited transcript you responded to a question regarding the possibility of human error being partly responsible for the low water levels in the Snare hydro system by saying that NCPC had over the last few years indicated to the federal government that there was a low water problem in some of the hydro systems in the NWT and further that NCPC, and now I am quoting: "...did make proposals to the federal government that would have resulted in a diversion of some small rivers, in order that this low water problem could be, if not 100 per cent corrected, at least be addressed in some way, but the federal government has consistently stalled over the past few years in making a decision on this."

Obviously, Mr. Minister, you have information that this House ought to have. Therefore, my question is: Would the Minister be prepared to obtain for this House a copy and list of the proposals made to the federal government regarding diversion plans, a list of dates when representation was made and copies of replies made by the federal government which show the federal government has, as the Minister claims, consistently stalled on making a decision?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I will undertake to see what information I can obtain for the Member and the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You are taking the oral question as notice. Oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 36-82(1): Report Of Special Health Task Force

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I advised Mr. McCallum that I would be asking him a question today, but unfortunately he is not in his seat, but I would like to ask the question so it may be on record. It is in regard to the special health task force of Indian Affairs and National Health and Welfare, who were here last week. I would request that the Minister of Social Services give a report from that meeting.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as notice and pass it on to my colleague and have him report to the House. Thank you.

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

Question 37-82(1): Tabling Of Liquor Ordinance

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Leader of the Elected Executive Committee. Some time ago he corresponded with us asking for our concerns with respect to the territorial Liquor Ordinance, I believe, and the Commissioner did indicate verbally to me by telephone that this ordinance would be tabled in this House during this session. I wonder if the Minister would indicate how soon he will bring this territorial Liquor Ordinance to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 37-82(1): Tabling Of Liquor Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I regret that I will not be able to table the ordinance or draft amendments to the ordinance this session. We will, however, be making one amendment, which was called for and has been called for numerous times by our colleague for Mackenzie Liard. That will be coming before the House, but I regret that I will not be able to this session put a complete package before the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Item 4, written questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. Kilabuk.

Question 38-82(1): Need For Adult Educators, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Education. In Pangnirtung we have two adult educators. We have had adult education courses going, but at the end of February the courses are going to end. Many adults take advantage of the courses and the courses have been beneficial to many. The other adult educator is supposed to quit this year. Many people in Pangnirtung feel that we should have two adult educators. Can you as the Minister of Education take it into consideration that the settlement of Pangnirtung has expressed a need for two adult educators? It should be easy because Pangnirtung is one of the larger communities. Thank you.

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

Minister's Statement On Mining Inspection Services

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a short report on mining inspection services which I would like to read into the record. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Yes. Proceed, Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you. By way of introduction I would indicate that the Government of the Northwest Territories formally assumed full administrative control of the mining safety program on June 1st, 1981, following some two and one-half years of discussion and negotiation with the federal government. At the time of transfer an undertaking was given to the mining industry that the mine safety function would not be downgraded. In support of this undertaking I made a commitment to initiate a thorough review of the Mining Safety Ordinance and mine safety rules. As well, I promised that mining inspection services division would be adequately staffed that the needs of the mining industry would be fully addressed through a well-planned progressive program.

I feel that it is now appropriate to report on events to date and do so with some pleasure, as I feel that the commitments I made have been met and that this government is now embarking on a program which will monitor the occupational health and safety of workers in the mining industry to a higher standard than has formerly been the case. Also, workers and management will be actively encouraged to work together on occupational health and safety matters in a number of ways, the prime one being work place occupational health and safety committees, which are provided for in the legislation we will present to the Legislative Assembly in the near future. The sum total of our programs should be a greater degree of mine safety and as a consequence, increased protection for the worker and greater productivity for the mining companies.

Consultant Received Submissions

Now, with respect to the Legislative review, Mr. Speaker, in May, 1981, a senior mining consultant with long and varied experience in the mining industry was contracted to undertake a review of the Mining Safety Ordinance and mine safety rules. He was instructed to solicit input from all interested parties and did so with some success, as submissions were received from the following: Canadian Association of Smelters and Allied Workers; the Northwest Territories Federation of Labour; the Northwest Territories area council of the United Steel Workers of America; Pine Point local, United Steel Workers of America; manager, Pine Point mines, Cominco Ltd.; manager of Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited; the assistant manager of Echo Bay Mines Ltd.; mining inspection services of the Government of the Northwest Territories; the registrar of miners' medical certificates. Copies of these submissions, with the exception of two delayed by the postal strike, were circulated to all those organizations that had initially been canvassed for briefs.

As the next step a joint meeting was held in Yellowknife, August 24th to 26th, at which representatives of all interested parties reviewed all the submissions received. Everyone was given full opportunity to express their views and concerns and it was then left to our mining consultant, Mr. John Merrett, of British Columbia, to assemble proposals which would represent a consensus. Mr. Merrett's final report and recommendations for amendments to the Mining Safety Ordinance and mine safety rules were received by my officials during the first week of October and since that time they have embarked on a comparative review of legislation elsewhere in Canada prior to the legal review that is now in process.

Legislative Proposals Contain Substantial Amendments

It is important to stress that while this process may appear a little slow, we must be certain that the final package is truly what we want and not something that will only prove to be a half measure. A number of the proposed amendments to the Mining Safety Ordinance are substantial and address issues such as

worker's right to refuse to perform a task which would place him or her in imminent danger and a requirement for management and labour to consult and co-operate on health and safety issues through safety committees. The ordinance and rules also ensure the free flow of information to the worker on matters which relate to occupational health and safety. We think that our legislative proposals are sound and will meet with the approval of the Legislative Assembly.

Now, on the matter of program review and staffing, Mr. Speaker, in keeping with my commitment that mine safety would not be downgraded, my department has gone to considerable lengths to recruit well-qualified personnel to the mining inspection services division, most of federal employees having elected not to join this government. The staff is now developing program plans for one, three and five year periods -- plans that, as indicated earlier, address concerns that have been raised in the past.

We plan to emphasize the need for a tripartite consultation and communication in implementing our programs. Also, we have increased the capital funds available for the coming fiscal year by approximately \$80,000 in order to upgrade the quantity and quality of mine rescue equipment. The mining safety program must succeed and I am determined that it will succeed, for there are not only safe health and a productive industry at stake, but also the credibility of this government. I am determined that we will be able to demonstrate to the industry and the unions our ability to manage this program with competence.

Other Areas Of Proposed Change

Now, Mr. Speaker, just to conclude I will list a few more of the areas where we are proposing changes within the ordinance. They include detailing of management's obligations to ensure safe operations, the implementation of shift boss certification, the provision of any information relating to the safety of mining operations to employer representatives on safety committees, provision for a worker's right to refuse to perform a task which would place himself or others in danger, provision for employee supervision and training, supervision of hazardous work, elimination of sex discrimination, and higher standards of environmental work place protection. The proposed legislation will be ready for presentation to the standing committee on legislation and the Legislative Assembly in the near future. I might note that mine safety rules are also in the final stages of review and development.

Mr. Speaker, that is all I have to say on this issue at this time and I look forward to completing this work, getting it to the industry, to the unions and to this House; and to having an upgraded, more effective and efficient ordinance and regulations established in the very near future. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further returns? Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 29-82(1): Airport And Terminal In Baker Lake

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to oral Question 29-82(1), asked by Mr. Noah on February 17th, in regard to an air terminal building at Baker Lake. I understand from Transport Canada that the design drawings will be completed by March 1, 1982. It is expected that the air terminal building project will be tendered on March 19, 1982. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer. Thank you.

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

Item 5, petitions.

Item 6, tabling of documents.

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 8, notices of motion.

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

Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 11: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 6-82(1): Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 6-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

The bill has had first reading. Introduction of bills for first reading.
Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 7-82(1): Tobacco Tax Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 7-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Patterson. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The bill has had first reading.

Item 10, motions.

ITEM NO. 10: MOTIONS

Motion 7-82(1). Mr. Sibbeston, you were closing debate on this subject yesterday. You have the floor.

Mr. Sibbeston's Apology To The Legislative Assembly

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I want to apologize for my conduct yesterday. I have apologized personally to Mr. Curley. He has forgiven me so I hope that will not happen again.

Further Debate On Motion 7-82(1): Review Of Rules, Decor, Dress And Practices Of The House

I just want to say a few words in closing the debate. I want to say again that the motion is a very serious motion to me and it is a very sincere attempt to make changes, which will make this House more reflective of all the people of the North. At the moment I really honestly feel that the Dene and Metis people are excluded from the decor and customs in this House. I can tell you that I have the support of my constituents because this is a matter that I had raised with my constituents last spring, when there was another incident as

you know I went back to all of my constituents to ask them whether they thought what I did was so terrible and at that time I dealt with the issue of dress and decor and practice in this House. They, too, agreed and gave me overwhelming support for making changes. I can say, too, that the motion has the support of the Dene Nation and I was very heartened yesterday by some of the non-native Members here who indicated that they also supported and were prepared to support the motion.

I just feel generally that there must be some give and take if we are going to live in harmony here in the North and I do think that it is time to have aspects of more than simply one culture in this House. I say if we can agree on changes in respect of little matters such as decor and practice in this House, then I would say there is a good chance that we can agree on more important things like the constitution for the future of our North.

Now, as to the idea made by Mr. Patterson yesterday that we will all be going our separate ways soon, and so we need not deal with this seriously, while that may be the case, that the North will be divided, I still feel that there is some time when we will be together. We are obviously going to be together for two more years and there is a good chance that we will be together for four more years after that so we are talking really of making changes for at least six years. I think that division is inevitable and I will continue to support Nunavut. I just feel that it is fundamental that the aboriginal people of the North have a right to self-determination in the way that they think, so if the Inuit people in this case have aspirations for Nunavut, I support it.

Native People In The West May Lose Security

I say this, Mr. Speaker, knowing very well that native people in the West may have more to lose by division than staying together. Whereas their future is secure, the future for native people in the West is not as secure. It may be that after division, native people in the West, the Dene, Metis and the Inuvialuit, may well be in the minority as far as the House that is established. This is why, knowing this, it is important to have changes, to begin making changes in a place such as the Assembly. If we do not change things now, how much more difficult do you think it is going to be when native people are not in the majority in the future?

So that is why I really ask for the support of everybody in this House here today to begin the changes so that changes can be made while we are here and can carry on in the future. I know that once things are in place, once lines are drawn on maps, it is very difficult to change. People get used to things; people, I suppose, are used to this Assembly the way it is. People are used to it. Maybe some people do not like to see change. So once things are established, it is very hard to change and so that is why I am asking for your support to make some changes for the future so that when you are gone, when the eastern Inuit Members are gone, we have something that will be more reflective of the people in the West, the various people of the West.

Maybe some Members here think that the changes that I suggested are too far reaching or too extreme but I say that if the motion does pass, it simply asks that the Speaker or the Members' Services Board, whichever body is responsible for matters in this House, that they consider changes and that they obviously will have to report back to us and I am suggesting in the fall. So obviously we are not going to have change without the consent of all of us. So I think Members need not worry that as a result of this motion the next Assembly -- that we are going to arrive here with things absolutely different. There will be times for Members to consider the changes that are proposed.

I will say again, Mr. Speaker, that I urge everybody to support the motion because for the Dene and Metis people, there is nothing in this House at the moment that reflects our culture and we want some so that people -- I notice there are a lot of native people there in the audience, a lot of Dene people -- so they could come here, feel comfortable and identify, see that there are some

things of their culture in here that they can see and be proud about. Maybe to some of you it does not mean too much, but to me and to my constituents -- I think to the Dene and Metis people -- it means very much so I ask for your support. Mahsi cho.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, can I ask for a recorded vote?

MR. SPEAKER: A recorded vote is being requested. Those in favour of the motion, please stand. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Butters, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen and Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. SPEAKER: Opposed to the motion? Abstentions?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Curley, Mr. Noah, Mr. Fraser.

Motion 7-82(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

Motions. Motion 18-82(1). Mr. Sibbeston.

