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INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Thursday, May the 13th.

Item 2, replies to Commissioner's Address.

ITEM NO. 2: REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley's Reply

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say a few words first in Inuktitut. I would like to reply to the Commissioner's Address. We are glad that we were able to make it to Inuvik. We have not come here often. I know we are welcome, and that is all I wanted to say in the first place. Also, Moses Appaqaq is here, and perhaps, if we start doing our business, maybe he can purchase himself a private jet and that way he can make it to the Assembly on time, if he does not want to go with the Quebec government.

---Laughter

I do not have much to say, but I just wanted to state that the business in the Territories is sometimes very heavy, really, when we are assembling here and when we are dealing with some problems regarding the constitution. We went to different communities earlier. Sometimes there are problems in different communities. They are concerned about education, and the residents of the communities are concerned that the Education Ordinance should be amended. Sometimes we would like to defer those amendments.

I will not be talking very long in Inuktitut because there is a lot of business to deal with, but in this session we will have to make a lot of judgments and make corrections. For example we had a lot of problems at times last year, and this year in discussion there will be heavy business to deal with, and we are not sure how we are going to deal with the Nunavut plebiscite, the plebiscite that went on. If we can use the concerns of the government -- I will be talking in English. (Translation ends)

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here in Inuvik, although this is the time of the year that many of us would rather prefer to be in our own constituencies because it is the best time for the hunters and families to be outdoors and so on. But we must, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, learn to sacrifice and we have to accept that, and therefore we must get on with the job that is faced before us here.

I would like to make it clear to you that on April 14, 1982, I voted "yes" in the plebiscite, and I would like to ask the Member from Fort Smith whether he voted "yes" or "no" or abstained from the vote, because he never made it clear to me yet.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

Mandate To Request Boundary Commission

MR. CURLEY: Good. That is good. Then that means that we are going to work hard toward resolving the question now that the people of the Northwest Territories have answered the question. Now we say we are going to do what the people have asked us to do, to divide the Territories, because in the preamble to the question of the division it says very clearly if a majority of the voters agree that the Northwest Territories should be divided, this Legislative Assembly will request the Government of Canada to divide the Northwest Territories and create a new territory in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories. So I am very pleased to be part of that process and I am very pleased that we are now going to ask the federal government to formally establish the boundary commission to go ahead in resolving the complicated question of the division, particularly the boundary. I realize that there are many questions that must be answered with respect to the boundary, but I think this is an exercise that is not impossible for the people of the Northwest Territories to deal with, unless -- we just cannot have it so easy, you know. It may be complicated, but not impossible for people of the Northwest Territories to resolve the boundary issue. Any good thing that comes out in the public process -- public policy, must go through a very difficult time of endurance, so I think we have learned to deal with those kinds of things in the North, and we are going to find a boundary that will be finally acceptable to the people of the Northwest Territories.

I found the results very interesting, because I had said long ago that if 51 per cent of the people of the Northwest Territories voted "yes", that would be a strong enough mandate to carry the issue and ask the federal government to go ahead with dividing the Territories, so we got more than we asked for. In the Eastern Arctic there were some places that voted very heavily, and the turnout was at least 80 per cent in some places. So I cannot help but say that the expressed sentiments that were viewed from the Western Arctic right after the plebiscite, where some people were saying to us in the East that the NWT was now split on racial lines -- but I did ask the Commissioner when he travelled to my constituency whether he saw that sentiment or not in our area, and he answered that he did not see any such thing in that part of the area.

We do get along -- the only problem that I see in the Eastern Arctic is that the majority of the voters happened to be Metis and of native ancestry. So I do not think that is any problem or threat to anybody at all, because I am never a threat to Arnold McCallum, so why should we fear that when the native majority votes, that we have got to be worried about them. They are Canadians; I think we should respect their democratic right. Whether they are natives or not, they are still a majority, and I think we can work with them, and I can say that the Member from Fort Smith certainly can work with me. I could work with him but I do not know whether he could work with me, but I will say to him that I would welcome him if he chooses to work with me.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Have respect for your elders, okay?

MR. CURLEY: Anyway, we will be hearing a lot more from him when we debate the boundary issue. So the question we face, again -- I look forward to dealing with it -- is how do we proceed from here? I think it is going to be important that we not delay it any further, that we ask the government, the administration, to proceed with certain mechanisms to follow until the next session of the Legislature. I think to try and postpone it until we sit again would be too long, and that the people in the Northwest Territories would likely lose their respect for this Legislature, which has been, I think, a very good representative of the population of the Territories.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Terry Daniels does not think so.

---Laughter

MR. CURLEY: Yes. You know, some good Liberals do not always agree with some good individuals like you. Anyway, I think the time is right for us to proceed, and we look forward here, those of us from the East, to going ahead and giving the mandate to the Minister responsible for Constitutional Development, a clear mandate, so that he can go ahead and work with the Minister of Education who has special responsibility for the Eastern Arctic in that area.

#### Appreciation Of Work Of Eastern Arctic Members

I would also like to give my recognition to all the Members from the Eastern Arctic, who worked very hard in convincing the people in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories that the yes vote was the answer to the eastern part.

(Translation) I heard the Members talking on the radio about the plebiscite. They had quite a bit in the eastern part of the Territories during the plebiscite vote. (Translation ends) Joe Arlooktoo, Ipeelee Kilabuk, Ludy Pudluk, Moses Appaqaq, Kane Tologanak, Nellie Cournoyea certainly worked hard in this area, William Noah and Dennis Patterson, whom I respect very much, because he as an Executive Committee Member had to take a lone position, I think, and he worked very hard to promote the division. He campaigned for two weeks, and was going door-to-door in Frobisher Bay to speak to the people and provide them with the kind of information that he felt was necessary for the people to make up their minds about the division. So I must give my full compliments to them, because without the efforts of the Members from the Eastern Arctic, I do not believe that we would have had the yes vote, so that message must be given. It certainly goes also to Nick Sibbeston, who, in the southern Mackenzie, worked hard, very hard, and he carried the kind of message with enthusiasm. I think we must recognize his efforts, particularly we from the Eastern Arctic. Without his help we possibly would not have had the majority vote. So I certainly give my full compliments to those who worked hard.

#### Recommendations Of The Special Committee On Education

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to go too far. I look forward also to debating the recommendations of the special committee on education. We have put a lot of hours into this special committee -- members of the committee, Nellie Cournoyea, Dennis Patterson, Bruce McLaughlin, and Robert Sayine. We have right from the outset and I stated when I introduced the motion to set up the committee to inquire into education that the decision as to what should be in the report was to be made by the politicians. If you can just picture some of the discussions that have actually gone on in the committee meetings, you will see that the message to our staff was that the politicians were to give the direction and the final recommendations to this Legislative Assembly. I said right from the outset that this special committee had to have staff to work with us and we have been able to do that with your approval, but now the question seems to be, or what we have been hearing is, this is really not a politicians' report. This is an academic report. Well, the reason I choose to have academics to assist us is because, since it was dealing with academic subjects -- you know, the whole educational system in the North -- that it had to be put in the kind of wording that the academic and education people would understand. So, that is in, I think, the fundamental conclusion of that report.

