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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1982

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 3rd.

Item 2, Replies to the Commissioner's Address.

ITEM NO. 2: REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. MacQuarrie.

Mr. MacQuarrie's Reply

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to address only one issue in my reply to the Commissioner's Address. In less than two months, citizens of the Northwest Territories will be participating in an historic, Territories-wide referendum on the question of division. A discussion on constitutional matters recently took place in the Assembly, but of course that discussion did not afford each of us the opportunity to explicitly state his position on the upcoming plebiscite, and especially in view of some of the uncertainty and confusion that exists in some minds about what the plebiscite vote really means, I believe that each of us owes a statement of his position to constituents and to all people of the Northwest Territories. I would like to take the opportunity now to make my position known.

I first took a public stand on the matter of division in Frobisher Bay in the fall of 1980. I have reviewed that stand in the light of more recent developments that certainly compel reconsideration, and I refer to, for instance, the mass exodus from Yellowknife in the fall to Ottawa, and seeing what could be accomplished by a united Assembly. I refer to the constitutional conference that took place in January, and I refer to the recent formation of a constitutional alliance; so all of these things certainly make one think again about positions that were taken. However, after reviewing those things, I find that I have no reason to change the basic position that I took in Frobisher Bay, and I shall take the opportunity to restate now the facts that I believe are important in the matter of division.

NWT Is Essentially An Accidental Political Jurisdiction

My position is, first of all, Mr. Speaker, founded on the fact that the Northwest Territories is essentially an accidental political jurisdiction. It did not arise naturally as a political jurisdiction that was comprised of a single people with a single language and lifestyle who had common interests and goals, as many countries in the world have arisen in the past for those reasons.

The Northwest Territories did not even arise as our country, Canada, did, as a varied collection of peoples with various languages and lifestyles, but peoples none the less who for the most part consciously chose to unite their lives in a single nation for what they considered to be their mutual benefit. On the contrary, the Northwest Territories was simply assembled as a rambling collection of unresolved colonial territory without the express consent of the peoples who were involved. Ever since its acquisition, that is, the acquisition of the Territories by the Government of Canada, right through to comparatively recent times, it has always been evident and generally understood that the territory was not intended to stand permanently as a single political jurisdiction.

#### Process Of Political Development Should Continue

Within the larger territory, as time passed and as particular peoples with particular interests in particular parts of the territory were defined and delineated, and as they showed themselves in need of reorganization and new political institutions, and as they showed themselves ready for more political responsibility, political development has in fact occurred. So out of the Territories at various times have been formed the province of Manitoba, the Yukon Territory, and the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. That seems to me to have been a reasonable and orderly process, and unless there is some grave challenge that can be raised against it, I would think the process ought to continue. We now have reached a point in the history of the Territories where many of the leaders of a particular group of people with particular interests in a particular part of the territory -- and I refer, of course, to the leaders of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and to a number of the Eastern Arctic MLAs -- we have reached the point in history where these leaders are telling us that they would like to have a separate territory in the Eastern Arctic, and in fact they have pressed strongly for the establishment of such a territory.

The statement that I have just made is not merely a judgment on my part; it is a fact. My first reaction to that fact is that I will not be so impertinent as to tell the people of the Eastern Arctic whether or not they should want a separate territory. That is a matter for the people of the Eastern Arctic to decide for themselves.

My second reaction to that fact is that it is the duty of this Assembly, once being aware of the desire of these leaders for a separate territory, that the duty of this Assembly, then, is to try to determine as clearly as possible whether the majority of the people in the Eastern Arctic area in fact want what their leaders have said publicly is desirable; namely, the establishment of a separate territory. I have thought that this step is important, not because I am a cynical, doubting Thomas who questions the mandate of the leaders who have spoken, but first of all, I think that that is a necessary step, because I personally have heard dissenting voices among people from the Eastern Arctic from time to time, and second, I think the step is necessary because a poll of Eastern Arctic people would afford an opportunity for clearing up this very important matter completely and in the shortest possible period of time. That was why I have advocated, and so wrote in the report of the special committee on unity, that the people in the Eastern Arctic area alone should be polled to determine how they feel about the matter of establishing a separate territory.

#### A Question Of Separation Rather Than Division

At the meeting in Frobisher Bay when that idea was discussed, an amendment was introduced at that time that subsequently passed and that spread the vote on the question right across the Territories, and I bow to what were probably the political forces that necessitated that kind of decision. However, I see that I view the matter in a different way from many other people, and that is simply the way things are. I see it not so much a question of division as a question of separation.

Therefore, I feel I was right in Frobisher Bay to vote against the amendment to spread the vote right across the Territories. I was the only Member that did so, although I note in the record that the honourable Member for the Western Arctic was also concerned about spreading the vote in that way, but was not present when the vote was taken and perhaps she would have opposed it too. I cannot say. At any rate, I did oppose it and upon reflecting, I still feel that I was not wrong in doing so, that it is really a matter of separation and not of division.

Member Will Abstain From Voting On Plebiscite

I stated in Frobisher Bay that a move to spread the vote across the Territories would cause confusion and obviously it has, for today many people in the West are not at all sure what they are being asked to vote about. For a western person, what does a "yes" vote mean? What does a "no" vote mean? What happens if there is a yes vote in the East and a no vote in the West, or more ironically, what would happen if there were a yes vote in the West and a no vote in the East? There is that kind of confusion. So, in some small way to try to avoid confusion and also to support the principles that I enunciated at Frobisher Bay and in which I still believe, I wish to say publicly now that I will not vote in the upcoming plebiscite.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. MacQUARRIE: My desire in this plebiscite is simply to find out what the people in the Eastern Arctic think about their leaders' proposal for a separate territory, but I would like to make it absolutely clear -- and particularly that would be to an interested bystander like the federal government -- I would like to make it absolutely clear that my abstention does not indicate a lack of interest or any antipathy toward the possibility of separation, but it is based on the commitment that if the majority of the people in that area generally vote "Yes"; that is, if the majority of the people in the Eastern Arctic say that they want division, resulting in a territory for themselves, when that vote is in, then I will say that I will bend all my efforts to help bring about that result.

Support For Moving Toward Self-Government

Specifically, I will immediately support any move to bring the wish of those people to the attention of the federal government and to try to press the government to attend to the matter as soon as possible and I certainly will support the naming of a Minister who will, in addition to other duties, begin attending to matters that would concern an Eastern Arctic territory.

MR. CURLEY: We need your support now.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I support these things -- I will refer to that in a little while, Mr. Curley. I support these things because I have no desire whatever to thwart the self-government of a community of people who have a common purpose and who would have expressed a desire to attain that purpose in common.

Now, if there is a yes vote in the Eastern Arctic, that is not to say that I will abandon the concerns that I have as a citizen of the Western Arctic, as a Canadian and as someone who is interested in fundamental rights. I will certainly support the establishment of a boundaries commission to try to determine a reasonable boundary and for any communities that might be in a border area of an Eastern Arctic territory and because of their cultural nature people might anticipate they should belong to the territory, yet, if such people specifically express that they do not wish to belong to a separate Eastern Arctic territory, then I would certainly support their right to remain aloof from it.

These concerns aside, if people of the Eastern Arctic say "Yes", I will strongly do what I can to facilitate the separation and if and when the separation occurs -- and, of course, that is ultimately a matter that has to be decided by the federal government -- but, at any rate, if and when it occurs, I will sincerely wish the citizens of Nunavut well in their new self-government, happy that geography and the circumstances of history have enabled an aboriginal people to be the majority population in a new and permanent public government jurisdiction for the first time in Canada.

---Applause

If, on the other hand, and quite unexpectedly the majority of the people of the Eastern Arctic vote "No", then I would support their desire and their right not either to be pushed or dragged into something that they do not want. For my part, I would sincerely invite them, then, to become part of the very difficult process of constitutional development, that was really recently initiated in the Western Arctic.

MR. CURLEY: What about Yellowknife?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Now, I am sure that I will be criticized for my stand from a number of different points of view, one of which was already expressed by Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Represent them.

#### Vastness And Greater Numbers May Not Result In Greater Strength

MR. MacQUARRIE: Some would say that I should vote "No", because it is important to keep the Territories together in order to win greater political and economic strength, but in the first place, I am sincerely not convinced that greater strength necessarily results from vastness and disparity and greater numbers, if you like, but also, because in the first place I am committed to the principle that economic concerns should not determine the lives of people more than is absolutely necessary.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

MR. MacQUARRIE: I would leave it to people in the East to decide whether they would be politically stronger or weaker by separating. In fact, it is a personal opinion that if there were a separation, that the unity and the commonality of purpose that would result in the Eastern Arctic might very well go a long way toward adding additional vigor and strength to the people in that area.

If I and those that I represent are weakened in some way by a decision of the people of the Eastern Arctic to separate, then I have to say, "So be it", because I, for my part at least, do not wish ever to increase my strength by sapping the strength of another. There is no doubt at all that combined strength is magnificent -- and I do not use the superlative except that -- I mean it. Combined strength is magnificent when it is voluntary and co-operative, but it is deplorable when it is oppressive or parasitical.

#### Position Of Local Chamber Of Commerce

Some others might say that I should vote "No" and among those who would maybe say it are those who feel that the issue is confused. I refer, for instance, to a position taken by some members of the local chamber of commerce, and they use an analogy and say, "How can you decide?" They do not like the vote occurring now, because they say, "How can you decide to marry when you do not know who you are going to marry or what the terms of the marriage are?" Well, I would say that if they insist on voting, then it is quite proper to ask the question of principle first and then attend to the details later on. I feel that the analogy that is used is not really an appropriate one in that case. I think a much more appropriate analogy is the analogy of separation.



That is, that two parties can certainly decide that they wish to separate and decide it immediately, and do so and take the steps necessary to effect it immediately, while determining to settle the details at some later time. Besides, I would say that if there is a separation it need not at all be bitter, when we recognize that the marriage -- if we are going to stick with that analogy -- was not a natural marriage in the first place. That marriage certainly was not made in heaven; it was made in the office of John A. Macdonald, and the result was largely accidental, as I said earlier, and therefore parting could be understandable and could be effected with good will.

There are probably some who would say that I should vote "No" because dividing does not solve things. I know that the mayor of Inuvik at our constitutional conference levelled the criticism that problems or differences that arise in society simply cannot always be solved by -- and I think her words were, "Divide, divide, divide". I agree that as a statement of principle, that is generally a very good principle, and in many circumstances it ought to be heeded; but I think that it is true sometimes that problems may be resolved best by dividing, and I believe that this may be one of those times.

#### Vast And Varied Territory Is Nearly Ungovernable

Certainly, if the majority of the East wants a separate territory, then I think the well-being of all people in the Territories will be best served by permitting that separation. I say that not only because we would uphold, then, a principle of non-imposition on people, but simply for the very pragmatic political consideration that we do now have a vast and varied territory, complex, with many problems, and that it is nearly ungovernable; and I think that it is only governable successfully if it has the fundamental and unquestioning co-operation of all people who belong to it. If the Eastern Arctic people in a plebiscite say that they do not wish to continue to belong to it, then I would say we would have the practical political problem of trying to govern a territory where it was evident that a significant group of the people did not wish it, did not wish that state to continue any longer.

Some would maybe say that I should vote "Yes", thus actively supporting division for the benefit of those in the Eastern Arctic, and that was what the honourable Member for Keewatin South suggested a few minutes ago; but I can only say that for my own part I do not wish to force division. Division is not something that I ardently desire myself. For my part, I would be willing to sit patiently and to sort out the many complex problems of governing this territory if only the people of the Eastern Arctic had the will to remain as part of it. I feel that if that will were present, that the problems probably could be resolved. There is a way to work them out, and again I cite the example of the November visit to Ottawa as a sample of the way people, no matter how different in many respects, can still work together to achieve something that is important to them all. However, putting it in sort of another way, I will not actively seek separation until I can see clearly that separation is what the people of the Eastern Arctic want, and I can only know that after the plebiscite, not before it. As I said earlier, that will govern how I respond.

#### Complex Constitutional Problems In The West

Finally, there are some who would say I should vote "Yes" because I would thereby actively be supporting the establishment of a viable Western Arctic territory as well, but I feel that it is simply true that if there is a separation and the present somewhat shaky and tentative identity that has gradually developed and coalesced around the Northwest Territories in recent years collapses, then I feel that it is simply true that we in the West do not yet have a single proposal and a single leadership that everybody will easily be able to identify with and rally around. We will have to work at that. I say that it is simply true that we in the West will still have many complex constitutional problems that will have to be sorted out before we can speak with confidence about a viable, single Western Arctic territory, but again I believe with patience and work and good will that that can be accomplished.

So in summary, then, when the plebiscite comes, I feel that I cannot vote "No" and that I will not vote "Yes"; but I will watch the plebiscite results with interest, and as I said before, if the people of the Eastern Arctic clearly favour separation, then they will have my support to help them bring their dream to reality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Replies to Commissioner's Address. If there are no further replies today, we will go on.

Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Question 68-82(1): Action Taken On Petitions

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) I want to ask a question, which I think is directed to the Commissioner. I wonder if the Commissioner could enter the ropes or if it could be answered by some other government official. My question is, how do they deal with petitions? When there is a petition before you do you really look at it or do you just disregard it? I would like to get an answer as to what you do with a petition, how you take action on it.

---Applause

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the wish of the House that the Commissioner join us at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner, would you join us, please? Mr. Braden, as Leader of the Elected Executive, do you wish to give an answer to this last question?

Return To Question 68-82(1): Action Taken On Petitions

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I cannot speak for all my colleagues, but I would note that we do attempt to follow up on petitions that are placed before the House. I know of a couple of occasions where petitions have come to me concerning placement of RCMP in communities. I have attempted to respond to the Member and indicate whether action can or cannot be taken, but I give the Member our collective assurance that petitions are not just disregarded. In fact, they are considered very seriously by Ministers of the government and our officials. As I said, there are times when we can respond and there are times when we cannot. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Commissioner, have you anything further to add?

Further Return To Question 68-82(1): Action Taken On Petitions

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that I could add substantially to what Mr. Braden has said. He has stated the case very well. Petitions are reviewed with a great deal of care, but it is simply impossible for us to respond positively to all petitions. At times those persons who are signing the

petition or bringing the petition forward do not have all of the information that we have on a given subject and, therefore, as I said before and as Mr. Braden said, although they are treated with a high level of sincerity and care, it is not always possible to deal with them positively.

---Applause

AN HON. MEMBER: Right on.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Commissioner a question. We just lost one possible supporter for the division on April 14th.