Motion 18-82(1): Reappointment Of Mr. MacQuarrie To Constitutional Development Committee

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS there is a vacancy in the membership of the special committee on constitutional development;

AND WHEREAS the Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. R.H. MacQuarrie, has indicated his willingness to be reappointed to that committee;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Legislative Assembly reappoint Mr. R.H. MacQuarrie, the Member for Yellowknife Centre, to the special committee on constitutional development.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Kilabuk. You have the floor. Your motion is in order, Mr. Sibbeston. Proceed. Are you ready for the question?

MR. SIBBESTON: Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 18-82(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Motion 24-82(1). Mr. Curley.

Motion 24-82(1): Responsibility For Departments Of Personnel, Public Works And Regional Operations, Withdrawn

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I believe my motion is out of order and I would not have proceeded with it anyway, so I will withdraw that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 12, second reading of bills.

Item 13, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 13: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

Matters Relating to the Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories; Bill 1-82(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83; and the 13th Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair. Mr. Pudluk, will you take the chair, please?

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Matters Relating to the Native Women's Association of the NWT; Bill 1-82(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE NWT; BILL 1-82(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1982-83

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now this committee will come to order.

Matters Relating To The Native Women's Association Of The NWT

Now we are going to be dealing with the matters relating to the Native Women's Association of the NWT. Mr. Braden, would you like to make an opening remark or do you wish to invite some witnesses in at this time? What do you wish, Mr. Braden?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I understand we are on the item, matter relating to the Native Women's Association. Well, as you will recall, Mr. Chairman, I moved the motion. I indicated that as the Minister responsible for the status of women, we should have representatives of one association of women in the Northwest Territories to come into the committee of the whole and to discuss their association, the kind of programs and services that they are involved in providing to native women in particular in the Northwest Territories.

I guess just by way of background, the Executive Committee has been involved with providing some assistance to the Native Women's Association over the past two previous years and by and large it was to help the organization with what is called the core or administrative funding. Now, I hope the guests we will have in the committee today can perhaps give us a bit more background on the problems they are experiencing with respect to obtaining this kind of assistance. What we have done in the Executive, however, is to recognize that the Native Women's Association does need further assistance in this area and we have made a commitment to provide them with -- I think it is about \$110,000, over the next two years to help them in the core funding administrative area. I am aware, as well, that there are other programs that the Native Women's Association undertakes on behalf of the Department of Education. Also in the economic development area, I think that the Department of Economic Development has been working with the association to help them, particularly in the arts and crafts area and I think if anybody has been to their store in Yellowknife they will see what a first class retail outlet it is.

So, with those remarks, Mr. Chairman, perhaps we could get one of the officers of the House to escort two representatives, Mrs. Bertha Allen and Ms Margaret Cook, representing the Native Women's Association, into the chamber. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Is this House agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I would like to welcome Mrs. Bertha Allen and Ms Margaret Cook to be in this House. Would the witnesses like to make any opening remarks or some statement? Proceed.

Presentation By Native Women's Association Of The NWT

MRS. ALLEN: The Native Women's Association of the NWT is happy to have an opportunity to appear before the Assembly again. We appreciate being able to present our case to the decision makers in the NWT, whom we know are very busy and to whom time is valuable.

We last sat here in October of 1978. At that time we were an organization just starting out. We had a lot of enthusiasm, but little else. Our objectives then, as now, are to encourage native women in the NWT to achieve their rightful place in society and to serve as a voice for their concerns. We are a non-political group. We do not wish to become involved with the political issues of land claims or constitutional development. We would rather concentrate our energy at the grass roots level. Our priority areas remain in health, education, social services and the provision of opportunities to increase self-sufficiency. At this time I would like to point out, although we are not a political group, should anybody wish to step on our toes and deprive the Native Women's Association of our democratic right, then we will use what little political power we have.

---Applause

In 1978 this government funded us for \$50,000 a year for two years of operations. This money was intended to be a one-time grant only from discretionary funds to enable us to operate until such time as the federal government core funded us, as they do presently with the friendship centres and the native communications societies. You are all familiar with the federal government's sense of timing. A cabinet document on operational funding may be prepared by senior management and the Secretary of State, but this will not occur, if at all, until early in the fiscal year. Thus, we remain a group existing on several sources of funding, resulting in a haphazard organization which exists more to please the funding agencies than to obtain our personal goals.

We are presently restructuring our association to suit our objectives more effectively, but we need independent sources of funding. All native groups in the NWT, with the exception of our group, function with the help of a paid president. The job of a president is very time consuming and we feel should no longer be considered an honorary one. So, financial recognition should be given to the time, effort and personal sacrifice devoted to that job. I am not an independently wealthy person as many persons of non-profit organizations are and therefore we have included in the budget financial compensation for this position in the amount of \$40,000 per year including travel. I will now outline just some of the programs we are operating this year.

Arts And Crafts Program

Producer control of arts and crafts was one of the goals of the Native Women's Association when we first got started. We have certainly come a long way since the decision was made. We presently operate an arts and crafts retail outlet in Yellowknife and it is successful beyond our expectations. We provide a raw material distribution program for the communities and marketing resources, quality control, training and planning resources for most of the western NWT arts and crafts projects and programs. Since the Government of the NWT has gone out of the arts and crafts business, it has been somewhat confusing to many of our cottage industry producers. Although we feel we are able to do a more effective job in arts and crafts, we would like this government to recognize that our present funding level of \$130,000 from Ottawa can hardly compete with the millions of dollars that the Government of the NWT has to play with for the development of this industry.

In April of last year we met with Mr. Butters and his staff. At that time we requested from his department a conference of all arts and crafts groups in the NWT to come up with some planning and positions for the Government of the NWT for the development of the arts and crafts industry. Mr. Butters' staff gave us their assurance that this was an idea that they would act upon. Unfortunately to date our office has received no indication that anything has been done.

We would also like to know what the Government of the Northwest Territories position on arts and crafts is, as many of the government personnel in the region are telling the people in the communities that the Government of the Northwest Territories is out of arts and crafts and that the Native Women's Association is now responsible for arts and crafts. This is all well and good. However, does the Government of the Northwest Territories plan on providing the Native Women's Association the same resources they provided themselves to develop the arts and crafts industry in the western NWT?

Home Management Program

The Native Women's Association is active in other important areas also. We took control over the Yellowknife home management program in 1978 and the Inuvik program in 1980. These two programs are very successful. In Inuvik our staff teach the northern content of home economics classes and cooking and sewing to the students of both schools. In Yellowknife we are getting several new programs under way. A hot lunch program for students in Rainbow Valley will begin this month. These are in addition to our ever popular parka and mitts making classes in both communities. All of these are carried out with only two staff members per program. One of our major projects for this summer is to complete a cookbook for people who cannot read.

In December of last year, we produced our first newsletter. It is a major concern of ours that news events from Yellowknife and activities in the South are communicated to the people in the communities. We hope funding for this will be continued as we feel this is very important. In keeping with this idea of getting news out, we also participate in the production of a one hour radio show each Saturday. At the moment we have only one person doing all of this and it is a major workload for her.

Training For Self-Sufficiency

As one of our major objectives is to enable native women to become self-sufficient, we emphasize training and development for our members. In two weeks, on March 1st, the Native Women's Association training centre will open its doors to our first students, in the back alley. Three pre-employment courses are offered at this centre. One will prepare unemployed or underemployed women for better positions in the paid work force. The second will introduce native women to the trades as an option to more traditional work,

especially since that seems to be where the money and jobs will be in the next 10 years. The third course will be to give information and skills to native women wanting to start their own businesses. These three courses will go to Inuvik next year and to Norman Wells the third year.

As well, we are offering advanced courses in sewing and standardization in sizes of crafts. We have developed a practical kit to take to all of the communities which assists a woman in learning these new techniques without sacrificing any traditional patterns or material. We have applied for the funds to carry on a five year training and support program to assist 15 communities in developing arts and crafts into economically independent cottage industries. We are training marketing managers to sell all these products to southern Canada and international markets. This summer we will sponsor in Yellowknife or Fort Simpson a university accredited course in nutrition through Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax.

In the near future we will again be offering cross-cultural courses for southerners coming to work in the North as educators, health professionals, RCMP, social workers or bureaucrats. Our training personnel work with Mackenzie Valley communities developing training packages to meet community needs. We expect to be able to provide much of our training through our training centre beginning in 1982. As a result of initiatives taken by the national Native Women's Association, we hope to have a territorial employment co-ordinator on staff by April 1st. This individual will assess employment and training needs of NWT native women and work with government and industry employment co-ordinators to develop and implement employment training programs for native women. You will notice that many committees in the communities are run by women. They are doing the thinking and the planning but are not getting paid for it. These women need training and encouragement to get jobs. With a training centre and employment co-ordinator, we hope to achieve full employment for native women.

The Native Women's Association participates and provides input into territorial committees on a voluntary basis. We presently have representatives on the following committees; family life education, the Yellowknife hospital board, social services committee, the nutrition liaison committee, Science Advisory Board, THIS, and have sat on others in the past. This is just in Yellowknife and in other communities it is the same.

Time Off To Attend Board Meetings

We would like to bring another problem to light which some of our board members have been encountering. We understand when Mr. Hodgson was the Commissioner that the territorial government employees were allowed time off to attend board meetings when they were elected to these positions for native organizations. Some of our board members, and we understand members from other native organizations, have been encountering difficulties getting time off. Does this policy still stand or are these volunteers expected to take holiday time to attend meetings?

Staff at the association also perform other duties, many of which rightfully belong to the territorial Departments of Health, Education or Social Services. We are constantly called upon by doctors, nurses and others to provide services or advice which we really do not have the womanpower to do, but cannot refuse because these services are either not available elsewhere or we know they will not be done well. This is gratifying for us, as it indicates our existence is justified. There is a limit to our personal resources, however. We can only stretch so far. Many staff come close to burn-out. We need more staff and desperately need money for travel and training. We would like to be recognized by this government as a legitimate agency providing necessary services and we would like to be compensated for it. We will not guarantee this government anything, but we try to solve social problems by meeting these needs.

The Native Women's Association of the NWT is more successful than most native groups across Canada. We are always called upon for advice by our southern counterparts. The major reason for this success is that we have very dedicated staff working as a team. We have high morale and a great degree of trust between our board members from the communities. Many of our staff have been with us a long time and are highly committed to our association. We feel we are very effective with the money we have but could be more so with some additional funds. We have sent to all MLAs a proposed budget for \$148,000 for operational funds for next year. We have received a commitment from Mr. Braden, who is the Minister responsible for the status of women, for \$55,000. However, we feel this is not enough to sustain our operation. We hope you will support our request for additional funding.

Input Re Status Of Women Requested

Mr. Braden has recently assumed responsibility for the newly created portfolio for the status of women. We are most interested in the reasons for the portfolio and what benefits there will be to the native women. We are also very interested in having input into the development of a mandate and terms of reference for this ministry. Our association is prepared to meet with Mr. Braden and give him our ideas as to how this portfolio can most effectively address the concerns and needs of native women in the NWT.

Increased emphasis has been placed on tourism by this government in the past several years. We support and encourage this move, as our arts and crafts market is dependent on tourists. In addition, we have been approached on several occasions at the last minute to serve wild meat at special occasions but have had problems getting permission. We are very concerned about the preservation of wildlife, as most of you are, and suggest that the government establish a committee to work with us and groups like ours to provide us with a special licence for these occasions.

We are presently studying the feasibility of establishing a fur dressing house and tannery in Fort Simpson. There is a problem in Fort Simpson and other communities. However, with respect to the lack of hides we would like to suggest that since the wildlife services are developing many new programs for conservation and wise management of wildlife, we, as women, would like to request some consideration for an incentive program, either through the wildlife services or the hunters' and trappers' association, to retain hides. Our association would be open to discussing this idea further with the appropriate parties. This ends my talk.

---Applause

At this time I am sure most of you can see behind me the support we have and I would sincerely like to thank our backbones behind us.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any questions from the floor or comments? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Allen on the very excellent, informative presentation and express my gratitude, as Minister of Education, for the good work that you are doing in Yellowknife and Inuvik in the home management area. We are very pleased that you are willing to take on this responsibility for us and look forward to continuing to work with you in that area in the future and other areas as well, as you see you have the capability.