I would like to say that we, including our special research people, put many hours in dealing directly with the Department of Education officials. Just a word though, that if we have to try and delay that report until next fall that we will never get any changes until the following year. So, I think when we are dealing with that recommendation we should be careful as to whether we actually want to delay it any further. We have spent two and a half years in

compiling this particular final report and a number of people have input into it, the participants in the public hearings, and the briefs that have been presented to us are available for your information. I am sure they can be obtained from the secretary to the special committee, David Hamilton, if anybody wants to read some of those briefs.

So, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to participating in that as well and encourage you to propose new ideas and kinds of solutions that we can incorporate in there, but I do not know whether we would be prepared to delay it for another year. I think that has to be carefully considered, whether we want to do that or not.

#### Proposed New Rental Scales

There is another main area that I want to raise in my reply aside from the two subjects that I just raised. My constituents are very concerned with the Housing Corporation's proposed new rental scales in that area. I do appreciate the Minister and the chairman of the Housing Corporation postponing the increases to the rental scales to July 1, but I think this Legislative Assembly is going to have to give some direction to the Housing Corporation, as to whether we actually want to give them the authority to increase housing rents up to at least 30 per cent of the residual income. I think that was the guideline given to the Housing Corporation by the board of directors.

The Housing Corporation has been trying to institute an economic rent to each householder. I must say that the ordinary person who is not subsidized by the government, as is the civil service, is not able to afford the economic rent or the market rent of public housing in the Eastern Arctic. So I think as a result of this, this Legislative Assembly is going to have to give the direction to the Minister that there must be a ceiling to each unit and possibly that ceiling should only be increased by the inflationary factor or whatever acceptable percentage there is to the housing rentals increase. I know my constituents are very worried about revealing the incomes of other members of the family because if they do they would be giving quite a chunk of their family income and really have very little room to subsidize their cost of living. So, I would advise you that I will be introducing a motion which will ask the Housing Corporation to put a limit to each unit and that the scale be reflected only by the inflationary factor each year. It might not be acceptable, but I think we should deal with it here.

#### Economic Development And The Small Businessmen

The final area that I would like to mention in my reply is this. I had the pleasure of travelling with the Minister of Economic Development sometime right after the last session in March and I must say that the people that he met over there, the members of the chamber of commerce and the small business people in that area, Keewatin South, were very pleased to see the Minister and they definitely would like to see him more often. I would like again to extend to the Minister an invitation to travel sometime to that area to consult with them again.

One thing I must say is that the small business people in the Northwest Territories continue to experience very difficult, very hard times, because of the economic slow down in the whole of the country. In the Northwest Territories we have talked a lot -- quite a lot -- about the problems encountered with economic development and small businessmen, but I think we need to start to try and find solutions to how to represent the small business community and the businessmen in the Territories, how we can correct some of the problems. I do know that it is difficult for the government or the Minister to establish a policy to offset the high interest rates to some of the business people, but would it not be a good idea though, to try and consider assisting those businessmen who are contributing to the local job opportunities; for the Minister to consider maybe at least covering the interest rates of their loans for a certain period of time, during maybe the coldest months of the winter, three months of the year or something like that? These are the kinds of incentives I think the people in the Northwest Territories would welcome.

The other part of the problem that I think we should not tolerate in the Northwest Territories is the unnecessary delay in processing the small business loans and Eskimo loan fund loans. In the Territories we can cut that garbage out and throw it away. Excuse my language, Mr. Speaker, but I think what I am trying to say is that it took one businessman in my constituency, for a loan less than \$20,000, to finally receive it, about 18 months. I do not think that should be tolerated. I think the Minister should reject that kind of an unnecessary delay because once the decision is made it should not have to take that long to process a cheque and finally give it to the person involved. So I will be asking the Minister if he would resolve that question.

I think he could possibly do that with the kind of direction the Legislative Assembly gave to him last session, where we recommended that each board of those loan funds should be regionalized so that they can act quickly and respond to the businessmen very quickly. I do not know whether the Minister has accepted the mandate given to him by this Legislative Assembly -- whether he has totally rejected it or not -- but if he were to decentralize the various loan boards of the Territories, then the small business people would be able to contact the secretaries of those various boards in those areas to find out exactly at what stage their applications are. So I would think -- I would hope that the Minister will make some announcements to correct that kind of an unnecessary problem.

Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of other things to talk about, but I do not want to delay any further, so I would like to conclude by saying that I look forward to participating in the debates and other matters here during our two week stay in Inuvik. Thank you. Qujannamiik.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Replies to Commissioner's Address. There appear to be no further replies today.

Item 3, oral questions.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Question 3-82(2): Minister's Support For Arctic Pilot Project

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. We heard that when he was in Ottawa he stated that he is in favour of the Arctic Pilot Project ships going through the Lancaster Sound. I wonder why he supported the idea. The people that live in Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet and Resolute Bay have not supported the idea of the Arctic Pilot Project going through the Lancaster Sound. I wonder why he stated that he was in support of the Arctic Pilot Project going through the Lancaster Sound. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister. Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 3-82(2): Minister's Support For Arctic Pilot Project

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I will reply to that question. The Executive Committee did take the position that we would support the Arctic Pilot Project only if conditions that we have stated were met and that the final decision as to whether or not we will support the project will only take place after the decision of the National Energy Board, but as I said, I will table the document of the presentation that we made to the National Energy Board on the Arctic Pilot Project.

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



Question 4-82(2): Wolf Hunting Season

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. My constituents want to hear if there is a season for wolf hunting. Does it have an open season and a closed season, or is it open all the time? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Might I ask the gentleman for a delay to that response, so I can give you information from the regulations? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Then you are taking that as notice, and will reply?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes.

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

Question 5-82(2): Travel Assistance For Dental Treatment

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. The people over in the South Baffin do not have a dentist. In my community there are a lot of people with toothaches, and they can only go out to get their teeth done. They have to pay their own way, but we heard that National Health and Welfare was going to assist the people financially to get dental work done. I want to know while we are in the session if National Health and Welfare is going to be assisting the people with their transportation to get dental attention.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would have to determine that from the director of Medical Services in the Northwest Territories. I cannot respond with any kind of knowledge at this particular time, and so I will have to take the question as notice and provide a reply later.

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

Question 6-82(2): Residency Requirement For Fort Resolution Municipal Election

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. I heard a news report, Mr. Minister, on the CBC fairly recently, that indicated that the settlement of Fort Resolution would be combining band council and settlement council in order to bring the community under one government, but the news report also indicated that the municipal election for that purpose would require -- if I remember correctly -- five years of residency in the NWT, and two additional years in the community.

First, I would ask the Minister to confirm whether, in fact, that is what is intended there, and, secondly, if that is the case, since this represents an unusual and very significant departure from ordinary Canadian practice, and is repugnant to certain democratic principles which, while I am not one who agrees that they should be engraved in stone or even entrenched in a rigid constitution, are still very important principles and any departure from them should not be taken very lightly and should certainly be explained. So if in fact that is the case, will the Minister indicate what law or other authority permits that departure, who determined the particular requirements in this case, what are the reasons that are given for doing so, and would the Minister please explain what his own role in this is?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wah-Shee.