---Laughter

I would like to ask the Commissioner if he is going to take the middle ground or pro-division or the other left side? Could you respond to that question, please?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is out of order. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 69-82(1): Motions Passed On NCPC

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is for the Leader of the Elected Executive and it concerns motions that were passed, I guess a week ago now, about NCPC. The first one was with respect to this Legislature calling for a freeze on rate increases until something had been done about the high costs that consumers were having to bear in the Northwest Territories with respect to their power and until the report of the subcommittee of the standing committee on Indian and northern affairs had been tabled and its recommendations had been discussed and acted upon. I am wondering if the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has responded to the call of this Legislature for a rate freeze and if he has, what has been his response?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 69-82(1): Motions Passed On NCPC

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Predictably, there has been no response from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on the request for a freeze of power rates in the Northwest Territories. However, I have received a response from Keith Penner and I will be speaking to him later on this afternoon on the subject of his report. So, I would ask my colleague to raise her question again tomorrow in the House and I will have something of more substance to provide then. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mrs. Sorensen.

Supplementary To Question 69-82(1): Motions Passed On NCPC

MRS. SORENSEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Minister. I will raise it again. There was another motion and that was with respect to the Executive Committee and, in fact, yourself getting together with the officials of the Alberta Power Corporation. Now, it is my understanding that you have had an initial discussion. I wonder if you could update this House on the findings of that discussion and whether they, in fact, will go along with coming in here and looking at our situation in the Northwest Territories with respect to providing some competition to the monster known as NCPC?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Further Return To Question 69-82(1): Motions Passed On NCPC

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I did meet with the vice-president of Alberta Power and generally discussed the position which the private company took before the Penner inquiry, when they were here and in the Yukon last summer. The officials from the corporation did raise the matter of the approach, generally, of the government to having the private sector become more involved in the generation of power in the Northwest Territories and, in addition, further distribution by the private sector of power in the Territories. I generally got the feeling that they were interested in providing power and distributing power, not only in high demand areas, but they were also looking at the possibilities in other areas where demand is not so high and where maintenance costs and so forth are high. I guess generally I would just leave the Member with the understanding that I did not make any commitments and neither did members or officials of Alberta Power. We did, however, agree that it would be useful for our officials to meet and to flush out the kind of proposals or ideas that Alberta Power has, so that we could give them some serious consideration. That is basically all I have to report on the matter at this point in time. Thank you.

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

Question 70-82(1): Moving Of Two RCMP Officers From Fort Liard

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, a question for either the Commissioner or Mr. Braden. Have discussions continued since the public meeting in Fort Liard last week, about moving two RCMP police officers from Fort Liard earlier than the RCMP's plan to simply move them as a matter of routine transfer procedures this summer? And if negotiations have indeed taken place, what has been the result? If there has not been a positive result, would either of the persons continue to pursue the subject until successful?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 70-82(1): Moving Of Two RCMP Officers From Fort Liard

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I regret that I have not been able to follow up with the senior officials of the RCMP since our return from Fort Liard; however, I could give the Member my assurances, as the Commissioner indicated in Fort Liard, that the matter of timing with respect to the transfer of the officers in that community, has not been completely resolved, and we want to bring this up with the senior officers of the force here in Yellowknife and come to a satisfactory conclusion on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 71-82(1): Clarification Of Return To Question 20-82(1)

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister referred me to the written question I asked the other day, and I have been able to study that written reply; but I need some further clarification from him, and I would just like to read the answer that he gave to me, which I do not understand at all. It says, "1(a) The formula -- rule -- to determine the maximum rent in public housing is, 'Maximum rent in all public housing programs is equal to economic rent or market rent, whichever is higher.' Economic rent is determined by dividing the total operating cost of all public housing projects in one community by the total public housing units in that community, taking into consideration the number of bedrooms in each unit. Market rent is determined by averaging current rental rates for similar, non-subsidized units in that community." Part 2(b) -- I would need a full-time economist or accountant to try and figure out that rent. Maybe the Minister could help me very briefly in explaining exactly what he means, and also could he explain to me on what basis is the percentage -- for instance 30 per cent -- going to be used to assess public rental housing scales in the community?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum, Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 71-82(1): Clarification Of Return To Question 20-82(1)

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would be more than pleased to conduct an in-depth study with the Member, and point out to him and have some other people of the department point out to him, so that he will understand in no uncertain terms just what the reply is. We shall put it down a little better for him so that he will be able to get it. I would undertake, then, to provide him with a little more elaboration of the reply I gave to him a couple of weeks ago.

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

Question 72-82(1): Request For Return To Question 33-82(1)

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I know I should not be impatient, but we will be proroguing very soon now, and I would like to find out if the Minister of Economic Development is going to answer my question about an airstrip at Clearwater Fiord, this session. I would like an answer before we finish about the questions that I asked the Minister before.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 72-82(1): Request For Return To Question 33-82(1), Airstrip At Clearwater Fiord

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I shall be providing a response. I think I can indicate to him, as the Member knows, that the application to develop that landing field in the Pangnirtung area was made to the federal government. The Member recalls that he raised this concern about a year ago. At that time we attempted to carry out a study to see what we could do. However, I believe we have communicated to the Member that as the application was made directly to the federal government and responded to directly by the federal government, we had no opportunity to provide an input. The application, I believe, has been approved, and what I shall be doing now is attempting to get in touch with Mr. Ross Peyton personally. Mr. Peyton is the individual who, I understand, has received the authorization to proceed with that landing strip, and I will attempt to indicate to him the desire of the community, as has been brought before this House by the Member, to work in a co-operative sense with him, and ensure that the Pangnirtung community is not overlooked or overflown when tourists are brought into that particular area.

So I will be probably providing words of the same nature in writing in the next day or so, and I will have to make a direct, personal approach to Mr. Peyton myself. I have not done that as yet. I would prefer to see him personally if I could, but I guess I will have to use the phone.

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

Question 73-82(1): Recreational Facilities In Norman Wells

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Local Government. What plans does the department have to meet the urgent requirements for the provision of adequate recreational facilities in the community of Norman Wells?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to provide the honourable Member with a detailed reply tomorrow. I shall have to look into my department's plans for the community of Norman Wells.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Fraser.

Supplementary To Question 73-82(1): Recreational Facilities In Norman Wells

MR. FRASER: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Is the department intending to sit down with the Norman Wells residents to plan for recreational needs identified by the residents of Norman Wells?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 73-82(1): Recreational Facilities In Norman Wells

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I think that my department would be more than pleased to participate with the community in terms of planning for their recreational facilities.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

Question 74-82(1): Increase In Per Capita Grants To NWT Association Of Municipalities

MR. MACQUARRIE: I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. I was in receipt of a copy of a letter that was sent to the Minister by the president of the Association of Municipalities, in which it was stated that the association is doing all it can to try to include the smaller municipalities in its activities, and this means that they have greater expenses as a result. For instance, in places like Spence Bay and Pelly Bay, as it is mentioned here, with the extremely high cost of travel over the last four years, they find it very expensive to have Frobisher Bay, Pangnirtung and Pelly Bay board members attend quarterly executive meetings, and there is an appeal at the end that says "Since our grant was first established in 1973 at 50 cents per capita, the cost of living has more than doubled. We do most sincerely request your consideration to an increase of at least one dollar per capita, bringing the annual amount to about \$30,000." Could I ask the Minister whether he has yet responded to that letter, and if so, is it a favourable response?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 74-82(1): Increase In Per Capita Grants To NWT Association Of Municipalities

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the request from the Association of Municipalities. I believe the honourable Member is aware that we have increased the per capita from 50 cents to 75 cents per capita grants to the Association of Municipalities. It may be difficult to try to increase it to one dollar as requested between 1982-83, but I think that we would be able to accommodate that request for the following year of 1983-84.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question 75-82(1): Travel Funds For NWT Association Of Municipalities

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed to the Minister of Local Government and it is on a similar topic to Mr. MacQuarrie's. I think what the problem is with the funding to organizations like the NWT Association of Municipalities is that instead of giving them a grant per capita, what you should do to make the association stronger -- what I would like to ask you is would you consider...

AN HON. MEMBER: What was the question?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: ...would you consider giving them a base funding grant that would allow each of the member communities enough funds to travel to the annual meetings, because right now, when you give a basic flat grant per capita...

MR. FRASER: Point of order! Point of order!

MR. McLAUGHLIN: ...you charge...

AN HON. MEMBER: Sit down.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Sit yourself down. Sit yourself down.

---Laughter

MR. McLAUGHLIN: The question is, will the Minister consider giving a grant...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: He must be on TV.

AN HON. MEMBER: You are a dreamer.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: ...which works on funding to travel, rather than a per capita, so small communities can participate in this territorial organization?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Ask him to repeat that question.

MRS. SORENSEN: Listen, sweetheart, we will get to you next.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Would you like a question, Mr. McCallum?

MRS. SORENSEN: Oh, good!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, please.

Return To Question 75-82(1): Travel Funds For NWT Association Of Municipalities

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I think the question is rather confusing, but I believe the honourable Member is requesting that we take a look at including within the municipal budget some travel to allow them to attend conferences. I would like to indicate to the honourable Member that the Department of Local Government does pick up the expenses for regional conferences in a number of areas within the Northwest Territories at the present time, plus we are providing a per capita grant of 75 cents. I realize that this may not be sufficient, but within the present budget, I have already indicated that it may not be possible to increase the present level of funding to the Association of Municipalities.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 76-82(1): Income Tax Paid By Transient Workers

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance. Mr. Minister, in 1982-83 we see in our main estimates that a total of nearly \$240 million will be transferred to this government by way of operating or deficit grant from the federal government. During the first budget session and, indeed again, in the second budget session the standing committee on finance called for the main estimates to reflect what amount of that grant might be income tax paid by NWT transient workers to provinces or provincial governments as a result of the December 31st residency clause in the Income Tax Act and, further, we also called for that part of the grant to be reflected that might be royalties collected from the Norman Wells oil production and

from the Pointed Mountain gas production that would have accrued to us had we been a province. I am wondering, Mr. Minister, if you have completed your study into that and are prepared in the next main estimates for 1983-84 to reflect that as part of the operating grant that we receive from the federal government?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen, I think that that question is very, very detailed and I do not possibly see how the Minister could possibly answer that unless you have asked him to obtain the information.

MRS. SORENSEN: I did.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, are you prepared to answer that?

Return To Question 76-82(1): Income Tax Paid By Transient Workers

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, although the Member gave me notice of certain aspects of her question, I am not able to respond to the detail. The notice that she gave me was with regard to the income tax that is paid in the provinces by workers who rotate into the Territories and live in the provinces. The standing committee on finance did direct us to look into this matter and the amount of money that we determined is reflected in that loss is about \$2.5 million to \$3 million, and I am probably being fairly liberal in stating the figure. As a result of that research we were in touch with Mr. Munro and indicated to him that we felt that this was a loss of revenues to us and attempted to ascertain how he would feel about discussing that amount of money and reflecting it in our budget. He replied quite positively in his first response, much more so than did the Hon. Warren Allmand some five years ago when we raised the same matter with him.

I have sent another letter to Mr. Munro to suggest further discussions on the matter to see whether or not we can work on having those moneys accrue to this jurisdiction. Mr. Allmand's response, by the way, five years ago was a short and brief, "No".

With regard to the other aspects of the amount of money from Pointed Mountain and Norman Wells, those projections do exist. I do not have them at the top of my head, but they can be used as arguing points, certainly, when attempting to negotiate money for this government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen. Pardon me, just continue it. Do you have another?

Question 77-82(1): Status Report On Small Claims Limit

MRS. SORENSEN: My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the Commissioner. Mr. Commissioner, you will remember that last fall during the, I believe, December session I asked you for a status report on the motion that had been passed in this Legislature calling for the small claims limit to be raised from \$500 to \$2000 and you indicated that you would have a response back to the Legislature by this session. We are in the dying moments and I have not yet heard whether we are, in fact, going to raise the limit and, in fact, I find that it is about time to go to \$2500 now, instead of \$2000. So, I wonder if I could have a status report on that motion?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, in so far as the action in that area lies with the Minister of Justice and Public Services, I would perhaps ask if Mr. Braden would care to respond to that question. I have nothing further to add myself.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Braden.



HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I notice under section 40 of the rules that oral questions are to be of sufficient importance to require an immediate answer and I think the question that the Member has raised should be stated in writing and I would be pleased to provide her with an answer tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen, do you have a question that can be reasonably expected to be answered? I do not wish a debate on the statement of the Minister at this time. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I am merely asking for a status report on this. It is of some urgency. I have had a lot of pressure from within my constituency on the matter of small claims court. It is an outstanding...

MR. SPEAKER: Please, Mrs. Sorensen, this is not a point of debate. You have a question. The Minister has taken it as notice and will give you a written reply, and that is all we can do. Oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 78-82(1): Support For Public Inquiry Into Economic Development

MS COURNOYEA: I have a question, Mr. Speaker, to the Commissioner or the Minister of Economic Development. Did you receive a letter from the Sachs Harbour settlement council and Tuktoyaktuk hamlet council in support of this public inquiry into economic development? If you have, would you be able to table them, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question 78-82(1): Support For Public Inquiry Into Economic Development

HON. TOM BUTTERS: If memory serves, I believe I received copies of motions. But yes, I will look for them and if I have them I shall table them.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 79-82(1): Alcohol And Drug Education In Schools

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I had served notice some time ago to the Minister of Education on this matter, and it is to me a matter of extreme importance, whether the honourable Leader thinks so or not. Mr. Minister, inasmuch as this Legislature spends in excess of one million dollars on the rehabilitation -- with respect to alcohol abuse for adults, and very little, if any, on the preventive side, particularly with respect to the abuse of alcohol and drugs in the area of children -- and Mr. Minister, you are aware of the letter that I have written to you on this matter calling for the development of a curriculum that deals with that in the schools, with preventive measures in education for children within the schools, I wonder if the Minister agrees that such a program is desirable within our schools, and whether he is prepared to move ahead on this very important and urgent item as soon as possible, if he does agree?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 79-82(1): Alcohol And Drug Education In Schools

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do agree that it is a very important matter that we should move on very quickly. The Department of Education is not entirely unconcerned with the problem, and our community health program, for example, which was established in 1979, states that one of its goals is -- and I am quoting -- "to recognize the health hazards associated with smoking, alcohol consumption, drug and household chemical consumption as they pertain to the individual and society". The Executive Committee has also discussed this problem, and it has been recommended that we should examine the desirability and feasibility of amending the Public Health

Ordinance to make gasoline sniffing illegal, establishing an improved, hard hitting, concerted and comprehensive awareness program, and implement voluntary control of supply by persuading storekeepers to voluntarily make abused substances less physically accessible and to monitor their sales. The Executive decided that some of these goals, as far as they related to the schools, could be met by co-operation between the Department of Health and the Department of Education, and although some work has been done in that direction, we need to complete it, and I can tell the Member that I have made it a goal to have this work that is ongoing now, completed, so that by the next school year we can have an improved program to meet this very serious problem in the Northwest Territories. My object would be to develop the improved program in time for next school year in co-operation with the Department of Health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 4, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Are there any written questions today? No written questions. Do we have any returns for today? Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 50-82(1): Bill C-451, Proposed Amendments To Criminal Code

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to written Question 50-82(1), asked by my colleague for Pine Point on February the 25th. It concerns Bill C-451.

