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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1983

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ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 8th.

Item 2, Members' replies. There do not appear to be any Members' replies for today.

Item 3, oral questions. There do not appear to be any oral questions for today.

Item 4, written questions. Item 5, returns. Are there any returns? Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM NO. 5: RETURNS

Further Return To Question 50-83(1): NCPC Increases In Rates And Additional Surcharge, Pine Point

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a return to Question 50-83(1), asked by Mr. McLaughlin on March 1st. The Northern Canada Power Commission from time to time adjusts electrical rates in communities with diesel generation to recover increases in the cost of diesel fuel. Such adjustments were made in several NWT communities effective the January 1983 billings. The commission enclosed a standard notice with customers' bills advising them of the changes.

I have been assured by the commission that the notices included with the bills for Pine Point were sent by mistake, that no fuel adjustment clause applies to customers in the town of Pine Point, and that no rate change applicable to fuel cost has been made.

Return To Question 90-83(1): Fuel Spills On The Ingraham Trail

Mr. Speaker, I have another return. It is a return to written Question 90-83(1) asked by Mr. Tologanak on 7th March, 1983. There have been two fuel spills on the Ingraham Trail. Spill number one occurred March 1 at the east approach to the Bailey bridge over the Cameron River 45 km from Yellowknife. There was 3740 gallons of diesel fuel spilled as a result of an overturned oil transport truck. The spilled fuel was burned off; however, an unknown amount estimated at 300-600 gallons entered the Cameron River. Spill number two occurred March 6 at the Madeline Lake hill, approximately 23 km from Yellowknife. This was caused by an overturned oil transport truck and 2200 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the ditch. The spilled oil was burned off and any contaminated snow will be removed. Road conditions were a contributing factor in both of these accidents.

A third spill occurred on March 5 on the winter road approximately 25 km beyond the end of the Ingraham Trail. The spill occurred at the north end of Ross Lake and 3400 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled. Three burns have been carried out to date and tests are being taken at the present time that will determine if further clean-up action is required. The cause of this accident appears to be driver error.

The Department of Renewable Resources personnel have been directly involved in the clean-up procedures at all sites in advisory and inspection capacities. They have had several contacts with

the officials of Robinson Trucking to discuss methods of bringing about an end to these mishaps. Clean-up orders issued under the Environmental Protection Ordinance will be served when required. A letter is being sent to Robinson Trucking advising of areas of concern in their response to these mishaps. Charges arising from these mishaps may be laid in respect of these spills.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further returns? Item 6, Ministers' statements. Mr. Wah-Shee.

ITEM NO. 6: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement in regard to the regional and tribal councils ordinance which I had indicated to this House that I was going to table at this session and for the information of my honourable colleagues of this House I wish to make the following statement and I wish to outline the government's decision not to place the proposed regional and tribal councils ordinance before the Legislative Assembly for its consideration before this session.

As the House is well aware, the continuing development of regional political structures is a major element in the process of constitutional development throughout the Northwest Territories. It should also be noted that the attainment of consensus among northerners on regional structures is a condition set by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development before this House on November 26, 1982, for continued federal support of division of the Northwest Territories.

Furthermore, national aboriginal organizations have made clear reference to the need for the fostering of self-governments for aboriginal peoples. Forms of self-government could include either aboriginal political structure or public institutions, as appropriate. Within the Northwest Territories both the Western Constitutional Forum and the Nunavut Constitutional Forum, under the auspices of the Constitutional Alliance, are examining models of government at community, regional and central levels which will, ideally, be more responsive to public needs and preferences and new eastern and western territories. These proposals for new public institutions will form part of the agenda for negotiations with the federal Government of Canada. I would add that, in the continuing claims negotiations, all NWT aboriginal organizations have expressed strong interest in development of viable regional political structures which could take on authority and responsibility for programs and services currently delivered by other levels of government.

In view of these factors the government has concluded that development of effective and responsive regional political bodies would be better served by adopting a comprehensive and more consultative approach to the development of legislation for regional and tribal councils. We intend to use the time between now and the fall session to afford the greatest possible opportunity for mayors, community and municipal councils and regional councils to provide substantial advice in the development of final legislation. Between now and the May sitting of this House I plan to hold further meetings with the community and regional councils with the view to submitting a new draft ordinance for your preliminary consideration in the spring. With your advice and approval the government would then conduct further community and regional consultation during the summer and submit the proposed regional and tribal councils ordinance to the standing committee on legislation in August.

Interim Funding Approved

Having outlined this approach, I wish to assure the existing regional councils that interim funding of \$578,000, which this House has approved during the review of the main estimates for the Department of Local Government, will continue to be made available to the Baffin Regional Council, the Keewatin and Kitikmeot regional councils and the Deh Cho council with particular respect to councils which are in the process of being formed, such as the proposed Great Bear and the Dogrib as well as the, possibly, south of the lake councils that may be formed. Funding assistance will be provided to enable councils to carry out research on possible regional concepts. For example, the North Slope Borough in Alaska, the Navajo Tribal Council in the southwestern United States, and the regional structures in Greenland. Mr. Speaker, the government is confident that this approach will ensure that the will of the public is clearly expressed in the development of a comprehensive ordinance of which future governments in the North will have reason to be proud and which will be consistent with the overall political development of the Northwest Territories.



### Political Decision Required

I may add, Mr. Speaker, that the North is rather unique in this area. We cannot rely on the experiences of the provinces in this area because the North is embarking on a level of government which the provinces are rather reluctant to deal with. The reason for this, of course, is that when you are talking about regional forms of government, Mr. Speaker, you are addressing the whole question of whether the provinces, and the existing territorial government, I may add, has to be included -- whether there is a political will on the part of the provinces and the existing territorial government; whether they are prepared to give up their existing jurisdiction that they have and turn it over to the regional level of government. That, really, fundamentally, is the issue and that requires a political will on the part of the existing administration, Department of Local Government and my colleagues on the Executive, as well as my associates in this House, as to what kind of jurisdiction that we presently have under territorial government that could be devolved and delegated to the regional councils.

As well, I think that it is really a case of where it requires co-operation -- not only on the part of the regional governments that have aspirations to take over certain jurisdictions that are under the territorial government, but at the same time, I think that finally those decisions will have to be made in this House. For my part, I feel that it requires that kind of political will and it may be such a crucial issue, Mr. Speaker, that if we cannot work out a consensus on this question among ourselves on the Executive that it may require a free vote in this House to achieve the political aspirations of the people in the regions, and that finally the issue will have to be resolved in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. Are there any further Ministers' statements for today?

Item 7, petitions. Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Sibbeston.

### ITEM NO. 8: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### Report Of Special Committee On Constitutional Development

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to report from the special committee on constitutional development. I want to say that the committee has been working very hard and is pleased to report the following.

Your committee sponsored a meeting of the constitutional working groups which was set up at the first constitutional conference last January and again given a mandate at the past September conference to work on the details of three major areas of agreement reached at the conference. We are pleased to say that at the last working group meeting held in Yellowknife on January 13th and 14th, the representatives of the following communities took part: Fort Providence, Hay River, Yellowknife, Fort Good Hope and Pine Point. As well, both the Dene Nation and Metis Association took part.

The major work done by the working group was discussion in detail of the three major areas of agreement reached at the conference, as well as providing ideas for other major areas we will be dealing with at the next constitutional conference -- such as regional government, what constitutes a government in the tradition and style of the Dene and the jurisdiction of the proposed new government for the western NWT.

As a result of this work, major areas of research have been identified and moneys have recently been approved by the Members' Services Board for the completion of their research in time for the next constitutional conference. This research is essential if delegates at the next constitutional conference are to have new materials before them so decisions can be made, and in this way make advancements toward the eventual agreement on a constitution for the government of the western NWT.

#### Invitation To COPE And Arctic Coast Communities

The working group also recommended to our committee that the next constitutional conference be held in Inuvik and special efforts be made to invite COPE and all of the communities situated along the Western Arctic coast. Your committee has taken all of these recommendations to heart and have decided to indeed hold the next constitutional conference in Inuvik some time in late April or early May. Also, I have written to Mr. Peter Green, president of COPE, asking him to attend the next conference. We are prepared to devote at least one day to discuss COPE's Western Arctic regional municipality proposal, as well as other regional forms of government.

Your committee is also opening up the constitutional conference to all communities in the Western Arctic that are interested in attending the next conference. We have received a letter from the hamlet of Norman Wells indicating interest in attending the next conference. We are proposing to send special invitations to such communities as Cambridge Bay, Coppermine, Tuktoyaktuk and Holman Island in the hope that these people will come to understand what it is that people of the West are doing and, hopefully, become involved in planning the future government in the western part of the NWT.

The announcement in November by the federal government approving in principle the division of the NWT makes the issue of constitutional change in the NWT more important than ever before. We now know that division is inevitable, and both the eastern and western parts of the North can set out in earnest with greater determination to bring about division and constitutional changes. We in the West feel that we have an even greater task than in the East, as we have a greater mixture of people of different ethnic and political backgrounds and experiences. Despite these differences, we feel that great understanding and compromising has taken place by people of the West at the past two constitutional conferences, and we are optimistic that eventually consensus will be reached on the form and style of government which will be established in the West.

We feel that the forum of constitutional conferences is the best way of getting community leaders, MLAs, native and other broadly-based organizations together to talk about constitutional matters and we hope that this Assembly will continue to support us in this endeavour. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Wah-Shee.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 19-83(1), The Constitutional Alliance of the NWT and the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums Report to the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. Mr. Curley.

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 20-83(1): Regional And Tribal Councils

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that at the appropriate time I will move the following motion: I move that this Legislative Assembly consider as first item of business during the committee of the whole the Minister of Local Government's statement on regional and tribal councils, this afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion, Mr. Sibbeston.

Notice Of Motion 21-83(1): SSHAG Program Annual Award

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on March 10th, I will move the following motion: I move that this Legislative Assembly recommend to the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation that it establish an annual award to be given to residents of the Northwest Territories who show and provide the most initiative and skill in building their own house under the SSHAG program, and that Mr. Willy McLeod and his son Angus of Fort Liard be seriously considered for the first award.

---Applause

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

Notice Of Motion 22-83(1): NWT Housing Corporation Board Of Directors Reappointments

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I intend to move a motion to reappoint two members of the present board of directors of the Housing Corporation to further terms.

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

Notice Of Motion 23-83(1): Appointments To Board Of Directors Of The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I would like to move replacements of members of the board of directors of the Housing Corporation on Thursday, March 10th.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on March 10th I will move that the board of directors of the Housing Corporation be increased from 10 members to 12 members.

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, Mr. McCallum, was that three separate motions, or was the second motion dealing with the first motion?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, that is correct -- three separate motions.

MR. SPEAKER: I regret the rules restrict you to making only two motions. As the last motion is not going to proceed, maybe you could get one of your other colleagues to move it.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that I could get one of my colleagues if I could not get unanimous consent to proceed with three of them.

MR. SPEAKER: I presume that unanimous consent is being requested to proceed with three motions, which is contrary to the rules. Is unanimous consent given?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CURLEY: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: There is a nay. Notices of motion, Mr. Braden.

Notice Of Motion 24-83(1): Amendment To The NWT Housing Corporation Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will be asking for unanimous consent to move that we increase the size of the Housing Corporation board from 10 to 12.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. That appears to conclude notices of motion for today.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask for unanimous consent for the motion that I just gave notice of earlier.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Nay.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has not been given.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Ah, come on. That turkey has got problems. Why do you not go home? Why...

MR. SPEAKER: Please! Order in the House.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: ...do you not leave? Take off!

MR. SPEAKER: Motions.

MR. CURLEY: That is okay; get mad at me, you son-of-a-bitch!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I beg your pardon! What did you call me?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: What did you call me? Stand up and say it to my face and take off your glasses while you are doing it!



MR. SPEAKER: Order! Order!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Take off your glasses!

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Take off your glasses and say it.

MR. CURLEY: You do not have to provoke me!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Take off your glasses and say it! You little turkey!

MR. CURLEY: Come on. Be a grown-up.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You are going to open your mouth to me, the next time you had better be able to stand up and say so, and it will not be just a slap across the face!

MR. SPEAKER: I heard a remark from the honourable Member, Mr. Curley, that is unbecoming to this House, and I would like him to withdraw it.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the remarks.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Motions. That appears to conclude motions for today. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, could I get unanimous consent to proceed with a motion and recommend that the size of the Housing Corporation board be increased from 10 to 12?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any nays? You seem to have unanimous consent, Mr. Braden. Proceed.