Return To Question 6-82(2): Residency Requirement For Fort Resolution  
Municipal Election

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HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the honourable Member for advising me of his intention to ask this question. Mr. Speaker, the question is based on the alleged radio report of the Fort Resolution view on residency requirements. The community of Fort Resolution has not officially conveyed to me their position on a residency clause. If a five year residency requirement were adopted, I am advised that such a requirement may be viewed as unreasonable by the courts, and therefore unconstitutional under our present constitution. I am confident, however, that the community will seek and obtain the benefit of legal advice before it firms up its position on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. MacQuarrie's question raises important legal issues, and deserves a more comprehensive response than the one I am able to give today. I undertake, however, to table an appropriate written response to Mr. MacQuarrie's question before the conclusion of this session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. You are taking the question, then, as notice? Thank you. Oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline, Beaufort Sea To  
Norman Wells

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MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It is my understanding that the Minister made representation in Ottawa suggesting that the position of the territorial government is a preference for the pipeline from the Beaufort Sea coastal area to connect with the Norman Wells pipeline, and I would like the Minister to explain at what time the government position stated such a policy and direction? At what time did he feel free -- without consulting with a person such as myself, who has a great deal at stake with my constituents, that we had approved that it would be more beneficial to have a pipeline connection from the Beaufort Sea to the Norman Wells pipeline?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline, Beaufort Sea  
To Norman Wells

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HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. The comments were made to the Senate committee on northern pipelines, and the reference that I made was that pipelines at this time were a known entity, and that the idea of tankers and a tanker route through the Northwest Passage was not an appropriate method of transportation, particularly with crude oil. I did not suggest that a pipeline be built from the Beaufort Sea connecting to the Norman Wells pipeline. That is not what I expressed, but I did say that if a transportation system were to be appropriate, that pipelines at this time were, as I said, a known entity, and that we could clearly see and in fact evaluate some of the problems that had been encountered through other construction of pipelines. An example could be the Alyeska pipeline and other pipelines that will be built in the Northwest Territories, including the Norman Wells situation, but certainly I did not mention a specific pipeline.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Ms Cournoyea.

Supplementary To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

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MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Nerysoo, did you make the statement that it was a preference and the government's decision to support the pipeline above a tanker route?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: That was the comment that I did make, and that was the position that was taken by all Executive Committee Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. Ms Cournoyea.

Supplementary To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

MS COURNOYEA: At what time and on what basis did the Executive Committee feel free to make that government policy of supporting the pipeline?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: As I indicated, we did not support a specific pipeline. We did suggest that we had known the issue of pipelines, and that there is a lot to learn, and that outright support for pipelines was something that we could not give at this time and that certain questions had to be answered.

Now, the idea that we outrightly supported pipelines over tankers, yes, that is probably true, but I think that you have to look at what the present experience and the situation is in the Northwest Territories, and then put forward a position that was appropriate. But there was no suggestion at all that any specific pipeline ought to be built, and that we were supporting the idea that the Beaufort Sea be connected to the Norman Wells pipeline. Certainly that is something, I think, that we have to look at one of these times and look at what the present situation is in the Northwest Territories and the suggestions made by industry to transport petroleum out of the North. We did not, at any time, as I said, suggest a specific Beaufort Sea pipeline.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Ms Cournoyea.

Supplementary To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, would the Minister also clarify whether he knew that there was such a proposal by Esso Resources to put the proposed pipeline in one of their areas, where they felt would be an appropriate way of dealing with it, under the Mackenzie River -- following the Mackenzie, under the water. At that time, when you made that submission in Ottawa, did you realize that there was such a proposal on the table?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline,  
Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am aware that industry is making certain proposals; Dome is making one for tankers, Imperial is making one for pipelines, Gulf is making one for both pipelines and tanker. Now, there was no preference or suggestion that we supported one individual or one idea of a route, except that we thought that we would prefer the idea of a pipeline as compared to a tanker route through the Northwest Passage. That is our suggested response. Now, the details of any kind of proposals put forward, no, we are not aware of the details, but we are aware that certain proposals have come from industry, and we are looking at and reviewing the comments that are being made at the Senate committee hearings.

Now, I do not really know what was said by Dome at the hearings; I do not know what Imperial Oil said about the hearings; but I do know that we set out some issues that we thought had to be addressed by the Senate committee on northern pipelines.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. This will be your last supplementary, Ms Cournoyea. Then I will move on to other Members.

Supplementary To Question 7-82(2): Government Preference For Pipeline, Beaufort Sea To Norman Wells

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister to clarify that if he had known that there was a proposal of Esso Resources to put the pipeline under the water following the Mackenzie River to the Beaufort Sea area would he have taken the same position, that he preferred pipelines over tankers?

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think that is a proper question and you are getting into technicalities and positions of an individual Member. If the Minister wishes to answer he has the floor. However, if he would just as soon not try and answer -- such a question is almost unanswerable.

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HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, Mr. Speaker, as you indicated, it is very difficult to answer that question because nothing has been stated concretely to me or to government as to whether or not the pipeline would be built under the river. Now, it could have been the suggestion that it could be built on land, but nothing has been suggested to us of that nature and when a suggestion or a proposal of that kind comes before us, we will review it.

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

Question 8-82(2): Funding For SSHAG Program

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, a question for Mr. McCallum. I have reliable information which indicates that DRIE is not providing labour funds this summer for construction of SSHAG houses. I have a number of houses being planned in my constituency; four in Simpson, three in Wrigley and one in Liard. Can the Minister indicate or confirm that this is in fact the decision of DRIE and if so, what he, as Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, is prepared to do in providing funds for labour for SSHAG houses so that these houses can be built as planned this summer?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I can indicate to the Member and to other honourable Members that may be concerned with this that that statement is in fact true. The Local Employment Assistance Program, that is the LEAP program, have a review board made up of a number of people who provide the northern program with advice, as an advisory board. That LEAP review board met approximately a week and a half or 10 days ago and reached a decision not to supply training funds to communities for the construction, or to assist in the construction, of houses that would be built under the territorial Housing Corporation's Small Settlement Home Assistance Grant program, in other words known as the SSHAG program. So, it is absolutely correct. There is no money forthcoming this year from LEAP to assist people in building these homes under the SSHAG program and most of the homes are being built with logs.

As to how I have responded to that particular decision, I have been in correspondence with the members of that review board who attended that meeting, among which would be the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, DRIE, DIAND and the Arctic co-op group -- there were five representatives there -- to determine whether in fact this was what they agreed to -- to curtail or to cut out the training program fund. I have not as yet received a reply to the correspondence that I addressed to the five groups last week. I am very much concerned and

quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, and other Members, I am rather appalled that the members who were in attendance at that LEAP review board, who have criticized this government and the Housing Corporation over the past years for not providing housing money, would then in turn vote down the training funds. What I am trying to do is to determine whether in fact this was their position with the idea that if it was not their position I would then approach the LEAP board to have them overturn their decision and have the training funds reinstated.

Last Monday afternoon, I met with Mr. Patenaude and two of his officials from CEIC, the employment and immigration group who look after these grants, and he assured me at that time that there was no money. They were granted \$2.2 million. They had allocated \$1.8 million. Later this month in the company of the Hon. Tom Butters, I will be in Ottawa appearing before the standing committee. As he said yesterday, we are going to telex the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, who is the federal Minister responsible, later today to set up a meeting with him and see if more money cannot be allocated to that review board.