Possibility Of Expanding To Involve Inuit Women

I would like to just raise one question, Mr. Chairman, and I think Mrs. Allen probably knows what I am going to ask about since we have discussed this before. I am interested in her reaction to the possibility of expanding to involve the Inuit women in the Northwest Territories. I know that you have many contacts and dealings with the Inuit women in your work with the national Native Women's Association, but I am wondering if you could give us your thoughts on how we might involve Inuit women in the Northwest Territories? Is it true that more could be done in that regard? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: Yes, we have always welcomed the involvement of the Inuit women, if they wanted to get involved. Although we have in our area -- we are organized just in the Mackenzie Valley -- as you will understand, Mr. Minister, even this government cannot operate right across the NWT and for that reason we are centralized in this area. We are more than willing to help get the Inuit women organized if that is what they want, but at the moment I cannot see us as a territorial organization involving the whole of the NWT. No department, because of lack of funds too, but like I say, we welcome -- if they want us to meet with them, I would be more than willing.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Allen. Mr. Braden.

Explanation Of Portfolio On The Status Of Women

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have a question. I have a comment. A question was asked about the portfolio that I have been assigned recently and just to answer it for representatives from the association, we were asked as a government to have someone from the Executive Committee attend a national conference of ministers responsible for the status of women and because of -- I guess, if I could say generally, my devotion to ensuring that women's rights are enhanced in our society and that their position generally improved, as well as the fact that a number of officials in my department, particularly lawyers, have been doing quite a bit of work in the area of human rights and women's rights, I was assigned the portfolio.

Now, I regret that I have not laid out a firm plan for how I am going to proceed with the development of terms of reference and the mandate, but I want to assure the representatives of the Native Women's Association that I would most welcome input that they could provide to help me and help the government develop the mandate of the portfolio. I hope in the near future to be bringing together a representative group of women from the Northwest Territories to help me start doing this. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. CURLEY: Yes. (Translation) I would like to thank the representatives of the Native Women's Association. If we are going to be starting anything or developing anything for the women's association and their work, I think that they will have to be recognized because they are helping a lot of women in the NWT. For that I would like to thank the ladies. If there were more organizations that were working like the women's association, I think the government is going to start understanding and recognizing that these kinds of organizations need help. I am going to speak in English. (Translation ends)

Policy On Culture Is Lacking

I think it is very important for organizations like the Native Women's Association of the NWT to have a role to play and that they be supported by the government. The reason I say that they must be supported by the government is because this government has no policy on native culture or let alone the whole aspect of the culture of the Northwest Territories. All other provinces have policies with respect to various cultural needs of their cities and so on in terms of works of art, performing arts, whatever. We can go down to Edmonton

and have a holiday and some of the honourable Members will likely go to the arts centre to see performing arts. I concur with the presentation that they must be supported. Unless this government establishes a wide-ranging cultural policy of the Northwest Territories, it must never deprive or refuse to fund native group organizations because it does not do very well in terms of legislation to support and encourage various arts and whatever to have a place in the Northwest Territories. So I really am encouraged that you have not given up and I encourage you to not ever give up now that we have a Minister responsible for the status of women. Thank you.

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

MS COURNOYEA: I have a couple of questions. One is not such a serious question but what do you think of Mr. Braden being Minister of the status of women? Would you have chosen someone else if you had the choice?

MR. CURLEY: He is a nice guy!

MRS. ALLEN: We would much have preferred you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Mrs. Allen, could you repeat that? We did not hear it.

MRS. ALLEN: I just responded to the honourable MLA, Nellie Cournoyea, that we would much have preferred that she be the first Minister of the status of women for the NWT.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cournoyea, do you have another question?

MS COURNOYEA: Actually I thought you were going to say Mr. Butters because he holds all the money.

---Laughter

Reconciling Problems With Arts And Crafts Council

In terms of the problems that we had in the Western Arctic, in the Mackenzie Valley, in developing arts and crafts, I would like to place a question to you. In your talks with Economic Development, have you been able to reconcile the problems in having two different agencies operating at the same time? There is an arts and crafts council that has been a long-standing group supported by Economic Development, I believe. I often wonder from time to time what it actually does, realizing that your group has had a lot to do with the most recent wish to improve the arts. You know, we had a slump where people were selling a lot of things that probably did not have a lot of quality to them so I know what you have been involved in in trying to build up that quality. Is there any indication from Economic Development that the old arts and crafts council, as it stands, could be sort of done away with and that kind of funding and support put into the Native Women's Association?

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

MRS. ALLEN: Margaret Cook will answer that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cook.

MS COOK: Yes, as far as the Native Women's Association position on having two arts and crafts groups in the Northwest Territories, we requested to Mr. Butters and his staff that he actually have a conference so that all arts and crafts groups across the Territories, including Canadian Arctic Producers, the Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation Limited, and any other interested arts and crafts

groups could get together to reconcile some of the problems that Economic Development has with arts and crafts and to put together some kind of position that this government can deal with in the whole development of arts and crafts as an economic venture in the Northwest Territories.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, would it be inappropriate to ask Mr. Butters his opinion on the arts and crafts area that we are into, particularly in the Mackenzie Valley and Western Arctic -- how he sees that going and what plans he has to put together some kind of program so we can maybe reconcile the problems?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, first of all, as I have the mike I would like to congratulate the president of the Native Women's Association and Margaret Cook for their presentation today. I think that there has been a major degree of progress in the organization's ability to deal with programs, to look around and determine that they are able to take on further programs and accept growth as a natural outreach of their organization's objectives. I think that there has been very great progress in the past few years and they and their staff are to be very much complimented.

Proposed Conference With Arts And Crafts Council

On the matter of the NWT Arts and Crafts Council, I do recall meeting or visiting with the members and discussing a need to determine whether the arts and crafts council might work in some co-operative arrangement with the Native Women's Association. I do remember, too, discussing the advisability, as a first step, of a conference. I do not recollect where this is at. I know, as was mentioned, no conference did occur and I am not sure just what stage of planning or if any planning has gone forward on that. I think that meeting still remains the first step to be taken and I will discuss with my staff just where that initiative is and whether or not there has been any significant progress on arranging such a conference. Once such a conference does take place, I think that the Member's question might be answered, because a direction hopefully could be determined as a result of that get-together.

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

MS COURNOYEA: I guess I would like to put this similar question to the Native Women's Association on if they feel that there is a duplication of services what they are doing as opposed to the arts and crafts council.

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

Government Plans Not Formal

MS COOK: In discussing some of the objectives that the Northwest Territories Arts and Crafts Council had as compared to ours, there did not seem to be any problems in that we are duplicating each other's work, although there are in some areas because the arts and crafts council encompasses the whole Northwest Territories, the Inuit included. We felt that the territorial government asking them and us to reconcile our differences is unfair since the territorial government has never brought together a formal position on their plans to develop arts and crafts or where they are going now that they have decided to privatize all the arts and crafts. Does that now mean that the territorial government does not want to even consider arts and crafts as a viable economic development in the Northwest Territories? We just feel it is up to them to make the decision and that by asking the NWT Arts and Crafts Council and us to come together and solve any differences was not fair because we both have different objectives, although we do overlap in some areas.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Butters could answer that question in terms of privatization of arts and crafts industry and what Ms Cook has put forward.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I do not know that one would say this is a privatization of the arts and craft industry. It is a privatization or an attempt to turn over to private enterprise any of the projects in which this government is currently involved. Some of them, obviously, are in the area of craft endeavours. So, it does not reflect on this government's assistance to the craft industry in the future. It is just an attempt to get out of the business areas in which government should not be and does not function too well.

Objective Of A Conference

With regard to the suggestion that any conference that would be convened would be a matter of working out differences between the two groups, those are not my words. I would not have seen that and do not see that as the objective of a conference. I think a conference of that nature would look at the general picture as well as some of the specific problem areas. Look at the general picture in terms of the opportunities and directions that the craft industry might follow in the years ahead. So, I would not see that any such conference or did not see that any such conference would be an arena in which two groups or two organizations would square off.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that anyone suggested that was to square off rather than to reconcile where two groups of people could move ahead without waiting for the other because there may be some differences on what they wanted to do or on the kinds of things they were doing.

There is another area that you mentioned in terms of the kind of requirements that are put on you, particularly in the area of Yellowknife, where you are often required to cater to various groups, particularly tourists and speciality groups, and you said you had some difficulty in getting -- I do not know what the term was -- but had difficulty in securing permits to have those special functions. Could you explain that a little bit more?

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

Provision For Catering Permits In Wildlife Ordinance

MS COOK: Yes, we are presently having some problems with the Wildlife Ordinance in that you are not allowed to sell wild traditional foods or country foods unless you have special commercial tags, I think. We have run into this problem a number of times where we have been asked, sometimes by government agencies or private groups that are having conferences and conventions, to have the Native Women's Association cater to these conferences and providing traditional foods and dishes. We would like some consideration for some special permits. We would like to be very cautious that this kind of thing does not become abused, but would like the Wildlife Ordinance to make some provision for us in a number of these kinds of cases.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then you are relating to caribou tags, but is there less sale for, say, reindeer rather than caribou, because the reindeer is a domestic animal that does not require an extra permit? Do people who come in prefer caribou, because that is the only animal, I imagine, that you are referring to that you require permits for?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Ms Cook or Mrs. Allen.

Short Notice For Catering Supplies

MRS. ALLEN: I think what the public wants is any kind of wild meat. On a few occasions, although you all know that there is an industry here with reindeer in the Delta, it has been very hard to obtain reindeer meat. I believe it is all being shipped down south. That would really solve our problem, but a lot of times these calls do come in as a last minute. Just for example, this Assembly has asked our association for vests. I am sure you all noticed the Pages are all wearing them. They had given us seven days notice. Sometimes these notices for us to cater come shorter than that. So, if reindeer meat was available that would be no problem, but it is so hard to get a hold of.

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

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have got a couple of questions I would like to ask. Does the Native Women's Association have any idea as to where within the government they could receive additional funding or resources? Have they been looking at any department or talking to any of the Executive Committee?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: When we first met with Rod Morrison, who is the deputy minister to Economic Development, he asked where can they -- where can he find some more funds? So, what I told him simply is this, that seeing as they are going out of arts and crafts and they still have arts and crafts officers -- and I know of one who is sitting his time out in Inuvik and ready to retire -- what I suggested to him was that they freeze his salary and give it to us and that could happen to other departments. We considered maybe we should second somebody from Economic Development, but we just could not place one that was qualified to work with us.

---Laughter

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mrs. Allen. Mr. Fraser.

Allocating Additional Funds

MR. FRASER: Yes. My question is, has the Executive Committee consulted with other government departments to consider allocating some additional funds to assist the core operation of the Native Women's Association of the NWT, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have approached the Department of Economic Development to see if through other programs that they may have, it might be possible to further assist the organization in terms of its core funding. To date I do not have anything positive back yet, but I give the Member my assurance that Mr. Butters and I will investigate this to see if there is a way in which some additional dollars can be provided for administrative and core funding purposes.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the Member is aware that the Native Women's Association has received moneys for other purposes from various departments of government and just adding up here, from Economic Development in about the last year it looks like some \$92,000 for various things, since February of 1980-81 to the present.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Do you have a further question, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see a copy of this presentation and it has been well prepared. A lot of time went into preparing this. I feel they have the right, as native women in the NWT, to be recognized. They are not asking for that much, when you consider the amount of money that is going into some of these departments and we are not getting anything out of it. For one instance, the Fort Resolution sawmill -- we just keep putting money into that every year and they do not seem to get anywhere. The native women are trying to do something to help the economy of the Northwest Territories and I see in the Economic Development budget \$175,000 for "special", to provide peoples of the NWT, particularly those of Indian and Inuit ancestry, with financial assistance to improve their economic condition. That is a good sum of money that should be going to some group to improve the economy of the North.

I think all consideration should be given to these native women who have tried hard. The last time they were before this House they made a presentation, which everybody took very sympathetically, but you cannot live on sympathy. You have to have something to back it up and I think the Executive Committee should take a closer look at this native women's group. I suppose they have already dug into the background of the native women saying, "Well, you are doing a good job. It is very good." But let us try and get something stable so they know where they are at. Most of them are going to work without any money. They go there just because they are trying to get something going and I know for a fact that they have been working for nothing, going on tours and representing the Northwest Territories and not getting anything for it and I do not think this is right.