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 12: MOTIONS

Motion 24-83(1): Amendment To The NWT Housing Corporation Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS it is desirable to increase the size of the Housing Corporation board in order that the board can better represent the people of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that legislation be brought forth at the May session to amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Ordinance to allow for an increase in the size of the board.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Seconder? Mr. Tologanak. To the motion. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Question, Mr. Speaker.

Motion 24-83(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. Mr. MacQuarrie, did you wish to speak? All in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege. I would like to state the fact that, Mr. Speaker, I think it is only appropriate that all Members are either asked to withdraw remarks or at least be advised that parliamentary language is used in this House. The fact that I was provoked actually started because I was called a "turkey" by the Member for Slave River, and I would appreciate that he withdraw that remark as well.

MR. SPEAKER: I would ask the Member, Mr. McCallum, to withdraw that terminology. It does not fit in the same terminology that you were using. However, to get accord in this House, I would ask of the Minister to withdraw his statement. Let us start all over again. We have a long afternoon, gentlemen.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Withdraw it.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Go on, withdraw it.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I withdraw the remark, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yay!

MR. MacQUARRIE: Sincerely?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No, not sincerely, not sincerely.

MR. SPEAKER: Motions. Have we any further motions for today?

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 15: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

Bill 1-83(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1983-84, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 1-83(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1983-84; BILL 2-83(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1982-1983

Bill 1-83(1), Appropriation Ordinance, 1983-84

Department Of Local Government

Detail Of Grants And Contributions

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order. When we reported last night we had a witness from Sport North, Mr. Delmage. Is it the wish of the committee that we bring Mr. Delmage back in to the witness table to complete questions?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed.

---Agreed

Mr. Williamson, will you see that the witness is brought in to the witness chair? We have Mr. Delmage now at the witness table re questions for sports and recreation, Sport North contribution. Are there any further questions for the witness? I will ask the witness first in replying to make sure he talks slowly for the interpreters. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In the matter of the selection of the various sporting activities that the NWT would promote and assign direction to the expenditure of funds in choosing certain sports, does the Sport North board of directors evaluate the total sports scene and come up with recommendations to the Minister or whoever you report to, on how you feel a broader participation can be attained in the delivery of certain sports programs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: If I understand your question correctly you are asking what has to be done to broaden the area of sport participation in the various communities. My answer to that is through additional funding we will certainly be able to better prepare a team to participate in either the Canada Games or the Arctic Winter Games.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. DeMage, I do not know if you got the question right. Ms Cournoyea, did he answer your question? I think he is off the subject.

MS COURNOYEA: No, Mr. Chairman, just to try to rephrase that. I realize that the ultimate goal in sports activities is to reach a certain participation level and that, normally, is the Canada Games or it could be the Arctic Winter Games. So as the year rolls by the communities are participating, supposedly, with a goal of excellence that will allow them to be selected to participate. Now it seems to me we have a board that dedicates itself to the selection and the organization of two major sporting activities and the team participation is drawn from the community on the basis of competence and excellence.

#### Criteria For Selection Of Sport

The Arctic Winter Games and Canada Games are not new things so, obviously, there are certain sports that probably lend themselves more to participation and allow more communities to participate -- if certain types of sports are chosen. Having this board set up and having to choose representatives to various activities such as Arctic Winter Games and Canada Games, obviously, you are looking at the broader picture of what the sports activities within the communities are, and what they are doing, and where you are able to choose from and where you are not able to choose from. The question I have, in view of that, is: Has the Sport North board made a total evaluation to make recommendations to the Minister on, maybe, a redirection of how present funds could be spent on the broadest participation possible? Do you make recommendations? Do you make an evaluation? Myself, I am not satisfied with an answer that there is no money, or we need more money. Rather, in this area, is it possible to redirect? For example, take speed skating in the Northwest Territories team to go to the 1983 games, which communities have speed skating? Bowling -- which communities have bowling? Curling -- which communities have curling? Figure skating -- which communities have instructors or even the participation level in figure skating?

It is obvious to me, by just promoting those sports that you have eliminated a great many participants or a great many communities because they would not have the ability to even be involved in the first instance and maybe not even know what the game is in the first place.

So, as Sport North's board and with your working relationship with this other committee -- I forgot what you called it, that were very active in scrutinizing the regional scene and the community scene -- what has Sport North come up with in terms of selecting people and in trying to make that selection identifying the program and the needs in the communities and, also, to make recommendations to redirect and support things that are, probably, more able to be participated in from a broader community base?

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

#### Limited Input For Selection Of Sport

MR. DELMAGE: In answer to the first part of your statement on the sport selection, the sport selection for Canada Games is done by Fitness and Amateur Sport, which is a federal department. We do have some input, through our sport and recreation division in Local Government as to certain sports that may be added or discontinued from the games. However, there are a certain number of core sports that are in the Games and we cannot do anything about that. As far as Arctic Winter Games goes, again, we only have indirect input to that as a selection is done by the Arctic Winter Games council, which is made up of members from Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

As for your question as to whether we can participate in all the communities in the various sports that you have mentioned -- I think in the case of speed skating, wherever there is an arena we are able to prepare speed skating teams for that. Also, weather permitting, of course, there is a possibility of using outdoor rinks. In the other sports you mentioned -- for bowling there is only one facility in the Northwest Territories and that is here in Yellowknife so we do have a limited participation there. In curling and figure skating we have a fairly wide, large distribution. There are curling rinks scattered throughout the North as well as arenas scattered throughout the North. We are, probably, lacking instruction for these athletes in terms of our coaching development program, although it has certainly come a long way in the past few years.

So you see that we have a limited set of recommendations that we can bring forward and when we do we bring them forward through the sport and recreation division of Local Government. I hope I have answered your question now.

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

Broad Based Sports Allow Greater Participation

MS COURNOYEA: I guess I had hoped to get an answer that would be more investigative of the situation and the recommendations that would go toward that. I realize that there are some arenas in the NWT but I have never seen in any of the arenas that I had been in, a speed skating program even being suggested, let alone being offered or stimulated or it brought to the attention of anyone that perhaps it is a good thing to have. I realize the restrictions that you might have, but did it ever occur to Sport North that maybe most of the kinds of programs that are being offered maybe are just of no use whatsoever as a broad base and they should scrap them and go to some other program that would allow, maybe, two or three sports to exist that everybody could take part in and spend your money in that fashion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess that really has not crossed our minds. When we participate in Arctic Winter Games, for example, we send full contingents from across the Northwest Territories and in all the sports that they have to offer. The Arctic Winter Games, of course, is our vehicle where we have the mass participation from all athletes and mostly all communities across the North. The Canada Games is more limited exposure because of the competition and the structure of selecting for those games.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the same kinds of criticism have been made in terms of Arctic Winter Games in regard to the selection and the selection mainly coming from the communities that have most of the facilities, that is, Hay River, Fort Smith and Yellowknife, because of the facilities and the availability of teaching instructors closer to them or most accessible -- the same kind of problem or the same kind of criticism has been aimed at Arctic Winter Games. We are dealing, basically, with the same kinds of sports. I realize that northern games are in there but I really feel that from time to time in order to get people from the communities the northern games or the native games program is, basically, a show rather than a legitimate ongoing supported activity that would have a teaching program for particular sport legitimately within the school system.

The concern I would have is, did Sport North ever make recommendations, through the Minister, to the Department of Education to support the recommendation that came out of northern games and native sports, to actually institute the teaching of native sports within the school system?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: I guess that aspect of it is not really one of our objectives. Are we funded to handle that situation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea.

Terms Of Reference Concerned With Participation

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that if there is a concern on the selection process and the problem of even trying to make a broad based selection, that Sport North could very well come out with a recommendation that if we continue operating in the present manner, then the broad based participation will never be there, unless we have massive amounts of money given to the Minister so he can build facilities. I would say that perhaps I would expect the board to analyse according to what they are doing how best to get that broader participation. I do not think the terms of reference of the board are just to choose and limit themselves. Obviously, the board should be concerned with broader based participation and I would think the board would be totally within its mandate to say, "Look, we have a lot of complaints about the selection and the type of selections we have to make based on competence on the present sport, so maybe we should just realign the whole thing and look to another way of doing it."



For example, you take cross-country skiing -- now we are all very proud of Shirley and Sharon. It is just like when we talk about people going to school, we are very proud of Noah Carpenter and we flaunt it. We flaunt it and we are very proud, but basically what are we doing to build the next stage of development? In terms of cross-country skiing, I look at the budget of \$25,000 for cross-country skiing. That was the exact amount that was received from National Health and Welfare when it was turned over to the territorial government. That is a sporting activity that could be very broad based, it does not require a building; it does not require a facility; and all we have is \$25,000 dedicated to the TEST program. We have Shirley and Sharon Firth in the program representing the NWT, but yet they are concerned about what is coming up and being generated from the community level to take their places; it is an extreme concern to them. As a result of that they have gone to a great deal of trouble to try to come home each summer when they are not skiing to participate in summer programs.

It seems to me what should be coming out of Sport North, saying, "Well, that is a possible program, so maybe you scrap any kind of support for bowling unless somebody really is anxious, and if they are anxious enough they can get in." However, in lieu of trying to support a limited activity, say "Let us tell the Minister of Local Government and recreation to redirect the funding to have a broader participation." I do not see that coming out of Sport North. It seems like all that is done is that we have to choose and that is limited, so there seems to be a vision problem. I guess that is the kind of response I would like to have from you -- is there just a narrow vision in Sport North? Do you feel yourself so narrow that you cannot make those recommendations, or do you feel it is not your place to do so?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Delmage.

#### Technical Directors Program Considered

MR. DELMAGE: I agree that the \$25,000 that has been put aside for the TEST program served its purpose some years ago, and perhaps that figure really does not serve the purpose any more. There is probably additional funding that is needed to carry on that program so that we do have future development of people like the Firth sisters. We did at one point try to establish a technical directors' program which is really like the TEST program itself, actually hiring technical people to be involved with a sport or many sports so that they could travel throughout the Northwest Territories, get the sports off the ground, and that would be a way of having broader participation from various communities and various origins in the North. So that was one of the programs that had been considered a couple of years ago but because of financial restraint that was turned down.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: My concern is essentially the same as Ms Cournoyea's so I will not cover a lot of the same ground. I might say first of all that, certainly from the people that I know that are associated with Sport North, I think there is a lot of commitment and hard work. Generally the job that is being done is very good. From my own point of view, I want to see as much sports participation as possible. I think that it is a very good thing for young people where there is discipline and commitment involved. It is very good to see.

#### Use Of Funds To Broaden Participation

The problem does arise when we start considering the broadness of participation in the Territories, and just to put it in another more concrete way, maybe, is it possible that if Sport North decided not to participate in a couple of the sports that the Canada Winter Games offers, such as bowling, that we could broaden participation in some of the other sports, such as wrestling or cross-country skiing where there is not the same demand for the kinds of facilities? Or is the amount of money we are talking about there just so small in view of what else would be required that it would not serve anything to drop those? It would simply deny an opportunity to some people who have reached a certain level of skill, whereas the amount of money would not really help in a major development and broadening of participation in these other sports. Could you comment on that, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: That is in fact the case. We had \$45,000 set aside to prepare our team for the Canada Winter Games, so we used that money, we thought, as effectively as we could in preparing a team that would be somewhat competitive and at least represent the Northwest Territories. The Arctic Winter Games, on the other hand, have a much broader financial range. We are looking at \$450,000 to put on the Arctic Winter Games, so we are able to get much larger participation there.



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: In view of the smallness of the participation, relatively speaking, in the Canada Winter Games, and the fact that there is not a great deal of opportunity for broad based participation, can you tell me why you feel it is important for the Territories to continue participating in the Canada Winter Games, despite those difficulties? Would that money be better used in some other way?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: I think that question might be better answered by the Minister of Local Government.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, at the present time, the division of sport and recreation is under review and we hope to come up with recommendations which would deal with the concerns being raised by the honourable Member. As well, we presently have a working group that is looking into the whole funding arrangement at the present time to the various sports governing bodies, with the idea of increasing the level of sports participation throughout the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Any further questions? Ms Cournoyea.