Outside of that, Mr. Speaker, and other Members, there is very little that this government can do. We have increased in the last three years the amount of money given to the SSHAG program from \$15,000 in 1980 to \$30,000 in 1982, up to a maximum. So, we as a government have doubled that kind of money, but the people need the training funds or the labour funds and under this program we do not, as a government, provide labour money within that SSHAG program.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum. Supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 8-82(2): Funding For SSHAG Program

MR. SIBBESTON: Okay, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the efforts made by Mr. McCallum in dealing with the federal department, but in the event that after all his efforts, results do not materialize, I wonder if he would, as the person responsible for housing, consider finding some means whereby this government can provide labour funds or training funds so that these SSHAG houses can be built. The SSHAG program is a good program. Government provides \$30,000 or so for material for these houses, but in the event that no labour funds are made available the whole program may be in jeopardy because those persons who are building houses need income while they are building the houses so that the houses can be built. So, I wonder if the Minister can assure me that if after his efforts with the federal government results do not materialize, he will attempt to find some means that this government can still provide either training or labour funds, be it through Social Development or Economic Development?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

Further Return To Question 8-82(2): Funding For SSHAG Program

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, yes, I would assure the Member that I intend not only to pursue it with Mr. Axworthy, but also with the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Hon. Paul Cosgrove, while in Ottawa. As we have done as a government in the past, if in fact we can see that there were funds that may be in some kind of a surplus, either in capital or O and M, we may have to try to do something and I would assure the Member that he would have my support in dealing with this issue and trying to get further funding from this government, failing all other methods.

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

Question 9-82(2): Withdrawal Of Keewatin Wildlife Federation From Caribou Management Board

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. I have been advised by the Keewatin Wildlife Federation that they will withdraw their membership from the joint federal, provincial and territorial Caribou Management Board because of their failure to sign and implement the

land claims provisions agreed to by the federal negotiator and ITC negotiators. So, will the Minister indicate to this House that he will get in touch with the Minister of Indian Affairs and tell him to get on with his act and implement the land claims wildlife provisions so that the membership of the Caribou Management Board and the input from the people of Keewatin will not suffer?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

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HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I give my assurances to the Member that I will contact the Minister as soon as possible.

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

Supplementary To Question 9-82(2): Withdrawal Of Keewatin Wildlife Federation From Caribou Management Board

MR. CURLEY: Supplementary to that, would the Minister be prepared to table, maybe, the terms of reference of the Caribou Management Board so that Members of this Legislative Assembly may be able to review them at their convenience?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 9-82(2): Withdrawal Of Keewatin Wildlife Federation From Caribou Management Board

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I will be prepared to table that document in this House.

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

Question 10-82(2): Northern Students Not Accepted In Southern Institutions

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Both the Minister and myself were in receipt of a letter from someone who was concerned that a qualified student in Yellowknife was not able to enter the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in a computer program because they have started making selections on a random basis and if that were to become the pattern in southern institutions, that could be very prejudicial to northern students. I raise the matter not simply because of that particular student, but because I am afraid we might be beginning to see a development that would not be very good at all for education in the Northwest Territories and that is the situation where if federal funds to education in the provinces are being cut back and there is a heavy demand for placements there, that we may find our students unable to gain entry to post-secondary institutions in the South, or very few of them. Therefore, I ask the Minister, is there any indication that this is becoming a trend in other institutions? Has the Minister investigated the situation with respect to this institution and what is the Minister doing to try to ensure that qualified northern students will be able to gain entry into post-secondary institutions in the South?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 10-82(2): Northern Students Not Accepted In Southern Institutions

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware of the problem raised by Mr. MacQuarrie's constituent, beginning with a letter to the newspaper on March 30th, 1982. I did pass her letter on at that time to the Hon. James Horsman, Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower in Alberta and have been in touch with his office and the office of the registrar of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology subsequently.

In a recent letter to me, that same person suggested that NWT students have a lower priority than Alberta students in SAIT. This is not true at SAIT. Indeed, the registrar of SAIT, Mr. Bill Cousins, informs my office that although Alberta students are given priority in SAIT, NWT students are included in the category of Alberta students. Because we use the Alberta curriculum in the Northwest Territories in high schools and because Alberta, I believe, has been sensitive and responsive to the fact that many NWT students rely on Alberta facilities for higher education, NWT students are considered equally with Alberta students.

This decision to use a random selection technique in six oversubscribed courses in SAIT was designed to benefit those students who live outside the city of Calgary particularly, which would include persons in the Northwest Territories. I do recognize that NWT students are at a disadvantage in this random selection system because of their small numbers.

However, I would observe that under our current grants and bursaries policies, in the event that a student is not selected for a particular course at SAIT, for example, we will pay transportation to the next closest place where the course is available at no extra cost to the student. I will continue to monitor the situation closely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 10-82(2): Northern Students Not Accepted In Southern Institutions

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. Of course, my concern is that the approach that we are beginning to see there, may spread to other institutions, and that there will not be others that would take up whatever slack there is. I would just ask the

Minister, is the Minister not concerned that the idea of going to random selection is undesirable from another point of view, that surely getting good marks should have something to do with being accepted at post-secondary institutions? Is the Minister concerned about that particular point, and would he do anything to try to press that institution to return again to a situation where consideration is given to competence and to demonstrated ability as far as marks are concerned?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 10-82(2): Northern Students Not Accepted In Southern Institutions

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The various institutions in Alberta do have different admission policies. In Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, for example, I understand that some emphasis is given to academic performance and there is more emphasis on who applies first. So it is difficult for me to respond generally to that query. I have asked Mr. Horsman's office to respond to the particular concern raised by Mr. MacQuarrie's constituent. However, as I tried to indicate, I do feel that, while the random selection system may be of a disadvantage to a bright NWT student, it also may actually give NWT students more of a chance than they had under the system that was previously in place in SAIT, which gave preference to residents of Calgary.

It was suggested to me by the registrar at SAIT that a submission could be made to the governing body of SAIT asking them to review this process. I know it has caused a lot of controversy in Alberta as well. I am prepared to consider that, but I do wish to state that I think we should be rather careful about being overly critical of Alberta, because, in fact, they do consider our students equally with their own. So I will look into that further, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Question 11-82(2): Housing Corporation Review Of Rental Increases

MR. CURLEY: Yes, I have a question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. The announcement was made shortly after the winter session, the budget session, that the Housing Corporation would be delaying the proposed increases with respect to the rent in public housing and low rental housing in the Northwest Territories while the review was going on, up to July 1, 1982. Could the Minister explain to this House exactly what kind of review is being carried out, or whether the Minister will travel to some parts of the regions to meet with the regional housing associations as a part of that consultation, even though some parts in the East are not his constituency, but I think he has a responsibility to consult with all the Members of the region? So could he indicate as to what kind of review will actually take place and what process the Housing Corporation is actually carrying out to settle this problem?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 11-82(2): Housing Corporation Review Of Rental Increases

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, the review is being done by the corporation, the administration, at the request of the board of directors and on the advice of this Assembly, as well, and the government in total.