Younger People Are Not Into Craft Work

Maybe we should put them on the pay roll and see what they can do. Some of those departments -- arts and crafts is something that is going to stay with us for years and it is not only in the Western Arctic. In the Eastern Arctic the Inuit women -- they do not get any recognition either and they do a lot of work in handicrafts. Canadian Arctic Producers use the native women or the Inuit women for a lot of reasons, but they are not recognized. Canadian Arctic Producers seem to get all the credit for what the people are actually doing and I think it is time that we woke up to the fact that a lot of these women are not going to be with us. A lot of younger people now are going out of the business of making handicrafts. I know women in the Mackenzie Valley that make handicrafts there. There are only two or three women that do this kind of work and the younger people are not trying to do it. They are not trying to carry it on. So, I think we should have some recognition for the native women and anybody that does any handicraft. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Fraser. This House will be recessed for 15 minutes and there are a few people who want to speak on this.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair recognizes a quorum. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: (Translation) I would like to ask a couple of questions of the Native Women's Association. I am glad that they are both sitting here in the Assembly. The Native Women's Association has been working up in the North. I know how many years they have been working. I know where they are selling their handicrafts, right across from the Hudson's Bay in town. The reason why they are here is they probably need money from the government. The government is just telling them that they are going to give them \$55,000. I see where they are working and I see what their women are selling in the North. I think the native women are making money from what the native people in the North make and sell. I know in the Assembly here some of the girls are sitting here as part of the association. I know that they are probably making money through selling the crafts and the money they get from the government -- what I want to know is how much more money they need from the government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cook.

Budget Requirement For 1982-83

MS COOK: Thank you. Our total budget requirement for 1982-83 is for a total of \$148,000. That is for a paid president's position, and executive director, a bookkeeper and a secretary. We presently have difficulty being able to pay, with our present budget of \$50,000, an executive director and a bookkeeper. We have a number of programs but administration costs are not built into a lot of those programs so the rest of the money is very small amounts for rents, office expenses, telephone and travel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Ms Cook. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: I was interested to know precisely how much money they still need. I appreciate that they have been assured of or there is the possibility of getting \$55,000 from the territorial government, and I am aware that they make some money through sewing and other activities, so when all of that money is in, how much do they still need, how much are they short that they want this Assembly to help them get from the government?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cook.

MS COOK: If we take into consideration the \$55,000 that has been granted to us from the Executive Committee, we would need an additional \$93,000. I might add that the profits from our retail outlets are pumped back into the arts and crafts program to be used for community arts and crafts development.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: I was watching Mr. Fraser just a few minutes ago make a very aggressive presentation and he seems to be very concerned about the Dene arts and so forth. I was frankly surprised that he did not vote for that motion earlier to get more Dene art and Dene setting here in this House. If the Association was asked in any way to provide native crafts or design the clothing for the Speaker and the staff here, do you think they could do something? Have you got people on staff that can provide -- that can design clothing and so forth?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cook.

MS COOK: For \$93,000, yes, we would be willing to design.

---Laughter

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, I was serious in wondering whether you had people on staff that would be able to design some native clothing and also whether you have any people that can do the actual work, be it moose-hair tufting or just ordinary beadwork.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cook.

MS COOK: Yes, as a matter of fact we have had some discussions with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in doing some designs for the Speaker of the House. We also did the design in seven days of the vests that the Pages are presently wearing. We have excellent people on staff. One of our staff is a professional tailor. We have no problem at all in having qualified people do anything that is a government request as far as design.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. SIBBESTON: Last question. Would it make native women, the two persons here and your organization, proud or glad to see more Dene materials in here be it crafts, arts or dress?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: Yes, we are always proud when we see somebody wearing articles from our store whether it be Dene or Inuit. Do not forget we have a lot of Inuit people in our area too so we try to cater to both of them equally.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mrs. Allen and Ms Cook, I would like to join with my colleagues in congratulating you for your excellent report. I am quite sure that the Executive Committee will look seriously at the recommendations that you have brought forward, particularly with respect to the problems you have encountered with the Wildlife Ordinance, and also your suggestion concerning an incentive program to retain hides. I see those as two important issues facing your organization and one that certainly the Executive Committee, I am sure, would look toward helping or solving.

I personally have followed the growth and development of your organization over the past several years and I must say that I certainly see your group as being a very productive group. I admire the longevity of your staff and the commitment that, particularly you Mrs. Allen, have had to native women in the Northwest Territories. In your proposal you mentioned that you would like to be recognized as a legitimate agency of this government. I wonder if you could expand upon that and particularly what services you would see -- I know you had mentioned arts and crafts as one and the other being home management -- do you see yourselves actually becoming agents of this government, being funded as agents in any other areas? Perhaps you could expand on that for me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cook.

MS COOK: Yes, I do not think we ever had any intention of being part of government. One of the reasons we feel we are more effective than government is because we are not strapped to the bureaucratic red tape and situations that government people sometimes get into. However, we would like to be recognized, particularly in the area of health. We do a tremendous amount of health counselling and we feel we are very effective at that because people do not feel intimidated by coming directly into our office. We get all age groups and both men and women in for health counselling, everything from side effects of prescriptions to family planning, all that sort of thing. However, both the

territorial and the federal Departments of Health refuse to recognize that we have a legitimate offer for the people, particularly native people coming in from the communities, and we would like them to recognize that we can fill a need that government cannot.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: You had mentioned in your presentation that you had taken on the responsibility for home management programs in Yellowknife and in Inuvik. Do you do that under contract? Maybe you could explain the terms under which you provide that service.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: Yes, both of the programs we have undertaken are under contract. What I would like to tell this House is that there are demands for more home management in other settlements and what we are using, especially in the Inuvik area, is regional money. The reason we took over that is there was a home economics counsellor for the region to our dissatisfaction -- you know, there was no follow-up on all of the trips that she made into the communities. When her position was up, we applied and were refused. We would not take "No" for an answer and eventually we got it but my argument was that it is regional money; there are students from the region that are making use of that centre. So it is under contract and we would like consideration for other communities that want or are willing to have centres set up.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if you could explain to me what assistance you get now from the federal government and how your funding actually works in terms of your programs, because as I take it, you do not appear to have problems getting money for programs, special programs, but what you do have problems with is the core, the day to day operation of the office, the between program dollars. Could you tell me how the federal government fits into this?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ms Cook.

MS COOK: Yes, we are funded for the arts and crafts program through the national Indian arts and crafts program which gets its funding from Indian Affairs. This year we got a total of \$129,000 which, again, is salary money for things like programming, planning, marketing, raw materials, purchasing, warehousing, and all that sort of thing, but we do not get any money for overhead on any of our projects, for administration costs. How we have been able to manage on the \$50,000 is, a lot of times, by volunteers. We do a lot of catering and we charge out and that catering is done by the staff after hours on a voluntary basis so that we have a pot of money that we can use for emergencies.

Bertha Allen, as president, travels and quite often she is lucky to be home five days out of a month and she travels for Territorial Hospital Insurance Services meetings, for various government conferences, conventions, for national native women, for national Indian arts and crafts. She is on the go all the time and again, with the paid position, it certainly would compensate her and her family. As a matter of fact, it would compensate any president -- it does not matter who it is -- because there is such a tremendous amount of huge workload for that person.

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

Motion To Enable Native Women's Association To Receive Funding From NWT Government

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion here. I know that Mr. Braden has already indicated, in response to Mr. Fraser's comments, that he would be prepared to review government financing of the status of women but I think that

Members here would like to express their support of the native women's group through a motion that is in on the books and it is as follows, Mr. Chairman. I move that this Legislature recommends that the Minister for the status of women works with the Native Women's Association to develop a means by which the association could receive stable and ongoing core funding from the territorial government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Could we have a copy of that motion, please? Mrs. Sorensen, your motion is in order. To the motion.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I believe that most Members who have spoken have at least indicated their support for the work that the native women's group has been doing. I recognize that home management particularly and health services are very, very important in both the West and the East and in reviewing the detail to the budget, I find that there is some \$298,000 being spent in home management in the Baffin and Central Arctic and that we are asking the native women's group in the West to do this kind of work for us as well with a minimum of money. I think that it is only fitting that we review the dollars that we are giving them with a view to perhaps increasing them if Mr. Braden can find a way to do that within the next month or so. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that that is basically my comment. Thank you very much.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Enable Native Women's Association To Receive Funding From NWT Government, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

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Any other comments? Any more from this floor? I wish to thank the witnesses. Mrs. Allen, did you want to say something?

MRS. ALLEN: Yes, sir. I would like to thank this House for their support. We will try our best to help you, providing that you do your share and come up with some funds for us. Mahsi cho and qujannamiik.

MS COOK: Thank you.

---Applause

Bill 1-82(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83

Department Of Justice And Public Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you very much. Does the committee wish to go back to Justice and Public Services?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I will wait until they sit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, do you wish to bring in a witness at this time? Is it agreed that the Minister bring in a witness?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Legal Division

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): For the information of the Members, we are still on page 9.03, legal division. We have Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. There are some comments that I would like to make on the legal division estimates, total O and M, \$772,000. The sum of money is quite large in total. The NWT government and the legal documents that they would like to bring out -- local government representatives that should be going to the communities and they should be written -- it is all right but it does not feel quite right that some of the communities, that a lawyer be visiting in the communities and standardize or make by-laws for the communities. The local government lawyer will be visiting the communities and I do not think that he would be able to do this. (Translation ends)

Independent Legal Counsel For Municipalities

Mr. Chairman, I am not concerned with the government's legal people being able to draft ordinances, regulations and Commissioner's orders, I do not think we have any problem with that nor will we have any problem with that in terms of funding and providing the Commissioner and this Legislative Assembly and all the departments with legal advice for drafting of ordinances and regulations. But is that true also with the municipalities? Are they going to be able to have decent legal advice which would not in any way have any kind of bias or conflicting relationship with the government? After all, the communities and the municipalities are separate machinery from the government. They are part of devolved local government, but should we not be supporting their being able to have legal draftsmen for by-laws if they so wish? Because sometimes they may not be satisfied with the Department of Justice and Public Services legal representatives, because it costs quite a lot to travel and so on and so often how could you have dialogue with the legal counsel whom you do not know?

I say this is a serious problem because if we mean what we say, that we want the local governments to be strong and be independent and be able to carry out their municipal responsibilities, should we be supporting this particular reference to the local governments which in fact says: "In conjunction with the Department of Local Government, legislative counsel will be visiting communities involved in developing municipal regulations to provide advice and assistance"?

I say that that is not possible. I say the legal counsel could not be visiting communities. They could possibly be visiting the communities within the vicinity of the Yellowknife area and southern Mackenzie, but no way will they be able to visit Eastern Arctic communities who have some interest in developing by-laws that are suited and that have been approved by the municipal councils, hamlet councils, and so on. So I would like to ask the Minister and his deputy minister, why are we continuing to deprive the communities of legal advice and therefore continuing to support the status quo by not even allowing them to find their own legal advice if they do so wish? Could the Minister respond to that, please? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I guess my understanding of this service we are providing here is to assist communities that are in the process of moving from settlement to hamlet status, along with the Department of Local Government, with advice and assistance in developing municipal by-laws and

regulations to effect the kind of municipal government operation that they want. I would see a need for that kind of advice. Now, I also see that as community government evolves to village, town and hamlet status, that they have the option to go out and obtain their own legal counsel to provide advice. For example, the city of Yellowknife has private solicitors to provide legal advice.

