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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. MacQuarrie, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Sayine, Mr. Sibbeston, Mrs. Sorensen, Hon. Don Stewart, Hon. Kane To Loganak

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): For opening prayers today, I will call on Rev. J.T. McCollum.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

VEN. J.T. MCCOLLUM: Almighty God, grant Thy blessing upon this 10th session of the Legislative Assembly of the Government of the Northwest Territories now about to enter into its deliberations. Inspire all its Members with a deep sense of dedicated service which puts to one side all prejudice, private interests and partial affections. Make this Assembly's vision clear, its goals honourable and its resolutions firm so that in all things it may strive to benefit all citizens of this vast north country with good responsible government. These things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MR. SPEAKER: The prayer in Inuktitut.

MRS. MARY UYARAKTEK: (Prays in Inuktitut)

MR. SPEAKER: The prayer in Dogrib by Chief Isador Tsetta.

CHIEF TSETTA: (Prays in Dogrib) Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: We will now have the prayer song by the Detah drummers.

DETAH DRUMMERS: (Perform prayer song)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain whether the Commissioner is ready to address this House?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Order!

ITEM NO. 2: COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly:

Welcome To Mr. Gordon Wray

I take pleasure in welcoming each of you to the 10th session of the Ninth Assembly. My welcome is particularly warm -- and I am sure I speak for all Members -- to Mr. Gordon Wray, who will soon take his place as the newly elected Member from Baker Lake, representing the constituency of Keewatin North.

---Applause

I am confident that Mr. Wray will make a valuable contribution to the work of this House, as did his predecessor, Mr. William Noah. I wish to him and to each of the Members success and happiness in the years ahead.

You are well aware that this session marks the beginning of the final year in the life of this Assembly. Each Member of the Legislative Assembly and each Minister of this government can look back with pride on the accomplishments that have been recorded and on the progress that has been made since the first session of the Ninth Assembly in November, 1979.

Accomplishments Of Ninth Assembly

Time does not permit me to list in detail the many achievements of this House for which each of you can share the credit, but I believe that four of your most notable successes were summarized for us by the Hon. John Munro when he spoke to you on November 26th, 1982, the final day of the ninth session. The Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs outlined four policy thrusts which the Government of Canada has accepted and endorsed as being the expression of the will of the people of the Northwest Territories, initiated and brought forcefully to the attention of the federal government by the Ministers and Members of this Legislative Assembly. The federal government has adopted the principle of dividing the Territories; the principle of responsible and accountable government in the Northwest Territories; it has made a decision to move to formula financing; and it has decided to establish and distribute discretionary revenues to help offset the costs incurred by the Government of the Northwest Territories in support of resource development.

In each of these areas Members of this House can be proud of what has been accomplished, but they must also look forward to pursuing with renewed vigour and purpose that which still remains to be done in order to achieve the goals that have been set. While the debate on the report of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on unity set the stage for the division plebiscite of April, 1982, it remains for the Ministers and Members working on the special committee on division, the special committee on constitutional development, and with the Constitutional Alliance, to resolve the issues of the determination of boundaries, the division of powers among various levels of government, and to promote the settlement of land claims. In this connection, I commend the valuable work done to date by Members of this Assembly who are serving on these committees and working groups.

Formula Financing

Through the untiring efforts of our first Minister of Finance, the Hon. Tom Butters, and members of the staff of Finance and the Financial Management Secretariat, a long-time objective of this government seems close to being realized. For a number of years we have sought the opportunity to manage our own revenues and expenditures through a system of formula financing. That opportunity is now at hand. Much work, however, remains to be done and much effort will still need to be expended to work out the details and to implement the procedures.

In mid-January the Hon. Tom Butters attended what I am sure will be the first of many meetings with the Hon. Marc Lalonde to discuss not only the intricacies of formula financing, but also to bring to the federal Minister this government's concerns on the taxation of northern benefits and, together with the Hon. Richard Nerysoo, our views on resource revenue sharing.

Resource Revenue Sharing

On the topic of resource revenue sharing, I am sure that all Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly were pleased to hear the Hon. John Munro state: "Over the past few years you and your constituents have frequently voiced to me their concerns about the costs they incur in support of resource development. The federal government recognizes the merits of your complaints and I am pleased to announce that I have been authorized to develop some proposals to offset these costs, thereby increasing net benefits to the North from resource development." Once again, while such an announcement is a result of the efforts of many people over a long period of time, more time and effort on your part is still demanded to translate these words into a plan of action that will benefit every northerner.