The board met last week, I think, as it travelled through the North. I think they were up as far as Resolute. I believe that they are looking at what would be more palatable to people in terms of increases. I think they are looking as to whether or not there should be a ceiling; whether the ceiling for rent should be lifted given that in a large number of the communities in the Northwest Territories there is nothing but public housing or social housing. I think they are looking at the effect that the recent increases, that I will



allude to later under social service benefits to people, will have on the total rent structure. All those things, I think, are going on. I would expect that I would get some kind of report or notice from the board of directors and from the Housing Corporation itself as to the result of their deliberations and review. My own personal feeling is that I do not think there is going to be much of a change until the fall, if in fact any at that time. That is not to say that -- the board of directors may come out with something more than that. What I am saying, in effect, then, is that the delay will be further delayed until later in the fall.

As to travels, I intend, along with the Deputy Commissioner, and my honourable colleague, Mr. Tologanak, to leave on June 1st and to travel through the Kitikmeot region, visiting Cambridge, Coppermine, Pelly, Spence and Gjoa Haven, Holman and Sachs, to take a look, because there have been a large number of concerns voiced in that area, not that that is the only area. So I give you an idea of what I think the review is going to be, and you have a travelling itinerary from me for the first week and a half of June.

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

Question 12-82(2): Increase In Number Of Teachers, Eskimo Point And Rankin Inlet

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MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have another question for the Minister of Education. During the last session in February, the Minister assured me and this House that he would make a decision whether he will be increasing the teachers in Eskimo Point and Rankin Inlet, and he said he would do that in May. So I am now asking the Minister whether he has made any decision to accept the requests that the people of Eskimo Point and Rankin have been advising him of during the last two years. Could he indicate whether in fact he will send more teachers sometime this fall?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 12-82(2): Increase In Number Of Teachers, Eskimo Point And Rankin Inlet

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HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to the Member's concern and as a result of my own visits to Eskimo Point and Rankin Inlet, I raised the issue of staffing at those schools with the Executive Committee. I wish to say right now that I do recognize and I think other members of the Executive do recognize that there appear to be anomalies in Eskimo Point and Rankin Inlet, and that, excluding the classroom assistants, pupil/teacher ratios are as high as 26 and 27 to one, without including the attendance factor. However, the Executive Committee took the position that there must be, first, a territorial review to identify any other such anomalies, rather than just providing relief in those particular communities. As a result of that direction from the Executive, I have assigned a staff member to undertake this review on a first priority basis, and expect to take the matter back to the Executive Committee very shortly.

As well, in order to get a first-hand picture of the staffing situation as well as concerns about capital facilities in Eskimo Point, I have asked my Deputy Minister, Mr. Lewis, and the regional superintendent of Education to travel to Rankin Inlet and Eskimo Point on, I believe, the 27th of this month.

I have been well aware of this problem, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly am confident that we will have made a decision well before the next school year. I was in touch with the chairman of the Rankin Inlet education committee and hope to also be in touch with the chairperson of the Eskimo Point education society to explain personally this development, although I did send them a letter. In Rankin Inlet it appeared acceptable that it was probably too late at this stage to make any changes in staffing, but we should have a decision well in hand before next school year, so I intend to continue to pursue that matter as a priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question 12-82(2): Increase In Number Of Teachers, Eskimo Point And Rankin Inlet

MR. CURLEY: Yes, supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The education committee in Rankin Inlet informs me that they have not had any teacher increases during the last 14 years; 14 years ago there were 13 teachers in Rankin Inlet. The number of children in the school has at least almost tripled the size of the classes since then, and there has not been any increase. So I do not know what kind of review the Minister is going to compare with Rankin Inlet. There seems to be an urgency, and I would hope that the Minister will try and convince his other colleagues that that area is somewhat urgent because some of the other schools, like Nakasuk School in Frobisher, have very modest student/teacher ratios compared with Rankin Inlet. Could he assure me that he will treat these two particular communities with more urgency than the other schools in the whole Territories? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 12-82(2): Increase In Number Of Teachers, Eskimo Point And Rankin Inlet

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is not that we are hoping to increase staffing levels in all territorial schools. Rather, the Executive Committee is concerned that there may be other schools that are in similar situations to those of Eskimo Point and Rankin Inlet, and we simply want to make sure that if we are going to provide special aid in the form of increased staffing to those schools, that we do not exclude any other schools in the same category, and I do not believe that this review will take a long time or would be a complicated exercise. We have the statistics and information in hand. It is just a matter of looking at all the schools in the Territories to make sure that we deal fairly with any schools that may be in the same situation as those in the Member's constituency. As I said, I do believe the matter can be resolved quite shortly, and I will make sure that a decision is made well in advance of the coming school year. Thank you.

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

Item 4 on your orders of the day, written questions and returns. Written questions.

ITEM NO. 4: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Ms Cournoyea.

Question 13-82(2): Cost Overruns Due To Delay In Delivery Of Building Materials

MS COURNOYEA: I have a question to the Minister of housing. Would the Minister responsible for housing please convey to this House the cost overruns incurred by the delay in delivery of material to building sites, forcing contractors to build during the winter months rather than having their completion date as scheduled in November?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. Mrs. Sorensen.

Question 14-82(2): Tenders For Rehab Program

MRS. SORENSEN: During the budget session, the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation stated that all tenders for the Housing Corporation rehab program would be advertised only in the North. The objective naturally was and is to maximize northern jobs and encourage the northern supply and service industry. I would ask that the Minister table in this House details of all

tenders let to date on the rehab program. Please include: 1) tender number and a brief description; 2) the value of the tender; 3) to whom the tender was let, including the name of the company and principal officers; 4) whether the company is northern based or not; and 5) how many tenders are left to let.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Are there any other written questions? There are no returns today. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I have quite a lengthy return and would maybe suggest that we take time for coffee.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. We will break for 15 minutes for coffee. We will recess for 15 minutes.

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MR. SPEAKER: I call the House to order. We are on Item 4 of your orders of the day, questions and returns. Are there any further written questions? Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I have a brief return. Yesterday, the Member from the Western Arctic asked a question related to agencies -- an extension of the income tax moratorium with a request for northern benefits to include persons or incomes earned in the NWT from trapping and fur catch. Would whomever is responsible give, in detail, what has been done regarding this matter, if anything at all? I said that I would -- oh, the Member is not present. Maybe I will wait until she returns, if I may.

MR. FRASER: Go ahead.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns. Mr. Nerysoo.

Minister's Statement On Resource Development And Energy

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, I would like to speak to you on two subjects of great importance to us all: resource development and energy.

The Northwest Territories is a storehouse of raw materials used in the manufacture of durables and the production of energy. These raw materials hold the potential of financial independence and energy self-sufficiency for the people of the Northwest Territories. The stakes are immense and good decisions must be made to ensure long-term economic and energy benefits as well as the protection of northern cultures and the environment.

Inuvik, being in the heart of a region facing major development impacts, is a most appropriate setting for these remarks. In the near future this region could shoulder many of the social costs of resource development and will receive greater economic benefits if effective policy action is taken by the territorial and federal governments.

Major Projects Affecting NWT

While on the subject of resource development, I would like to briefly outline some of the major projects occurring that will affect this region and the NWT as a whole. The Beaufort Sea and the Mackenzie Delta contain reserves of oil and gas which have the potential to lead to megaprojects unparalleled in the history of Canada and of unprecedented consequences to the Northwest Territories. The proponents of these projects, Dome Petroleum, Gulf Canada, and Esso Resources, estimate direct costs at between \$40 and \$60 billion. The project could be operational by the early 1990s.