Assistance To Obtain Private Legal Counsel

Now, I would say that if the Member wishes to have a program set up where municipalities would be provided with some assistance so that they could go out and obtain private legal counsel, this would be a matter that I would be prepared to bring up with my colleague in the Department of Local Government, and perhaps some increase could be made for municipalities in the grants which we provide them so that they would have the option. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I respect the Minister's statement that he shares the concern. What I am afraid of, Mr. Chairman, is that we seem to be continuing to censor communities and treat them as if, because they are in the local category of municipal governments, therefore they are not really entitled to have their legal counsel, legal advice, when they could be engaging in a very complex municipal problem involving the complexities of federal, territorial or any other judicial problem that they might get into. We say to them right now, "Look, you are in the lowest category of municipal government structure. We can look after that for you." I would be afraid to live in that kind of democracy where we deprive the hamlet of Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove or any other little settlement in the Eastern Arctic and say, "Look, you are just an institution created by the Legislative Assembly. Let the RCMP proceed with the charges against you for doing certain things in terms of land development or engineering problems." These are problems that they may have caused or which may have caused them to get into the complexity of that sort in breaking certain federal regulations or territorial regulations. Therefore, the Minister of Justice would say to them that he can handle that legal advice for them because they are just in that small, low category of municipal government.

Individual's Right To Independent Legal Counsel

I do not think that it is good enough in the society where we promote freedom of the individual and freedom of liberty for the citizens of this country. I would like to treat the institutions of the government exactly as the citizens of this country where we say that each person has the right to legal counsel and advice and that they have the right to remain silent and ask for legal counsel when charged by the RCMP or whomever. So could the Minister of Justice and his deputy assure me that these municipalities and their mayors and the members of their councils will never be deprived of their right to legal advice in the institutions that they engage in, when they are in fact maybe charged by the RCMP or they may break a certain regulation or infraction against any territorial or federal regulation? The way I am told right now, I am just afraid that we are playing a dictatorial type of government where we say, like they do in South Africa, that we can handle that for you. We will deliver the justice for you because we are the ones that drafted it and therefore all is going to be well with you guys as long as we are in control of the money and the legal counselling needs of the municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would give the Member my utmost assurances that it is not the intention of my lawyers to go in and subvert the authority of the municipal body to seek independent legal counsel. It would just never be our intention to do that. So, I would give him that assurance and

also indicate that I will raise the matter with the Minister and Department of Local Government to see if it is possible in the grants we provide to municipalities for a portion of those grants to be set aside for municipal legal advice that they could choose to obtain on an independent basis. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Legal division. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes. That certainly assures me a little more, because, you know, these municipalities are incorporated by the ordinance passed by this Assembly. I think they should have the legal right to be able to ask for advice. I do not think it is a major problem in providing that grant to communities, because you could establish guidelines as to how or for what purpose that particular money should be used, but I think in the kind of democracy we have they should have the opportunity to call on or call for legal advice, not just from the Department of Justice. If there was a dispute between the two parties, it would not be fair to use the same legal advisers within that department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Legal division. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, between the time that the gazette is published and the time that a new ordinance or legislation is passed, what means are available to communities to be apprized or justices of the peace to be apprized of the new legislation? Sometimes there is a long period of time between the time a gazette would be received at a community level and the time when the legislation was passed and in effect.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have adopted the practice that within one week after the end of sessions a legislative summary is published and distributed throughout the Territories and I will have to have my deputy comment on the material in the territorial gazette.

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

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In respect of regulations, after they have been signed by the proper authority they are registered by the registrar of regulations in the Department of Justice and Public Services at which time, Mr. Chairman, they become public documents and are available by contacting him at any time by telephone prior to the publication of the gazette and a copy can be obtained from him, which is certified by him to be the true copy of the regulation. The gazette takes anywhere from two months to three months before it becomes available, but as the Minister pointed out in respect of ordinances of this House, a summary of them becomes available within one week from the end of the session. Thank you.

Total O And M, Legal Division, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lal. Any further discussion? Legal division in the amount of \$772,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Court Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.04 in the amount of \$2,588,000, court services. Agreed?

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I only hear one agree. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I believe it was last year, or it may have been the year before, Mr. Patterson brought a motion forth, which was adopted by the Assembly, concerning training for justices of the peace. I wonder if the government has been able to put together a program of training and what does it entail if such a program exists?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a lot of information on the JP program that we have in my department and I will summarize that information for this committee and I would be pleased to provide them with more information.

Training For Justices Of The Peace

On the matter of appointments of JPs, we have appointed 20 new justices of the peace; 18 have been trained to date and 13 of these are of native origin. For the information of the committee, these JPs are in a number of communities throughout the Territories. I will just list those communities: Fort Norman, Coppermine, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Eskimo Point, Hay River, Rae-Edzo, Norman Wells, Fort Liard, Frobisher Bay, Fort Simpson, Coral Harbour and Fort Franklin.

The JPs are trained by the inspector of legal offices, who visited each of these communities and gave the new JPs individual instructions. Now, with respect to the actual training, we have updated our training manual with the assistance of the Justices of the Peace Association. It has been a major task and I believe, though, that we have produced a document which is going to be useful. We are planning to rewrite major portions -- there is a bit more work to do on it -- of the manual to relate the text to native customs and it will be interpreted into native languages for the native JPs. We will be having the assistance of native JPs in the latter phases of this work. Once the manual has been completed we will also be putting it on tape so that the JPs can study from these audio tapes and, just for your information, we have tape recorders that have been provided for court use.

Now, with respect to training seminars, we have had individual training and training in groups. In the spring of 1981 I was approached by the Justices of the Peace Association to bring together representatives for a meeting. That was held on October 16th to 19th, 1981; and 26 JPs attended the meeting. It did afford us the opportunity to give them some instruction, particularly from our supreme court judges, from the regional federal crown attorney. Defence counsel was also involved in providing training. Some of the areas that were covered -- they received formal training in judicial interim release, sentencing, and evidence.

Now, I hope that I can during the next year hold further meetings, more so on a regional basis. So, that is just a bit of an outline, Mr. Chairman, of work we have done in this area and I would like to have the opportunity to provide much more detail in writing to all Members. Thank you.

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

Responsibilities Given To Justices Of The Peace

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Minister, no doubt you are aware of the problem that arose last summer in my constituency where a child was hit by a vehicle driven by a man who was eventually charged with drunken driving. He was also charged with

reckless driving and with contributing to the delinquency of minors, because he had two young underage girls in his vehicle at the time when he hit this other child who was on a bicycle. The parents have talked with me and are very concerned because it was a justice of the peace who established that this person who was charged with these three offences would not only be let out of jail, but would also not have to post bail. What eventually happened was the accused left town. They are concerned that:

- 1) Should a justice of the peace be given the responsibility of determining whether someone should or should not stay or be held -- I am not sure of the terminology -- but be held in prison until their hearing comes up?
- 2) Since we can look forward to all types of undesirables coming north because of the pipeline, particularly people who probably have been in trouble with the law before, there is a need for a great deal of concern for our whole court services and the ability of our justices of the peace to be able to handle the kinds of situations that will be coming before us.

Can the Minister respond with respect to, are we gearing up for the possibility of a heavy case load in our court system as a result of the Norman Wells pipeline?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the many points the Member raised, generally speaking, prior to being allowed to sit on any cases JPs are all instructed on the matters of bail, show-cause hearings and what is called judicial interim release. Now, you asked the question, "Should JPs have this responsibility?" I would answer that unfortunately supreme court judges, whether they are federal or territorial, cannot be throughout the Territories -- everywhere at every time -- and, generally speaking, the JPs throughout Canada perform this function.

Now, I would like to respond to the specific case of the tragic accident in Yellowknife that the Member raised here, to give her some background. The accused was arrested on July 26, 1981, and subsequently charged with a variety of offences, including criminal negligence, impaired driving, over .08 per cent. This was the result of his vehicle having struck and seriously injured a young girl on Franklin Avenue, near the Red Rooster convenience store. The accused appeared before a local justice of the peace on July 27th and was released on an undertaking to appear again on July 31st. When he appeared on July 31st, this time it was before a territorial court judge. His undertaking was continued until October 27th, the date for his preliminary hearing.

Both federal crown counsel from the regional crown attorney's office and the accused's defence counsel were present at the hearing before the territorial court judge and it is my understanding that the federal crown prosecutor did not oppose the release of the accused and no appeal was lodged as a result of these proceedings. As you are aware, the accused failed to appear for the October 27th preliminary hearing. A review of this file indicates, Mr. Chairman, there was no improper action taken by the justice of the peace as the release of the accused after his initial appearance had nothing to do with his failure to appear for his preliminary hearing. Thank you.

Preliminary Approval For Additional Staff

Mr. Chairman, I am sorry. There is one other point that the Member raised concerning the Norman Wells pipeline and the work which the department is doing to gear up for it. We are anticipating extra volume in our courts. We have attempted to put forth to the financial management board our needs. Unfortunately, for this fiscal year we are not putting that much extra into the budget for court services. However, I just went through an exercise in the last few days where we are planning for our next three fiscal years and we have identified

requirements and preliminary -- very preliminary -- approval has been received for additional staff to work in court services. We have an arrangement with the RCMP, for example, to ensure that there will be sufficient law enforcement or peace officers in the area.

I would add one final point, that we are quite concerned about the impact which the proposed Young Offenders Act will have upon the court system in the Territories and while it is difficult to really get a good handle on the resources that will be required, through an interdepartmental committee we have defined that an additional judge will be required and associated court staff will also be required.

So that, Mr. Chairman, gives the Member a bit of an idea of how we hope to proceed in the future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services in the amount of \$2,588,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I think there is a great deal of concern raised on what will happen in Norman Wells, but perhaps the Minister can indicate what is going to happen or what kind of extra services are going to be made available to the northwestern part of the Northwest Territories, the impact in the Tuk and Beaufort Sea area in terms of handling the court problems that we have there? I am sure that in looking at some of the statistics, we are certainly providing enough clientele and problems for you but there does not seem to be any indication on what is being made available to even address that issue, let alone address the one that is following us sometime in the future.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Western Arctic Legal Services Centre

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time we have defined in the department that we need a court facility in Tuktoyaktuk and we have conveyed to the Department of Public Works and our regional director in Inuvik this pressing requirement. Now, I understand that a corporation is contemplating building an office building in Tuktoyaktuk and we would be most amenable to renting, if required, or leasing the required space. In terms of the Delta, and this is where, I guess, we are getting a little bit into the legal services board area, I made a commitment to the Member that the revenue required will be found this year to begin the establishment of a Western Arctic legal services centre to be based in Tuktoyaktuk. I have also instructed my officials to examine the feasibility of providing an incentive, so to speak, for a lawyer to establish a practice in Inuvik. I might add in one final point that we have appointed a fourth territorial judge and it is expected that by having this judge on staff, we will be able to have more court circuits into the Western Arctic and the Mackenzie Delta region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Court services. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I am pleased with some things the department has been able to do since this Ninth Assembly began and particularly since Mr. Braden has had this responsibility. I think some of the motions of this House have already been acted on and I know others are in progress. Particularly I would like to mention that I have been very pleased with the proclamation and implementation of the Recording of Evidence by Sound Apparatus Ordinance which now permits justice of the peace courts to be courts of record. I think this has proved its worth already and the system is working well. It is in keeping, I think, with my view that the justice of the peace courts are a very integral part of our system of justice and need to be given the sort of resources and support and training that is in keeping with their dealing with, I think, about 85 per cent of all criminal offences in the Territories.

Involvement Of Native People

I am also pleased that the Minister has taken action to upgrade judges salaries which, I think, was overdue for some time and to add a new position. I am also, I would like to say, particularly pleased that in keeping with our view that there need to be more native people involved in the Department of Justice and Public Services -- and the people served by that department are, in a very large proportion, native people -- the department has recently engaged an Inuk court clerk trainee. This woman happens to come from my constituency and I am very pleased with the special efforts that were made -- I think the Department of Personnel was also involved -- to actively recruit someone for this position. I am very pleased now that when the territorial court will be visiting communities in the Eastern Arctic particularly, there will be a court clerk who will be able to pronounce the names of the accused. It does not sound like a very good reason for hiring someone and, of course, there are many other good reasons for hiring this person, but personally I was always terribly embarrassed that the clerks, through no fault of their own, had difficulty pronouncing Inuktitut names and of course could not speak the language. Now you will have a bilingual court clerk trainee and eventually a bilingual court clerk, and I am just delighted to see this initiative taking place. I realize sometimes you have to actually seek out applicants. It is not enough just to advertise the position and wait for them to come to you and I think the department has done that in this particular case and I would just like to express my appreciation on the record. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Court services, total O and M, in the amount of \$2,588,000. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just following upon Mr. Patterson's line of questioning, it is not too often that you are going to have a JP court at times, when the judge is not a local person, when you have these circuit judges going around to the communities. Too often the local RCMP are scrambling around for an interpreter and when they scramble around they do not always get the best interpreters in the communities. Is there some way that perhaps you could contract a service out in each community when a circuit judge does travel or do you have an interpreter getting around with the judge? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is an excellent idea and an obvious one. I would give the Member my assurance, and other Members too, and I will be writing to all of them to get their suggestions for the best way we can contract interpreter services in their constituencies, maybe through the municipal government or whatever, but I will do that immediately and I really look forward to their response because it is something that we should be doing in a more formal way and it would certainly help in the administration of justice. Thank you.