Motion To Allocate Further Funding To TEST Ski Program And To Fund Coach For Firth Sisters

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, just to see that the momentum is not lost and that some direction is given, I would like to make a motion: I move that this committee recommend to the Executive that the TEST cross-country ski program receive additional funding; and further, that funding for a personal coach for Shirley and Sharon Firth representing the Northwest Territories be funded.

AN HON. MEMBER: Tagak and Arnold.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion is in order, Ms Cournoyea. Do you want to speak to it?

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, there is not much that could be said that has not been said already in regard to Shirley and Sharon Firth. They are still skiing and they are still placing high with respect to having two fine native people coming from the Northwest Territories, being able to take that pace and that place in participation in national competition. I believe the NWT continues to receive a lot of respect and publicity which is given to us by Shirley and Sharon. We continually say that our aim is to show and to bring up more young people up to the standard that those two athletes have reached.

At the level of the Olympics, it is not very often that women stay in that particular competition and it is, I believe, the fourth Olympics in which they have represented us, and they are aiming for the 1986 Olympics. Last year they had some difficulty in meeting all the commitments and the specialized training that was required to compete, and the NWT government did provide some funding to them. In receiving that funding they were able to secure a part-time coach who took care of them and gave them instruction while they were on tour. This year they were facing some difficulty because the federal funding is not as much as it used to be and they were not able to work as much this summer as they had hoped. As a result, some of their aspirations on how well they could do -- they feel they are not meeting their own objective, and basically it is due to the fact that they really do not have that personalized support when they are travelling to the many countries that they do travel in to take part in the cross-country ski championships that seem to be placed all over the world.

I, for one, feel that from within our budget we probably could find some funding to do that. I believe as well that cross-country skiing is not really an expensive sport, and it could be further supported at a community level if we were able to spread out the professional instruction a little more to the different regions and communities that are using their teachers to try to get young people out on the ski slopes.

So this is an attempt to see if some direction could be given to a sporting activity that more people can take part in, and to recognize two people who many people can look up to and identify with.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, just for information for my colleagues, I would like to indicate that in addition to the \$25,000 we have made available to the Firth sisters approximately \$14,000 for coaches, player development clinics and competition travel. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wah-Shee. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Allocate Further Funding To TEST Ski Program And To Fund Coach For Firth Sisters, Carried

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

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I just want to hear again from Mr. Delmage. Did he indicate that the money put toward sending athletes to the Canada Games as such is really not very much, and that really most of the money and probably the energies are directed toward the Arctic Winter Games? Is this correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: Yes, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You address the Chair when you are answering a question, Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: Sorry, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, do you have a supplementary?

MR. SIBBESTON: I certainly agree with the comments that were made earlier by Ms Cournoyea regarding emphasizing sports that are broadly based, and I think only in this way can you develop and have people from all quarters of the NWT participate. It is true there is only one bowling house in the North and so it is likely that if you continue in the sport it will take 100 years before there will be someone else from another part of the North taking part in it, in this sport, on our behalf.

#### Representation From All Peoples

I guess the general intent is that when athletes are sent south, they do represent the North and represent all of us, and that athletes should represent all of the people of the North. A lot of my constituents would feel, I guess, that they are missing out or that it is just an exclusive little club in Yellowknife that is sending athletes to these games. So it is, as I say, with a sincere hope that the motion was originally made to have Sport North here so they could hear the concerns of the elected people of the North and make adjustments and try to send athletes representing all quarters and all peoples of the North. Whatever way this is done, I guess we will leave it to the Sport North organization, but certainly they ought to consider not sending athletes, everything that is involved in sports, that are based only in Yellowknife. They ought to concentrate on those sports that are broadly based.

There are some sports that can be developed, maybe things like boxing and wrestling. They do have a few wrestlers, two, I believe, that are listed as having gone to the games, but I am aware that wrestling in the schools is developing very quickly. In my own constituency, wrestling has just started a couple of years ago and it is really developing. Last year there was a tournament here in Yellowknife and this year there was one in Simpson that included students from places like Inuvik, Yellowknife, as well as little communities like Hay River and Simpson, and there were a lot of native people participating. So that is the kind of thing that I think Sport North ought to recognize and promote and encourage.

#### Films Shown In Schools To Encourage Sports

The other thing I could not help but think was that there is need to encourage athletes in all parts of the North in certain sports. I thought about the Firth sisters inasmuch as they are somewhere in the world competing and representing us here in the North. There is not much done to publicize that or show the people of the North what they are doing. I think it would be very nice if a film was made of them and distributed and shown to all the schools, so that the native kids can certainly identify with them, people can identify with them and this way be encouraged to take part in skiing. It may encourage them to do well in other sports too. I do not know who has responsibility for that, whether it is Sport North or our government that can do things like promoting sports by showing films.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. I did not get a direct question. Was that just a comment?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a comment to make regarding the Baffin region. We also have some athletes, especially in Pangnirtung. We have heard that they are good athletes. They are Pangnirtung residents and they have been invited to compete in Yellowknife, if that could be done. Not just once but more than once, they have been invited to Yellowknife to compete. Most of my kids have been invited. So I would like the department to consider this area; even if they are from the Baffin region or from any place else they should all compete.

#### Holding Competitions In Baffin Region

Also I would like to get the other athletes to go to the Baffin region to compete in volleyball or basketball when they are having their competitions. I would like the department to consider that in taking care of the athletes. It was stated that there was a Pangnirtung athlete when they were competing so I just want some consideration of the athletes in the Pangnirtung region. They have won some games and I would like to see some competition being held in the Baffin region. Would you consider this matter and not just send athletes to Yellowknife when there is some tournament? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Did you get the question, Mr. Delmage? I think the question was that when they are competing, to send people to the Baffin rather than to send them to Yellowknife. Is that right, Mr. Kilabuk?

MR. DELMAGE: Mr. Chairman, was that not directed to the department rather than Sport North?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, as I understand, the question is, when there are regional trials in Baffin the athletes that participate in the basketball games should participate in regional trials in the Baffin region instead of sending them to Yellowknife. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I think that was the question, Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Local Government does not select athletes to participate in specific sports. We do have sports governing bodies that govern those various sports. Under basketball, I believe that they would have their own governing body that would arrange the regional trials. But as a department I do not think that we select the various athletes and I am not aware of whether my department arranges these regional trials. I think it has something to do with the Arctic Winter Games Corporation, if it is part of the regional trials that take place. I do not know what affiliations Sport North has but in regard to the Arctic Winter Games, there is an Arctic Winter Games Corporation which works with various sports governing bodies in the area of curling, cross-country skiing, and I would assume that would include basketball. So that is the group that would be involved in it. Perhaps Mr. Delmage can further clarify on the honourable Member's question in regard to basketball regional trials in the Baffin region.

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

MR. DELMAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As part of the philosophy of the Arctic Winter Games we do in fact, scatter the various sports playdowns in the regions throughout the Northwest Territories. Basketball, and I stand to be corrected, I believe was in Frobisher Bay. The last competition for the regional territorial trials was in the Frobisher Bay region so there is an attempt to send athletes from Yellowknife, from this region, to other regions and in turn bring those athletes in from other regions to Yellowknife for certain sports competitions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Are there any further questions? Mr. Nerysoo.

#### Alternatives For Sports Which Have Been Withdrawn From AWG

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Is it the policy of Sport North to make recommendations of alternative sporting events or championships or games for individual sports that have been withdrawn from the Arctic Winter Games or other national or territorial games? Is it the policy to make recommendations to the government as to how you might ensure that those events take place either annually or semi-annually, or every two years, because I certainly think that it is enhancing sporting events? It has happened to, I think, two major events. I participate in one but my concern has nothing to do with my personal participation. The concern I have is when you



develop a program in hockey, for instance, which was removed a number of years ago from the Arctic Winter Games and recently basketball, you do not seem to be recommending any alternatives by which those sports can grow. I really think it is necessary when you are recommending withdrawal of events from the Arctic Winter Games that you suggest alternatives so that people can participate. That is not occurring.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Delmage.

MR. DELMAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My response to that question is that we will definitely support any of the sports governing bodies, including the Northwest Territories Basketball Association, in their endeavour to have basketball put back in the Arctic Winter Games if that is the wish. That is what I am here for; I am president, but we are responsible to the individual sports governing bodies for all of our actions. I might say that we had no part in the removal of basketball; it was the Arctic Winter Games Corporation which, again, is made up of representatives from Alaska, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories that deleted basketball from the 1984 Arctic Winter Games.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nerysoo, supplementary?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, supplementary. I am not going to refute the decision, or argue the decision. My concern is in the case where those sports are withdrawn. You will note I mentioned hockey because of the senior hockey being withdrawn a number of years ago; they are no longer part of the games, and I refer to contact hockey and not recreational hockey. I think there was a time in which senior hockey was one of the best attended events that occurred at Arctic Winter Games. I do think it is most necessary for the Minister to ensure, when a decision is made by any sports organization for which he is responsible, that some recommendations come forward to him for participating in other events, either in the Western Canada Games, or other native games across western Canada or national winter games.

There are a number of events that occur in southern Canada and throughout other jurisdictions in the North; Alaska and the Yukon. We have never had a situation -- and I can note this -- other than Fort McPherson who have raised their own money for participating in events that have occurred in the Yukon, but nothing to do with the school or invitations or anything of that nature. So it is most important that if you are going to develop your athletes, you try from the position of a government to encourage participation in as many activities as possible. It does not necessarily have to be on the national level, but rather to have young people gain the experience as athletes, so that you get better and not worse. You raised a very valid point that when you go to national games of high calibre, some of the athletes are not, you might say, prepared for that and it is demoralizing to get into competition when you know that you are not going to win. It is worse yet to have a situation where they go out and are defeated, as in badminton, 15 to zero or 15 to one. However, if you have other competitions on a regional basis, and I refer to western Canada, you might have a chance of 15 to seven or 15 to eight, and to improve your talents and your athletic abilities, and begin to improve your training habits, those kinds of things are important and necessary elements to becoming a good athlete. I think it is most important that at least the people here take note of that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. I think that was just a comment, was it? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Just one final question from me. I understand that wrestling has been dropped from the Arctic Winter Games. Is that a fact, and if you are aware that it is true, could you explain the basis for that?

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

MR. DELMAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am afraid I cannot answer that question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

#### Wrestling Dropped From Arctic Winter Games

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the reason why the wrestling as a sport was dropped by the Arctic Winter Games Corporation, which has representatives from the state of Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories, was that, although there was active participation in the Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory requested, as a member of the Arctic Winter Games Corporation, that



this sport be dropped because the Yukon Territory was not participating in this. There has to be a consensus among the various participants because the Arctic Winter Games require the participation of the state of Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories, on the various sports that they would be willing to entertain, to really make it a sport which has the participation of the three areas. This is the reason why it was dropped.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just want to then encourage whoever can influence the officials in this Arctic Winter Games organization to see if they could reintroduce wrestling because in my area of the North wrestling just started in the schools a couple of years ago now, and is developing into a very popular, very active sport. I am aware that they recently had a little wrestling event in Simpson and students were there from Inuvik, Yellowknife and Hay River. I must say that I really was not aware of wrestling, except what you see on TV, pro wrestling. Wrestling for kids and students is not quite like that. It is very interesting and good for expending the energy of the children and very good to see children competing. I was really impressed with the wrestling program that is developing in Simpson. From what I saw in two events, I could not help but think that it would be very nice to see this develop, in that there could be competition with other jurisdictions eventually.

In Simpson, as an example, there are approximately 30 or so young students that are taking part in the school. They even had two girls wrestling the boys at the tournament a couple of weeks ago. In terms of sporting activities, I would say for our area this is probably the organized sport. There is no hockey in Simpson now; there is no speed skating or figure skating or basketball or volleyball or baseball; there really is nothing as such. There is a little bit of curling played, and there is a little bit of badminton played, and that is about the extent of it. I am trying to tell you from our part of the North, wrestling is one of the sports that is being developed in the schools and we would certainly like to see this sport accepted as one of the sports that is part of the Arctic Winter Games.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I think that we would be prepared to convey to the Arctic Winter Games Corporation that this particular sport should be reintroduced, and perhaps by this time the Yukon Territory may have revived interest in their territory in this particular sport. If that is the case, then there is the possibility that this particular sport may be reintroduced. However, I think that the concern could certainly be conveyed to the Arctic Winter Games Corporation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Before any further questions, we will break for coffee for 15 minutes.