In Norman Wells, Esso Resources will increase oil production from 3000 to at least 25,000 barrels a day. Concurrent with this, Interprovincial Pipelines will be constructing a pipeline from Norman Wells through the Mackenzie Valley to Zama, Alberta. Both these projects together will have an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion and could be completed as early as 1985. At Melville Island, northeast of Inuvik, the Arctic Pilot Project proposes to extract and transport substantial volumes of natural gas by ice-breaking tankers to markets in eastern Canada. The Arctic Pilot Project has recently been the topic of a National Energy Board hearing at which I represented this government's views and concerns. The cost of the Arctic Pilot Project is estimated at \$2.5 billion and could be operational by 1986.

I wish also to refer to the BC Hydro proposal to build a hydro-electric dam on the Liard River, just south of the Northwest Territories border in British Columbia. This project, with an estimated cost of \$4.7 billion, could be operational in the mid-1990s. If built, its operation will permanently affect the water levels within both the Liard and the Mackenzie Rivers. The impact on water transportation, on trapping and on the delicate ecological balance in the Liard and Mackenzie Valleys could be substantial.

### Effects Of Resource Development

The effects of resource development will be profound. The Northwest Territories could be greatly changed by economic growth and development. Some of the benefits offered by development include jobs, training, experience, economic prosperity, increased government revenues, and perhaps a reasonably priced energy supply. Some of the costs of development may include a change in our way of life, damage to our renewable resources and pollution. I would also add the costs of expanded infrastructure and increased government services in communities facing major development. This was well brought out by the standing committee on finance in previous sessions and in meetings with the municipalities and community councils.

It is this government's responsibility to ensure that northerners bear fewer costs and receive greater benefits from resource development. To ensure that this happens, the Executive Committee has created my portfolio of Energy and Resource Development and has also established a secretariat for energy and resource development.

### Policy For Development Projects

In addition, my colleagues and I have taken steps to prepare a resource development policy. Such a policy is required to ensure that maximum net benefits from resource development accrue to the residents of the Northwest Territories. The policy is designed to enable our government to effectively influence the decisions of resource developers and therefore to help shape the future growth and development of the Territories.

This policy shall provide for extensive public participation and will set out guidelines for assessment and review of each proposed resource development project, as well as define project monitoring requirements on the part of industry and government. This stance is taken to ensure that all those affecting, or affected by resource development play a role in the decision-making process. The public by this measure can participate positively in decisions which affect their lives. This policy is needed so that the Government of the Northwest Territories decisions about resource development can be made in a co-ordinated, comprehensive and integrated manner and so that industry, other governments and the public have a clear understanding of this government's position as it relates to resource development. A pamphlet will soon be available for public distribution which will describe this policy and the related process in greater detail.

### Share Of Revenues To The North

Resource development in the North must do more than provide jobs and business opportunities for northerners. As Members of this House have made clear on many occasions, the North must obtain a greater share of revenues from resource development if self-determination is to become a reality. Under the current revenue regime, I have been advised that our government can expect about \$470 million over the life of the Arctic Pilot Project. This is from property taxes and our portion of corporate income taxes and assumes a 10 per cent inflation rate. In contrast, over five billion dollars are generated for the federal government through corporate income taxes and gas revenue and excise taxes. For the Norman Wells project, over the 1983 to 2010 period it is estimated that the federal government will collect \$6.4 billion and the Government of the Northwest Territories will only collect about \$10 million.

MRS. SORENSEN: Shame, shame!

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: In addition, resource development involves a cost to this Government of the Northwest Territories in the form of increased program activity, services and infrastructure. Accordingly, I have directed the preparation of a resource revenue sharing strategy encompassing both royalty sharing negotiations with the federal government and a position paper outlining

other revenue options, a task whose initiation could not have taken place without the assistance of my colleagues and their respective departments. The first stage of this project will be completed shortly and as a result negotiations can begin with the federal government. In fact, a preliminary meeting with our federal government counterparts, the Hon. Marc Lalonde and the Hon. John Munro, has already taken place.

On issues of resource development, I have represented this government and made major statements to the Senate committee hearing on banking, trade and commerce in its examination of Bill C-48 last December, to the National Energy Board hearing in March into the application of the Arctic Pilot Project, and in April to the special committee of the Senate on northern pipelines. Allow me to summarize the highlights of our presentations to these bodies.

#### Highlights Of Presentations To Federal Agencies

At the Senate committee on Bill C-48, I conveyed the concerns of this government by indicating the restrictions under which Bill C-48 has placed political development in the North. I requested that the Government of the Northwest Territories have direct representation on the policy review committee of the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration. COGLA was established under the joint auspices of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to administer Bill C-48 and has sweeping powers over the rate and terms and conditions of hydrocarbon development in the North. These powers affect this government's ability to carry out its social, economic and environmental mandates. We need to take an active stance within COGLA rather than a reactive stance from outside if impact mitigation efforts of resource development are to be successful.

The special committee of the Senate on northern pipelines, which has two northern Senators, the Hon. Paul Lucier for the Yukon and the Hon. Willie Adams for the Northwest Territories, is examining issues relating to the transportation of hydrocarbons from the North by pipeline and tanker. At this hearing, I voiced the concerns of this government and outlined policy initiatives and plans proposed by our departments. I stressed the desire for co-operation between governments and industry and the need for co-ordination of programs relating to resource development to ensure maximum benefits for northerners at minimum cost.

The northern pipeline Senate committee was informed that it is this government's policy to support major resource development in the North to the benefit of all Canadians, but prudently and with the involvement and support of northern residents. This government's wish to participate in all decisions affecting northerners was also specified while special reference was made of COGLA as an organization that would benefit from our input at the policy level.

#### Issue Of Tankers Versus Pipelines

On the issue of tankers versus pipelines, I indicated that the state of research, experience and technology were still in their infant stages regarding the possible northern impacts of each alternative and that this situation needed to be rectified. At the National Energy Board hearing which I attended, this government supported the Arctic Pilot Project, subject to certain terms and conditions being met. These terms and conditions, which now manifest themselves in the proposed resource development policy, were carefully examined and approved by the Executive Committee. I would also like to add that our continued support of this project is subject to review after conclusion of the National Energy Board hearings and careful analysis of the resultant recommendations.

One last northern impact study group deserves special mention. I speak of the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment and Review Panel. As Members of this House are aware, the panel will be examining the whole concept of

resource development in the Beaufort Sea. The scale of hydrocarbon activities will be immense and the government is presently developing a comprehensive position to present to the panel.

#### Socio-Economic And Environmental Concerns

Issues relating to resource development that are of great concern to this government are those relating to the social and economic well-being of northern residents and those involving the preservation and protection of the natural environment. The Executive Committee recommended to the Hon. John Munro that a management structure be set up for Norman Wells. This management structure, which would allow for participation of and representation from industry, government, the Dene Nation, Metis Association and local councils, would serve as a model, with modification if necessary, for other resource development projects.