The Department of Justice and Public Services is aware of Bill C-451 which was moved as a Private Member's Bill by Mr. Warren Allmand. The major impact of the bill will be that legal possession of a firearm obtained prior to January 1st, 1978, will require the issuance of a certificate similar to the firearms acquisition certificate. Under the proposed Bill C-451, the term "firearms acquisition certificate" will be changed to "firearms possession certificate" and any persons in possession of any firearm or ammunition will be required to obtain a firearms possession certificate.

The bill has generated a lot of controversy in Canada and is opposed by many groups, including associations of sport hunters in this country. The bill is also opposed by the Solicitor General, who has indicated that he would "...vigorously oppose it...". The Solicitor General is confident that the Private Member's Bill by Warren Allmand will be soundly defeated in the House of Commons. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further returns today?

Item 5, petitions.

ITEM NO. 5: PETITIONS

Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have Petition 5-82(1), which I would like to table. It is very short, and I am just going to read it. It contains 200 signatures along with mine from the Eskimo Point Housing Association. It states: We have heard the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is planning on raising the rents as of April 1, 1982, with no maximums, rent assessed to be 30 per cent of residual income, and the minimum rent going up to \$45. We, the undersigned, greatly oppose this raise in rent, especially with the inflation of present times. We are asking for a cancellation of this rent scale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Petitions. Are there any further petitions today?

Item 6, tabling of documents. Are there any documents today?

ITEM NO. 6: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 27-82(1), a telex which I received today, dated February 26th, 1982, from the chairman of the Cambridge Bay settlement council concerning a meeting of the council and the Cambridge Bay housing association which deals with house rents, etc. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the following document, Tabled Document 28-82(1). It is a report by the Winnipeg Free Press about annexing Churchill, and it appeared on February 23rd, 1982, on the front page; and the title is "Churchill Seems Dubious About Arctic Suitor", but I think you might be interested in reading it. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Tabling of documents.

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 7: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mr. Sibbeston.

Report Of Special Committee On Constitutional Development

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a report of the special committee on constitutional development. The constitutional development committee held or sponsored a constitutional conference in Yellowknife on January 20 to 23, 1982. There were 35 official delegates, representing all major native organizations in the western Northwest Territories, all large municipalities, a number of representatives from smaller communities, a number of territorial-wide special interest organizations, and most of the MLAs from the western Northwest Territories. The constitutional conference was generally regarded by the delegates and the public at large as being successful, as it brought together representatives from native organizations, large and small municipal bodies, as well as different special interest groups who hitherto had not had a chance to meet together to discuss political and constitutional development in the western Northwest Territories.

A number of motions were passed at the constitutional conference, the main one being that a committee be established consisting of 11 persons representing all diverse interests in the western Northwest Territories whose task would be to provide information, community consultation, and assure public involvement in constitutional processes and changes, and to report to a constitutional conference to be held no later than May 30th, 1982.

The constitutional committee supports the concept of holding another constitutional conference sometime during the spring. The committee will await the outcome of the work and decisions of the conference committee as to the time and place for such a conference. In the meantime, the constitutional committee has agreed with the conference motion to establish a committee, and has agreed with the following membership on the committee: six representatives chosen by the NWT Association of Municipalities, which they have already done; one representative each from Fort Good Hope and Fort Providence; one representative each from the following native organizations: Dene Nation, Metis Association, COPE, and ITC; and lastly, the chairman of the constitutional development committee.

The constitutional committee has agreed to fund the first meeting of the conference committee, and any proposal for subsequent meetings or plans of action will be considered by our committee and this Legislative Assembly. The future indeed looks bright. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston.

---Applause

Committee reports. Mrs. Sorensen.

15th Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the 15th report to the Legislative Assembly of the standing committee on finance concerning Bill 2-82(1), Bill 3-82(1), Bill 4-82(1), Bill 5-82(1), Bill 6-82(1), and Bill 7-82(1). Mr. Speaker, your committee has met several times during this session to review the financial bills which I have just outlined. We have called witnesses, including the Minister of Finance, the deputy minister of Finance and the Commissioner, and have sought alternatives and have made recommendations on your behalf. Much debate and some soul-searching and in the end, in fact, some horse trading has taken place, particularly with respect to Bill 6-82(1) and Bill 7-82(1), which call for petroleum and tobacco tax increases.

Mr. Speaker, I will proceed with the detail of each bill and our comments on such, in clause by clause review of the bills in committee of the whole.

Motion To Move 15th Report Of The Standing Committee On Finance Into Committee Of The Whole, Carried

I therefore move that the 15th report of the standing committee on finance be moved into committee of the whole to be discussed when the appropriate bill is in committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. FRASER: Question.

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

---Carried

Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 8, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion 50-82(1): Petroleum Resource Development To Benefit NWT

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Friday, March the 5th, I will move the following:

- a) that the residents of the Northwest Territories be guaranteed future supplies of petroleum products;
- b) that refinery and regasification facilities be constructed in the Northwest Territories;
- c) that NWT residents be charged prices for all petroleum products not greater than those charged in Edmonton, Alberta; and
- d) that provision be made for resource revenue sharing and to permit equity participation by the residents of the NWT.

Motion 45-82(1), Petroleum Resource Development To Benefit NWT, Withdrawn

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that I will be withdrawing my Motion 45-82(1), which I made yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. You might ask for some advice. You may have too many unconnected motions in there, that are not directly together. So, you may wish to give notice of more than one motion today. Notices of motion. Mr. Fraser.

Notice Of Motion 51-82(1): Expanded Terms Of Reference For Impact Committee

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice of motion, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife South, that on March the 5th, I will move the following motion. I will be seeking unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, to move this motion later on.

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that the terms of reference of the special committee on impact be expanded by the addition of the following provisions: the committee shall also disseminate to the public of the Northwest Territories such additional objective and impartial information as in its opinion may be necessary to adequately inform that public prior to the plebiscite date; the committee or individual Members shall be authorized to undertake such travel as may be necessary to ensure the dissemination of objective information relating to the plebiscite question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Notice Of Motion 52-82(1): Eastern Arctic Air Carriers Policies, Prices And Services

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move, on Friday, March the 5th, or earlier if I can get unanimous consent to proceed, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that this Legislative Assembly consider the subject of Eastern Arctic air carriers policies, prices and services in committee of the whole during the May session, at a time to be set by Mr. Speaker; and further, that representatives of Nordair Ltd., the Canadian Transport Commission, Air Canada Ltd. and Northwest Territorial Airways be invited to appear as witnesses before the committee of the whole at that session when the subject is being discussed. Thank you.

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

Notice Of Motion 53-82(1): Standing And Special Committee Meetings Open To Public And Media

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 4, 1982, I will move the following motion and I will be asking for unanimous consent to move that tomorrow:

Now therefore, I move that this Legislative Assembly instruct the Members' Services Board to investigate the possibility of making meetings of standing and special committees open to the general public and the news media...

---Applause

...except where particular circumstances dictate the need to hold specific meetings in camera; and further, that the Members' Services Board report back at the next session with recommendations.

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

Further To Notice Of Motion 50-82(1)

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, just to keep the record straight -- the motion I just gave, I forgot the front part of it. Should I read the full text again into the record or just the part I missed out?

MR. SPEAKER: Just the part you missed out, please.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: It should have started out "That this Assembly request the Commissioner to convey to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development its most urgent recommendation that the issue of required approvals and permits for energy resource development projects in the Northwest Territories by the federal government be made subject to the following conditions...." That is where I started in the first place. It is not my day today.

MR. SPEAKER: Do you have the right day, Mr. McLaughlin?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You do not want a comment on that, do you?

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion. Mrs. Sorensen.

Notice Of Motion 54-82(1): Appointment Of Charles Hoagak To NWT Housing Corporation

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to serve notice that I will be asking for unanimous consent to consider the following motion under motions:

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that this Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner the appointment of Mr. Charles Hoagak, of Sachs Harbour, to the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation.

MR. STEWART: Thank you. Notices of motion. Mr. McLaughlin.

Notice Of Motion 55-82(1): Financial Assistance For Arctic Winter Games

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a second motion today. I would also like to give notice I will move, on Friday, 5th of March, that during negotiations with Sport North for the provision of financial assistance to support the Arctic Winter Games the Executive Committee consider a higher level of funding on the condition that communities off the highway system will be subsidized for air travel during regional trials; and that teams comprised of participants from more than one community will be allowed to participate in regional and territorial playdowns.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. Last call. I hope we do not have to get unanimous consent to come back to this favourite subject. Notices of motion.

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

ITEM NO. 9: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Mr. Wah-Shee.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 13-82(1): Municipal Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on March 5th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 13-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the first time. Mr. Speaker, I will at the appropriate moment ask for unanimous consent to move this bill for first and second reading today, if possible.

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

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 14-82(1): Wildlife Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, March 5th, 1982, I shall move that Bill 14-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance, be read for the first time. I just give notice as well, Mr. Speaker, that I will be asking for unanimous consent to move this through first and second reading today.

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

Item 10, motions.

ITEM NO. 10: MOTIONS

Motion 41-82(1). Mr. Patterson.

MR. PUDLUK: Hup, two, three, four. Hup, two, three, four.

Motion 41-82(1): Motion Of Appreciation To Monique Bégin

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

WHEREAS through a memorandum dated December 15, 1980, from the regional director of the NWT region it was directed that Inuit and status Indian women married to non-native persons should no longer be provided with certain non-insured health services at no cost;

AND WHEREAS this policy was a disincentive to marriage between native women and non-native men, thereby depriving such couples of certain rights and duties accorded by law to married couples;

AND WHEREAS a new directive has been issued by the Hon. Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, reinstating the provision of those certain non-insured benefits to all Inuit women at no cost;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife South, that this Assembly express its appreciation to the Hon. Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, for her just action in recently reversing the socially undesirable and discriminatory policy of National Health and Welfare whereby Inuit women in the NWT married to non-native men were deprived of the benefit of certain non-insured health services at no cost;

And further, that this House support the same reinstatement of these rights for Indian women married to non-native men in the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order and your seconder is Mrs. Sorensen, is that correct?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, then. You have the floor.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This matter has been discussed before by this House with great concern when Dr. Martin, NWT regional director for National Health and Welfare, appeared during the estimates of the Department of Health last year and Members expressed great concern at that time. A number of Members, including the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, myself and

others, along with Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, expressed our concerns to the Department of National Health and Welfare, and I am very pleased to inform the House of a telex sent on February 18 to Mr. John Amagoalik, president of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, from Mr. L.M. Black, assistant deputy minister, medical services branch, entitled "Services Provided to Inuit Women who Marry Non-Inuit Men". After discussing the above-mentioned matter with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, it was agreed that the Indian health policy will not be applied in such a way that it excludes the eligibility of Inuit women who marry non-Inuit men and their children from non-insured health services. I am asking the House, in this motion, to thank Madame Bégin for instructing her officials to take this enlightened action to remove this invidious and discriminatory provision.

#### Adverse Effect On Morale

The non-insured health services in question, Mr. Speaker, are fairly extensive and include such matters as drugs, eyeglasses, and a number of other services which were provided to native people in Canada under the Indian health policy announced by the Hon. David Crombie, when he was minister of Health. The memorandum which removed Inuit women married to non-native men from this benefit very suddenly in December 1980, had a very, very adverse effect on the morale of many of my constituents, particularly those who were married to non-native men. They felt, in very simple terms, Mr. Speaker, when they went to a hospital to obtain these certain non-insured services at no cost, which right had been accorded to them by the previous minister of Health -- when they were turned away on the grounds that they were married to non-native men, they felt that they had, by participating in the sacred act of marriage, which is a foundation of society -- they felt they had lost their Inuit status.

As a result, many of those people began to compare themselves with people, other Inuit women, who are living common-law, or as some people say, "shacking up". Those Inuit women were quite able to avail themselves of these free services. It began to look to many people -- and I spoke to many people who said, "It begins to look like the federal government does not want us to become married to non-native men, because this means that we are losing our Inuk status."

Now, some very interesting things happened, Mr. Speaker, as a result of that policy. The first thing that happened was that medical personnel in the Northwest Territories, and in particular in the Eastern Arctic, found it utterly repugnant and extremely difficult to administer, and without going into great detail, Mr. Speaker, I can assure you that in my constituency ways and means were found, in some cases with help from sympathetic medical personnel, to avoid the application of that policy. So I really question whether it ever actually worked. I think that people in the Department of National Health and Welfare were so vilified for advancing this invidious rule that ways were found to avoid it, lest they receive wrath from people who could not understand why this distinction should be made, particularly amongst Inuit women who, most people consider, are not in the same category as Indian people in that there are no reserves, there is no such thing as a non-status Inuk. It was particularly confusing, and I can say upsetting, to many of my constituents, and as I said, it provided a disincentive to marriage, which I do not think this House would want to be a party to encouraging.

#### Indian Women's Rights Should Be Reinstated Also

So I was very pleased when, through the efforts of Members of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, this discriminatory rule was reversed, and now our only problem, Mr. Speaker, is that Indian women married to non-native men in the Northwest Territories are still burdened with this oppressive policy. I am aware that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has made provisions available whereby bands can opt to vote equal status to such Indian women, and I am also aware of public statements by the Minister responsible for the status of women, the Hon. Judy Erola, that the federal government is committed to eradicating this invidious and discriminatory rule. So I am asking this House



to support the reinstatement of those rights as they apply to Indian women married to non-native men in the Northwest Territories as well, because what was granted to the Inuit women should be available to Indian women in the Northwest Territories.

That is the essence of the motion, Mr. Speaker. It has been discussed at length during the estimates of the Department of Health. I know that most agree that it is absurd to consider that a woman can change colour through the act of marriage, and it is also socially undesirable that this disincentive to marriage be encouraged by the federal government. So I urge all Members to express our appreciation for what the honourable Minister has done...

---Applause

...and urge her to do justice to the Indian women as well as justice to the Inuit women. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 41-82(1), Carried

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

---Carried

The hour being 2:30, we shall recess for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes a quorum. Motions. Motion 43-82(1).  
Mr. Pudluk.