Economic Conditions In The NWT

Many of us in the Northwest Territories have thus far been fortunate not to have suffered as severe economic hardships as has our sister territory, Yukon, and other parts of Canada. Since our last session, however, the economic conditions in the Northwest Territories have worsened. You know of the closure early in January of the Pine Point mine and of the recent shut-down of the Cantung mine at Tungsten. Your Executive Committee is well aware of the devastating effects on the economies in those mining towns and on the communities in the immediate area, and it is studying ways and means by which the territorial government can offer some assistance.

Low fur prices, reduced demand for arts and crafts, and the general slow down of the Canadian economy are affecting us and our government is concerned with hardships that may be faced by individuals. It is essential that social assistance programs which ensure the basic necessities of life are provided to all of those in need. At the same time, budget constraints must be understood and no abuses of support systems tolerated.

Work On Oil Fields And Pipeline

I would not, however, paint too gloomy a picture, for I share with you the optimism that is a characteristic of northerners who are convinced that better days are ahead. As I mentioned at the opening of the ninth session, the work on oil field development and the proposed pipeline from Norman Wells continues to supply jobs and economic opportunities. This winter will see the clearing of the pipeline right of way. All contracts for this work have been awarded to northern residents. Since the last session, two more major programs have been announced; that is Gulf and PanArctic in the Beaufort and Arctic Islands areas, each carrying multi-year commitments, thereby indicating that there is little slow down in the search for oil and gas in that region.

Federal-Territorial Economic Development Agreement

All residents of the Northwest Territories have reason to be optimistic about economic growth, new business opportunities and an expanded job market with the signing, on December 22nd, of a \$21 million federal-territorial economic development agreement. The Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, the Hon. Arnold McCallum and I signed this four year agreement on behalf of the Northwest Territories, while the Hon. John Munro signed for the Government of Canada. The agreement calls for a contribution of \$19 million from the federal government and an amount of two million dollars from our government. The first segment of the money, which will be available in April, 1983, will be spent in the areas of human resource development, domestic market development, including community-based tourism, and natural resource development. The Ministers of Economic Development and Finance and their staffs worked long and hard to finalize this agreement which is by far the largest of its kind in territorial history. We must acknowledge as well the strong role played by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs in advancing this agreement.

Federal Employment Related Initiatives Agreement

The federal employment related initiatives agreement signed in Yellowknife in late December by the Hon. John Munro and the Hon. Arnold McCallum establishes a fund of two million dollars to provide and develop employment in the Northwest Territories. This money is to be divided equally between the two federal ridings and is to be spent over the next two fiscal years. To this date, projects have been approved by your Executive Committee and by the federal Treasury Board for expenditures in 18 communities across the Territories for a total amount of \$1,115,000. Projects to promote employment in other communities and to expend the balance of the funds are now being considered by the federal Treasury Board.

Fur Industry

In an effort to protect that part of the economy that relies heavily on the sale of sealskins, the Hon. Richard Nerysoo was one of two territorial Ministers who joined Peter Ittinuar, Member of Parliament for Nunatsiaq, and representatives of Inuit organizations in travelling to Europe in December to protest the proposed ban on the importation of sealskin products. The northern delegation met with ministers of a number of countries in the European Economic Community and made a strong presentation on behalf of Inuit hunters. As a result of this intervention, the European Economic Community did not vote as a body to prohibit trade in sealskins, but instead left the decision up to the individual member countries. The second outcome of this visit was the formation of a Canadian federal-provincial task force on sealing on which our government is represented.

It has become increasingly evident that the lobby of the antihunting and trapping groups has become extremely significant. It is necessary, therefore, for the hunters and trappers of the NWT and of Canada to work together so that their interests and concerns are as clearly expressed as those of humane societies and conservation groups. Through wise utilization of abundant resources, through the careful preservation of scarce resources, and through improved methods of capturing and harvesting animals, we must convince the general public that we are responsible managers of our wildlife and our vital and viable fur industry.

Formation Of Development Impact Zone Groups

In my address to the ninth session, I mentioned that the proposed Slave River hydro development project was being studied by our government on the basis of potential benefits and costs. Under the terms of the resource development policy which has been approved by this House, it is essential that people who live in the area which will be most directly affected, should be given the opportunity to study the positive and any negative impacts of such a development on their communities and way of life. In January, the Hon. Richard Nerysoo and the Hon. Arnold McCallum met with residents of Fort Smith and Fort Resolution to propose the formation of a development impact zone

group. Later in the month the two Ministers met with the residents of the Mackenzie Delta in Inuvik to consider the formation of a development impact zone group which would study both the positive and negative impacts of Beaufort Sea activities on surrounding communities.