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The Chair recognizes a quorum now. Any more questions? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, the Minister indicated that he would try to ensure that wrestling was back in the Arctic Winter Games and I was going to suggest that he look at basketball again as a sport in the Arctic Winter Games.

There are two points I wanted to indicate as well. I do not know if it is the responsibility of the individual sporting organizations in the Northwest Territories or the responsibility of Sport North, but it certainly is important to ensure that communities have information on how they can utilize Sport North. In my opinion Sport North is an unknown entity. I think that it can improve its image in communities and it could improve its role at the community level. I do not think that all the communities are associated with territorial organizations, and I do not think they are aware as to how they approach Sport North, either for funding or how to utilize their organizations to tap into the resources we have.

The other point that I think is necessary to inform communities and sporting organizations about are the types of events in which they can participate. I note that you do, through a newsletter, indicate the kinds of territorial championships but I think there are additional events that occur in western Canada, in the Yukon Territory or in Alaska that are not part of the newsletter that you forward to communities. I think it is important that that type of information be made available to the communities, so that if there is an event that they wish to participate in and they are raising the funds, then they can at least have an idea of the kinds of funds that are necessary

to participate and the amount of time that they are going to have to take out of work; making requests to government to go to those tournaments as either a coach or a participant, and not only from government, but other businesses that they may be participating in or be working for. So I think it is important that you inform the communities about those type of events.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is there any question in that remark? Mr. DeImage.

#### Information On Sport North

MR. DELMAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree there has been a problem in getting the concept of Sport North out to the various communities. It has been one of our outstanding problems for a while, and we are endeavouring to get our Sport North body known throughout the regions through the sport and recreation division of Local Government. They receive all of our sport update bulletins. As well we send these sport update bulletins to the various sporting groups and community councils throughout the Northwest Territories. So we are attempting to get Sport North and what they can do for sporting in the North known.

Your point about the sporting events in other areas is a good one. We do get updates from the Yukon Territory on events that are being held in that territory and we will try and pass that forward to the communities. We do not get much correspondence from the state of Alaska, though, in terms of participation there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Further reply. Mr. Wah-Shee.

#### Additional Sports May Require Additional Funding

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman. I think one of the things that we have to be a little careful of in regard to seeking additional sports in the Arctic Winter Games really has to deal with the size of the contingent that will represent the Northwest Territories in various sports in competition with Yukon and Alaska, because of additional costs that may be required, not only in regard to regional trials for these various sports, but it may have to come to a situation where you drop one sport to accommodate another one. I think that you have to deal with the fiscal side of the sports participation in the Arctic Winter Games, as well. I do not mind going to the Arctic Winter Games Corporation in regard to seeking additional sports, but I would like to caution the Members that it may require additional funds to accommodate these additional sports. It may mean that we may have to drop some of the sports that we are presently participating in. This requires an agreement, I believe, between the state of Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories in regard to the Arctic Winter Games.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: You make me feel so good every time you say that, Mr. Chairman, and so I have a motion for you.

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#### Motion That Contribution To Sport North Be Made Conditional, Bill 1-83(1), Ruled Out Of Order

I move that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it grant the Sport North organization the sum of \$290,000, but on certain conditions; that Sport North make special efforts to encourage and develop sports which have, or can realistically have a broad base in the NWT; and that they make special efforts to include native athletes, as well as athletes from all parts of the NWT, in all future sporting events wherein athletes represent the Northwest Territories; and further that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it request biannual reports from Sport North on the progress of their special efforts.

So I suggest you all go for it, and it is just attaching strings to this big, vast amount of money that we are giving to this notable, worth-while organization, and that we...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho, could we take five minutes? I would like to examine this motion a little further. Thank you.

MR. SIBBESTON: What could be wrong? I think on the matter of strings, it is very fair for us to suggest that you just do not give out the grants outright, that there be some strings...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are having five minutes recess.

---SHORT RECESS

Now this committee will come back to order. It is not allowable to attach conditions to a grant of money. Therefore, the motion is technically out of order. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I am shocked. I would like to hear from the Law Clerk as to his view in this matter. I am not questioning your decision, but I would simply like an explanation of your ruling.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho. This is not the law -- this procedure -- if you want to challenge me. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, okay, then, I will put it in this way. Can the Law Clerk then advise Members on motions such as this, as to a question of whether one can attach recommendations of conditions to government giving grants or doing certain things? I remind Members that this is just advice or recommendations to the Executive Committee and I appreciate they do not have any binding effect -- just simply good advice. What is our Law Clerk's opinion on a matter such as this? Can one attach conditions to any moneys that are given by the Executive Committee to anybody in the forum of grants or whatever?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho, I do not really understand what you are trying to say. My ruling is that it is out of order and I think only the Speaker himself can make a correction on that. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, then I will just take out the "on the condition" portion of the motion if that will improve it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho, I ruled your motion out of order. I wonder if you could make another motion to take out "on the condition".

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I will just withdraw my earlier motion and make another motion -- the same motion but without the words "on the condition" and just substitute the word "and" for those three words.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho, could you read the whole motion, please?

Motion To Make Contribution And Recommendations To Sport North, Bill 1-83(1), Carried

MR. SIBBESTON: I move that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it grant the Sport North organization the sum of \$290,000 and that Sport North make special efforts to encourage and develop sports which have, or can realistically have a broad base in the NWT; and that they make special efforts to include native athletes, as well as athletes from all parts of the NWT, in all future sporting events wherein athletes represent the NWT; and further that this Assembly recommend to the Executive Committee that it request biannual reports from Sport North on the progress of their special efforts.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your motion is now in order. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

I just would like to tell this House, if you are going to vote you have to be placed in your seat. If you are going to vote when you are standing up, raising your hand will not count. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any more questions on sport and recreation? I would like to thank Mr. Delmage. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, this is under the grants.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are under the detail of grants and contributions, page 12.09, \$23,504,000. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: There are a couple of questions with respect to the details but they are very brief. First I would ask the Minister, under sport and recreation on page 12.08 there is a cultural organization grant of \$10,000. Can I just ask whether that is earmarked already for something specific or is it available for certain kinds of programs and, if so, who can apply and under what circumstances?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the cultural organization grant, in the amount of \$10,000, is at the discretion of the Executive upon applications from the various cultural organizations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: No, that answer is fine, thank you. Then, also, under details of grants and contributions but on page 12.10 I see a senior citizens tax relief grant of \$16,000. Can you just explain to me who is eligible for that and how it operates?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: You are not that old.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I am coming close, you know. Just looking to my future there.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Local Government has an arrangement whereby senior citizens have an opportunity in regard to property tax. This department provides a grant for the taxes that senior citizens pay. It is really based on the previous year and so, therefore, this coming year 1983-84 we put on the same amount that we had last year. We have not received any increase in terms of the applications that we have received for this particular program. We feel that the program should be appropriate because our senior citizens, as you are aware, I believe, do require some assistance in this area.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you. So I understand, then, it would be on application; a senior citizen who was a home owner could apply for some assistance. Could that be in addition to the home owner's rebate program that we have? Could a senior citizen be eligible for both the rebate and some assistance under this grant?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The whole idea is to ensure that senior citizens are covered. The ideal situation, of course, would be that we should exempt our senior citizens from paying taxes but that would require a consensus, I would believe, on the part of the tax-based municipalities. Then we, as a government, can come to an arrangement with them. But at the present time, unfortunately, all citizens who are property owners have to pay taxes. This is one issue that, perhaps, the tax-based municipalities can consider and we, as a government, of course, would be more than willing to accommodate an appropriate arrangement whereby our senior citizens should be exempt on property taxes, particularly those pensioners who have to live on a fixed income. What we are trying to do is to supplement an arrangement whereby it would not create a strain on their income, so this is the reason why we have this grant arrangement within the Department of Local Government.

Detail Of Grants And Contributions, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Detail of grants and contributions, \$23,504,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now back to page 12.01, total O and M, \$33,512,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital, \$22,030,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That completes the whole department. This is your budget here, page 1.01. What does this House wish to do, make some opening remarks and then some questions or do you guys want to start on page 1.02? Is that agreeable?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legislative Assembly

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Legislative Assembly, \$2,913,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Detail Of Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Detail of capital, \$172,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now back to 1.01, O and M, \$2,913,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital, \$172,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Total O And M, Administration

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we are going to go back to our Department of Education. That is Dennis Patterson's responsibility. Oh, yes, there was a motion on the floor which was carried and I am going to ask the Clerk to read it for me.



Restatement Of Motion To Defer Approval Of Education, Administration, Total O And M, Bill 1-83(1)

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The motion was: I move that this Assembly defer approval of Education, administration, O and M estimates, until the Minister tables to this House, the following: a) financial commitments for each coming year for the proposed Keewatin education centre; b) schedule of plans for building and construction and completion date for this centre.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, in response to the motion I would like to make the following statement which I have circulated to Members and it has been translated.

In response to Mr. Curley's request that an approved schedule for the construction of the Keewatin education centre be tabled, I would like to report the following: The construction of the centre was approved in principle by the Executive Committee on June 3, 1982. Since final approval must come from the federal Treasury Board the Executive Committee asked that an impact study be undertaken to determine overall costs to other departments and agencies.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Deputy Commissioner be authorized to appoint a consultant on Friday, November 26, 1982, and the firm of Ferguson, Simek and Clark has been retained. On February 22, 1983, I met with Mr. Pilot, Mr. Elkin and Mr. Mulders where we agreed to proceed in all haste to have the consulting firm complete the planning required as soon as possible. Until this is done I will not be able to present an accurate schedule which will be acceptable to Treasury Board or meaningful to the Legislature. Sufficient funds, that is \$400,000, have been identified to do a study and start on preliminary drawings this year. The actual construction phase can be started once approval has been received by Treasury Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. WRAY: Mr. Chairman, just a couple of questions for the Minister of Education. I take it since this company was appointed November 26th that some work has actually been done then. Could the Minister tell me what?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I would expect so, Mr. Chairman, although I do not know precisely what work has been done or not done. However, the firm has been retained; we have the money to pay them. Certainly on February 22nd, the deputy minister of Public Works, the Executive Member who was then responsible for Public Works, the regional director of Keewatin and I agreed to urge the firm to do their work as soon as possible. So I expect they are well under way by now, but I am afraid I do not know precisely what work has been done. Thank you.

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

MR. WRAY: Yes, a question for the Minister. If the Minister is unaware of how much work has been done, under whose direction are these people working?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

Steering Committee Directing Consultants

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: They are working under the direction of a committee which is composed of representatives from the Department of Education, the region, the Department of Local Government and the Department of Public Works. Mr. Mulders, regional director of Keewatin, is chairman of that steering committee.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I have a question to the Minister too that in view of the statement that he just read and the fact that there seems not to be any visual date for the beginning of the construction of the proposed educational centre, could the Minister maybe tell us whether or not he is now prepared to be a bit more flexible in sending students to other parts of the area? In view of the further delay and lack of progress with respect to the education centre, might he be prepared to send some students maybe to Churchill or Ottawa until such time that this proposed high school for Keewatin is completed?

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

Meeting Of Keewatin Regional Education Authority In April

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am very much looking forward to meeting with the Keewatin regional education authority on the weekend of April 8th to 11th, where I would welcome the opportunity to discuss their concerns on this issue, as to what should happen to Keewatin students until the centre is begun. I think it is most appropriate that I consult directly with that education authority. I would certainly invite Mr. Curley and Mr. Wray to be present at the time. My attitude has not changed; that the programs that are available in the Northwest Territories are second to none in Canada for Inuit students. I will certainly be endeavouring to persuade the Keewatin regional education authority of that fact when we meet. I have not been apprized of the agenda, but if it is not on the agenda, I will be surprised. So you know I suppose I am always prepared to listen to reasonable proposals, but my own attitude is that I may remain to be persuaded that the offerings in territorial high schools are not superior to anything else available. Thank you.

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

MR. WRAY: Two things, Mr. Chairman. First of all I am a little bit surprised at the existence of this steering committee. I had never heard of it. I wonder if the Minister would undertake to give me the names of the people on the steering committee and the terms of reference that that steering committee operates on. Also, would he provide me with the terms of reference of Ferguson, Simek and Clark, please?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I think all that information could be provided very shortly, Mr. Chairman. I do not have it in my back pocket right now, but I do not see any difficulty in tabling that even before this session is over. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wray.