Motion 43-82(1): Protection For Polar Bear Pass

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) This is Motion 43-82(1), Protection for Polar Bear Pass.

WHEREAS the Polar Bear Pass area is internationally recognized through such agencies as the International Biological Program as an area of great environmental sensitivity and unique wildlife species;

AND WHEREAS the current regime for the protection of the Polar Bear Pass expires March 1st, 1982;

AND WHEREAS the final report of the interdepartmental working group on the IBP site for Polar Bear Pass has made recommendations which will allow the continuation of existing oil and gas and mineral rights, and in so doing will threaten the federal government's stated objectives of long-term protection and management for the Polar Bear Pass site;

AND WHEREAS the Baffin Regional Inuit Association at its annual general meeting has called for the rejection of the recommendations of the interdepartmental working group because of the prejudicial effect of these recommendations on the environment and the renewable resources of Polar Bear Pass;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is determined that resource development in the North should take account of the needs of the people who depend on the renewable resources in the North;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this House join with the Baffin Regional Inuit Association in recommending the following to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs:

- 1) that the Minister of DIAND immediately transfer the site to the Government of the Northwest Territories for protection under the Wildlife Ordinance;
- 2) that the federal government provide for parallel protection under the Canada Wildlife Act;
- 3) that the Inuit of Resolute Bay be fully involved in the management of the site;
- 4) that these protective arrangements be of an interim nature pending the negotiation and settlement of Inuit claims.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Your motion is in order. I see that your seconder is Mr. Patterson, who is now in the House. You can proceed.

MR. PUDLUK: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. A change has been made. It is seconded by Mr. Tologanak instead of Mr. Patterson.

MR. SPEAKER: That is fine. Thank you. Proceed. You have the floor.

MR PUDLUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to make this short, because it is clearly stated in this motion. I would like to say that this island is not very big, and we used to go out caribou hunting before. There were no caribou left on this island. The Igalaaq newspaper in February, 1982, in a report blamed the gas exploration companies. After they came up to explore that island, the caribou started declining, and started moving to other places. Right now, we are trying to protect this area. We have tried to get a freeze on exploration on this island so that the caribou can increase, because I think the caribou should come back in about 10 or 20 years. There are now still some

caribou on this island. You have probably heard that when Petro-Canada was here as a witness, I asked them about going to Somerset Island, but he could not answer my question. For this reason, we do not want people to come to this area, and we would like this area to be protected. I think we could catch more caribou in that area if this place were protected. I am not going to talk too much, but I have received a lot of letters concerning this matter, not just from people from Resolute Bay. I would like support for this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. The seconder of the motion declines. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

Amendment To Motion 43-82(1)

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move an amendment that would add recommendation number 5) as follows: 5) that the Polar Bear Pass site be granted continued status by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs as an International Biological Program protected site until the Minister acts upon these recommendations.

MR. SPEAKER: Do I have a seconder for the amendment? Mr. Fraser. To the amendment.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, for the same concerns expressed in the motion, I would like to move this amendment. What it would do, Mr. Speaker, is recognize that the site was the first of 140 sites in northern Canada identified during the UN International Biological Program, and what the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs did was withdraw the site from any further development, which was extended two years until March 1st, 1982. I am just concerned, Mr. Speaker, in this amendment that if we allow the Minister time to consider these recommendations in the motion, the site could very easily be approved for development while the department is considering whether or not it is going to act on our recommendations. Specifically, we know that an oil company has already applied and been persuaded to withdraw their application last year for permission to drill on the site. So I would be very concerned that this motion should include protection as an International Biological Program site until the Minister acts on these recommendations, because it may well be that yesterday, with the expiry of this protection, Panarctic Oil or any other oil company or the mineral companies that are interested in activity on this site have taken advantage of this lapse to apply, so I think we should immediately urge the Minister to extend the International Biological Program protection until he determines what he is going to do on these recommendations. That is the thrust of this amendment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion 43-82(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Motion 43-82(1), Carried As Amended

To the motion as amended, all those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried as amended.

---Carried

Motions. I understand unanimous consent is being requested. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request unanimous consent to move a motion that I gave notice of.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to proceed without the 48 hour delay on this motion. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Fraser.

Motion 51-82(1): Expanded Terms Of Reference For Impact Committee

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the dissemination of objective information relating to the forthcoming plebiscite is essential;

AND WHEREAS the present terms of reference of the special committee on impact restrict that committee to disseminating information contained in the consultant's report;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that the terms of reference of the special committee on impact be expanded by the addition of the following provisions:

4) The committee shall also disseminate to the public of the Northwest Territories such additional objective and impartial information as in its opinion may be necessary to adequately inform that public prior to the plebiscite date.

5) The committee or individual Members shall be authorized to undertake such travel as may be necessary to ensure the dissemination of objective information relating to the plebiscite question.

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

MR. CURLEY: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order.

MR. CURLEY: I wonder if you could indicate or show this House whether or not the chairmen of the standing or special committees could move a motion to change certain terms of reference of the committees. I know that Mr. Fraser is the chairman of that committee. Should he be allowed to move such a motion?

MR. SPEAKER: Just a moment, please. Mr. Curley, on your point of order, inasmuch as Mr. Fraser is the chairman of the impact committee, he is moving his motion on behalf of the committee, as well as on behalf of advice received in caucus. It is not unusual for the chairmen of committees to undertake this type of a motion. So I do not see anything out of order with regard to the chairman moving a motion of this type. Mr. Fraser, you have the floor. Will you continue, please?

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason for the motion today was the result of a motion made yesterday in caucus. Some of the Members, I realize, had other business and were not there, and a motion was passed by one of the Members that the impact committee do further disseminating of information prior to the plebiscite. I think it was a motion made earlier when the impact report was tabled that we not do any further travelling; however, some of the Members feel that after the setting up of the constitutional working group we could be working closely with them to disseminate some of the information from the impact committee. That was the reason for the motion today, Mr. Speaker.

I urge Members to support this motion as we have not too much time left, and I think that there are a lot of communities that will benefit from the information. In the Western Arctic, especially, we have not had that much time to go around, and that report that was put out by the impact committee states a lot of figures and facts but I do not think anybody really wanted that type of information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Mrs. Sorensen, as seconder, do you wish the floor? To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as I recognize the western Members' sincerity in wanting to disseminate information regarding the plebiscite, I have a continuing concern that the kind of information that they would like to disseminate would be one to achieve the possibility of a negative position from the West, and continue to provide that academic information to the public rather than taking a clear position as to why they would not want to allow ordinary Members just to go out and represent their constituency on the issue of division. I am still in the position that the committees of the Assembly should be of a political nature. They are the biggest political institutions of the Northwest Territories. The question is one of principle. Should we accept that the special committees be engaged in disseminating information which will affect the public in a very substantial way? I continue to say that we are playing around, or mixing the departmental responsibility with the special committees, so in that respect I do not think it is a good time at this time to amend the terms of reference, because the original terms of reference were sufficient enough at that time to provide that.

So I am reluctant to support the motion, because we do not need the chairman or the Member for Yellowknife South to travel to my constituency or Keewatin North or for all that matter to the Eastern Arctic to disseminate information. That is a clear conflict of her involvement, because the Department of Information, which her husband is a director of, he is in charge of it -- and she should trust that he is able to provide and disseminate information. I say that she is engaging in interfering with that role, and I think it is not fair that she should be moving those motions in committees. You can find out that she moved those motions more or less in the proceedings of the impact committee.

Motion To Refer Motion 51-82(1) To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

So I would like to suggest that we consider that further in the committee of the whole, and I move that we refer that to the committee of the whole for further questions and so on, at the same time reviewing the whole text of the terms of reference of the impact committee. So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we refer them to the committee of the whole for further consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion to refer to the committee of the whole. Is there a seconder? Ms Cournoyea. To the motion to refer. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour of the motion to refer? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Is there anyone else asking for unanimous consent today to move their motion today? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I would request unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, to deal with Motion 52-82(1), the motion concerning Eastern Arctic air carriers prices, policies and services and its discussion in committee of the whole.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent being requested to waive the time limit. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Motion 52-82(1): Eastern Arctic Air Carriers Policies, Prices And Services

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS representatives of Nordair Ltd., Canadian Transport Commission, Air Canada Ltd. and Northwest Territorial Airways were scheduled to appear before the current session of the Legislative Assembly during the week of March 8th;

AND WHEREAS it is now apparent that the current session will now conclude not later than March 6th;

AND WHEREAS it is most desirable that the subject of Eastern Arctic air carriers policies, prices and services still be considered by this Legislative Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that this Legislative Assembly consider the subject of Eastern Arctic air carriers policies, prices and services in committee of the whole during the May session, at a time to be set by Mr. Speaker;

And further, that representatives of Nordair Ltd., the Canadian Transport Commission, Air Canada Ltd. and Northwest Territorial Airways be invited to appear as witnesses before the committee of the whole at that session when this subject is being discussed.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order and is there a seconder? Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Patterson, do you wish to speak to your motion?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. Just to say that I was delighted to hear, through your office, that Nordair Limited and the Canadian Transport Commission are very interested in appearing before this Assembly to discuss these matters. I think we should be very pleased that they responded in this way, even though we do not really have the power to compel them to attend. Northwest Territorial Airways has indicated their desire to appear, through Mr. Curley, and Air Canada, I understand, is receptive to the idea of appearing, but was not certain yet as to whether or not they would be able to meet the proposed dates.

All of this is academic, Mr. Speaker, because Members know that, due to the quick passage of the budget while the chairman of the standing committee on finance was out of town yesterday, we likely will finish our session very early -- earlier than expected -- and as a result, may not be able to have the carriers appear as we planned during the week beginning March 8th. So, since my motion had asked that they may appear this session, now I am asking that it be deferred to the next session.

I think it is quite appropriate that they should appear in Inuvik, because people there think they are hard done by with service from Pacific Western Airlines and they have not seen anything compared to the sort of service that we get with Nordair in the Eastern Arctic. So, this is a matter of high interest to all people in the Northwest Territories, but particularly residents of my area. So, I urge Members to support this, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Pudluk, do you wish to speak, as seconder?

MR. PUDLUK: Question.

Motion 52-82(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Motions. Is anybody else asking for unanimous consent today on motions?

Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 11: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the House to move Bill 13-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the first time today.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to waive the time. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Wah-Shee.

First Reading Of Bill 13-82(1): Municipal Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 13-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the first time.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 13-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might have unanimous consent to proceed with first reading of Bill 14-82(1)?

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Braden.

First Reading Of Bill 14-82(1): Wildlife Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 14-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance, be read for the first time.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 14-82(1) has had first reading.

---Carried

Introduction of bills for first reading. Any more bills today?

Item 12, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 12: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the House to move that Bill 13-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the second time.

MR. SPEAKER: Requesting permission of the House to proceed with second reading of Bill 13-82(1).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed.

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. Wah-Shee.

Second Reading Of Bill 13-82(1): Municipal Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 13-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to amend the Municipal Ordinance in respect of persons not eligible to be, or remain, members of a council and to revise the procedures dealing with petitions, security for costs, and judgments concerning controverted elections, making them similar, in some respects, to other civil actions, and to allow a municipality to pass by-laws regulating or prohibiting noise.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 13-82(1) has had second reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

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

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



The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for additional expenditures for the public service for the current financial year, to permit deletions from inventory of certain obsolete, surplus or unserviceable articles and to authorize the Commissioner to delete certain obligations or debts due to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 2-82(1) has had second reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, might I have the unanimous consent of this House to have the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, Bill 2-82(1) moved into committee of the whole as the fourth item of today's business? Members, I think, wish to discuss this item at the earliest opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER: You are making a motion to move it into committee of the whole for discussion for today? It is to be put on the order paper of today?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays to have it added to the orders of the day for today? There are no nays and we will comply. We will have the Clerk put it on the orders of the day for today.

---Agreed

Second reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada providing for the payment of operating and capital grants to the Government of the Northwest Territories and related matters.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

The bill has had second reading. Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 4-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds and Make Loans to Municipalities or Other Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Financial Year 1982-83, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to authorize the Commissioner to borrow funds for the purpose of making loans to municipalities or other persons.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 5-82(1), An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to authorize the borrowing of funds by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation for the construction or acquisition of public housing projects, or both.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Second reading of bills. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, might I get the consent of the House to proceed with the second reading of Bill 14-82(1)?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Second Reading Of Bill 14-82(1): Wildlife Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 14-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to allow a corporation, as well as an individual, to export the meat of game.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a seconder? Mr. Wah-Shee. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 14-82(1) has had second reading.

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

Second 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 second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to raise revenues for the Government of the Northwest Territories by raising taxes on gasoline and other petroleum products;

to abolish tax on oil for the heating of buildings; to abolish tax on propane and butane; to establish a tax rate for fuel on the basis of the price paid for gasoline in Yellowknife; to raise the interest rate on overdue taxes.

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry. Were we asking for unanimous consent? I lost my concentration there. No. We need a seconder, then. Seconded by Mr. Fraser. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just to indicate, Mr. Speaker, that there will be amendments to both the bill we just passed, Bill 6-82(1), and to Bill 7-82(1); but these amendments will be made in committee of the whole when we come to the item in question.

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

I would like to move that Bill 7-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to raise revenue for the Government of the Northwest Territories by raising taxes on cigarettes and cigars; to establish a tax rate based on the Yellowknife retail price, excluding tax, of cigarettes; and to raise the interest rate on overdue taxes.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Second reading of bills.

Item 13 of the orders of the day, 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

Bill 10-82(1), Bill 11-82(1), Bill 12-82(1), Tabled Document 9-82(1), Tabled Document 15-82(1), Tabled Document 25-82(1), Bill 2-82(1), which will be properly positioned on the order paper as per the motion. We shall resolve into committee of the whole with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 10-82(1), Small Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance; Bill 11-82(1), Liquor Ordinance; Bill 12-82(1), Legal Questions Ordinance; Bill 2-82(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1981-1982; 15th Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 10-82(1), SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND GUARANTEES ORDINANCE; BILL 11-82(1), LIQUOR ORDINANCE; BILL 12-82(1), LEGAL QUESTIONS ORDINANCE; BILL 2-82(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1981-1982; 15TH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Bill 10-82(1), Small Business Loans And Guarantees Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order dealing with Bill 10-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Small Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief opening statement to provide a reason to the Members of the committee for the changes that we are requesting to be made to the present ordinance.

Small business enterprises provide productive outlets for the talents and energies of enterprising independent people, many of whom would not fulfil their potential in large organizations. Small firms can more effectively serve limited specialized or local markets that are not attractive to large companies. They provide a seed bed for entrepreneurial talent and a testing place for aspiring managers, and contribute to competition within the northern economy.