Important Ceremonies In NWT

Three important ceremonies that have taken place in widely separated parts of the Territories since the last session are worthy of note. In early January the Hon. Kane Tologanak, Minister of Health and Social Services, together with the Member for Frobisher Bay, accepted the transfer of the Frobisher Bay General Hospital to the Government of the Northwest Territories. With Mrs. Vera Butler, government officials and guests in attendance, a conference room was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Gordon Butler. Dr. Butler, who died in August, 1982, is remembered with love and respect for his dedicated service in bringing medical care to people in the most remote locations of northern Canada. His long life of service always dealt across cultural boundaries, and his medical work in both Africa and Canada brought care and hope to those of different cultural backgrounds from his own. In 1975 Dr. Butler received the Commissioner's Award for public service of the highest order. The inscription on his medal reads in part: "to recognize his great personal contribution during the period 1960 to 1971 to the significant improvement of health conditions among the people of the Northwest Territories".

Just last week, the Hon. Dennis Patterson, together with the Member for Slave River and myself, attended the official opening in Fort Smith of the newly reconstructed Breynat Hall, a student residence for Thebacha College. In the very near future the new six room school in Lac la Martre will be officially opened.

On January 28th Deputy Commissioner Robert Pilot and the MLA for Kitikmeot officially opened the two million dollar Pierre Henry Centre at Pelly Bay. This community building contains hamlet and government offices and a gymnasium.

Representation At First Ministers' Constitutional Conference

A meeting of keen interest to all Members of this Assembly is the First Ministers' Constitutional Conference on Aboriginal Rights which will take place in Ottawa in March. Our government will be represented by the Hon. George Braden, the Hon. James Wah-Shee and the Hon. Dennis Patterson. As most of you are aware, these three Ministers attended earlier this week the ministerial-level meeting in preparation for the constitutional conference.

In early January I announced the appointment of Mr. Justice Joseph Potts as head of the three member Electoral District Boundaries Commission to study the size and number of constituencies in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Justice Potts is a judge with the high court of justice in Ontario, and is a deputy judge of the supreme court of the Northwest Territories. This Assembly at its last sitting recommended James Antoine, chief of the Fort Simpson Dene band, as a member of the commission, and I am pleased to confirm his appointment. Justice Potts and Chief Antoine have selected David Alagalak of Eskimo Point as the third member of the commission. Tom Auchterlonie, a long-time resident of the Northwest Territories, will serve as secretary to the commission.

Deaths Of Well-Known Northerners

I ask the House to note the passing of several distinguished old-time northerners. Mrs. Jessie Hardisty died on December 22nd, 1982, at the age of 97. During her long life Mrs. Hardisty was a devoted member of her church, and there is a proposal to name the church at Wrigley "The Jessie Hardisty Memorial Church". My wife and I have the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Hardisty during our trip to the Mackenzie Liard constituency last spring. Mr. Pascal Baptiste died in early January in Inuvik at the age of 87. Mr. Baptiste was born near Tuktoyaktuk in 1896, attended school in Fort Providence, and for a number of years worked there for the Roman Catholic Church. For 39 years he was a hunter and trapper, first near Arctic Red River and later in the Inuvik district. Mr. Baptiste spoke Loucheux, French and English. Mr. Johnny Simpson, a leader who was instrumental in establishing the Snare Lakes settlement, died at age 76 last November. Harry Zoe and David Quitte, respected elders of Rae Lakes, reached the grand ages of 102 and 90 years, respectively. Domitille Kakfwi passed away in December after a brief illness. She was the widow of the late Gabriel Kakfwi, who owned and operated the first Dene fur trading general store in Fort Good Hope. Annie Bruneau, wife of the great Chief Jimmy Bruneau, and herself an important influence in the community of Fort Rae, died at 93.

Commissioner's Awards

Through the medium of Commissioner's Awards, persons offering outstanding public service and those who perform acts of bravery can be recognized. I am pleased to announce awards to the following persons.

Reverend Gordon Bailey and Mrs. Bailey of Yellowknife are to receive the Commissioner's Award jointly at the highest level, in recognition of their selfless devotion and service to poor and disadvantaged people of the Northwest Territories. This service is offered in the spirit of true Christian love and charity.

---Applause

Another recipient of the award at the highest level is Dr. Omond Solandt, a great Canadian, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in scientific developments for northern Canada, and particularly as the first chairman of, and moving force behind, the Science Advisory Board of the NWT.

---Applause

Mrs. Betty Stewart of Yellowknife is to receive the Commissioner's Award at the second level -- a scroll to recognize her devotion to the welfare of all northern people, and particularly to students during her years in All Saints Residential School in Aklavik. Many years later, her students still remember her with warmth and affection.