MR. WRAY: One last question. Is there a place on the steering committee, or a role on the steering committee for the MLAs, or are we excluded?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, the planning for the Keewatin education centre has already extensively involved communities in the Keewatin through a subcommittee of the Keewatin regional education authority. They have met a number of times over the last year, and the year before, to give input into the proposed Keewatin centre. I know Keewatin MLAs are welcome to attend the meetings of the regional education authority, and I certainly see the Keewatin regional education authority subcommittee becoming actively involved, again, in the detailed planning of this project once the consultant's work has been done. However, the steering committee -- let me not over-emphasize its importance -- is really a means of making sure that all departments concerned with the impact of this centre are represented in doing the internal planning. It would not be appropriate for an MLA to be involved there, because they would effectively be sitting with a number of bureaucrats and that does not mix too well. So I would say, rather, that the role for MLAs would be at the education authority level, and it is certainly my full intention to keep them apprized of developments as they occur. Once we have this firm plan, we will be going back to the subcommittee and that is the point I would think where MLAs can be involved; although I would be happy to report progress as it occurs in this work and may well have some more information by May, if MLAs want to keep informed in that manner. Thank you.

Total O And M, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page 16.02, administration, \$9,998,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 16.01, O and M, \$72,104,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital, \$11,723,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we are going to go to Bill 2-83(1). Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I take it now that Bill 1-83(1) is ready for third reading. Have we completed Bill 1-83(1)?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, it is time I believe now to go through the bill clause by clause and I have amendments which I would like to circulate in English and Inuktitut.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 1-83(1)?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we are going to go to Bill 1-83(1), clause by clause. Now clause 2, amount granted for 1983-84. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I just was going to explain which clauses I will make the amendments on. They are clauses 4, 5 and 6.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3 is agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 4, Bill 1-83(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 1-83(1) be amended as follows: That clause 4 be amended to read, "The authority granted by this ordinance to expend moneys shall expire on the 31st day of March, 1984, except that payments may be made after March 31st, 1984, in accordance with the Financial Administration Ordinance." If I may just speak to it and explain the reason for these amendments, Mr. Chairman. The bill...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters, I have to rule it in order, do I not? Your amendment is in order.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, sir. The requirement for the amendment is that the bill before the committee has the same wording as in years previous. However, since the last time we passed this bill a year ago, the Financial Administration Ordinance has been adopted and it is the Financial Administration Ordinance, which has required the three amendments, and through oversight we did not include them in the bill originally.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Clause 4, Bill 1-83(1), Agreed As Amended

Clause 4 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5, Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Clause 5, Bill 1-83(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 1-83(1) be amended as follows: That clause 5 be amended to read, "The Commissioner in accordance with the Financial Administration Ordinance may authorize the transfer of moneys from an activity in an item set forth in the schedule to another activity in the same item."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your amendment is in order. To the amendment. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I should also advise you, Mr. Chairman, that there should be a correction made in the descriptive note to the left of the amendment where it says "transfer of moneys".

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hands. Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Clause 5, Bill 1-83(1), Agreed As Amended

Clause 5 as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 6. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Add New Clause 6, Bill 1-83(1)

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 1-83(1) be amended as follows: That clause 6 be added to read as follows, and to the right of the clause is the word "idem". The new clause 6 will read: "The Commissioner, in accordance with the financial agreements with the Government of Canada, may authorize the transfer of money from uncommitted funds in the Northwest Territories consolidated revenue fund to the capital vote in an amount not exceeding five per cent of the operation and maintenance expenditures of the previous fiscal year if all known operation and maintenance requirements have been met for the financial year 1983-84 out of the 1983-84 revenues."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hands. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes. Could there just be a further explanation of the requirements for that, and that is not the same wording as there was in the past? It seems to be a new procedure. Perhaps it is not, but just for stating or formalizing what has been done, would you please explain it?



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I was not exactly sure of the question, but my information is that -- and I have not gone to source in each case -- each of these amendments and the new clause 6 that has been added to the bill is because of the passage of the Financial Administration Ordinance in the previous year, and these amendments are in keeping with the requirements of that ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Just an explanation, too. I wonder if the Minister could just explain the difference between committed and uncommitted funds, and why there is a restriction of five per cent?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I think that that is an established figure. I do not know the rationale necessarily for it, but I could determine what it is and...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: I understand committed funds are those funds that are maybe identified for specific purpose or program, whereas there are some funds that are shown for a certain activity without identifying precisely what they are going to be used for, like in the budget there are various -- and I thought that this may be considered uncommitted funds or certainly unidentified funds. I suppose it could well be, too, that uncommitted funds could be those funds that have been passed by us for certain purposes but the government has not committed the funds for the specific purpose which they were originally intended for, so as you can see there are a number of ways of interpreting this and I just want to know precisely the way that the government was interpreting that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: My understanding is, Mr. Chairman, that they are funds that have been authorized properly through the legislative process but they have not been spent, and no commitment has been made on the expenditure, so that neither have they been spent nor have they been committed in the process for our expenditures.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Then, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could have an explanation of what is the maximum amount that the government can transfer in this case. I note that it is restricted to five per cent of the operation and maintenance expenditure of the previous fiscal year. What is this? What is the maximum amount the government can transfer under this clause?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I regret I am not aware of that figure. I would have to ascertain it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Commissioner.

Clause Gives Ability To Move Moneys

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, this clause has been used in the past in one form or another, and it simply refers to the ability that is given to the government to move money from the capital vote to the operations and maintenance vote to the extent of five per cent of the total vote.

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: I am sorry. I knew I had put that backwards. It is a movement from the O and M vote to the capital vote, not to exceed five per cent of the grand total.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Just to make sure. This can involve millions of dollars, yes, because five per cent of maybe two or three hundred million dollars still amounts to a reasonable amount of money. So I just wanted to be sure if there is a desire to transfer funds to the Fort Simpson recreation centre, that you will have the ability to do so.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Add New Clause 6, Bill 1-83(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Schedule, page two. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total O and M, \$395,583,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital, \$78,503,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total appropriations, \$474,086,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now this bill is ready for third reading.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

---Applause

You are welcome. Now we are going to go to Bill 2-83(1). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 2-83(1), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1982-1983

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Bill 2-83(1) is a requirement for authorization for unanticipated expenditures by government departments in both capital and operations and maintenance during the current year. Members will recollect that usually during each session we bring in such expenditures to Members for information and for their approval. The supplementary estimates before you have been examined by the standing committee on finance. I believe that the former deputy chairman in the chairman's absence will introduce the results or recommend with regard to the results of that examination. I have no further comments on the estimates except to say that Ministers will speak to their own departmental requirements in both the operations and maintenance and the capital areas as they come up.

Just one item that I would remind the committee and yourself, Mr. Chairman, is after we complete the Government Services item we have to go to the front of the book and approve the revolving funds entry, which is out of the general round.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this committee wish to go to the details on Legislative Assembly?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Legislative Assembly, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page one, Legislative Assembly, O and M. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the finance committee has reviewed the supplementary Bill 2-83(1), and as the departments come up if there are any issues that come out of the meeting, Mr. McLaughlin and I will be bringing them forward.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Legislative Assembly, \$775,000. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I did not get a chance to comment on the Legislative Assembly budget, but I think we have a number of important items here on this supplementary. Without prejudicing any of the programs that are provided for in this item, I would like to raise the issue of maybe planning or at least making some type of commitment to start planning for the next territorial election. I think the Legislative Assembly should have a provision with respect to that and as well without prejudicing the report of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission. In view of that, I would like to move a motion for consideration if you would permit me. Can I move a motion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Curley, you can introduce your motion now and I will have to examine it after.

MR. CURLEY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you.

Motion To Hold Next Territorial Election No Later Than November 30, 1983

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommend to the Commissioner that the next territorial election be held no later than November 30, 1983.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I have to have a close look at this motion. Let us take 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We will call the committee back to order. Before we deal with any business I would like to recognize the Dene interpreter corps: Harriet Catholique, Chipewyan; Lucy Ann Yakeleya, North Slavey; Eleanor Bran, South Slavey; Enna Vittrekwa, Loucheux; Margaret Mackenzie, Dogrib; Tony Buggins, Chipewyan; Mary Rose Drygeese, Dogrib; Margaret Leishman, South Slavey. Would you please stand and be recognized?

---Applause

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Where is the Member for Deh Cho?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. I think he took Mr. Hamilton's place for the afternoon in case we have a challenge on the floor. We have a motion on the floor and I was informed that I have to rule on the motion. I will rule the motion in order and see what happens.

---Laughter

I am damned if I do and damned if I don't. I rule the motion in order. Mr. McLaughlin, to the motion.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mr. Curley.

#### Importance Of Holding An Election Before The End Of 1983

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, it is important that we take at least part of the year to plan for the territorial elections. If we are going to have an election prior to the end of 1983 I think it is early enough to make a decision now so that appropriate planning can be carried out by the officials of the Legislative Assembly and all the other necessary changes that will be required. I recognize that that might be posing a technical problem with the Electoral District Boundaries Commission report but if the Electoral District Boundaries Commission is the responsibility of this government I believe that we can probably amend the ordinance to allow for whatever report they come out with to be either retracted or at least, a time period for the report to be enacted by the Legislative Assembly can possibly be shortened. The reason I say that is because I seem to recall that our term will be completed by October and after that as ordinary MLAs, we do not actually have either expenses or whatever to go on, because the law says that we have to conclude our expense accounts a couple of months before the term expires.

So we would have a government in position but we would actually not have a representative of the regions if we were to try and wait until early 1984 for the election. So without trying to prejudice any of the other important requirements that we have got ourselves into, I would ask that the Members seriously consider having an election prior to the end of 1983. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed? Does everybody have a copy of the motion? To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, who better than I to follow the Member for Keewatin South. I agree with the timing of it; I think it would be ideal. I am not too sure whether I agree with the ruling you made on it. However, I am not going to challenge you because I agree with the timing of it.

I recall when this topic was raised, quite possibly a year or more ago by Mr. Braden when we were talking about filling out the life of this particular House, there was quite a reluctance on the part of most Members to get into an earlier election. I for one, would prefer to go through an election campaign in the months prior to December and January. I guess, quite properly, I have some ulterior motives. It may not be that other Members' liquor bills would be as much as mine but be that as it may, I really believe that the timing is such that all people could be involved with this and Members who are going to run again and other Members who are contemplating at the present time, as well as other people who may want to. I do not think that it would cause any difficulty or damage to the report of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission, but it would simply require some further amendments on the part of the Legislature through our own legislation.

#### Timing Of Next Election

I think that Mr. Curley has put forth a motion that he would have my support on in terms of the time and I would hope that other Members would consider it in the same light and recognize that there may very well be some difficulties if we were to continue on to the end of the term of this



House. I believe as well that by saying November the 30th that that would give anybody who would want to run against Mr. MacQuarrie plenty of time to make up their mind if that is the concern and I would agree with you, Mr. MacQuarrie, they will obviously need it. If anyone is foolish enough to do that then I think it would give them enough time.

I really believe that the timing of the next election is important, in order to get the best possible input and not confuse our election with other elections that may possibly come up, and I think that Members, given that they may very well support the motion, will determine that we should meet in a fall session if that is a necessity. We should look quite possibly to September to have our session and then we would be able to get everything into sequence because there would have to be an awful lot of work that would have to be done, such as enumerations that would have to be carried out and other things. Given that there may be some difficulties, I do not think that they are insurmountable. I think that they can be met and I for one, would support this particular motion.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have just one concern about the motion. In Inuvik in May, I was given some 52 recommendations on reforms to the education system by this Legislative Assembly, many of which require amendments to existing legislation and development of new legislation. We are working overtime trying to get ready to have these changes presented to the Executive Committee and then to the Legislative Assembly prior to the end of the life of the Ninth Assembly, and our target is the major revision of the Education Ordinance by the fall of 1983.

I am a bit concerned, though I agree that a fall election would be preferable to a midwinter election for many reasons. I am a bit concerned that we may be eliminating the possibility of the fall session and I would like to ask the Law Clerk if he could possibly tell me: Is there limitation on how close a Legislative session can be held to an election? In other words, assuming we were to hold an election in November, as the motion suggests, or even in late November, would we be able to have a session in say September or October and hopefully wrap up some of the outstanding business of this Ninth Assembly, or would we have to be pushed back to July or August for a session? Is there any rule on that, may I ask?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I will ask Mr. Fuglsang, our Law Clerk to let us know.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I understand it, the election period itself is about 60 days so I would think that if you wanted an election by November 30th you could not sit, say, beyond September 30th.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Fuglsang. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think Members know where I stand on making sure that we get our business done before we dissolve the Legislature. We have been talking about how much time frame that should be given in between elections and our necessary work should be done, especially on the Electoral District Boundaries Commission. Because of that matter and because of what it says in the territorial Elections Ordinance, 1978, I would like to make the following amendment, Mr. Chairman.