The amendment to the NWT Small Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance now before you is aimed at facilitating the continued development of NWT small businesses. This ordinance, assented to in 1977, is to enable the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to provide direct loans and bank loan guarantees to prospective and existing northern businesses, to assist in the creation, purchase and expansion. The Small Business Loans and Guarantees Fund is available to any northern business or prospective entrepreneur, and provides funding for the purchase of land, the purchase or creation of buildings, equipment and inventory, but cannot be used for debt consolidation. It is a fund, a last resort, applying to anyone who is unable to obtain business funding from conventional lenders, and is available to anyone in the Northwest Territories. The 193 northern owned and operated businesses that have been assisted by the fund employed 816 persons during 1981 with an annual pay roll of approximately \$12 million.

Increase In Individual Loans

The amendment to the ordinance is to increase the limit on individual loans to \$500,000 from the present \$100,000. The fund originally had a \$50,000 limit. However, in 1977, when it was transferred from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to this government, the limit was raised to \$100,000 to allow for lower purchasing power of the dollar due to inflation. Now, five years later, we are still trying to keep up with inflation, and in addition have been subjected to numerous pressures to provide larger loans to capital-intensive businesses. The original concept was to provide financing to businesses who were expected to produce less than one million dollars in sales or revenues in the year after receiving the loan. This restriction prevented us from assisting high volume, low margin businesses such as transport companies, air charter businesses, etc. Moreover, having taken all the available security on an original loan to start the business, we were now prevented from assisting those same businesses from expanding because of the sales revenue limit, and other financial houses could not provide funds because we had the security. A remedy for this problem is long overdue.

A significant number of people are coming to us with good proposals to create viable businesses, but because they either have limited personal resources, or their resources are tied up in fixed assets, they are unable to provide sufficient working capital to enable the business to develop properly. We have previously been unable to assist in this area, and have had to withhold loans unless the prospective entrepreneur could provide this money from family, friends, etc. We will now be in a position to provide working capital in limited amounts to augment the client's own resources.

### Loans Issued From A Revolving Fund

To ensure that sufficient loan funds are available, we commissioned an actuarial study in 1980 which indicated that the fund should be raised from the present five million dollar level to a new limit of \$11 million. This new limit will permit much more than an additional six million dollars. The money goes into a revolving fund from which loan issues are made, and to which all repayments of principal are deposited. Therefore, as loans are repaid, that money also becomes available to lend again. These are the financial provisions and implications of this amendment being placed before you today.

There is, however, one other provision in it that has practical and administrative features. As you know, people that administer this fund in my department also administer the Eskimo Loan Fund on behalf of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. The Eskimo Loan Fund has been going through a reorientation from a consumer-type loan fund that provided boats, motors, skidoos, etc., to a business oriented fund almost identical in operation to the Small Business Loans Fund. The Eskimo Loan Fund has had an advisory board composed of six persons, the same size as the Small Business Loans Fund, appointed by the Commissioner, who recommends all applications received by them.

### Legislation To Provide For Using Loan Boards Alternatively

Since the boards of both funds frequently meet in the same month, it is natural that each board should be able to recommend applications from both funds. In this manner, one board could meet every second month, and the other board the intervening months, to consider and recommend all applications from both funds. Therefore this amendment proposes that the members of the Northwest Territories Eskimo Loan Fund Advisory Board be deemed to be members of this Business Loans and Guarantees Board. In like manner, the members of the Business Loans and Guarantees Board have been appointed alternate members of the Eskimo Loan Board.

The foregoing summarizes the amendment now before you. One other provision, and that of providing assistance to northern contractors, to enable them to obtain bid and performance bonding from insurance companies, is still under preparation and should be ready for our presentation to the next session of this Legislative Assembly.

I would just note to Members that the use of both boards alternatively -- the Small Business Loans Fund Board and the Eskimo Loan Fund Board -- has been a practice for about a year. What we are seeking here is the legislation to give it substance. It has been working very successfully, and has removed some of the inefficiencies that we experienced in the past with the difficulty of obtaining quorums.

The other thing Members will notice is that, while there is an increase proposed from five million dollars to \$11 million, the increase will occur on the basis of a million dollars a year, and the money would be obtained from our own cash reserve. I will answer questions that the Members may wish to put to me.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. MacQuarrie, as chairman of the committee on legislation, have you any comments?

### Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this bill and the committee was informed that these amendments respond to a trend to larger loans, as a result of rising costs and growing businesses and so on and that it also seeks to increase the efficiency of both loan boards by eliminating duplication of effort as much as possible and the committee feels that that will be the case.

The committee was advised, in response to questions, that a combined board would consist of nine members and that a quorum would be the chairman and two other members. On the question of regionalization that was raised at the committee meeting, the committee learned that the board foresees certain potential difficulties with this concept and has, therefore, undertaken to visit each region at least once a year to review loan applications and to hold public meetings to make people aware of what they have to offer.

The committee was also informed that an Inuk can apply either to the Eskimo Loan Fund Board or to the Business Loans and Guarantees Board or to both for a loan, but it was pointed out as well that this does not give that applicant any special advantage, because both boards assess loan applications using identical criteria. So, an applicant to either board who has had his application denied may revise and resubmit the application.

In response to questions as well, the committee was informed that there has never yet been a situation where a loan has had to be denied because there were no funds available and that with the increasing fund, that is not likely to occur either. So the standing committee on legislation refers this bill to the committee of the whole for its consideration as it is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Any further comments to the bill? Do you wish to go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4, Commissioner's authority. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 5, members of the Northwest Territories Eskimo Loan Fund Advisory Board. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 9. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 10, limitation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 11. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Schedule. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 11-82(1), Liquor Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 11-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will just make a few brief comments. I think the amendment to the Liquor Ordinance is very straightforward. We have been faced on a number of occasions over the last year or two years with requests to close down liquor outlets in certain communities while a major meeting is being held in that community. Now, we feel there is not a strong enough provision in the Liquor Ordinance to achieve this, although in the past what we have tried to do is to negotiate with the organization involved in having the meeting and the licensed premises operators to see if a suitable compromise could be reached in terms of hours of operation. So, basically what this does, at long last, is it responds to the kind of argument that my colleague for Mackenzie Liard has been making all along and we felt it is important enough to put it in as an amendment now, as opposed to waiting for the major amendments which are coming up later on this year. I think that it will strengthen the ability of the board to respond to reasonable requests from organizations and I really do not have much more to say. I would just encourage Members to support this amendment to the Liquor Ordinance. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

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

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee noted first of all that this specifically was in response to a motion that had already been passed by the Assembly and if it reflects the motion faithfully, as it seems to do in this case, then the committee is very inclined to look upon it favourably. The committee noted particularly that the bill provides for the closure of licensed premises during the hours, particularly, when public meetings are actually taking place. The standing committee on legislation recommended that this bill be referred to the committee of the whole as it is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): General comments. Do you wish to go clause by clause? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I just want to express my appreciation for the government having finally come through with the amendments. As Mr. MacQuarrie and I believe Mr. Braden said, this is in response to a motion that was made in Baker Lake some time ago and it basically will provide for liquor outlets to be closed in the community when there are important meetings going on in that community.

Closure Of Liquor Outlets Will Make Good Meetings Possible

I can tell you that in my area of the North, anyway, sometimes native organizations or band councils or municipal councils in an area have important meetings that, of course, affect everybody in the town or area and it is very difficult to get the full attention and participation of all residents, because everyone knows how much of an attraction the bars are. So, it is important to have provisions in the ordinance whereby when a meeting is coming up, either a band council or a municipal council can request in advance that liquor outlets be closed for the duration of the public meeting. I can tell you that it will help a lot. It will help organizations and municipal bodies a great deal, in that firstly, the closure of a place will tell everybody in the community something very important is happening and that they should turn their attention to that matter. It will be possible to have good meetings, without people being attracted to the bars.

I can also say that sometimes when large meetings go on in a community or in an area, oftentimes people come from the small outlying communities, where there is absolutely no liquor for the most part, and going to a place like Simpson is really like going to a place with lots of lights. It is like going to the city lights, much as how we feel about coming to Yellowknife; we are drawn to all the razzle dazzle, all the lights and all the distractions and temptations. So, people can be very good citizens when they are home with their wives and children, but every one of you knows how it is possible to become distracted and fall into sin. I cannot tell the public specifically what any of you did, but...

---Laughter

So, I urge everybody to support the amendments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Are you ready for clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 1, public meetings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill as a whole? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We will now report the bill ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 12-82(1), Legal Questions Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Bill 12-82(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Legal Questions Ordinance. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few brief remarks. Basically what we are doing with this amendment is to substitute the official of the Executive Committee who refers legal questions to the supreme court or to the courts for their consideration. In the ordinance that we have now, it is the Commissioner who can from time to time refer a matter to the courts for their consideration. What we are doing is to amend the ordinance so that the Executive Member responsible for Justice and Public Services is the Member of the Executive Committee who refers items to the courts for consideration. This is generally in keeping with the practice in other provincial jurisdictions, where it is the attorney general or the Minister of Justice who performs this function. I would add that it does not preclude the Commissioner from working through the Minister of Justice to refer a matter to the courts, but we feel, Mr. Chairman, that this is long overdue and that it deserves the support of this committee. Thank you.

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

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, the bill, as it was explained to us, would simply allow the Executive Member rather than the Commissioner to refer legal questions to the courts, and it was noted this amendment would bring the Northwest Territories into line with practices in other jurisdictions, and that it would also provide the political leadership of the Government of the Northwest Territories with what could be a very useful and important authority. The committee certainly supported the bill and agreed to refer it to committee of the whole as it stands.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): General comments. Clause by clause. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 1, reference of questions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 2, opinion of the court. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 3, notification to Attorney General of Canada. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4, Collection Agreement (Income Tax) Questions Ordinance saved. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I now report the bill ready for third reading. I think we shall break now for 15 minutes for coffee before we go into Bill 2-82(1). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 2-82(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1981-1982

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. We are dealing with Bill 2-82(1), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the Current Financial Year. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, just to indicate that the supplementary estimate process is not unfamiliar to Members. We bring such appropriations before this House once, twice or three times a year as required for unanticipated expenditures. The manner in which I would suggest that these estimates be handled, sir, is that the Ministers responsible for each of the departments that are included in the estimate submission would explain and take their own estimate page, both capital and operations and maintenance, through this House committee, as it were. Beyond that, I have nothing further to say. The Commissioner may wish to add a few words of philosophy.

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only thing that I would add to what Mr. Butters has said is that the supplementaries that are placed before us today are considerably more substantial than we ordinarily have to bring forward, but they do indeed meet needs which were unforeseen at the time of us passing the main estimates. We have been very fortunate this year in achieving a higher rate of revenue in several different categories, and the source of funds for these supplementary estimates comes from a slight drawdown in our working capital and from these additional revenues. The principal additional revenue to which I refer is investment interest. As everyone here realizes, the rate of interest offered by the banks throughout the year, and particularly in the early part of the year, was substantially higher than we had estimated, and we place money which we do not need at the moment on deposit. We have achieved something in the neighbourhood of an extra \$6.5 million in investment income. That, combined with increases in several other areas, has provided us with the funds for these supplementary estimates. I would not like to leave the impression that we can do this on a continuing basis, because we believe that in many cases the revenues will not necessarily be repeated -- at least, not at the same rate. However, in summary, we are fortunate this year. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mrs. Sorensen, as chairman of the finance committee, do you have any comments?

Comments From Standing Committee On Finance

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, your committee has not reviewed the supplementary appropriations in committee. However we feel the supplementary estimates require detailed review, and have recommended that the Minister of Finance, as he indicated, have department heads standing by, should Members have questions when the individual departmental supps come into question. Your committee, Mr. Chairman, therefore has no comment on Bill 2-82(1), but will, however, be asking questions on those matters that concern the finance committee as we go through page by page.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Are there any comments, or do you wish to go to detail on the bill? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Legislative Assembly, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The detail is contained in the book, Supplementary Appropriation No. 2, 1981-82. It is not in the binders, I am told. Do all Members have this copy? Could we then, please, turn to page one.

O And M, Legislative Assembly, Agreed

The Legislative Assembly, O and M, in the amount of \$471,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, there was some suggestion when the special committee on the constitution of Canada was in Ottawa that we may be able to make a special request to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to cover our costs. I am wondering if that has been done, and what response we have had, if that request has gone in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Supplementary estimates, Legislative Assembly, \$471,000. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Just to indicate to Mrs. Sorensen that I have consulted with my co-chairman, and I have initiated correspondence and discussions with Mr. Munro's office to seek to recover a portion of that cost. Thank you.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Braden, is part of the \$171,000 for the document that is to be printed and distributed across Canada?

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In the estimates that were prepared and submitted to the Members' Services Board, there was revenue included for publication costs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page one, supplementary estimates, \$471,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page two, Executive. O and M. It is a surplus, \$104,000.

O And M, NWT Housing Corporation, Agreed

We shall go to page three, then. NWT Housing Corporation, O and M, \$1,263,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could have a breakdown of what that \$1.2 million represents, please.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the \$1,263,000 is basically to meet the audited operating deficit. It is made up of \$284,000 in administrative salaries and wages. The budget levels did not provide sufficient funds to meet negotiated wage settlements as of April 1st, 1980. Our actual costs were \$284,000 above what the budgeted personnel costs were. There is an item of \$451,000. That is an interest expense. The item was not budgeted, but as a result of previous deficits to the end of 1979, there was a cash flow position that required substantial commercial borrowing to maintain payments to suppliers and contractors. The money in this area, \$451,000, is the cost of paying that funding. Travel and relocation -- there was an increase in this particular area of \$329,000 because of the turnover in staff, costs to cover the relocation of employees, duty travel, and training. The corporation, in this budget, is recognizing that there are losses incurred for bad debts that total \$218,000,

and there has been no provision for this expense in the budget. I think that you will find that the items, \$284,000, \$451,000, \$329,000 in the staff travel and relocation, and the bad debts of \$218,000 makes up the amount of \$1,263,000.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if the Minister could provide us with a copy of that audited financial statement? Also, I take it that within that financial statement, there would be a list of the bad debts and who has incurred them, and I think the committee would be prepared to review that in the finance committee. I do not want to hold up the proceedings of the House, but if we could have that information?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I will.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Will we then go to page three, \$1,263,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

0 And M, Finance, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page four, Finance, 0 and M, in the amount of \$289,000.