Total O And M, Court Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.04, court services, in the amount of \$2,588,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Mining Inspection Service

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.05, mining inspection service, total O and M, \$421,000. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With this mining inspection, it seems like you have to be more careful, especially the ones that are mining in the sea. I want to know if it is included in here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I understand the Member is referring to offshore exploration and development. That particular matter, if I understood the question properly -- we do not have jurisdiction in offshore areas. That is the responsibility of the federal government. However, I might indicate that one proposal that we are looking at, at this time, is to see if we can work out an arrangement with the Department of Indian Affairs to provide some of the safety programs, services and regulations to workers who are involved in offshore drilling or offshore work. Right now that job is handled by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development here in Yellowknife, but maybe we could be their agent, so to speak, in that area. Thank you.

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

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understood that. I think that we are going to be -- when we keep on being concerned -- when they are going to be dealing with oil exploration, if the territorial government does not have this -- I do not think it should just because we are from the Northwest Territories. We should be getting assistance and be supported by the territorial government. I just want you to think about this, maybe later on, while I am here as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. I think the government is going to be tired of me talking to you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mining inspection service, in the amount of \$421,000. Agreed? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if the Minister has, Mr. Chairman, the statistics on the accident rate for 1981 and how does it compare with previous years?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: No, I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I do not have those statistics available with me at this time. I will give my assurance to the Member that I will get those statistics as soon as possible and provide them to her and to other Members of the House.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. I would appreciate that. I remember hearing you make a statement -- I guess it was at our constituency meeting -- that there were two or three new mines that would be opening up in the near future in the Northwest Territories. Are we going to be able to meet the demands that these new mines will place upon our mining inspection service? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Additional Mining Inspectors

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we are, I believe, fully staffed. There may be one position that we are attempting to fill. However, as I indicated earlier on, we are looking at our estimates for the next three fiscal years and, again, I have to reiterate that this is tentative approval, but we are seeking two additional mining inspectors. At this time in the rest of Canada, just to give you a few statistics, the ratio in Ontario of mining inspectors to mine workers is one to 1000. In Saskatchewan it is 1.2 to 1000, and in the

Northwest Territories it is 1.8 to 1000. Now, obviously we are higher than other jurisdictions but I think we have to be cognizant of the fact that many of the mines in the Northwest Territories are in isolated locations and it requires a great deal of time to get to them and to do an adequate inspection of all the various things that must be monitored and regulated and inspected at the mines. So I would hope that with positive approval of these two positions for our forthcoming fiscal year, we will be able to provide an adequate service. Also, some of the officials who are in our safety division help and assist in mining inspections. I am pretty confident that we are going to be able to offer a first-class service.

Total O And M, Mining Inspection Service, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Page 9.05, mining inspection service in the amount of \$421,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Safety

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Safety division, total O and M, \$1,098,000. Agreed? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, we just experienced a very tragic accident off the Newfoundland coast with respect to the sinking of a drilling platform in a tragic storm and, of course, that brings to mind the safety of our own northern people in the offshore vessels that are located in the Beaufort Sea. I wonder if you could explain to me what the responsibility of our government is with respect to their safety?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated to the Member from Sanikiluaq, that responsibility is vested with the federal government. They are responsible for offshore worker health, safety regulation, but as I indicated, I would like to approach the federal government, the Department of Indian Affairs, to see if we could perform all or part of that job, as agents of the federal government. We would not have that responsibility in law, but I think, as we do with other responsibilities of the federal government -- they do at times contract us to perform this work and I think in light of this very unfortunate accident off the Newfoundland coast that we should proceed in that area, because of the projected activity offshore in the Western Arctic region, the east coast and now in Hudson Bay. Thank you.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I know, Mr. Minister, that obviously -- since you have indicated it is not our responsibility I know that, obviously, you and your deputy minister and your safety people are still very concerned, because these are northern people that are working in these areas. I wonder if you could indicate for me whether there is a federal entity in the Northwest Territories doing this job and has our government been in contact with them to see if they are conducting themselves accordingly? In other words, I know you do not have jurisdiction, but I know because you are concerned there may have been contact with them and has that contact revealed any problems, any vacancies in staff? Are they doing their job of supervising the offshore safety provisions?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, it is the oil and gas conservation section of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that administers this responsibility and I have not personally been in touch with the Minister of Indian Affairs on the issue, but I will give the Member my assurance that I will bring the matter up or I will have my staff initiate discussions with the regional director here in Yellowknife to appropriate officials in Ottawa and I will personally write the Minister a letter on this as well to see if a more efficient arrangement can be established.

Total O And M, Safety, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Safety, \$1,098,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. We will take a 15 minute coffee break, precisely.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. We are on page 9.07, consumer services, \$1,019,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Total O And M, Consumer Services

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could explain what the new system will be with regard to obtaining a driver's licence for vehicles above, I believe it is 10.5, that require examination? We have had several instances in our area where we only had one examiner and it could be three or four weeks before arrangements could be made to be examined, with a great deal of loss of work for the individual who was trying to get a licence. In many instances our local people were the ones that were suffering the most, because jobs came up and they did not have the necessary licence and by the time they were able to obtain one somebody from outside had the job. I wonder if the Minister could inform me whether or not this system has been improved?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am fully aware of the issue that the Member has raised. It is common throughout the Territories and we put the issue to the financial management board and were given the approval to hire an extra driver examiner to be available to travel to communities and provide the kind of efficient service that we are expected to provide.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: I wonder if the Minister would consider the RCMP or some other group that is normally found in the various areas where traffic is predominant issuing temporary licences if there is going to be more than a 48 hour delay in the availability of an examiner? I could fully understand why we need these examiners, but I also feel that when these jobs are available that we should take advantage of getting them for our local people. I do not see why a temporary licence -- proof that the man can drive the vehicle concerned could not be issued and have the rest of the written test done when the examiner comes in. Could a system like that be worked out so that we are not tied up for weeks waiting?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I will give that proposal serious consideration and report back to the House on that. We feel we may require some regulatory or legislative change if in fact we could provide a service such as has been suggested on a temporary basis. Generally speaking, the suggestion of the RCMP is one which may prove to be difficult because the RCMP do not perform that function for us any more, but I assure the Member that I will give this proposal serious consideration.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, with the Lotteries Ordinance and the issuing of lottery licences the indication from this Assembly was that perhaps the local hamlet, settlement councils, town councils, should issue those licences from their offices and there was an indication from Justice and Public Services that that would be, perhaps, a good idea but I am wondering with the new ordinance and with that suggestion, what has been done about it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Tightening Up On Lottery Licensing

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A comprehensive review of lottery licensing activity in 1981 indicates that the majority of the organizations presently being licensed to conduct lottery events would not be eligible for licences under interpretation of the definition for charitable organization or charitable purpose. This is outlined in the federal criminal code. However, we feel that we may be able to provide in the Northwest Territories a broad interpretation which would allow for the licensing of charitable organizations within the confines of the federal criminal code.

Now, just to give you a little background on lotteries in the Northwest Territories, we estimate that the revenues generated from lotteries in 1981 -- the sum donated for charitable objects or purposes was in the order of \$800,000. Now, we also estimate that approximately \$4.5 million was spent by people of the NWT on lotteries of various kinds and this amounts to about \$100 per capita, men, women and children. Now, our concern is that obviously there are large sums of money at stake. The statistics I provided, which suggest that approximately \$4.5 million was spent and \$800,000 eventually went to charitable objects or purposes, suggests that because of the criminal code we will have to tighten up the way we manage lottery licensing in the Northwest Territories and this is not, Mr. Chairman, an attempt to preclude legitimate organizations from running lotteries. We feel that they do provide a useful purpose to raise revenue for charitable organizations and charitable purposes.

Now, with respect to the Member's suggestion, and a point to which I have given some thought, about going to municipal councils and having them do the work for us, as opposed to people having to come to Yellowknife all the time, we feel that a more feasible way to do it would be to delegate responsibility to our regional offices as a first step to delegating the responsibility for licensing of lotteries. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, has the Minister hired additional staff to handle the movement of lottery licences?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I will have my deputy answer that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have recently hired a chief of consumer services. One of her responsibilities is the administration of lotteries. In addition to that, we have increased the legislative counsel staff in our legislative division. They are also charged with the responsibility of monitoring lottery legislation and we have increased support staff in the consumers division to handle lotteries. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea.

Protection For Tenants During Winter Months

MS COURNOYEA: Just a statement. It appeared, from what I can remember from the last debates, that there would not necessarily be a requirement to increase the staff, so I am somewhat surprised that there is an increase in staffing. I would also like to ask one question on the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Could I get an indication, is there a protection for tenants during the winter months? Is there a provision in the ordinance or legislation that would protect them from being thrown out of their premises if they do not pay their rent during a certain time of the year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I will have my deputy give that legal interpretation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to the honourable Member's question, no, there is not such protection afforded under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance at present. However, when an application is made for an eviction order from the court, presumably the court would take into account all the circumstances of a particular case, including what effect an eviction order would have on a tenant. Thank you.

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

Responsibility For Lotteries At Regional Level

MS COURNOYEA: I just have one more question, Mr. Chairman. It regards going back to the Lotteries Ordinance. There seems to be real confusion from time to time in the communities because legislation does change and if this responsibility is turned over to the regional office, I would be somewhat concerned that then they would have new staff and the responsibility would really never get down to the settlement. It is a good exercise for community councils to be involved in knowing what legislation is. If you keep drawing it away from them, then people do not feel it is really necessary to know. So, at a community level when you want to get a lottery licence oftentimes even the community council really cannot tell you what to do. I think that there are responsible enough people within the community councils and sometimes even more available than regional offices that certainly if you could recognize them these people are responsible, are the closest to the people and later they probably could help in advising the community organizations how to write up the forms because the problem comes once you get the licence, afterwards you have to make that report. The regional office is no closer than Yellowknife and if you do not make that report, when you go to get another licence, then you are told you cannot have it because you did not make this report. I have no problem and I do not think any community has any problem on the qualifications on what a charitable organization is. I think settlement councils can call Yellowknife and say, "Well, we have this organization. Is it registered?" I think it just requires a telephone call, but the way you are proposing it, it takes it too far away and sometimes the regional office is just as far away as Yellowknife is to the settlement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We intend the role or the use of the regional offices to be an interim step and with respect to the lottery regulations which we are drafting, we are attempting to couch these regulations in language which can be easily understood at the community and regional levels. We would hope that by starting out with this interim step at the regional level we can develop a system which eventually would go to the community councils. We would also want to put in place the required information, background and material that is required to manage this function properly, because, as I indicated, it is a criminal code matter and I would really not want to see our regional people nor community councils getting into a situation where they are violating the Criminal Code of Canada. So, I am very cognizant or understanding of what the Member says, but give her assurance, it is an interim step. Thank you.

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

MS COURNOYEA: I will take that assurance, Mr. Chairman, from the Minister providing that he can give further assurances that the regional offices are not

going to secure extra positions because then it will not be an interim step, it will be the last step as far as the practices that continually go on, particularly in our region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Minister, for the record.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, no increase in regional staff -- for example...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Consumer services, \$1,019,000. Agreed? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lal responded to a question that Ms Cournoyea raised on whether there was anything within the ordinance that would protect a person being evicted during the winter months. I am sorry, I did not hear. Did you say that evictions have to go to court and that if those circumstances were raised in the court case, whoever was adjudicating would make the decision? Did I hear you correctly?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lal.