Amendment To Motion To Hold Next Territorial Election No Later Than November 30, 1983, Ruled Out Of Order

Immediately following "November 30, 1983": And further, that the Executive Committee be requested to amend the territorial Elections Ordinance, 1978, to allow the issuance of writ for elections to be shortened to four months from six months.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could we get a copy of that, please? Mr. Tologanak, I am afraid we will have to rule your amendment out of order until you can come up with other wording, due to technical problems. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: I am sorry if you do not understand it, Mr. Chairman, but I will withdraw the motion. I guess I should have looked at the Elections Ordinance. I just happened to remember parts of it and that is why I made a hasty amendment to do it but I will withdraw it and write up another one.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, just to say that I generally support the idea of having an election earlier than January, so I will support the motion and any attempts to amend the ordinance. I note in section 103 of the Elections Ordinance, 1978, that it is not absolutely necessary to amend the ordinance in order to have an election in November, but if Members feel more comfortable with an amendment changing the time between the adoption of the ordinance to the time of the election to four months, go ahead, otherwise it is left to the discretion of the chief electoral officer to waive the six months requirement. So I am basically saying that it is possible now to have an election without any amendment but if an amendment makes people feel more comfortable then so be it and I will support it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. I have Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I would just like to ask the Law Clerk whether it is clear that anything to do with establishing new electoral districts would be entirely an internal matter and subject to legislation of this House alone. So that if we decide we want a slightly earlier election, there would not be other legal impediments; we could arrange the legislation, say in the May session.

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

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The legal impediment that exists now to amending the Elections Ordinance, 1978, which includes changing the electoral boundaries is section 103 of the existing ordinance, which says, "No amendment to this ordinance or to the law establishing the electoral district boundaries applies in any election for which the writ is issued within six months from the coming into force thereof..." Now it goes on, but in other words, if in May the Electoral District Boundaries Commission report is adopted and if there is any variation in the electoral district boundaries, the effect of those changes could not be in force if the election was held within six months of that change in the Elections Ordinance, 1978.

It does go on to say that "unless, before the issuance of the writ, the chief electoral officer has published in the Northwest Territories Gazette a notice that the necessary preparations for the bringing into operation of the amendment have been made and that the amendment may come into force accordingly". In other words, there is a power within the chief electoral officer to shorten that six months period, if he is satisfied, but that is entirely his prerogative; it would appear, and in terms of the legislation you could not rely on a six month period.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, but again that is our ordinance and we could amend that provision as well; is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Fuglsang.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Mr. Chairman, yes, that is correct. This ordinance can be amended to vary that as well.

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

#### Present Assembly Should Sit Out Term

MR. MacQUARRIE: Speaking to the motion, I will vote against it but I do not have the same strong feelings that I had toward the dissolution immediately a short time ago. I do recognize that in a number of constituencies, a January election would be difficult for a number of Members. I think that if the motion passes and we were to have an election in November, that is a reasonable amount of time for people who are planning to run. So I am not too concerned about that but I will vote against it on the basis that I do feel we should sit out the term -- the whole process will still involve asking the Minister of Indian Affairs, as far as I know anyway...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Governor in Council.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Okay, the Governor in Council to dissolve this Assembly prior to the time when it would ordinarily dissolve and I would just rather not do that. I would rather not have the Minister intervening in any way other than the ways in which he now is empowered to intervene. I recognize that if he did, it would be done on a specific request of this House, but I still am reluctant to see it.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Just a question of clarification, Mr. Chairman; perhaps the Commissioner could comment on this. Mr. MacQuarrie referred to section 8(2) of the Northwest Territories Act which requires that the Governor in Council, after consultation with the Legislative Assembly, can "dissolve the Council and cause a new Council to be elected". Does the Commissioner see that there would be any problem in approaching the federal cabinet through the Minister of Indian Affairs and seeking to have the Government of Canada reduce the life of the Assembly by a month or so?

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

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there is precedent for a territorial Legislature asking the Minister to act and have the Governor in Council shorten the term. I believe this was the case in Yukon just before their last election. I would not anticipate the Governor in Council refusing that action because the life of the Legislature would be shortened -- I believe as you are now discussing -- one month or a month and a half. So I would not anticipate any difficulty whatsoever in that area.

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I would be in support of the motion. The arguments made by a number of Members so far, I am in support of. As well we have to recognize the budget planning process and while the present government is involved in developing the budget for the fiscal year 1984-85, by having a new Legislature and a new government in place by late November, early December, it would give that new Legislature and the new government a chance to modify or place its imprint on the budget before it was considered in the budget session. These are the arguments I made a year and a half ago, which did not seem to go anywhere and I am pleased to see that Members are giving some thought to them. Particularly in respect of the budget, it would be very useful for us to look at an earlier election. So therefore, I will support the Member's motion.

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

MR. WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I too will support the motion. Having just recently fought an election in December and January, I have no great desire to do so again so I will support the motion for the benefit of waging one in the fall. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Mr. Nerysoo.

Discussing Report Of Electoral District Boundaries Commission

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I just want some clarification from our Law Clerk. I assume the motion would bind us to an election in November and/or some time in that period prior to conclusion of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission and the recommendations from that commission.

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

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, the motion does not bind, the Commissioner has the prerogative of issuing the writ, but it is only a recommendation.

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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: What I wanted to know is whether or not it binds this House to dissolving by November 30th. I do not have the motion in front of me, but does it bind this House to dissolve -- if in fact the motion is supported -- prior to conclusion of the discussion on the recommendations or suggestions that might come from the boundaries commission? That is basically what I am asking. I am not in opposition to the motion itself but what I want to know is whether or not we will have concluded the discussion on the recommendations of the boundaries commission.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Fuglsang.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The boundaries commission report would be here in May, as I understand it -- that was its direction. The House would have to recommend its dissolution. I cannot see -- this is merely a recommendation to the Commissioner -- that the House has bound itself in terms of its own dissolution or recommending dissolution later on. It cannot be bound, as I understand, because it is only a recommendation to the Commissioner that is made at this time.



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

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I just wanted clarification because if there is a recommendation from this House and the support of this House is unanimous or in the majority, obviously the Commissioner will look upon that majority as a suggestion from this House. All I am saying is that will play a major role, I think, in whether or not we hold an election. I am not opposed to holding the election but what I wanted to be clear about was whether or not we have to resolve the issue and bind ourselves prior to the discussion. I think that it will, and I just wanted clarification on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. I wonder if the Commissioner could give us clarification. Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the following dates present themselves. Supposing that the Legislature reconvenes in May and receives the report of the boundaries commission, it then, is debated and a decision made by this House and any changes to the boundaries that are agreed to are made by ordinance, say by the middle of May. It would then seem to me that a further necessary amendment -- I believe it is to the Elections Ordinance, 1978 -- be made shortening the period necessary from six months to say four months. If that ordinance was also amended then all of the legal requirements would be met. The Governor in Council would be asked to shorten the length of life of this House to, for instance, the middle of September or the third week of September and then I would be in a position to issue a writ of election and the election would take place 60 days or 60 plus a few days after that date. My understanding is that the motion that is put forward here would request that that action take place, and from the discussion I understand that the further action would have to be taken to make that other amendment for it all to fall into place.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I can support the motion; however, I would just say that if the election were to be held on November 30th the incoming Assembly will have no opportunity to effect or influence the budget. It will have received approval in Ottawa by the end of November or the first week of December, and it will be into print by December 7th. So unless you wish to hold the election on October 30th I doubt if the incoming Members would have any say. Even at that time it is almost too late.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I am a little reluctant to vote for the motion. We held a caucus meeting last fall and tried to give a clear signal to people of how long this Assembly is going to last. It has come to caucus several times and people have to appreciate that there are other people who will be offering themselves up as candidates and by continuing to move the time around it is not very fair. Also, more important is the fact that had we gone the full route we would have lost our powers on October 31st and there probably would not have been an election until late January or maybe even February and we would have had a rule by Executive for about four months. So I look at this as a better alternative to that so I am in favour of the motion.

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HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: For a minute there I thought you were against it.

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

Amendment To Motion To Hold Next Territorial Election No Later Than November 30, 1983, Carried

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I will try again. I would like to make the following amendment to the motion. After the words "November 30, 1983" add "And further that the Executive Committee be requested to introduce necessary amendments to the territorial Elections Ordinance, 1978, subsection 103(1) to change the wording from six months to four months.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Tologanak, your amendment is in order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.



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

---Carried

To the motion as amended. Mr. MacQuarrie.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Hold Next Territorial Election No Later Than November 30, 1983, Carried As Amended

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

---Carried

Legislative Assembly, \$775,000. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I would just like to ask the Law Clerk's advice on Rule 51(1). Would that rule allow a motion in May to rescind the motion we just passed if for some reason we had to do it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McLaughlin, I am informed the answer to your question is yes.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): \$775,000, Legislative Assembly. Ms Cournoyea.

Cost Of Explorer Hotel For Assembly Sessions

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, these are my own personal questions for myself. I would like to know how much the Explorer Hotel is charging this session this year, compared to one year ago. What is that increase?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea, are you on \$775,000, Legislative Assembly? We passed that. I wonder if we can get unanimous consent to go back to that? I am sorry, I did not see you. Ms Cournoyea, I am informed that you need unanimous consent; I do not think you will have any problems. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Go ahead, Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I did have my hand up and I did not realize you were waiting for unanimous consent. I would like to know how much the Explorer Hotel is charging this session, compared to what we were charged one year ago?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Mr. Clerk, I wonder if you could answer that question?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Chairman, a year ago at this time it was costing us \$1760. A daily cost for this session now is \$2480 a day so it is an increase of \$720 a day over the previous year. That is just for the rent of the offices on the second floor and these three rooms here.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, what accounts for that increase? Are we paying for extra facilities? Why is it such a drastic increase?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): We are taking more rooms on the second floor than we did a year ago since we are taking the caucus on the second floor, compared with using the Katimavik A here. So the number of rooms we are renting have increased and also the rental rates have increased over the period of a year.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that we always had rented Katimavik A for our regular caucus sessions and for our meetings. I would like to know if, included in that \$720 increase is the facility that the present Speaker uses as a factor's suite on the eighth floor?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, who is paying for the factor's suite and if there is no payment for it, is it a principle of this Legislative Assembly to accept free gifts such as that in our political forum?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea, the Clerk is not prepared to answer that. The Speaker should answer that and he is not here right now. \$775,000, Mr. Curley.

Motion To Invite All Regional And Tribal Councillors As Witnesses At May Session, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion: I move that this Legislature invite representatives of all regional and tribal council spokesmen to appear before this House as witnesses and make presentation on the proposed regional and tribal councils ordinance during the May session and that this Assembly cover all their travel and other expenses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley. I will have to rule the motion out of order, as we are not dealing with this in the supplementary estimates. You could bring in a formal motion but it has nothing to do with the supplementary estimates that we are dealing with at this time, so I will have to rule it out of order. \$775,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I realize that the Clerk does not wish to answer the question I posed before. I respect that, but I hope the question will be under advisement and then I would be able to get an answer to that question. In addition, I would like to know if there has been discussion in the Speaker's Office or the Members' Services Board on buying the Explorer Hotel?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea, we will advise the Speaker of your question and maybe have him reply by letter. Is that okay? Thank you. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, why do we not ask the Speaker to come in if he is somewhere in the building?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Yes, we will get the Sergeant-at-Arms to see if he can find the Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Do you agree on \$775,000, or do you want to wait until the Speaker comes? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I believe a good way to handle this is to wait until we have had a chance to talk to the Speaker about some of the concerns that Members have.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We will take a five minute recess then. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, maybe the Member can clarify whether the question was, was it asked and discussed in the Members' Services Board meetings. There are two Members here of the Members' Services Board, Mr. Wah-Shee and I, and I would like to indicate to the Member that at meetings of the Members' Services Board -- no, in reply to buying the Explorer Hotel.