---Applause

A scroll designating an award at the second level will be presented to Mr. William Westwood in recognition of his outstanding community service, and in particular to the youth of Coppermine for the past seven years. His voluntary efforts as a Scout leader, probation officer, and foster parent have been of the highest standard.

---Applause

Two persons are to receive the Commissioner's Award for bravery. Mr. Mark Tootiak of Gjoa Haven is being recognized at the highest level for entering a burning house at great risk to himself and rescuing a baby, who unfortunately later died of burns. Miss Vicki Zaparaniuk of Pine Point entered the cab of a burning truck at considerable risk to her own life and freed her mother and stepfather, and for this brave act she is being recognized at the second level.

At the time of presentation of these awards, much more will be said of each of these people.

Proposed Legislation

The Minister of Finance will be presenting in detail the proposed budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year. The government will be requesting your approval for the expenditure of \$474 million, which sum is made up of \$395,500,000 in operations and maintenance, and \$78,500,000 in capital. It has been necessary to apply very considerable restraint measures in the drawing together of this budget, and Executive Members supported by their deputies have worked hard to achieve a balanced budget. In addition, this budget reflects the results of a major priorities-setting exercise carried out by Ministers through their priorities and planning committee, following the directions from this Legislature.

During the session the Hon. George Braden will present to you a document entitled "Priorities" in which these guidelines for government decision making are outlined. The priorities established by your government are important to the continuing development of responsive and orderly government in the North. Furthermore we believe that decisions based on the established priorities will enable the government to strike a reasonable balance between demands for economic and social changes in keeping with contemporary Canadian society and the demands to preserve traditional, social, and cultural values and lifestyles.

During this session a legislative program of some 23 bills will be introduced for your consideration. Amendments to 12 ordinances will be introduced, among them amendments to the Council Ordinance, the Public Service Ordinance, the Wildlife Ordinance, the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, and the Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Ordinance. New legislation includes a Travel and Tourism Ordinance, a Gas Protection Ordinance, a Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance, a Civil Emergency Measures Ordinance, a Liquor Ordinance, and a Medical Profession Ordinance. In addition there will be five financial bills, including the Appropriation Ordinance, a Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, a Financial Agreement Ordinance, Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, and a Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance. Your Ministers consider these bills essential to the good conduct of government business. I recommend the passage of each of these ordinances.

I now commend for your earnest consideration and wise judgment the business of this House as I declare open the 10th session of the Ninth Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Please be seated. Members, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to welcome you to the last budget session of the Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

I would like, on behalf of the House, to welcome the Member-elect for Keewatin North, Mr. Gordon Wray. Unfortunately, the official writ of election has been delayed due to some difficulties in the East, and Mr. Wray cannot be sworn in today. To the guests seated in the Speaker's gallery, I would like to say "Welcome" and thank you for attending this opening ceremony. A particular welcome to the throat singers and drummers from Baker Lake, James Ukpage, Lucy Kownak and Emily Alerk, and their interpreter, Sally Webster.

New Northern Decor

While this session marks the beginning of the last year of this Assembly's life, we have continued to make changes in the chamber decor. There are two reasons for the changes you see today. Firstly, they are a response to Members' requests for a more northern appearance for the chamber. Secondly, they are a symbolic demonstration of this House's strong support for the seal hunting which is so important to the Inuit of the Eastern Arctic.

---Applause

You will recall that last session two Members of this House travelled to Europe to fight the proposed EEC ban on the importing of Canadian seal pelts. I think it was my friend from Fort Smith that said that you will probably get our seal of approval for this move, but sometimes his puns are not as good as others.

Many people deserve thanks for their roles in creating the chamber's new appearance. The Members' Services Board planned the changes, with advice and assistance from Mr. Ihor Pona of the Department of Public Works and his staff. The Native Womens' Association did the moosehair tufting work with their usual talent and skill, and the Hudson's Bay Company lent the harp and ring seal pelts which you see on the front wall. The photo display on the side wall comes from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The House also owes thanks to the chaplains who have offered prayers for the success of this session in English, Inuktitut and Dogrib. The Rev. J.T. McCollum of Hay River, Archdeacon of the Mackenzie, offered the prayer in English. Mrs. Mary Uyaraktek of Holman Island, who assists Father Tardy in services, offered the prayer in Inuktitut. Chief Isador Tsetta offered the prayer in Dogrib, and the Detah drummers performed the prayer song. Thank you very kindly for your assistance.