As a result of this recommendation, a recent tripartite agreement was concluded in Norman Wells. This agreement, signed by the Dene Nation, the Metis Association, and this government, provides for the joint management of funds granted through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the purpose of identifying training requirements for native northerners in the impact area from resource development. This tripartite agreement sets out two significant precedents that deserve special mention. First, this agreement serves as an example of what can be achieved when different groups work together in the spirit of co-operation to obtain mutually beneficial goals and objectives, and second, the agreement signifies recognition of the unique training needs resulting from resource development. In implementation of this agreement, my colleagues, Dennis Patterson from Education and Tom Butters from Economic Development and Tourism, with their respective departments are working alongside of the Dene Nation and the Metis Association to achieve maximum effectiveness.

I would like now to move on to the subject of energy, an area of equal importance in determining the North's economic future. The demand for energy is a critical issue for the Northwest Territories, which will become increasingly important in the future. Of every dollar spent in the Northwest Territories 25 cents goes to supply us with energy in any one of its many forms. This translates into approximately \$5000 per capita annually. Further, over 90 per cent of our energy needs are supplied by fossil fuels. The cost of energy, combined with its narrow supply base, restricts local business opportunity and makes the Northwest Territories economy extremely sensitive to the fluctuations in the supply and price of fossil fuels.

#### Energy Strategy Report

In recognition of the seriousness of this problem the Executive Committee and I have requested the development of an energy strategy and policy addressing the production, allocation and pricing of energy and to design an energy supply system adequate for the long-term needs of the Northwest Territories. An energy strategy report was tabled on February 11, 1982, in this House, which outlined the problems inherent with our current energy supply system and suggested a set of priorities for this government to follow in achieving a secure, stable, reasonably priced, long-term supply of energy. Conservation is identified in this report as an immediate measure capable of reducing energy costs. Over the medium term, consumer expectations and construction techniques must change if we are to break our dependence on expensive non-renewable forms of energy and in the longer term, our goal is to develop regional sources of energy that utilize locally available resources.

#### Development Of An Energy Policy In Preparation

An energy policy based on this strategy is now in preparation. It is being developed in co-operation with all our departments and regional offices of this government. This policy will define various departmental and regional

responsibilities and will include an action plan to guide our energy programs over the next two years. Further, we are preparing a booklet for public distribution. This booklet will give people a clear understanding of the Government of the Northwest Territories energy policy so that they comprehend energy supply and demand characteristics and so that they may also understand energy issues and contribute as individuals to solutions.

Besides working at the policy level, we have also been directly involved in making an effort to reduce the cost of power -- a topic which is always controversial. Mr. McCallum spoke on my behalf at the Public Utilities Board hearing held this April. He conveyed the Legislative Assembly's request that power rates be frozen at 1981 levels until such time as action was taken to solve the serious problem of "out of control" power rate increases. He pointed out that the problem of high rates would never be solved until new power generation techniques were found which utilized our natural regional resources; wind, water, wood, peat, coal and natural gas.

#### Recommendation For NWT Power Corporation

Power costs have become a serious enough issue that the Executive Committee will explore the advantages of a Northwest Territories power corporation which will replace NCPC as the principal supplier of power and would also research and develop new forms of energy in an effort to keep long-term power costs down. This development follows a recommendation of the recently released Penner report on electrical power North of 60°.

We have taken every opportunity available to express the needs of the Northwest Territories people to the federal government and its agencies, and have been successful in our efforts as shown by the enriched federal programs recently announced by the Ministers of the Departments of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Energy, Mines and Resources. Be assured that we are taking advantage of these programs to the fullest.

In concluding my comments, I would like to assure this House that we are acting quickly and efficiently in our dealings with both energy and resource development issues. Thank you.

---Applause



MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns. I understand that the honourable Member for Inuvik has a return. Would you like to make it now, Mr. Butters?

Return To Question 1-82(2): Moratorium On Tax For Hunters And Trappers

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Yes, relative to the question raised yesterday by the honourable Member for the Western Arctic, whom I think requested a report -- "Would whomever is responsible give in detail what has been done regarding this matter, if anything at all?" I am pleased to indicate that there has been some action on this matter, if, at present, no results. Specifically, the Minister of Renewable Resources met with the federal Minister of National Revenue to request taxation relief. The Minister of Finance corresponded with the federal Minister of National Revenue to request a meeting to discuss the remission of reassessments, the setting up of a district office and a system of monitoring future tax audits to reduce the likelihood of recurrences of this type of difficulty. The deputy minister of Finance for the Territories met with the deputy minister of taxation, Revenue Canada, to obtain detailed assessment and tax information and to request that the cases be evaluated for possible remission of past taxes.

The manager of fiscal policy and analysis section in the Department of Finance of the Northwest Territories has been in contact with the director of the provincial/international relations division of Revenue Canada, taxation. Reassessments are based on \$17,395 in unreported income, resulting in taxes, penalties and interest and Canada Pension Plan payable in the total amount of \$123,520. The Department of National Revenue, taxation, has reviewed the reassessments, and has determined that it will not recommend a remission. The department would normally recommend a remission only under circumstances of 1) misinformation being provided to the taxpayer; 2) extreme hardship; 3) unintended consequences of the law. It is the view of the federal department that these circumstances are not present. The NWT is precluded from remitting its share by virtue of the subclause 10(4) of the income tax collection agreement.

This determination, this decision, has been made by officials of the department, and I will be seeking an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Revenue Canada when Mr. McCallum and I travel to Ottawa at the end of this month. I will see if we might be able to persuade him to become personally interested in the matter again.

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

Minister's Statement Re Social Services, Health And Housing

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I know that this is the normal place where Members of the Executive Committee may make a statement relative to some of the things, so I have no reply, but I would like to make a statement, if I may, at this time concerning some of the questions that were asked in the last session and to indicate that we have moved, as a result of some of the direction that we received by motion and by recommendation from the last session.

I would simply like to indicate that, in the area of Social Services -- and I am sure that my friend Mr. Appaqaq will be pleased to note -- that we have now answered his request in relation to the amount of living allowance and moving the community of Sanikiluaq into a new category under the social assistance rates. Those rates determine the cost of living allowance that is used to determine the amount of rent that individuals in communities pay. I would like to indicate to Members that we have reorganized those social assistance zones. We have now, instead of five, six zones, and there are a number of communities from each of the regions who have been moved into new areas. We

have, as well, increased the food allowance in all the categories by 10 per cent. We have increased the senior citizens' allowance; in the recommendations that were made, Mr. Evaluarjuk made those recommendations in the last session so...

---Applause

...we have increased the assistance to senior citizens. Those who get the GIS will now be eligible to get \$75 a month. We have increased assistance to disabled people, supplementary benefits to the aged and handicapped. Mr. Curley, talked about attempting to lower the age for assistance to people below the age of 65 years. I am pleased to indicate to Members -- maybe some are already aware -- that the incidental allowance to the aged has been increased from \$90 to \$125, and the age level dropped to 60 years rather than 65. That goes along with the kinds of recommendations and initiatives that have begun with the federal government as well.

Foster care has been a particular concern with people. We previously had one rate throughout the Territories. We have now a revised scale where there is an age differential, so that we have three categories, and we have increased the clothing allowance that foster parents are eligible for, when there is a need to provide special clothing, and it would then depend upon the age of the foster child.