If you will note, there are three pages, on page four, five and six, and the total department amount is \$983,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

0 And M, Personnel, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page seven, Personnel, 0 and M, in the amount of \$1,759,000, total. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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0 And M, Justice And Public Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page eight, Justice and Public Services, in the amount of \$648,000. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Just to say, Mr. Chairman, that this is a shortfall in the amount budgeted for our share of costs in the police services agreement. However, I am told that we are seeking to recover this \$648,000 from the federal government through the arrangement we have with them on financing for RCMP services in the Northwest Territories. That is all I have to say, sir.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Braden. \$648,000, Justice and Public Services. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page nine, Government Services. This is in brackets -- it is called "unused funds", \$28,000.

Page 10, Public Works, and again we have an unused portion of \$418,000.

O And M, Renewable Resources, Agreed

Page 11, Renewable Resources, in the amount of \$425,000, total department, O and M. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I notice that there is some \$116,100 being made available to provide additional funds for grants and contributions to hunters and trappers. Does that mean that there will be an increase in the amount that a hunter or trapper can receive, or is that an increase in the pot, so that more hunters and trappers can take advantage of the program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Nerysoo, as you know, is not in the House today, and he has asked me to respond for him. Could you just hold it a second while I check with the Commissioner? Mr. Chairman, I am advised that it is not a rate change. It is to do with a volume increase to provide the revenue for the Kitikmeot region hunters' and trappers' associations, who have not been drawing on it before.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Renewable Resources, in the amount of \$425,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O and M, Local Government

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Local Government, in the amount of \$2,181,000, total department, O and M. Ms Cournoyca.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I noticed earlier that there was an allocation of funds to the Hay River band and, again, in the development and training there is an additional amount of money transferred to the bands for community support service. Does this indicate that there are two positions transferred, one from -- and I forgot where it was -- there was one transfer earlier in the supplementaries and, as well as this, there are two positions being transferred to the Hay River band?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the \$77,000 includes the position of the area development officer in Fort Simpson, as well as the support person in Nahanni Butte. The position regarding the Hay River reserve was under the Executive, and what we have done is transfer that position to the Department of Local Government, but it is in regard to one person.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Well, it indicates on page two that the Hay River Dene band manager, salary funding and one man year, was allocated to the department in the Fort Smith region, and that is the same person as your allocation on page 12. It appears that there are two positions that you are talking about.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Are we talking about one or two people?

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think I could clear this up. It is a matter of an interdepartmental transfer. It is a reduction in one and an increase in the other, is it not?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Any further questions, Local Government, operation and maintenance in the amount of \$2,181,000? Ms Cournoyea.

#### Funding Of Band Councils

MS COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the Dene bands, I realize that we have a Municipal Ordinance change. When the Dene bands are formed, they are allowed federal funding for the band. Is this to upgrade them and in addition to the band funding that the individual bands get?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: In regard to the Hay River reserve, although the federal government entered into an agreement with the Hay River reserve, the responsibility for providing municipal-type services, etc., is the responsibility of the Department of Local Government, so that is the reason why we are providing a person to look after the administration of the Hay River reserve as a band manager.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then the statement, Mr. Chairman, is that the Hay River band does not receive federal funds, say for a band manager, such as some of the other communities do? As well, on the Detah band council, on Lot 500, you have an allocation for an assistant band manager. Is that in place of what the federal government will be allowing to that particular Detah band to carry out their business?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, all band councils are receiving funding from the Department of Indian Affairs to look after the band council interests, but in the case of where we enter into an agreement with the band council to take over municipal-type services, then we would make funds available to look after the administration of those responsibilities, which would normally be the responsibility of your municipal council.

#### O And M, Local Government, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Local Government, \$2,181,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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#### O And M, Health

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 13, Health, O and M, \$1,732,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if the Minister could explain this business of \$479,000 for the recruitment of doctors? I am very interested in that. Are we now going to be responsible for the recruitment of doctors for Health and Welfare Canada?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the Member is correct. I had mentioned this on different occasions during this session, that we now, as a department, are going to recruit medical practitioners on behalf of the federal government. The rationale is very understandable, because I have been hearing a number of times that we should be involved with providing or obtaining people to practise medicine in the communities. We have been able, as a government, as a department, to work out an arrangement with National Health and Welfare whereby this government will now go ahead and recruit the medical practitioners for various areas of the Territories. We are doing it for the federal government. We anticipate being able to deliver this particular program, but the federal government is funding totally this particular program. So, we have then \$479,000 that we, as a government, will be able to obtain from the federal government for this purpose.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I think the Member was aware of that. We heard it before, but I think we want it for the records, just to hear you say it over. Thank you. Mrs. Sorensen.

#### Medical Travel

MRS. SORENSEN: There is an expenditure here of \$595,000 to provide funds for anticipated additional expenditures in the area of medical transportation claims. Does that mean between now and April 1 we anticipate the expenditure of that much money for medical travel?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, that is correct. That increment or increased amount will cover the transportation costs to the end of the fiscal year, based primarily on increased rates in fuel, as well as the increased cost in transportation put on by the carriers. We anticipate having to spend that kind of funding to the end of the year, because of the great increase in fuel costs, as well as the transportation itself.

May I indicate, maybe in anticipation of questions, the amount of money under medicare, a \$526,000 increase, that covers the increase that we were able to arrange with the medical profession for a fee schedule. It represents approximately 15 per cent, and I am sure that Members will agree that we, as a government, came out very well in our negotiations with the medical profession in the Northwest Territories over a fee schedule, in light of some of the demands that have been met and that are still under negotiations in other parts of Canada, in the provinces, where the governments were hit with up to 30 to 35 per cent on a fee schedule. We were able to negotiate, to the satisfaction of the medical profession, a 15 per cent increase.

Finally, the remaining amount of money was the amount of money that was required to renovate the building in Winnipeg that is being used, to a great degree of satisfaction, for people in the Keewatin who have to be transported south to Winnipeg for medical purposes.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. McCallum, I am still not clear on this \$595,000 for transportation. Do we pay for the medical transportation of all people, either within the Northwest Territories or to points south or is there some responsibility taken by National Health and Welfare?



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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the arrangement that is made with the federal government through Health and Welfare is that we pay one way, medical. Health and Welfare pay the same amount the other way. That is our share of it, but we have an arrangement. We only pay for transportation one way.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if Mr. McCallum could indicate who is going to be on his recruitment team or who will be handling the recruitment?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it will be personnel within the employ of this government in its Department of Health. As to the specific individual, I am not sure whether it would be the deputy minister or the assistant deputy minister or whether it would be other people in other particular divisions of the department, but it will be people within our government department.

O And M, Health, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Any further questions on Health? \$1,732,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Social Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 14, Social Services, in the amount of \$370,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could provide the information on what areas of the Northwest Territories this extra funding was required for?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think I would be able to get the information and make it available to the Member as to the specific areas. It is not because there is so much of an increase in the amounts, but it is an increase in the number of people who are on social assistance for longer periods of time. I will take it upon myself to try to determine exactly in which particular communities or regions of the Territories we see this increase. I would say, off the top of my head, that it very easily could have been in the Keewatin and in the Baffin areas.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Social Services in the amount of \$370,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes. I was just wondering, with respect to that same allotment, whether recently there has seemed to be an increase. Can the Minister answer that? I know we have serious unemployment in other parts of the country and even the other day I heard of a soup kitchen opening up in Campbell River, British Columbia -- the first one, I think, in the country since the depression, I guess. Has there been any indication just in the very recent months of a run on social assistance?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McCallum, open up a soup kitchen in Yellowknife Centre.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I cannot indicate to the Member or to the committee whether there has been an increase. I know that I have received a letter of commendation from the people in the Kitikmeot region, who applaud us for the way in which we are now dispensing social assistance, in that our people there are doing a very good job. I do not know if I can indicate whether there has been an increase. It may be in some areas that people are on assistance for longer periods of time. I would attempt to find that information for the Member and bring it back. I hope that we will not have soup kitchens. I recall those, but it was during World War II.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Any further questions? Social Services, \$370,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Economic Development And Tourism

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, in the amount of \$3,201,000. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, my question concerns the dollars for the general development agreement. I wonder if the Minister could indicate why that was not budgeted for and why we now need to come up with \$876,000 for the GDA?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It was an omission in our budget of last year. Members will recall, when we discussed the general development agreement in this budget, I indicated that the amount that was put forward there, \$563,000, included both our portion and the portion that we were expecting to recover from the federal government. In the previous year the amount in our budget was our portion only, some \$528,000. As a result, we were not able to carry out the programs that we were committed to under the agreement with Canada, and supplementary moneys had to be requested for those programs. The item, the \$876,000 requirement, is the federal portion; action will be taken to recover it from the federal government.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: Under commerce there is some \$380,000 for a shortfall in the assistance to industry program. Why was there a shortfall?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, additional funding was required to meet some known commitments under this program and areas which had been funded under the program previously had grown beyond our expectation. For example, we had budgeted \$100,000 in the assistance to industry item for the sawmill; the actual amount expended was \$300,000. We had budgeted price support to the Great Slave fishermen of \$100,000, and we spent \$153,000. In addition, there were some funds made available to assist SSHAG projects for training purposes which I recommended on visiting the communities and seeing the work being done in the communities in building homes.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I guess a shortfall could also be considered as an overexpenditure, going beyond what was budgeted, and that would require, I suppose, the Executive Committee approval. Do these additional funds now go into your base, in your assistance to industry program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, yes, I think the word "overexpenditure" would be more adequate to describe it than "shortfall". No, it does not go into our base. I think the Member will recall that assistance to industry expenditure for the coming year was the \$560,000 I believe, that we had in the previous year. However, there are certain expenditures such as the sawmill and the assistance to the fishing industry, which I think maybe should be removed from the assistance to industry allotment so that the discretionary aspect could be allowed to come to bear more than it has in the previous year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Any further questions? Economic Development in the amount of \$3,201,000. Ms Cournoyea.

#### Reasons For Additional Funding To Slave River Sawmill

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the Slave River sawmill, of \$1,445,000, it was my understanding that the last provision for funding to the Slave River sawmill was to be basically, our last big contribution, and that the Slave River sawmill would become self-sufficient and begin operating on its own, and I am wondering why we are presenting one and a half million dollars for the operation again?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Good question. Mr. Butters.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Smart aleck.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, yes. The expectation at Frobisher Bay, when we discussed the sawmill, was that the assistance provided by the committee at that time would go a great way to removing the sawmill project from the red. However, a number of things occurred in the past year which we did not contemplate, and neither did the lumber industry in Canada. Canada experienced the worst year in the forestry industry since World War II, and unfortunately the Slave River sawmill also received the same impacts as BC and the Maritimes.

I have closely watched the management of the Slave River sawmill and have visited the community a number of times over the past summer. I think that the management has been able to pull out of the fire a sizeable portion of the moneys that might otherwise have been lost had they not gone after markets in other places. They were successful in selling -- and I hate to say this, because it reflects on the seeming unavailability of markets in the Northwest Territories -- but they were able to sell over half of their product halfway around the world. Slave River timber is a very highly regarded timber, and they sold about 54 per cent of it offshore. Unfortunately, I do not think they sold anything to either the Housing Corporation or the Government of the Northwest Territories. If they did, it would be just a minor amount. So markets in the Northwest Territories have not been that forthcoming.

The Executive Committee has recognized that we must support local industry and especially the local lumber industry, and we are looking at ways and means in which we can improve the total lumber industry in the Northwest Territories and see if we cannot use, in the Housing Corporation and in this government, the product which we produce.

There are other reasons for the shortfall, too. Interest rates, as you know, increased considerably in the past year, and the bank loan guarantee costs some \$80,000, which we had not expected to get caught with. There was a cost overrun

in installing the small log processor. That piece of equipment, unfortunately, was supposed to be in place early in the season and was not in place, and it took most of the cutting season to get that operating properly, so the results there were inefficiencies in using their main saws to cut the small timber that was in the yard. There was an item of equipment rental while other equipment was being repaired, some \$176,000. I guess the main problem was the fact that the bottom just dropped out of the lumber market last year.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Well, Mr. Chairman, I feel if I sold 50 per cent of my product, had a grant the previous year and the years before, and was receiving \$1,445,000, I think I could build a fairly good business enterprise myself. The concern that I have is that other areas want to get on their feet, and it seems that there is a decision somehow or other that you want to keep the Slave River sawmill going, and if 50 per cent of the lumber was sold, and in view of these circumstances that possibly -- well, maybe I should ask the question: Has this money been spent already? The understanding that I have is that they have just been approved a Special ARDA fund. Would that eliminate some of the need for this funding?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

#### Developing A Viable Lumber Business In The NWT

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, Mr. Chairman, they have not been recently granted Special ARDA funds for the mill. The solution to the problem of the Slave River mill is also the solution of a problem to developing a viable lumber industry in the Northwest Territories, and that is putting in the NWT a dry kiln, which can handle not only the lumber that is produced at mills such as the Slave River mill, but other mills in the general area. I would like to point out what my predecessor said when we discussed this matter at Frobisher Bay. He said, "So I think we have to recognize, as the federal government has not done and previous territorial governments have not done, that we have to look to making a long-term commitment to this particular institution." I think we could expand on that to say the same to this particular industry. I think that the development of a viable forest industry -- and this is what I got in the earhole when we discussed the Department of Economic Development estimates two weeks ago -- the need to develop our non-renewable resources, the need to put in place the adequate capital requirements so that we have a viable lumber industry in the Northwest Territories. The Slave River sawmill is just one aspect of that industry -- an important one, yes, because it produces between four and five million board feet a year, and has an area from which they can draw timber for the next 20 years.

I think that in looking at this problem we should look at another thing that is occurring in the Northwest Territories, and that is the movement of the SSHAG housing program. We are seeing occurring in Dene communities now a movement to home-ownership, and home-ownership that is based on the fabrication of log homes. I see these two concepts coming together. I see the Slave River sawmill and other mills cutting the necessary timbers for piece-on-piece construction for the floor joists and ceiling joists, and I would suggest that with the right co-ordination and a little bit more capital money, we should be approaching a situation whereby the forestry industry in the Northwest Territories could be a reality.

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

Encouraging Sale Of NWT Lumber

MR. SIBBESTON: I just want to say that I support generally the Slave River sawmill, but I am concerned about the large amount of money that has to be provided by this government every year. I am also concerned by the fact that over 50 per cent of its lumber is sold outside of Canada. I am just wondering what the government could do to see if it can help the sawmill sell most of its produce here in the North. I know in Fort Simpson, there is a little sawmill there, and it sells most of its lumber to the local hardware store, so all of the product of the little sawmill is used locally. It just seems to me that there is a problem, and the fact that so much of it is sold outside of Canada indicates something. It indicates that for some reason the building construction industry in the North is not buying their timber or lumber from Fort Res. It also indicates that the Housing Corporation, for instance, is not buying as much as it could from the sawmill. It just seems to me that the government or somebody should do something to make sure that all of its product is sold in the North. You can imagine how much the timber must cost, it being shipped Hay River and being hauled probably to Vancouver or one of the ports to be put on a ship and halfway across the world. They either are selling it very cheap to the people that are buying it, or it certainly cannot be that they are paying more for it than other parts of Canada. Nobody is that kind to anybody, to simply buy material simply because it is from the North, for a higher price.