MR. LAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I said was that if an application is made to the court for an eviction order, I would presume that the court would take all the circumstances into account, including what would happen to the tenant after he is evicted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen.

Establishment Of A Landlord/Tenant Appeal Board

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister will remember during the last session there was a motion that was passed by the Legislative Assembly calling for the creation of a landlord/tenant appeal board. It was precisely for that reason that the Legislature felt that such an appeal board should be created. The deputy minister has said that the tenant would have to go to court. Well, if there were an appeal board, the tenant could take the matter to an appeal board. The same thing would apply, Mr. Chairman, if a landlord wanted to evict a tenant sooner than the 30 days notice. Rather than going to court, he or she could go to the landlord/tenant appeal board and perhaps through representation to the appeal board, get rid of a particularly destructive tenant earlier than the 30 days. I wonder, Mr. Minister, what progress has been made on the establishment of that landlord/tenant appeal board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I will be bringing a statement into the House before the end of this session on the results of the preliminary examination by my officials and myself and the statement will contain proposals for how we could improve our ordinance and its application in the Northwest Territories. I regret that is all I am able to say at this time, but I give the Member my assurance that I will bring this paper in and read it into the record.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Consumer services. Mrs. Sorensen.

Resignation Of Chairman Of Public Utilities Board

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, we have just been advised through the press that the chairman of the Public Utilities Board has resigned his position. The statement that I heard on both CJCD and CBC was that he was basically tired and wanted to be relieved of his responsibilities there. Are there any other

reasons, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Carter has perhaps resigned? Is he having a problem with the size of the board? Is he frustrated with the lack of co-operation with NCPC? I cannot believe that Mr. Carter is tired.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I regret that I have not had the chance to personally talk with Mr. Carter since I received his letter of resignation so I cannot really speak of particular reasons as to why he resigned. You know, I would however indicate that I think Mr. Carter has served the government well over the years in being vigilant with the power corporation and attempting to have it conform to the Public Utilities Board. I personally had a good working relationship with the chairman and I am grateful for the kind of help and contributions that he has made.

As soon as I heard of his resignation, I took immediate steps to have Mr. Jack Heath appointed as the interim chairman and we are currently soliciting input on names for a replacement for Mr. Carter and I would say that activity is going to increase and I expect that we may be in a situation where we may overexpend the PUB budget but it will be for very legitimate objectives. I was very pleased with the motion that came into the House to expand the size of the board because of the kind of workload that they are experiencing.

To conclude this, I have a consultant working through Mr. Nerysoo's energy and resource development secretariat that is putting together a number of legislative proposals and so forth concerning the Public Utilities Board of the Territories.

Total 0 And M, Consumer Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Anything further? Consumer services, anything further on consumer services, \$1,019,000? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total 0 And M, Land Titles-Legal Registries, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.08. Land titles-legal registries, \$258,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total 0 And M, Museums/Heritage Division, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.09, museums/heritage division, in the amount of \$1,067,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was pleased to see that the Minister was hosting the opening of the first exhibition of the northern print makers at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre this morning. I think that it is important in the Territories that we support the artists and that they do have an opportunity to show their works in the Territories. We do not do enough of that. I think to have that kind of exhibition throughout the Northwest Territories would contribute to the good will and development of culture and arts programs in the Territories. I think that was a good example.

We possibly could do a lot more, particularly when we are sitting in Yellowknife. There should be various kinds of shows being held in that thing because we do not get to see enough of what it does or how it serves the public in the Northwest Territories. So I think that was a good example. I was pleased to take part in it and I was pleased to interpret for the Minister and I ask that he pay me for the services rendered this morning. I did send him an invoice in the amount of \$50 and I am pleased to donate this to the Heritage Centre to carry out other exhibitions in the Northwest Territories and I would like to give that to the Clerk to give to the Heritage Centre. Thank you.

---Applause

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Museums/heritage division, in the amount of \$1,067,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

AN HON. MEMBER: You can take that \$50 off.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could we deduct this \$50 off this budget, Mr. Curley?

MR. CURLEY: Sure! Out of the Executive budget.

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Total O And M, Library Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.10, library services, in the amount of \$482,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At my recent constituency meeting one of my constituents again raised the question of the inadequacy of the library facilities in Yellowknife and I know I have made inquiries in that respect in the past. There seems to be agreement that the library, because of the amount of usage and the size of the population it serves, could use a quantum leap in funding and I know that over the years there has been some intention in that direction, but it always seems to be the type of funding that is knocked out first, so nothing is happening. This particular constituent, incidentally, suggested not only that it needed a boost but also told me precisely how the money could be raised and that was if we would stop moving departments around from the Laing building to the Court House and other places and renovating buildings, that he felt we could generate enough money. I said I appreciated that advice. I was not in a very good position to talk about it since the Legislative Assembly itself will be moving fairly soon. At any rate, can you tell me whether there are any plans in that direction, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I regret that there is not a substantial increase or thrust in libraries generally. We are trying to focus the resources we have toward provision of library services at the regional level; also to purchase the kind of materials that are available in native languages that we can have our service provide, publications and books in native languages to people in the regions. Now with respect to Yellowknife, I am very much aware of the problem with the municipal library and while I have some ideas for improving the facility, I am not quite sure how they would be accepted in terms of the overall government budget and other priorities. I cannot really say much beyond that at this time. I am aware of the problem and I would hope, if I am still around as the Minister of Justice and Public Services for the next

two years, I would like to try to improve the thrust that we are taking in library services, not only in Yellowknife, but particularly in the regions because there is a growing demand for the service out there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Library services on page 9.10, in the amount of \$482,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total 0 And M, Legal Services Board

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Legal services board, page 9.11, in the amount of \$1,188,000. Agreed? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I think this is an area where the government deserves credit for having established under the new Legal Services Ordinance a board which has representation from all parts of the Northwest Territories and is now playing the major role in carrying the native court worker program and Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik centre and offering a major enhancement of the legal aid program that is offered through lawyers in the Northwest Territories. I would just like to say generally that I think we have gone a long way in the last year toward involving the regions in the delivery of legal aid and involving native court workers, both in the East and the West, in providing great aid to lawyers who may eventually end up representing legal aid clients in courts.

The role of the native court worker is very large and difficult to describe but I think it should also be looked at as a way of saving the lawyer valuable time. When it actually comes time for a person to need legal services, the native court worker has often done a briefing for the lawyer, filled out the necessary legal aid application forms, diverted the client to other agencies if he does not actually require a lawyer and generally helps speed up the whole process of the administration of justice.

I have been involved, of course, in the operation of the Frobisher Bay centre and have an ongoing interest in that and I will say now that I am very pleased that the legal services board, through the department, was able to find the necessary funds to offer -- what I was talking about at this time last year was the necessary incentive to locate a lawyer in Frobisher Bay to serve the Baffin region. That has been effected and I am very pleased that as of just a couple of weeks ago, there is a very capable and eager lawyer now working in Frobisher Bay who I am sure will offer a very good service to the people of the Baffin region and the Inuit people generally, both in legal service and in public information.

However, having gone this far I am asking if we cannot go a little further because I did receive some communication from the Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik particularly saying that they felt they could use more help either from the Department of Justice, Mr. Minister, or through the legal services board, and specifically the areas that they wanted to receive extra funding on, if possible, was to update their law library, to continue the process which has begun with the 1981 classification of their employees by the Department of Personnel -- to continue the process of bringing those employees up to parity with government employees. I am pleased that Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik is now a regional committee under the Legal Services Ordinance and thereby will be, in effect, an agent of the government in offering legal aid services through the legal services board and it thereby merits attention to the wage levels that are paid to these people.

I think all that they are saying is that we should now work toward parity so that employees who are providing equivalent services to a translator or equivalent services to an office manager in the government would be brought up to parity with government employees. I think the same thing applies to the NWT Native Court Workers Association. I was very impressed that the position of executive director for the Native Court Workers Association, for example, is offered at only -- I think it is not a lot of salary considering the size of the budget and the number of court workers that are administered -- only a salary of \$23,000 and I think this is perhaps an example of the need to move, and I realize we cannot do this all at once, but we need to move to parity with government employees.

Requests From Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik

The other matter that had been raised by Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik was the increasing caseload in certain communities in the Baffin region and the need to improve the honorariums of their court workers in certain Baffin communities who are currently working for an honorarium of \$300 per year. The workload is increasing and the board of Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik is anxious that some means be found to enhance their wages.

There was also the matter of possible educational leave for the lawyer who has been appointed, improving the library facilities at Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik, and providing some aid in public legal education program. Now, I know the Minister has received communications from Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik on that and I do not expect he might have a detailed answer at this point, but I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask the Minister through you whether or not there might be some ways in which at least some of these requests can be met and perhaps ways found through which the budget of this very worth-while organization might be enhanced to meet these real needs as they have pointed out to you in detail in a recent letter. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In response to the Member, I will inform the legal services board, which is involved in a lot of the decision making, as you are aware, that the government or my department is prepared to make funds available to assist MT in the purchase of additional books for its library. We are prepared to examine the honorarium that is currently being provided with a view to providing the funds for an honorarium increase. Now, I have got the letter from MT and I have got some preliminary feedback on it. I guess what I would like to say at this time is that these problems are not just associated with MT. I would like to see, if I can, to make some dollars available for an evaluation because I think what we are facing throughout the Territories is a situation where there has not been an evaluation done for many, many years. I would like to see this undertaken and to report back to the federal government with some recommendations because we cost-share many of these programs and I think one of the recommendations should be that we are training people; they provide a very important service, yet they do not see themselves as adequately compensated for the level of service they are providing. I think it is really necessary for our government and the federal government to take a second look at just what kind of people we are training and the kind of compensation they are getting for the service. I would also give the Member my assurances that I will be approaching the federal government specifically on MT and their current problem. Again I stress the point that I must work through the legal services board on this matter.

Legal Services For The Keewatin And Western Arctic

If I could just make a brief comment to some of the points he raised earlier on. I indicated earlier on that we had indicated to the board that funds are available for beginning the process to establish the Western Arctic legal aid

service in Tuk and I have also indicated to my deputy that I want proposals on how a lawyer could be established in Inuvik because you raised some very positive points about the presence of this lawyer in Frobisher Bay.

Finally, I guess the other outstanding area in the Territories is the Keewatin and we have not in this budget provided for a legal services centre in the Keewatin but I wanted to indicate that, from preliminary discussions with my people, it would appear that there is a need for a service in the Keewatin but perhaps not of the magnitude of a legal aid centre. Perhaps a court worker or court workers could provide an adequate service and I have instructed my deputy to come to me with proposals on how we can provide a service in the Keewatin. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I wonder if just for the record you could give us the definition of MT?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik. I tried.

---Applause

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Legal services board, in the amount of \$1,188,000. Mr. Curley.

Legal Services For The Ordinary Citizen

MR. CURLEY: Yes, very short, Mr. Chairman. I welcome the Minister's comment that he will undertake to review the legal services needs in the Keewatin region. Again I would just like to state that the important principles that everybody should know in carrying out the administration of justice -- I would just like to state again that the government is represented well. When there are individuals accused by the RCMP or whatever or any other individual, the crown has no problem in finding people to do the ground work and so on. It is never a problem that the crown, the government, has a problem in finding a way to document the case against an individual. I suppose that in the Northwest Territories we should accept that, that the crown must be the only one that should be fairly and reasonably served with justice in the Northwest Territories.

In Rankin Inlet, for instance, there have been a number of minor infractions against certain laws related to juveniles and family law. For instance, last month approximately 27 individuals were charged. So often the court party arrives on one day and must leave the next day. These charges were problems outstanding from the summer months and the RCMP and the crown prosecutor had all the time in the world for three or four months to gather the evidence against those individuals and then when they are ready, they send the court party and the judge to that settlement. I suppose as an individual, as a minority community, we should accept that maybe, but is it fair in this age where we are talking about devolution of authority of the government to the communities and wanting to serve the public as a good government, that we should deny ordinary citizens who cannot afford to pay for lawyers, that they should be given the short end of the stick as far as the administration of justice is concerned? I know that the RCMP normally end up doing the casework for the individual who in the first place is charged by that officer. The ordinary citizen is so afraid of the RCMP that they end up just saying things maybe they would normally have not said if they had a lawyer.