So I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that in the areas of social services and in the areas of health, we have responded as a government to the direction that this legislature in formal session and in committee have asked us to move. I have indicated that we would be tabling new legislation on the hospital administration and hospital insurance services; we intend to do that this particular term.

As far as the Housing Corporation is concerned, Members know that we have delayed the implementation of the rent. I had made a commitment to Members in the last House about the rehab money. The Member for Yellowknife South has asked for detailed questions; I was going to indicate to Members that, at the present time, we have put out contracts worth \$6,412,000 and change, and a total of 94.5 per cent of that has gone to northern suppliers, northern business people, and that amounts to \$6,057,000 out of a total of \$6,412,000, and so when I answered the question from Mr. Pudluk at the last session, when he said words to the effect that he was a doubting Thomas, well we have done exactly what you have asked, we have used northern suppliers. We have given the contracts to people in the North, and I think that Mr. Butters yesterday...

---Applause

...Mr. Butters yesterday talked about the Eighth Assembly being representative, working toward responsible government. I would like to add two other words: we are responsive and reassuring.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

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

Item 5 on the orders of the day, petitions.

ITEM NO. 5: PETITIONS

Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here I would like to table at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Will you give us just an inkling of what the petition might be, what subject matter it is on?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I will be making a motion on the petition. I am giving notice of motion later on, on the petition that has been tabled.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser, for the record, will you give us the substance of the petition and the number of signatures, please?

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The petition is Petition 1-82(2), from the residents of Norman Wells for the extension of the natural gas pipeline for the community of Norman Wells. I have approximately 70 names.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Are there any further petitions?

Item 6, tabling of documents.

ITEM NO. 6: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 3-82(2), Report of the Chief Plebiscite Officer, on the plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories, 1982, -- to which I voted "yes".

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 4-82(2), Preliminary Response to Learning: Tradition and Change in the NWT, which is prepared by the Yellowknife Education District No. 1, and I would urge all Members to read it prior to the debate because it is a response that comes from one of the more experienced boards in the Territories dealing with all aspects of education.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following documents:

Tabled Document 5-82(2), Postponing Adoption of Report of the Special Committee on Education, a telex that was received from the Aklavik education committee on their concern about the approval and adoption of the report of the special committee.

Tabled Document 6-82(2), Resource Development Policy. This document is being translated into Inuktitut.

Tabled Document 7-82(2), Energy Strategy for the Northwest Territories, 1980 to 2000. A summary of this document is available in Inuktitut.

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

Item 7, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 8, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 8: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Fraser.

Notice Of Motion 3-82(2): Make Natural Gas In Norman Wells Available To Residents

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Monday, May the 17th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, that this Legislative Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that the

present natural gas distribution system in Norman Wells be expanded to make natural gas services available to all residents of that community.

---Applause

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I recollect that the report of the special committee on education was tabled yesterday. Is there any intention that that be moved into committee of the whole for discussion? I wonder whether there should not be a notice of motion to do that at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: I believe that there is a notice of motion. It was given yesterday. It is Mr. Curley's motion and I think he may be asking for unanimous consent when I get to motions to deal with it. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may have consent of the House to move the first reading of the bills that we gave notice for yesterday -- if we could give those four bills first and second reading today? I wonder if we could get that consent.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Notices of motion. There are no notices of motion.

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

Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading. There has been a request by the government to waive the time limit and give first reading to Bills 2-82(2), 3-82(2), 4-82(2) and 5-82(2). Do we have unanimous consent?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 11: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed then.

First Reading Of Bill 2-82(2): Financial Administration Ordinance

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for the Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 2-82(2), An Ordinance to Provide for the Financial Administration of the Government of the Northwest Territories, be read for the first time.

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

---Carried

I am sorry. I have skipped motions so we are really out of place on this. It is the opening jitters, I presume. I will go back now to motions and then go back to bills.

Item 10, motions.

ITEM NO. 10: MOTIONS

Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask for unanimous consent to move the motion which I introduced yesterday to move into committee of the whole for consideration as the first item of business for Friday...

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to proceed with Motion 2-82(2). Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Curley.

Motion 2-82(2): Refer Tabled Document 2-82(2) Into Committee Of The Whole

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for the Western Arctic, that Tabled Document 2-82(2), the report of the special committee on education entitled "Learning: Tradition and Change" be moved into committee of the whole for consideration as the first item of business on Friday, May 14.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order and you have a seconder. Proceed, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Question.

Motion 2-82(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Are there any other motions for today? Now we are finally in the right place. Item 11, introduction of bills for first reading.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 11: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

The Chair will accept the other out of order -- unless there is objection from the House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed then with Bill 3-82(2), I believe it is. Mr. Patterson.

First Reading Of Bill 3-82(2): Education Ordinance

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot, that Bill 3-82(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Education Ordinance, be read for the first time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. The bill has had first reading.

---Carried

Bill 4-82(2). Mr. Nerysoo.

First Reading Of Bill 4-82(?): Forest Protection Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 4-82(?), An Ordinance to Amend the Forest Protection Ordinance, be read for the first time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 4-82(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

Bill 5-82(2). Mr. McCallum.

First Reading Of Bill 5-82(2): Labour Standards Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, that Bill 5-82(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Labour Standards Ordinance, be read for the first time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 5-82(2) has had first reading.

---Carried

That then concludes bills for today.

Item 12, second reading of bills.

ITEM NO. 12: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I will defer moving second reading of Bill 2-82(2) until the standing committee on finance has had a chance to consider its contents.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Second reading of bills. Are there any other bills ready for second reading? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to move second reading of Bill 3-82(2).

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have unanimous consent for second reading of Bill 3-82(2)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

Second Reading Of Bill 3-82(2): Education Ordinance

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot, that Bill 3-82(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Education Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to allow the Executive Member to declare that schools in any education district are to be in session for not less than 170 days in an academic year, rather than a minimum of 190 days. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 3-82(2). Are you ready for the question, second reading?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 3-82(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 4-82(2). Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, I wish to seek unanimous consent from the House to proceed with Bill 4-82(2).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the House agreed to second reading of Bill 4-82(2)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

Second Reading Of Bill 4-82(2): Forest Protection Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 4-82(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Forest Protection Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to amend the Forest Protection Ordinance to allow the forest supervisor to summon assistance from both males and females where they are over the age of 16 years, yet not more than 60 years.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The bill has had second reading.

---Carried

Bill 5-82(2). Mr. McCallum.

Second Reading Of Bill 5-82(2): Labour Standards Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, that Bill 5-82(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Labour Standards Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to raise the minimum wage in the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 5-82(2). Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 5-82(2) has had second reading.

---Carried

On the orders of the day we have no matters for the committee of the whole at this time. If you are ready to proceed with a bill -- if you can get unanimous consent, we could put a bill into committee if this is the House's wish, or we could adjourn for the day.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Bill 3-82(2).

MR. SPEAKER: That then concludes the order paper.

Item 14, orders of the day, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Announcements. The special committee on education will be meeting immediately after adjournment in classroom 11B, upstairs in this school. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m., there will be a caucus meeting in the small Family Hall, which is a building -- most Members know where the building is located, I believe.

ITEM NO. 14: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 14.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions
4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions
6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
10. Motions
11. Introduction of Bills for First Reading
12. Second Reading of Bills
13. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Tabled Document 2-82(2)
14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 14th.

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