So I would just like to see something done by government or the sawmill to see if it can sell all or most of its produce in the North. I think certainly the Housing Corporation can do more to buy material or lumber from the sawmill. Maybe something could be done to encourage people to -- I do not know -- quit using plywood instead of lumber. I know there is some \$50,000 worth of material that was flown into Trout Lake last week, and I know a fair amount of that is plywood. In these little communities and other places, I am sure that people could be convinced that they could use lumber instead of plywood. So I support the sawmill, because I know it gives a lot of work to the people there and provides training, and it is the only real economy in Fort Resolution, but it does not make sense to continuously, on a year after year basis, pump a million, two million dollars into the sawmill. The answer really is to be more active, more aggressive in selling its produce. This is a big government department which Mr. Butters heads, Economic Development and Tourism and surely he can assign one or two persons to help the sawmill sell its produce. If this were done, maybe you would not have to subsidize the sawmill by such a large amount.

I know how government works. I know for administrators and government it is easier to sit in an office and just sign a document that gives away a million dollars, than sometimes getting a person to go out and do the work. Administratively, sometimes it is easier to deal with a problem by just spending money, by doing paperwork, by signing things that come through your office, rather than doing good work, going to the community, dealing with the real problem, and maybe sending a couple of people, or spending a bit of money on solving the problem. So I think that a lot of people would agree that something should be done so that the sawmill does not have to come back every year, and I encourage and challenge, I guess, the government, to see what they could do.

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

Involvement Of Minister's Office With Sawmill

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I assure the honourable Member, we have not sat in our offices. I am almost a resident of Fort Resolution. Ask your colleague beside you how frequently he has seen me and people from my office down there working with the mill staff and working with the board of directors. In fact, if members of this committee would like to have before them the members of the board, they

are willing to come tomorrow, if you wish to hold the item open. It was suggested to me, when I last met with the board, that they would like to appear rather than have me speak for them, and they would be willing to come if Members feel this is of some value. I would like to point out that the lumber sold overseas, the bulk of it, over a million board feet, was sold at \$245 a thousand board feet f.o.b. the mill. The reason that the Housing Corporation and the government is not buying the product -- although it may be an excellent product, and I can attest to this because when I was in Hay River some three weeks ago, I stopped by Ranger Homes, and the manager of that operation said that in quality, the Resolution lumber is better than the kiln-dried material he has been exporting from BC, as my colleague, Mr. McCallum will attest, because he heard that statement as well -- the problem is that the lumber from the Fort Res mill and many others is not stamped "kiln-dried". Therefore it does not meet the specifications of CMHC or the Housing Corporation or the government. That is why it is extremely important to get this kiln into the Territories to, I think, address the need of the total lumber industry of the NWT.

I had somebody from DREE coming down to Res in December, and I had had the board ready to receive him, then was informed about December 15th that there was going to be a restructuring of DREE. That is what happened and as a result all the work that I had done and the contacts that I had made over three months disappeared. I found there was interest by the federal government in putting together the capital equipment needed to round out this total project, to develop a viable lumber industry in the Northwest Territories, and I think it can be done. I think that there are means to do it, and there is a plan to go ahead and put it in place.

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

#### Advertising Fort Resolution Lumber

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, we must talk about it, because I really do think that the government can do a little bit more. I appreciate Mr. Butters gets a little bit annoyed or mad at me for suggesting that everybody is just sitting in the office. I appreciate that. I appreciate that maybe, in this case, he has travelled to Resolution and so forth, but the sort of thing I mean is maybe the Government of the NWT can give the -- instead of \$1.5 million, maybe \$100, maybe \$1000, maybe \$10,000, to advertise throughout the North that it has good lumber. I have never seen an advertisement in the North about Fort Resolution lumber.

I built my house out of Fort Resolution lumber, years ago when I built a house in Yellowknife, and it was not because government came to me and asked me to buy Fort Res lumber. I never saw an advertisement. I wanted to support the local industry and got a truck load of lumber, and the house is still very good. Maybe it has some magical qualities in it that it is getting a little bit better every year, it is getting a little bit bigger.

Help the sawmill sell the product. Buy a few page advertisements here and there, and in this way people will get to know of Fort Resolution. Pay for a salesman, a travelling salesman, to go to Yellowknife, travel all through the North, down the Mackenzie Valley, selling Fort Resolution. Get samples of the wood. It is not kiln-dried, but it is still very good, and I do not believe that you have to have "kiln-dried" in order for CMHC to approve a little residence. When I built my house, it was out of Fort Resolution lumber, and CMHC inspected it, but they never once asked if the lumber was from the North or from the South. I do not believe that they care. I do remember seeing a little stamp on it saying grade number one, NWT or something like that. All I am saying is, really, you have to admit that the government can help out, and there are no salespeople going around selling Fort Resolution lumber. A lot can be done in this area to get people aware of the sawmill and its products. That is all I am saying. Never say die.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have had discussions on marketing with the Slave River sawmill board. As you recognize, they are a limited company; they provide their own services. The government has offered certain services, but I think they intend to do their own marketing, and when last I talked with Mr. Orbell, I think that they were planning to put in their own marketing services, but we offered to assist and we do assist them whenever and however we can. As I say, if we had representatives from the company sitting before us, I think they could attest to this.

Also, I do not get angry when Mr. Sibbeston expresses a belief that people just sit in offices. You know, that is an ignorance which I try and dispel. Well, there is nothing wrong with being ignorant, and I try to dispel that condition and assure you that there have been, you know, many trips made and much co-operation with the board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Sayine.

MR. SAYINE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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I wanted to say earlier, but I just wanted to declare my conflict of interest on this Slave River sawmill subject because I am on the board of directors of the Slave River sawmill, so I will not take part in any debate or vote on this subject. I just wanted that to go into the record. Thank you.

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

HON. DON STEWART: Well, I only want to make one short comment. The market conditions last year were not too bad in the lumber industry, but they are very, very soft this year, so whatever you lost last year, you can be sure you are going to lose a lot more this year, because the market prices are away down.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Economic Development and Tourism, \$3,201,000.  
Ms Cournoyea.

Inuvik Enterprises

MS COURNOYEA: Just as a matter of clarification, Mr. Chairman. The \$500,000 to Inuvik Enterprises, could the Minister explain who Inuvik Enterprises is?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The expenditure relates to moneys used for material for two projects, the Inuvik sewing centre and the Fort McPherson canvas shop. I believe the breakdown is something of the order of about \$30,000 for the canvas shop and the bulk for the sewing centre. The amount relates and covers a two year supply that was purchased so that it will not be duplicated in the 1982-83 estimates. It covers a doubling of the amount required.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mrs. Sorensen. Ms Cournoyea, I am sorry.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in another part of the write-off estimates or another section, there is a statement saying that there will be some sales of products from Inuvik sewing centre which is taking place now, I believe. Is that something besides the amount that we are talking about here, and where is that indicated?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Butters. While we are waiting for a reply from Mr. Butters, I would like to recognize the mayor of Yellowknife and Mrs. Ballantyne.

---Applause

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I am advised that it has nothing to do with the Inuvik sewing centre. It appears in the territorial accounts and refers to another item. I might be able to have more specific information when that matter is discussed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Ms Cournoyea, are you satisfied?

MS COURNOYEA: That is satisfactory. Thank you.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This goes back to the Slave River sawmill again. The Minister just indicated that the lumber is of high quality there, and I realize that the Housing Corporation this year is spending practically all of their money on rehabilitation, and there is no need for CMHC approval in that area, so I would like some assurance that the government will use Fort Res lumber and any other sawmill operating in the Northwest Territories for their rehab program this summer and then we will not have to worry about a market for this year.

MR. McCALLUM: What about supplies?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McCallum. Easy now.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would hope that the northern business people who hopefully will respond to the tenders for rehab, would be buying lumber from Fort Resolution or any other sawmill in the Territories. In the Housing Corporation, we are going to be tendering with various northern businesses to supply the materials. I would certainly hope that the Resolution sawmill would be out pushing their product to these particular suppliers, and then we will have the whole thing corrected.

O And M, Economic Development And Tourism, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Economic Development and Tourism, \$3,201,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Education

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 16, Education, in the amount of \$230,000. Agreed? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. McLaughlin -- or, Mr. Chairman, sorry.

---Laughter

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You are right, dad. It is not your day.



MR. McLAUGHLIN: A bad day!

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You have got that right. Try again.

---Laughter

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Why do you not just quit and go home?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I should not have admitted that earlier, but it is not my day.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could you address the Chair, please?

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MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman Fraser, under this page is an item for \$120,000 on a Dene Nation education study. Members of the Executive are aware in meetings that were held with Members of the special committee on education, that we are very unhappy with the manner in which this money was granted. We were advised after the fact that the Dene Nation would be doing work for us in the Dene communities, rather than doing it ourselves. We came to a compromise on it, in that we would hold four major public hearings in the Dene communities and that there would be conditions and reportings from the Dene Nation to our committee and that the Minister of Education would be responsible for the contract between the Executive and his department and the Dene Nation. The committee found itself in the difficult situation of not really fully being happy with the way in which we were reported to. Several Dene communities have written us letters indicating that they are upset that we have not held public hearings there. There has been no indication that the Dene Nation did any work in those communities and it has put us in a very awkward position. The principle of the Dene Nation being informed that they had our committee's job in the Dene communities before we knew about it is one thing, but I think we came to an agreement subsequently on that situation, but the problem of the report to us and the spending of the \$120,000 and whether it was spent the way it was intended by the agreement between us and the Executive Committee -- not having been done properly, I think still is not resolved and I cannot support this supplementary estimate without some assurance that some manner of reporting to our committee will take place, specifically outlining which communities work was done in.

We did have good public hearings in actually, I think, six Dene communities in total, but at only two hearings was it evident that the Dene Nation was participating and that was in Fort McPherson and Fort Good Hope. In Fort Simpson and Rae-Edzo we did not have anyone there participating from the Dene education committee. I would like some answer on this from the Minister of Education, as to what happened to this money, who got it? I have heard from Fort Good Hope that there is some money that they were expecting from the Dene Nation education committee doing the study and they still have not received that money yet. So, I would like some answers on this \$120,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Before I ask the Minister to reply to your questions, I would like to recognize in the gallery the board of governors of Thebacha College in Fort Smith: Mr. Cy Lambert of Yellowknife; Mr. Jake Heron, Fort Smith; Mr. Fern Denault of Yellowknife; Mr. Colin Adjun of Coppermine; Mr. Hugh Lloyd, Igloodik; Mr. Solomon Voisey, Whale Cove; and Larry Gordon, Inuvik.

---Applause

Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

Dene Nation Education Study

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have received a full accounting of funds from the Dene Nation. I think part of the problem that the Member is referring to is that they were given a grant to conduct a study to discover education needs and concerns in all Dene communities and submit recommendations on changes. The information we have on how those funds were spent indicates that rather than concentrating on field work actually in the communities, the model that they used for consulting communities was to bring people in for area and regional think tanks and this meant that people in the communities actually were not as involved as they could be, except through a single or a couple of representatives who attended regional or area meetings to represent their communities. This may be part of the reason why communities felt that the Dene Nation was not as visible in their communities as they would have hoped. So, I think that, in part, answers the Member's concern.

Generally, I would say that while the actual report submitted by the Dene Nation in pursuance of this contract could have had, perhaps, more flesh on it, if you like, it was stated on several occasions and by the co-ordinator of the study that, in fact, the process of bringing people together for meetings and raising issues which might not have been considered really in depth before, particularly in some communities in the western part of the Territories, that that process in itself had an intrinsic value quite apart from whether it actually resulted in concrete recommendations to the education committee and to the government. So, that kind of result from the work does not appear from the report and probably cannot really be measured, but I am satisfied that there were significant numbers of people involved -- they are listed in the report -- from all Dene communities who, hopefully, themselves learned something and are now more prepared to respond to the recommendations in the special committee report.

Initially, the grant was provided by the Executive Committee, I think with the best possible intentions. One factor was that time was running out and the major hearings in the western part of the Northwest Territories had not yet really begun. The committee was fairly well represented by Members from the Eastern Arctic but, in numbers, not as well represented by Members from the western part of the Northwest Territories and the Executive Committee felt that this might be a way of aiding the committee in its work. If the committee's view is that this work was not helpful, I am sorry, but I do feel that as far as accounting for the funds and pursuing the direction from the contract, albeit perhaps in a different way than the communities might have hoped, that we have been given an accounting for these funds. I hope that answers the Member's concerns, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Any further questions? Education in the amount of \$230,000. Mr. McLaughlin.

Education Study Invoices Should Be Properly Documented

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Well, I am very concerned, Mr. Chairman, that some communities were not involved to any great extent or maybe no extent at all and I would hope that the finance officer in the Department of Education will pay a great deal of attention to making sure that the invoices are properly documented, just as the finance officer in the Legislative Assembly is very careful to make sure that invoices for which we are responsible are properly documented.

We have a contract now, as one of our research projects, with the Fort Good Hope community council and have a very clear-cut arrangement with them on what is going to be done and they have accepted what we want to do. They made an excellent proposal to us and I am very confident of what is going to come out of that pilot project. It is going to be very useful to us and people in the

Great Bear-Mackenzie Delta area. I am still not satisfied that what was supposed to have been done was done. I think it was very detrimental to our committee's work. Had this not happened we would have been able to proceed with the hearings in the Dene communities ourselves. Our work might have been done much sooner. I was under the very clear understanding when we met with Mr. James Ross in the Executive conference room before this process took place, that we were going to have representations made to us in each of the communities by himself or someone working with him and I do not think that that bore itself out in those hearings. I am not saying that the hearings in those communities were not good, but I do not think they were good because of this \$120,000. I think they were good because the people in those communities were interested in education and I would have very much liked to have held public hearings, as we did in the Indian village in Hay River and in Fort Resolution, in several of the other communities.

So, I am going to be wanting to find out. I guess what a person has to do is see what the auditor's report says. Maybe a guy has to go down to the actual cheques being issued and find the documentation, but I am going to want to see that the finance officer in the Education department is as careful about paying out invoices as the finance officer is in the department of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Education in the amount of \$230,000. Mr. Sibbeston.