So I am pleased that the government has adequate staff and professional legal staff to carry out their part of the work and I think they should. It is the right of the government that they have the best advice and the best people to do that part, but sometimes I wonder in the Northwest Territories what we must prove? What status must we attain in order to be able to provide a service in

these parts of the remote communities, that they can have the opportunity, at least some time, a couple of months, before the judge comes into town and have the caseworker or the lawyer to do some of the ground work and then jump in if you have to with your double-barrelled shotgun and go start slaughtering them in the court house.

I am not talking about my particular experience because I can find someone to defend me, but there are people who are not familiar with the court -- it is worse than this atmosphere. I think Nick Sibbeston would probably agree. I would like to ask the Minister if he would try to maybe sometime delay the court parties from arriving until decent preparation has been given to the ordinary citizens who are not familiar with the law. I think your step in providing some legal assistance to a place like Keewatin is one step but I think it must also be backed up with the program, the guideline, as to how when individuals are charged, they have an opportunity to sit down with a rather friendly lawyer, rather than the RCMP with a heavy stick and big stick approach interrogating him. So could you give me some assurance that there will be further steps as we develop toward really serving the minority people with the justice that they deserve for a long time? Thank you.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I shall give the Member my assurance that I shall investigate the options for scheduling more efficiently the manner in which court parties arrive in particular at communities, and I will come back to him with what the potential cost increases are going to be. However, I think that having further developed our legal aid system at the regional level through Frobisher, Cambridge Bay, a major centre in the Keewatin -- in the Delta if we focussed on a regionally based legal aid capability that is permanently there, I think that that is the kind of focus at this point in time that I would suggest is the most efficient for people in outlying communities.

I would add one other point, Mr. Chairman, and that is with the passage of the Young Offenders Act, we will have to enhance considerably the court system and the legal system that we have within the government, but the legal aid services have been part of the review process of the implications, and they have identified a significant increase in expenditures and court workers and legal advisers to provide the kind of legal aid that will be required by law to young offenders. Presumably, once implemented, that will add further to the presence in regions of people who can give legal advice. Thank you.

Total O And M, Legal Services Board, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Legal services board, \$1,188,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Police Services Agreement

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Police services agreement, \$10,472,000. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to make a few comments on the police services agreement. In Pangnirtung there are two policemen because that is the way that we wanted our settlement to be, but they are starting to find out in Pangnirtung now that they have a shortage of policemen, especially when there are more young people who are starting to commit crimes such as breaking and entering during the night. That is a problem that they are starting to face. This problem is the concern of the parents. They would prefer it if they could get somebody to work at night. This year,

there were a lot of young people in Pangnirtung who were caught by the policemen, and the parents of those kids thought that maybe the hamlet of Pangnirtung could hire themselves a by-law officer so he can work at night to inspect the buildings for breaking and entering. Maybe, if Justice and Public Services were asked by the hamlet of Pangnirtung to get a by-law officer, I wonder what their answer would be? Thank you.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very simply, the answer would be that an arrangement would have to be worked out with the Department of Local Government which provides the grants to municipalities in order that the municipality of Pangnirtung could hire a by-law officer. What my department does, Mr. Chairman, is to negotiate with the Government of Canada to have the RCMP generally provide police services. Now, the problem that the Member has brought up is not confined to his constituency; it is a problem in other constituencies as well, and it has to do with the cost of paying the RCMP to work overtime. We are currently putting in the final stages our agreement with the Solicitor General of Canada on the provision of police services, and I am not quite sure if I will be able to achieve any change in this area, but it is one that is quite common. I think that the route that the Member has suggested, where the municipality would hire a by-law officer to inspect buildings and so forth and perform other municipal type of by-law enforcement, is probably the best way to go, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I am in agreement with that answer. I knew that this was not really in your department, but I just wanted for you to think about it to see if you could come to an agreement with Local Government. If our hamlet were to request Local Government, maybe I can tell them that they can go through this route, and if they really want an RCMP, then they can go to Justice and Public Services. I will inform them. Thank you for your answer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I have no further comment, Mr. Chairman. I will take that advice from the Member. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Police services agreement. Mr. Pudluk.

Police Services In The High Arctic Constituency

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not saying that I do not like the police people. I know that a new mine was opened by our community, and I wanted to know if a policeman was going to be brought over there, or will the police be working from Resolute Bay? Will they be using policemen from Resolute Bay? There is not much crime right now. They do not have a liquor store right now but in the future, the way I see it, I think in Resolute Bay there has been a lot of marijuana being brought up. I think it is coming from the people who are coming up to work at the mine. This has to be brought to the attention of the RCMP in the future.

Secondly, and I think you are aware of this, or perhaps you are not, in Grise Fiord there is a special constable. He has been living there for a long time, and I think that next year he is finally going to retire. He has worked very hard and helped the people over there. He had awards given to him before for long service in the RCMP, but I want him to get an award for helping the people of the community for a long time, and I do not think he is going to be going out of Grise Fiord when he retires, because he has a lot of friends there, and he has a lot of family there. I just wanted to inform you that I would like to give him an award, and would like to get the support of the Assembly. Thank you.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the first point raised by Mr. Pudluk, the Polaris Mine will be serviced as required by the RCMP out of the Resolute Bay detachment.

With respect to his second point concerning the use of marijuana and its infiltration into the Member's constituency, I will bring this immediately to the attention of the RCMP. I, too, am concerned over the volume of drugs that are finding their way into the Northwest Territories, and I think as the Member may be aware, the federal government is planning to change some of the laws concerning marijuana. We have expressed our concern over the impact which the modification of marijuana laws would have on the people of Canada, generally, and particularly in the Northwest Territories.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, with respect to the special constable at Grise Fiord, I will personally undertake to raise this matter with Chief Superintendent Feagan, and ensure that the gentleman you are referring to receives due recognition through my office or through the Assembly or whatever means you feel is most appropriate, or that the Member feels is most appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I wonder if just for the records we could have the name of the special constable? Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Abraham Pijamine.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Maybe you could give it to the court reporters, just for the records. Anything further on police services agreement? Ms Cournoyea.

Relationship Of Territorial Government With RCMP

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I have two different questions however, I will place them at the same time. Could the Minister indicate where the new RCMP positions will be going in the new budget, and as well, what position does he have in discussing with the RCMP in their line of duty what their priorities would be, what they would spend more of their time on, let us say if it was drug abuse or child neglect, or whatever? Do you have a relationship with the RCMP where you could help them direct their energies according to priorities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will undertake immediately to provide the Member and other Members with where the new positions are to be located. As I understand it, there are 14 that have been allocated to the Northwest Territories. I apologize that I do not have the information here, but I will provide it at very short notice.

Now, with respect to the police services agreement generally and to the relationship of the government with the RCMP, we would hope that we can provide board policy directions through our agreement to the RCMP. For example, our agreement contemplates that decisions such as the posting of RCMP personnel will be carried out by the commissioner of the RCMP in consultation with the Government of the Northwest Territories. We also want, in the agreement, to outline the broad, general parameters within our jurisdiction where we can give direction to the force concerning how it conducts its police operations. Now, to a certain extent that already exists through the relationship which I have and which the commissioner has with the chief superintendent of the RCMP in Yellowknife, and which my deputy has with the chief superintendent and other senior police officials here, so we anticipate that we will be in a much better position with this new agreement to give direction and influence the operational side of the RCMP's activities.

I would just say in conclusion that the new chief superintendent in the Northwest Territories right now has been working with us in a most co-operative fashion. There is one area, however, where the RCMP do not consult with us, and really are not obliged to. As Members are aware, the prosecutorial function in the Northwest Territories is still carried out by the federal government or the federal Department of Justice under the direction of the federal attorney general. The territorial government, therefore, has no mandate in respect of prosecutions taken in the Territories, and until that mandate is transferred to the territorial government, the Department of Justice and Public Services has no real input into the prosecutorial aspect of policing in the Northwest Territories. The RCMP, therefore, obtain legal advice in respect of prosecutions and investigations leading up to prosecutions from the federal crown attorneys in the regional office here in Yellowknife, or at times from lawyers in the attorney general's office in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ms Cournoyea, have you another question?

Answering Services In RCMP Detachments

MS COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Last session we did talk a bit about the answering services that are engaged in some of the detachments, and there was an indication that particularly in areas where it is extremely busy and in troubled zones that the RCMP would be encouraged to try not to use those devices and be on-site. Have there been any discussions on answering devices?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is basically the same problem that I referred to earlier on when Mr. Kilabuk raised his concern. Because of the agreement with the RCMP to have officers on duty 24 hours a day in certain areas, it would just generate tremendous costs. I would, however, give the Member my assurances that I will raise the issue with Chief Superintendent Feagan and Commissioner Simmons, as I believe there may be a real pressing need to re-evaluate those communities in the Northwest Territories where members of the force are on duty 24 hours of the day. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Any further questions on the police services agreement? Mr. Appaqaq.

Legalizing Of Marijuana In Canada

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few words to say. It is not really regarding the RCMP, but I have some concern because out in Sanikiluaq, the English speaking people have been saying that they had heard that we were going to be legalizing marijuana in Canada.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The answer to that is no, the Government of Canada is not planning to legalize marijuana. They are planning to make some changes in the laws regarding marijuana which would result in possession of marijuana becoming what we call a summary conviction -- for possession of marijuana under 30 grams. That is about a quarter of an ounce, I believe. Now, there is a lot of concern on the part of provincial attorneys general and ministers of justice that by making possession of under 30 grams of marijuana a summary conviction, in practice, while it will not legalize it, the RCMP drug enforcement officers will not pay much attention to people who are in possession of 30 grams or less of marijuana. A number of the provincial attorneys general, as I said, are quite alarmed at this, because they feel that while in law it may be illegal, in practice the RCMP will devote their efforts to drug traffickers rather than the people who have possession of less than 30 grams.

So I guess to conclude this, Mr. Chairman, I do not think that the debate or the discussion over this is finished. One of the attorneys general, Hon. L. Allan Williams from British Columbia, is quite concerned that taking this kind of step is just what organized crime wants, because organized crime in his province is bringing in massive amounts of marijuana and hashish, and it is distributing it through Canada and into the United States. So the debate is not over, and while the Government of Canada does not want to legalize marijuana, it does want to take some steps which would, I guess, reduce the kind of penalties for people convicted of possession of marijuana.

Total O And M, Police Services Agreement, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Police services agreement, \$10,472,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Detail Of Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Detail of capital, page 9.15, in the amount of \$520,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 9.01, O and M, in the amount of \$19,865,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We thank the witnesses, then, for the true picture of Justice and Public Services. Could you give us the definition of that MT again, please, Mr. Braden? Thank you very much.

---Applause

What is the wish of the committee?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE NWT; BILL 1-82(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1982-83

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering matters relating to the Native Women's Association of the NWT. This matter is concluded with one motion being adopted; and Bill 1-82(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1982-83. We wish to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise to bring to the attention of the House the fact that today is a very special day. It is, Mr. Speaker, the second anniversary of the return of the federal Liberals to power after...

---Boos and hisses

...after the seven months of disaster with the Conservatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MacQUARRIE: That is why the Member is wearing a paper carnation.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Do not try that again.

MRS. SORENSEN: What are you going to do? Hit me?

MR. SPEAKER: Now are there any legitimate announcements?

---Laughter

Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege. I wonder if maybe through your office you would look into the possibility of installing another phone, because so often the only phone that we have for Members is occupied each time that a Member wants to go in, and I think it would help if that were to be looked into. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: We shall look into the matter, Mr. Curley. Are there any announcements? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege. It should be pointed out that it is fairly auspicious that on this second anniversary referred to by the Member that a Western Separatist has been elected to the Alberta Assembly, probably because of this second anniversary and these two horrible Liberal years.

MRS. SORENSEN: Nay, nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I can plainly see that I am going to have nothing but trouble to get the House closed tonight. Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Announcements. February 19 there will be a meeting of the special committee on education at 8:30 a.m. in room 301.

ITEM NO. 14: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 19, 1982.

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); 13th Report of the Standing Committee on Finance
14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m. Friday.

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