Recognition Of Guests

I would like to take a few moments to introduce to you the honoured guests seated in the gallery within the chamber: Mr. Justice Mark De Weerd of the supreme court of the Northwest Territories; Mr. Justice J.H. Potts of Ontario, who is a deputy judge of the supreme court of the Northwest Territories and is chairman of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission; and our own chief judge James Slaven of the territorial court of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

Often people wonder why the judiciary is usually recognized in this House. Well, basically, in the democratic system the judiciary forms part of the government, although there is a wide separation as far as actual contact in everyday life. These are the people who play a very honoured role within the system of government. They are the interpreters and guardians of the laws which we make for the Northwest Territories.

The other honoured guests seated within the chamber include: Chief Superintendent Hugh Feagan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Mayor Michael Ballantyne of Yellowknife; Mayor Walter Kudelik of Hay River; Mayor John Vogt of Fort Smith; Mayor Jim Villeneuve of Fort Simpson; Chief Jim Antoine of Fort Simpson; and Chief Pat Martel of Hay River. Thank you very much for coming.

---Applause

This is our first session without the services of Mr. Binx Remnant, but I can tell you that just prior to coming down we received a telephone call of great anxiety from Mr. Remnant to make sure that things were on track and that we were not going to make too many bad mistakes and get the show on the road. We assured him that we were doing quite well and were quite healthy and I do believe that he was just a little bit disappointed.

---Applause

Serving in Mr. Remnant's place this session is Mr. David Hamilton, the Acting Clerk. Mr. Hamilton is assisted by Susan Baldwin of the House of Commons in Ottawa, and James Fennell, who has been seconded from the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation for this session. I know with the crew that we have around us that we will be served well on this 10th Assembly and I am looking forward to things going very smoothly. Thank you very much.

Continuing now with the orders of the day for February 2nd, Item 3, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

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

Mr. Butters.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 1-83(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, February 4, 1983, I shall move that Bill 1-83(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1984, be read for the first time.

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

ITEM NO. 4: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 1-83(1), First Report of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures and I shall be moving a motion at the appropriate time under reports of standing and special committees dealing with this tabled document.

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

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

Mrs. Sorensen.

Motion Of Appreciation

MRS. SORENSEN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to move that the Assembly express to the Commissioner its appreciation for his opening Address.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. This will in no way prohibit you from speaking further and giving a full reply. Is there a seconder? Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further replies to the Commissioner's Address?

Item 6, oral questions.

Item 7, questions and returns.

Item 8, petitions.

Item 9, reports of standing and special committees.

ITEM NO. 9: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mr. McCallum.

Motion To Refer Tabled Document 1-83(1) To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I wish to move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard that Tabled Document 1-83(1), First Report of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, be moved into committee of the whole as a second item of business on Thursday, February 3rd.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Item 10, notices of motion.

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Nerysoo.

Notice Of Motion 1-83(1): Sitting Hours For February 7, 1983

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, February 4th, 1983, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, that the Speaker set the hours of sitting for Monday, February 7th, 1983, as 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further notices of motion?

Item 11, motions.

Item 12, introduction of bills for first reading.

ITEM NO. 12: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS FOR FIRST READING

Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have consent of the House to move first reading of Bill 1-83(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1983-84?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to move a bill two positions in one day. Do we have unanimous consent?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays?

---Agreed

Proceed, Mr. Butters.

First Reading Of Bill 1-83(1): Appropriation Ordinance, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta that Bill 1-83(1), An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the 31st Day of March, 1984, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Ready for the question?

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 1-83(1) has had first reading. Item 12, introduction of bills for first reading.

Item 13, second reading of bills.

Item 14, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters. This item is blank for today. Mr. Clerk, are you ready with the orders of the day?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Yes, sir. Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance and public accounts tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the caucus room on the second floor. There will also be a meeting of the caucus at lunch tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., also in the caucus room on the second floor.

ITEM NO. 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Thursday, February 3rd.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to the Commissioner's Address
3. Oral Questions

4. Questions and Returns
5. Petitions
6. Tabling of Documents
7. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
8. Notices of Motion
9. 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: Appearance of CBC Witnesses; Tabled Document 1-83(1), First Report of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures
14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any other notices? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, just on a point of order. I was looking at the rules as to how I could raise my point, and in looking at the definition of "point of order" it reads, "means a breach or transgression of any written or unwritten rule or regulation of this Assembly or of parliamentary tradition". I just want to say that tradition has certainly been broken today in respect of the whole Assembly that we have had to date and I want to thank you and the Members' Services Board for this new northern look that we have. I do believe that all Members here, and the public, too, are very appreciative and thankful for the new northern look that we have, so mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further announcements? This House, then, will stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 3rd.

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