#### More Moneys Could Be Used For Education

MR. SIBBESTON: I was going to say, "Is that all?" Actually, we could use another million dollars, or could have spent another million dollars there. I just do not think \$230,000 is enough. Maybe we could add some more. I was going to say, too, in dealing with a matter that was raised and dealt with by Mr. Patterson during the Education budget -- I know that the Fort Providence Slavey project can use five times as much money as it is presently using, and I know that Mr. Patterson had, I think, word from Providence saying that all they needed was a few more little pencils and maybe a typewriter, a few little things like that. But on checking the matter again in Providence, the person in charge of the program says, tomorrow, if there was five times the money available, she could use all of it; she also did say, though, that she was prepared to wait until after the education committee report to see what fine things are being said. So I am really disappointed that there is not much more money being spent, and we could use a lot more here.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, firstly with regard to the Fort Providence project, I have written to the very capable lady who inspired that project and directed it, telling her that we are very pleased with the work that she and her group have done and that if they have any further needs, we would like to hear about them. I do not think a statement by Mr. Sibbeston that their budget should be increased -- well, at first he said three times; now he is saying five times -- is going to induce me to immediately go to the Executive Committee and request that those funds be given. However, I did invite Ms Townsend to prepare a proposal to us if they had further needs, and based on the proposal we would try to respond positively as we did respond in this current year.

I suppose I am pleased to hear that at least one Member feels that I should seek large amounts of supplementary funds, but really I do not know if I could get endorsement from my colleagues on the Executive, because we are expected to try to work within our budgets, and I do note that the Education budget has been significantly increased in the coming year, as a result of direction from the

Assembly. I hope that we will be able to meet the concerns of Mr. Sibbeston and other people using the existing budget, and it is not my plan to deliberately set out to try to obtain large portions of supplementary estimates. I think the size of the supplementary estimate -- if there is a modest amount of supplementary estimates, it means that the department is managing its existing funds and allocating resources within various activities within the department effectively, so I would thank the Member for his comments, but I am not sure if I can take them as seriously as he would like me to take them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

O And M, Education, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Education in the amount of \$230,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, NWT Housing Corporation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That completes the operations and maintenance. We go into capital on page 17, in the amount of one million dollars for the NWT Housing Corporation. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if I could have an explanation of what this program will be, and how it is different from what already exists within the Housing Corporation's SSHAG program.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it is an experimental housing program. That is in essence what it is, as opposed to a Small Settlement Home Assistance Grants. It is not part of the SSHAG program; it is an experimental housing program to promote home-ownership in parts of the Mackenzie Valley and along the Slave Lake. The grant is an initiative, as I say, that came as a result of some overtures made to first and foremost the corporation as well as to the Executive by responsible people within communities. In the beginning, there were two communities, Fort Good Hope and Fort Resolution. These people have traditionally owned their own homes, and have demonstrated a strong reluctance to get involved in further rental programs. The costs of construction -- the economic conditions in those communities -- have worked against home-ownership. They have not diminished the goal of home-ownership or even rejection of the rental programs but it certainly has not allowed people to get totally within it. The program is not just for log homes. It can be, as the SSHAG program is, for stick-built, and that way we will use lumber. If there are places in the Territories that want to build them out of rock, they can use that.

The rental programs that are in place are an expensive method of providing housing in the North, and we have seen that over the years. The private home-ownership program that we are working on -- in this instance the experimental housing program -- will utilize locally harvested materials, employ residents of the communities, and will prove cost effective in the long run in my opinion. It will stimulate the economy, and it will, of course, as well reduce an ongoing maintenance cost to the government. The band councils that will be involved, the communities that will be involved have no sources of funding for private home-ownership. We would expect that there would be a considerable amount of sweat equity in the program. These people who have put forth this proposal are confident, as we are confident, that they will be able to put together homes. We are talking about funding for five homes in Fort Good Hope and hopefully five

in Resolution, and other places. There are 10 homes involved with it in the total program. Hopefully, there will be other communities that will come forward. The Housing Corporation is unable to fund or meet the demands for funding private home-ownership all over, because we do not have the capital funding. The money that the Executive put into this program is capital money from our total capital budget, and it simply supplements the corporation's moneys, and we believe that it will meet the initiatives of the band councils that I have mentioned in these two particular programs. It is a pilot project. It is not ongoing. We have made no recommendation to continue it in further years. We would hope that we would be able to get additional capital funding, but would hope that the program will prove successful, and it will give people in the community a sense of pride, and it will help in the economic areas of Good Hope and in Resolution, and any other area that comes forward with a proposal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Housing Corporation in the amount of \$1,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Government Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Government Services in the amount of \$1,466,000, capital. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Public Works

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 19, 20 and 21, Public Works and Local Government and Education is all unused funds. Any comments? Agreed. Mr. Sibbeston. We are on page 19, Public Works, in the amount of \$920,900 of unused money.

MR. SIBBESTON: I have been trying to get a little bit of money for Kakisa and Trout Lake so they could have a little electrical generation going on, and I am sorry to see all this good money go back or going to some other purpose than this. Otherwise it would be a positive -- instead, it talks of moneys that are not needed by Public Works.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, I wonder if we could get the Commissioner to explain for us. Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in both cases what is reflected here is the fact that we have either attempted to do too many projects and could not complete them in this year, or the situations around those projects have changed and the work must be carried on into the new year. You will perhaps recall that in the main estimates we had a capital program of some \$70-odd millions, and yet our capital grant from the federal government was \$10 million less than that. The difference between the two, then, must be made up from money that we carry over, or that is remaining in our capital vote. So we have a very definite requirement for this money, and it is not lost to us.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Any further questions? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Lots of questions. I would appreciate it if you do not rush, please. Mr. Chairman, I just want to know what the government is able to do to get power plants for Kakisa Lake and Trout Lake, because, really, I have been asking the government now for a couple of years, and I said before every time I go to Kakisa Lake, the 40 or so people there ask me about power to their little community, and I keep saying I am trying my best, but there comes a time when they are not going to believe me and, you know, the next election is coming, and I would like at least to have power to these communities.

---Laughter

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I have indicated to the honourable Member on a number of occasions that Local Government is not responsible for providing power to communities. Having said that, I have indicated to him as well that a policy is being developed and very shortly is going to go before the priorities and planning, at which time it is really up to my colleagues in their wisdom to decide how we should address this issue of providing generators. So that is where the situation is, Mr. Chairman.

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

Motion To Provide Electrical Power To Kakisa Lake And Trout Lake, Carried

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, I will just make a motion that the Executive Committee consider providing funds to provide electrical power to Kakisa Lake and Trout Lake in this coming fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mr. Patterson, to the motion.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering if that motion is in order in this discussion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Patterson, the Member is right in his motion. I think the motion is in order. We are dealing with Public Works, and if you look down about the fourth paragraph, operations and repair of equipment, of the power plant in Sanikiluaq. We are dealing with power there so I will have to rule the motion in order right now. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

On page 19, any further questions? Page 20, in the amount of \$1,352,700 of unused funds, Local Government.

Capital, Education

Page 21, Education, capital, \$2,355,000 of unused funds. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I brought to the Minister's attention the other day the very critical need in Eskimo Point to repair the present educational buildings there, and the Minister did not even allocate one cent in the departmental estimates for that improvement. I wonder if he would respond to that urgency, and I also would like to indicate right now that he has received a submission from Eskimo Point of the urgent need to build additional classrooms.

I wonder if he would be prepared to respond very quickly, since he has two million dollars at least of unused funds for capital. Could the Minister respond whether or not he could convince the Members on the Executive Committee to use that money to do some urgent work in Eskimo Point? Thank you.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The funds that were not used in repairing the fire damage in the residence in Fort Smith are not free and available. What this supplementary estimate shows is that the work could not be completed in that fiscal year, but has been revoted to the coming fiscal year. The work still is ongoing. It is just a question of which year it is going to be spent in. So while I do recognize the urgent needs in Eskimo Point, and I have received the brief from the local education authority, and I have been to Eskimo Point twice now in the last year where I have seen the school and discussed the matter with the local education authority, I do not have two million dollars free now, although this very same process of reviewing the capital outlook regularly throughout the year could be used to meet an urgent need as it arises. I can assure the Member that I am well aware of the concern in that community and the rising population growth.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Any further questions on page 21, Education? Does the committee wish to go clause by clause on this bill? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 9. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Schedule, Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Schedule Of Bill 2-82(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to this bill. It is necessary to amend the bill to add, as item 3, the NWT Housing Corporation, as it was omitted in the schedule on an oversight. It is further necessary to change the remainder of the item numbers to reflect the numbers used in the main Appropriation Ordinance, 1982. Therefore, I move that the schedule to the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1981-82, be amended by repealing the following numbers from the column entitled "Item No.": 3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 and substituting therefore the following numbers: 6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,20,26,27,29 and 33. I move that the schedule be further amended by adding, immediately after "Item No. 2" the following item: "3, NWT Housing Corporation, \$1,263,000." Members, I believe, sir, all have copies of the amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Ms Cournoyea. To the motion.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, whenever you conclude, I had my hand up on clause 8, and you did not recognize me, so perhaps I can have an opportunity?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could we finish this schedule first and then go back to clause 8?

MS COURNOYEA: Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. All in favour?

---Carried

To the schedule as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON MEMBERS: Agreed

---Agreed

Deletion Of Debts

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We then go back to clause 8. The Member has some questions on clause 8, deletion of debts. Ms Cournoyea.



MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the Paulatuk Co-op, \$5,387.37, and \$59,356,71, I informed the Minister of Economic Development that it was my understanding that when the Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation took over the store, they also took over the debts that the Paulatuk Co-op had with a number of agencies, including this territorial government. Recently, the Paulatuk Co-op went bankrupt under the guise of the Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation. I am just concerned why this debt would be carried in the territorial budget if, in fact, the federation did take it over.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I understand that all the debts that the co-op had with this government have been written off, and if there is any debt that the co-op federation is referring to it could be a debt that was generated between the former co-op and the federation itself. That was my understanding. I do not know if anybody here might correct me on that.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it is not required that the Minister answer, because I know I just asked him the question yesterday. However, I would like to bring it to attention that part of the problem that the Paulatuk Co-op had was, from my understanding, they accumulated debt, and the revolving fund had caused a great deal of strain on continuing in the co-op in terms of the interest payments, overhead, and the carrying of bad debt by the federation, and I would request that the Minister of Economic Development perhaps at a later time investigate these two write-off items, and see if those items were raised against what the federation was collecting from that individual co-op.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I will do that. I think just to correct the Member, she advised me of this matter this morning at the committee meeting. I did seek the information, but I guess I did not get sufficient information to meet her requirements. I will pursue it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Clause 8. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We now report the bill ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the committee's wish we report?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 10-82(1), SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND QUARANTEES ORDINANCE; BILL 11-82(1), LIQUOR ORDINANCE; BILL 12-82(1), LEGAL QUESTIONS ORDINANCE; BILL 2-82(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1981-1982; 15TH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 1-82(1), Bill 11-82(1), and Bill 12-82(1), and wish to report these bills ready for third reading; also, Bill 2-82(1), and wish to report this bill ready for third reading as amended, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may we give third reading of bills at this time? It is on the order paper, is it not? We shall defer it until tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any particular reason why you would wish it done this evening?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well, it is 5:59, I am told.

MR. SPEAKER: It was a good try, Mr. Butters. Are there any announcements? Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Just a short one, Mr. Speaker. I have been asked -- some years ago there was a young lady who came to work -- well, was born to this world, and I was asked by the interpreter corps to wish Erica Notaradluruk a very happy birthday today, and Members may wish to react in a proper manner. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to inform the Members that I will be going home tomorrow, and I would like the government to be able to help us in our community. I look forward to meeting you again in May. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Curley.

Eastern Arctic MLAs Not Blocking Growth In Government's Credibility

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a question of privilege with respect to Rule 38, please. My question of privilege deals with the article in the Yellowknifer today with the title, "Credibility Sabotage to Promote Division". The allegations are that Eastern Arctic MLAs are deliberately blocking any growth in the territorial government's credibility. Mr. Speaker, I resent this kind of reporting, because we have worked hard to try and bring the credibility back to the people...

---Applause

...I would like to state, Mr. Speaker, that in every response that I made to the Commissioner's Address, I indicated in my region that the government has improved quite a bit. I would like to say also that it also alleges here, and I quote, in the second paragraph, the last part, "They even opposed something as simple as changing the Assembly's decor to become more northern." Mr. Speaker, we did not vote or speak against that thing. If I had, I do not think it would have passed. So we voluntarily did not take part in that particular motion. I abstained from it.

So, Mr. Speaker, I reject the report that says, "Blocking growth in the government's credibility is giving ammunition to those who wish division." I do not think that it is at all related to the division issue, and I would like the press to note that the Eastern Arctic Members are not at all trying to undermine the credibility of this government. Rather, we would like to bring it back closer to the people. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member should remember that today's newspaper is tomorrow's toilet paper.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

#### Correction, Baffin Building Systems Contract

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the opportunity to correct an error that I made. In reviewing yesterday's transcript, and also reviewing the budget value breakdown that was given to me yesterday by the Housing Corporation, I can see that what appeared to me to be a discrepancy with respect to the apportionment of funds in the Baffin Building Systems contract, was brought about because I was under the misapprehension that the Housing Corporation was providing the materials for the project, and that these were not being billed through the BBS contract. But it is evident, with the budget value breakdown -- and when I go back to the contract -- that, in fact, the materials are purchased and billed through that contract, and thus appear as a part of the contract allegation. I regret that I made that oversight, and I regret also that it was not picked up at the time, and pointed out to me. The result was that I therefore expressed a concern that in fact was not a concern; the apportionment of the entire contract is now clear, even though the amount in each apportionment may be open to question. I would like to stress that this information, however, does not alleviate my serious concerns about the circumstances under which the contract was negotiated, and what appear to be the very favourable terms of that contract for the contractor.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Are there any further announcements from the floor this evening? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please. Mr. Patterson.

#### Appointment To Thebacha College Board Of Governors

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do wish to announce that having reconsidered the composition of the Thebacha College board of governors, I am pleased to announce the appointment of a woman to the board of governors. She is Violet Cli of Fort Simpson. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the MLA for Mackenzie Liard and the Minister responsible for the status of women, the Hon. George Braden. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, announcements and the orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Announcements. There will be a meeting of the special committee on education in room 301 at 6:30 this evening. Announcements for Thursday, March 4. A breakfast meeting of the special committee on education, room 301, 7:30 a.m. A caucus meeting in Katimavik A at 9:00 a.m. A luncheon meeting with BC Hydro officials, 11:30 a.m., Katimavik A.

ITEM NO. 16: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 1982.

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14. Third Reading of Bills
15. Assent to Bills
16. Prorogation

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 1982.

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