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

Plans To Build A Legislative Assembly Building

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask possibly you as a representative of the Speaker, are there any plans or any discussion about the possibility of building a Legislative Assembly building here in Yellowknife or elsewhere?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley. I am not prepared to answer. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in terms of the Members' Services Board -- yes, there have been talks about building a Legislature building.

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

MR. CURLEY: A supplementary, then. Can we be given a short briefing on exactly what the nature of the discussions and planning is, and what time frame, and exactly where the Legislature building is supposedly to be located? What type of building are we talking about, this existing building, or what?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: No, November 30th, 1983.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. McCallum, are you prepared to answer that?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think that there can be a briefing given to Members as to the extent of the kinds of plans that Members of the Members' Services Board have discussed about a Legislative Assembly building. To my knowledge there has been no real determination as to what it should consist of, as to where it should be, and when it should be built. However, there have been talks within Members' Services Board meetings, in fact to some extent, but not any determination of any of the questions that the Member raised.

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

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could we be given a confirmation whether or not some representatives were speaking to the owners of the Explorer Hotel to possibly consider acquiring this building for a Legislative Assembly building and other administrative requirements of the Assembly? Has that ever been raised and if so, by which officials from the government and from the other side?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, there has been no Member of the Members' Services Board. I cannot speak for Mr. Arlooktoo, Mrs. Sorensen, or the chairman, Mr. Stewart, nor Mr. Wah-Shee, but as far as I know, no overture has been made to the Explorer Hotel to either purchase, renovate, do what you want to call it, to the Explorer Hotel to take it over as a Legislature. We have talked about a new Legislative Assembly building; what it should consist of. We have not talked about where it should be located, nor when it should be built. We have talked about the concept of it but I, for one, have not talked to anybody connected with the Explorer Hotel to purchase this building.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. McCallum. I am advised that the Speaker is not in town, he is out with the Commissioner. So what is the wish of the committee? Should we leave this \$775,000 in midair? Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think the Member for the Western Arctic would have liked to have received some comment further to what has been asked here today. I do not think, and I do not presuppose to speak for her, but we are talking about a supplementary estimate that is clearly defined as to where the money is going. If there are further questions as to the operation of the Assembly, or the Legislature as a whole, I think the Speaker or the Members' Services Board could make a further report to her. I do not see the necessity of holding up a supplementary vote to the Legislative Assembly.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would be satisfied if I could get the answers to those questions not in May or a few days before we have a session in May, but as soon as possible. I do not choose to hold up the supplementary; however, some of the sections within the supplementary are expenditures directly related to the expenditures of holding sessions as you will note, and I do not think that my question is out of order. I am just concerned because there were a few overtures -- making certain statements about the possibility of the purchase of the Explorer Hotel and the fact that we seem to be living quite lavishly. I would like answers to those questions but I will not be holding the supps up for that if those questions can be answered by a letter.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Could I call \$775,000? Mr. Curley.

Speaker's Accommodation

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I have a question to the Clerk or Mr. McCallum as a Member of the Members' Services Board, whether or not it would be appropriate, if we are concerned about cutting costs -- I understand the Speaker takes advantage of using a suite at Fraser Towers, as well as his suite upstairs -- would it not be more appropriate, if at all possible, if we were to assign him only one, rather than paying for another one, if he could be using the one upstairs, for instance? Should that not be reviewed, with an attempt to try and cut at least, all possible expenditures that we could be wasting?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in relation to the Arctic Suite that is in Fraser Towers, that is a unit that belongs to this government. By precedent, since we have had a Speaker from out of town or a Speaker within that House, he has been able to utilize that for various functions. I think it has been that we have provided accommodation for the Speaker. As far as I know, in relation to the use of the factor's suite in this building, that is not costing the Legislature any money, either direct or indirect. Now, that may not amount to very much, I cannot say any more than that because I do not know, but I would take it upon myself, as a Member of the Members' Services Board to verify that and come back to this House with it. In point of fact, I think it was a week ago that the Speaker had to leave that because it was being rented to somebody else. As far as the Arctic Suite is concerned, in terms of Fraser Towers, that is a facility that this government has and is able to provide to the Speaker in the same way I guess -- well maybe not in the same way -- but at least to get some accommodation for the Speaker, as out-of-town Members are provided accommodation at other places, even though they pay rent for them, but to identify an area.



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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the information provided by Mr. McCallum in advising us that the factor's suite is not costing us anything but I think on principle I, certainly, object to the Speaker or someone from this Assembly getting something for nothing. I am not suggesting at all that there is any foul play or any misuse of position or anything like that but it seems to me that our Assembly and our Speaker ought to negotiate and obtain premises and rooms that are needed for the Assembly and that is as far as we should go. The Speaker has to negotiate and obtain these premises and when companies start throwing in free suites one can begin to wonder what else is being provided free and what else comes as part of the deal as it were. I am certainly not suggesting that there is any wrongdoing on the part of our Speaker but I would say that we ought to simply deal with the hotel in a very businesslike manner and not have anything granted free to us, because there is always the possibility the hotel may be trying to influence the Speaker into maybe continuing in the future to rent premises from the hotel. On that basis I think we ought to try to stay away from being granted anything free and simply pay as any ordinary company or person or body for the premises that we use.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Page one, \$775,000. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While we are on this, most of the Members live in hotels while we are here and some of the Members have government apartments and houses, and I was wondering if they pay anything back to the Legislative Assembly or to one of the departments of government for those? I wonder what the Members' Services Board policy is for that? Have any of these Members actually ever paid rent?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge they do. There is an amount paid back.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just note that there is a savings as a result of the short session in Inuvik and also Members not expending as much money, so there is a considerable amount of saving and I would just like to make a few suggestions as to how this money could have been used rather than being transferred elsewhere.

I just want to say that I appreciate and recognize the attempt of the Members' Services Board to change the decor of this Assembly to a much more northern setting and I would encourage them to continue on this route, that every session there is continuous and ever-increasing progress made in northernizing the decor and dress of this Assembly. I notice that there is approximately \$200,000 and this can go a long way in buying northern things. I would like to see, for instance, at the next Assembly that we have beaver pelts up on the wall. We have been graced or blessed by these sealskins and I think it is very good but there are other animals that live in the North; you know, polar bears exist and I can tell you that there are beavers, there is moose, there are wolverines, there are martins and there are other pelts...

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mosquitoes!

MR. SIBBESTON: ...and we, perhaps, could use some of these. So I would like to see the Speaker's Office purchase some beaver pelts to hang on and decorate our wall at the next Assembly. The attempt to decorate the fronts of our office in red and have moosehair tuftings and sewing, I think is very good. This should continue so that eventually we do have all of our desks decorated. So I just want to encourage the Speaker and the Members' Services Board to have northern and native aspects to the decor of ceremonies each session.

I really appreciated the opening ceremony of having drummers sing and pray and I hope it is not the last time we see these people and that it could be a common feature of all openings.

Legislative Assembly, Total 0 And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. \$775,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive

Total O And M, Executive Committee Secretariat, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we are on the Executive, page two. Executive Committee Secretariat, \$195,000. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: I notice \$10,000 being granted to a supposed ministry of culture. Is that anticipating that there would be a ministry of culture being set up and what stage is the government at on this matter as far as establishing such a ministry?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, we made public the fact that the Executive Committee wishes to establish a ministry of culture and in doing the preparatory work, we have to have a few dollars to cover travel expenditures incurred on behalf of the ministry of culture. We have contracted Mr. René Lamothe to do the analysis, policy development work, and so on and so forth, so it involves some travel and therefore that is why the \$10,000 is contained within this supplementary.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, occasionally the government acts very wisely and they did so in this case by hiring one of my constituents to do the work on the matter of the ministry of culture. I would like to ask whether the government has received a report from Mr. Lamothe on this subject and if not when does the government expect to receive it?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, the report will be coming to me at the end of March. At that time I will have the opportunity to review the report with the officials from my department and shortly thereafter I will be taking the recommendations to my colleagues on the Executive.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. O and M, \$195,000. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Just a general question on the operation of the ministry of culture. In Mr. Lamothe being employed with the Minister, where was he requested to go? To what communities and what areas of the Northwest Territories and what places did he actually go to?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, my special assistant, René Lamothe, has consulted all the major native organizations. He has had an opportunity to travel into all the regions of the Northwest Territories. He has consulted with the various groups in the arts community as well as the native groups. So I think that he has pretty well covered all the areas that I feel he should be covering. I am satisfied that he has sufficiently consulted the various groups in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Executive Committee Secretariat, \$195,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Audit Bureau, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Audit bureau, \$101,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Regional Operations, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Regional operations, \$4000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$292,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Liquor Control System, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now, page 2(b), Liquor Control System, \$965,000 surplus. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: This is a transfer only from Justice and Public Services to Government Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Financial Management Secretariat, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Finance

Total O And M, Comptrollership, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Finance, operations and maintenance, comptrollership, \$197,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Treasury, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Treasury, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total Department of Finance, \$217,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Information

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Information, directorate, \$8000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Public Affairs, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Public affairs, \$38,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Publications And Production, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Publications and production, \$28,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Interpreter/Translator Corps, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Interpreter/translator corps, \$77,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total O and M, Information, \$135,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Personnel

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Personnel, directorate, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Systems And Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Systems and administration, \$11,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Classification And Compensation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Classification and compensation, \$10,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Personnel Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Personnel services, \$448,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Staff Training And Development, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Staff training and development, \$125,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$352,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Justice And Public Services

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Justice and Public Services, directorate, \$183,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Legal Division, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Legal division, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Court Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Court services, \$42,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Mining Inspection Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mining inspection services, \$18,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Safety, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Safety, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Consumer Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Consumer services, \$575,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Legal Services Board, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Legal services board, \$105,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Police Services Agreement, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Police services agreement, \$1,147,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Liquor Control Board, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Liquor Control Board, \$68,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$1,108,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Government Services

Total O And M, Transportation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Government Services, transportation, \$100,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Liquor Control System, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Liquor Control System, \$897,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Energy Conservation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Energy conservation, \$195,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Motor Vehicles, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Motor vehicles, \$626,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$1,228,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Could we go to the front and approve page (ii), which is also under the Department of Government Services, the increase in the revolving fund requested?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this committee agreed to go back to page (ii)?

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

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Petroleum, Oil And Lubricants Revolving Fund, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Petroleum, oil and lubricants revolving fund, \$5,000,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Public Works

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we go back to page 11, Public Works, directorate, \$136,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Operations, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Operations, \$451,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Utilities, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Utilities, \$3,005,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$3,320,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Renewable Resources

Total O And M, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Renewable Resources, page 12. Directorate, \$2000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Environmental Planning, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Environmental planning, \$12,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Wildlife Service, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Wildlife service, \$212,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$226,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Local Government

Total O And M, Directorate

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Local Government, page 13. Directorate, \$227,000. Mr. Wray.

Motion To Have Minister Of Local Government Explain Delay In Presenting Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance

MR. WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion to make under this section: I move that this Assembly recommend to the Minister of Local Government that he attend and explain to the regional council in the Keewatin the reasons for the delay in presenting the regional councils ordinance to this Assembly immediately. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Can we have a copy of that motion, please? My ruling is your motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Wray.

MR. WRAY: Just a short statement. The inability of the government to enact that legislation at this session has caused -- to be mild about it -- a furor in the Keewatin. I do not feel that it is incumbent upon me as an MLA to explain government actions to the Keewatin people, and I would much prefer that a representative of the government do that. That is the reason I make the motion, in order that we may get this cleared up as soon as possible. I do not want any bad feelings to exist between now and the time that that ordinance is brought to them because it can only be destructive and not constructive. I really think that the Minister should travel to the Keewatin as soon as possible and explain to the council as a body why the legislation was not brought forward. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.



MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, perhaps an alternative to the Minister going over there is if the Minister could provide a summary or at least a draft of the ordinance that he is proposing, to show people that the idea of setting up a regional council ordinance is not just a figment of the imagination and that really somewhere in the government there is some work being done and some progress being made on the subject. I am just wondering if the Minister sees this as a possibility. Does he intend in the next few days to table a draft or a summary of the ideas that the government has in respect of regional and tribal councils, because I too am in a position where I have to account to the Deh Cho area? That area has been very interested in setting up a regional council and really looked to me to have an ordinance passed so that they can set up their Deh Cho regional council, so I too have some explaining to do if I end up back in the constituency empty handed. If I had a piece of paper or had something to show that some progress was being made, then they will not lynch me and they will vote for me next election. They will not be too harsh on me if I can show them that something is in the works, or at least give me some money to give to them so that I can appease them.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Before I vote on it I would like to know if there is another alternative to the Minister travelling to the Keewatin, because if that motion passes then maybe I may request him to travel to the Deh Cho area too, but maybe this is not the most efficient way for the Minister to function. Perhaps there is an alternative of just providing some paper summary or a draft ordinance which we could take, so it may not necessitate him travelling to all quarters of the North.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

Minister To Communicate To Regions Reasons For Delay

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to reply. I am sure that that could be accommodated. I will ensure that the reasons as to why the ordinance has been delayed will be communicated to Keewatin as well as to the other regions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: I wonder if the Minister could also provide some papers, either a summary of the legislative proposal or the ideas that are being advanced by the government, or even a draft ordinance so that this can serve as a discussion point. I am aware that the Minister wants to have discussions on this subject and wants to delay matters so that he can eventually come forward with a very satisfactory ordinance, but I believe it would serve some purpose for the people to have some papers to show what the government is thinking on the subject, so they can discuss it and provide feedback or ideas to the government. Could the Minister assure us that he will provide this?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I think I have indicated very clearly within my statement as to the reasons why I feel that the regional and tribal councils ordinance should be delayed, and in the interim period we are providing financial support, we are giving political recognition to these regional councils, they will be functional, so I do not really understand what the concerns are. However, in the interim period the regional councils will have an opportunity to hold regional meetings, and we will provide new ideas and concepts which possibly they could look at. So really I do not see it as a step backwards. Perhaps some of the regions are a bit hasty and are misinterpreting my intentions. So I feel that my statement today is sufficient. I do not really see what is causing the concern of the honourable Members. However, I will communicate directly to all the regional councils in regard to this particular issue.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Can I ask the Minister, then, has the government prepared any document whatsoever on the subject of regional councils or tribal councils?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

Government Approach To Regional Government Will Be Co-ordinated

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: The draft ordinance that we have at the present time, Mr. Chairman, really has to pertain to the draft ordinances that have been submitted thus far from the various regions and as I indicated, other groups that are involved with the process of formulating concepts of regional government, community governments. It is not only the Department of Local Government that is involved with this whole process. The Nunavut Constitutional Forum was involved in the process; so was the Western Constitutional Forum; as well, the various groups, the native organizations are participating in this process; the honourable Member's committee, western constitutional committee, is doing research in that area. So really there is a requirement for co-ordination, and I really feel that we are addressing ourselves to political evolution on community and regional levels, therefore I want to ensure that all the efforts of various groups are co-ordinated. I am sure that this is sufficient reason to delay the regional council so that in the end, once we propose legislation, it will be a co-ordinated effort which has had contributions from various groups. So I feel this is the logical approach in addressing ourselves to regional governments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the Minister is satisfied with the statement, and that is good enough until the fall, as well as the proposed consultation that he states he would carry on sometime after May and during May session. But we have to recognize that there are people that are very, very concerned for the sudden change of the not proceeding with the proposed legislation as the Minister promised he would in November. I do not know if the Executive as a whole has adopted the position of the federal government, wherein they state that there must be consensus for the types of government, local, regional and territorial, before the overall constitutional development can take place; so because of the federal government's position, he is taking the same position now. Is that the Executive Committee's position now, that he adopted, that local government representatives in municipalities will now have to be represented by the two forums that he is a member of, and that they must now speak through the Nunavut Constitutional Forum and representation be made by them rather than by ordinary MLAs such as we, from the Keewatin, for instance? I would like that to be clear, because from your statement it is definitely clear that you have adopted the federal position as a condition for resolving the land claims issues in the Territories, as well as the division.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, we would like to play a part in contributing to a hasty division into the two territories. As the honourable Member is aware, this is one of the four conditions that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has made public, and this is not a condition that we advised him on. It is just one of those conditions that his department officials, I assume, have advised him on. So what we would like to do is ensure, in regard to regional governments, as the honourable Member is aware, that there are other groups that are doing research in this area and it is really important that we approach it in an organized, reasonable fashion so that we get contributions from all the various groups that are involved in the type of regional government that would best suit the Northwest Territories.

Really, I do not see anything wrong with that, and so what I am indicating is that I think this is possibly the best approach. In the interim period, I have already indicated to the honourable Member that the regional councils will be functioning. They will receive their budgets, and they will continue to hold their meetings, and we will give them the recognition in the interim period and the legislation will be forthcoming.

So I do not want the honourable Member to twist my statements around to insinuate that I am unduly without any good reasons to withhold this legislation. I think the honourable Member ought to be aware that in the Frobisher Bay session when we were dealing with BRC legislation, the honourable Member from Keewatin was not in support of regional councils. I am surprised that he has come around 180 degrees, and he is rather upset that an ordinance in his area is being delayed. Really it is not to indicate that I am not supporting regional councils, certainly I am, and I just want to ensure that the Department of Local Government does not address the whole area of regional government in isolation. The honourable Member may disagree with me, but the way I view regional government is that it is an important component of political evolution for both territories when we do divide. In the interim period it really is a priority of the various regions, and I would like to give them the support; however, I feel that it has to be co-ordinated.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Ms Cournoyea.

Tribal Councils

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I know we have spoken a great deal about regional structures, regional governments, public forms of government, and I believe that the whole process always takes a long time, and I do not propose to speak for any other region, but at the same time I would like from the Minister some kind of idea of what a tribal council would be. Would it be an ethnic form of council, or would it be a public form of council? I know that the questions are not that extended, but at the same time when we have discussed it, this Legislative Assembly -- regional structures, I do not ever remember us ever being endorsed to go to ethnic groups of people. Not that I do not support that, but I would really like to know just in principle stage, what are they thinking about when they talk about tribal councils?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: In regard to tribal councils, we are holding discussions at the present time with the Dene Nation in this regard and in regard to Dene forms of government. However, the whole concept of tribal government, as I indicated earlier -- we may have to look at different concepts. We may have to look at the Navajo tribal concept in the southwestern United States. We may have to look at various municipal forms, and tribal forms of government in other parts of the United States, other than the Navajo tribal council, and it may be that they want to have a merger of the existing band council with the existing municipal council. So, the way that I look at it is that I am open for new ideas and concepts and I think that it is best that this whole concept be discussed on a regional basis so that some sort of a proposal can come forward in that area.

So, really, at the present time, I would have to indicate to the honourable Member that we really do not have any preconceived blueprint in the area of tribal council. However, we do feel that we have a unique situation in the Mackenzie Valley by the very existence of band councils, which we do not have in the Eastern Arctic. So I would like to address that issue and see what kind of models or concepts and structures would be most appropriate for the Mackenzie Valley in regard to community and tribal and regional councils.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea. You have one minute left.

MS COURNOYEA: Now just in terms of the tribal councils, what is coming from the communities? Is it based on ethnicity, or one tribe getting together? Just for my information, what is coming from the communities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A point of order, Mr. Wray.

Motion To Extend Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. WRAY: I would like to make a motion that we extend the sitting hours of this House so that we can finish with this matter tonight.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The motion is not debatable. All those in favour, please raise your hands? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Down. Opposed? One, two, three, four. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Ms Cournoyea, you have the floor.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I believe Mr. Wah-Shee was just planning to answer the question I put to him.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the Dene communities and in reference to tribal councils, we do have various dialects in the Slavey tribal communities. However, we are basically working on communities that want to be a part of a given region. In some cases you do have other tribes that are closely residing by large tax-based municipalities. So really, it is a case of where a given area that is used to meeting together on a regional basis is really the one that we are working at the present time. However, it is up to those communities to indicate that they



want to belong to a particular region and this is done on a voluntary basis of course. At the present time we are working on the idea of somehow working out an arrangement whereby the band councils may want to have a merger or coalition with the existing municipal council. In some cases, the band council wants to take over the municipal responsibilities; so therefore we are looking at different ideas. So what I would like to see is a collective consensus coming from the various regions, in regard to not only how we should approach the community government, but also collectively how a number of communities would like to come together under a regional council concept.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then, it would seem to me that perhaps the idea of formulating a tribal council ordinance...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A point of order, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Since we agreed to stay to deal with this motion, I think that the motion is calling for Mr. Wah-Shee to visit the Keewatin in order to speak with that regional council, and I think that argument should be kept strictly to that motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. That is correct. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I concur with that. We have come so far I did not realize the motion was still on the floor. I will withhold my comment until we deal with that motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. MacQuarrie. To the motion.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I will support the motion. I think the Minister should go to the Keewatin to explain the reasons for the approach that he is taking, but I would say that, in my opinion, he has excellent reasons for the approach that he has adopted. It is a crucial constitutional issue, with very far-reaching implications. There is no doubt about that in my mind at all, and there are other initiatives in constitutional change that are being taken as well and we must ensure that nothing that we do, legally, will pre-empt those initiatives. So, I want to see the Minister go, but I would also like to see him put on a flak jacket and helmet and stick to his guns when he is there -- tell them exactly what he has told us. I think that it bears up under any kind of challenge.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion, honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Amendment To Motion To Have Minister Of Local Government Explain Delay In Presenting Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend the motion to add "Deh Cho region" also.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your amendment is in order. To the amendment. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: The reason I have added the Deh Cho is because I do feel that there is going to be a tremendous amount of pressure on me, as a Member, to answer to the people as to why a regional council ordinance has not been passed. I must say that I do not see why the Minister is not prepared to provide us with some summary or table some draft so that people who have to go back to the people will be able to have some document to take back to the people, because some of us really do account to people. We have to return and face the people. We do not hide away in Yellowknife in offices and be cushioned, in a sense, from the wrath of people. I will be placing myself in this position and people will be very interested to know why a regional council ordinance was not passed. I cannot understand why the Minister is not prepared to provide us with a summary or some document that we can take back to the people. The Minister may have good reasons, and I do not disagree that he is maybe taking a bit more time and wants to consult other people, but I ask the Minister to understand, please try to understand the position that he has placed some of us in, because people are led to believe that you can set up regional councils.

I was authorized and mandated to pass the Deh Cho regional council and I was going to have a Private Member's Bill to that effect until I learned the government was passing a general ordinance dealing with regional councils and tribal councils. So I let that go in the hope that we would have an ordinance passed, and now it seems we are not going to. So, I just am really in a position



where I know I will be much criticized. I do not think it is good enough for Mr. Wah-Shee to say, "Well, I have given reasons and that can serve as your answer to give to the people." I do not think that is good enough. I really urge the Minister to reconsider his position, and if there has been some work done on the regional and tribal councils, file this as a document which we could take back to the people, and this will perhaps satisfy. We can explain to the people that progress is being made and we can take some of the blame, rather than the Minister wanting to take all the blame himself.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Curley.

Democratic Process Should Be Adhered To

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can support the amendment because as the Member said, some of the Members' regions have been made to believe that this was going to be the session where the regional councils ordinance was going to be dealt with. It was not my doing. The director of the Local Government was in our area in December or early January and said it was very possible that the proposed ordinance that he had mailed, hand delivered to some of us, was going to be presented. Now, that was not my problem. I believe, and the people were made to believe, by the Minister's appearance in Baker Lake, that the councils ordinance was going to be presented.

I am disturbed, but I am not mad at the Member because my position with the regional council has changed. My position in 1981 in Frobisher Bay, was that regional councils should be sort of a semi-sovereign type of a regional government. That was my position then, because I really felt that if the regional councils were going to have any significant role, that they should have legislative powers over some issues and programs, but later I have come to the view that in this kind of government that we have that it is not quite possible to give a sovereign authority to those regional councils. As a result of that, I have been convinced that the best we could do in terms of regional council was a sort of management type of council. I have come to possibly be on the same track as the Minister. So in that position, in light of that understanding, I have...

---Applause

...seen the communities and mayors, and they have accepted the Minister's promise time and time again that the regional councils ordinance was going to be introduced. For this reason it is very important that they not only be given the statement but they be given the opportunity to have a very important dialogue with the Minister and his deputy for the change of plans, because sure, you are going to get your own way, but give them a chance to take part in the democratic process is all we are asking right now. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the amendment. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: Well, as I said, Mr. Chairman, the motion suggests that the Minister go to Keewatin and now also the Deh Cho, but I am saying this may not be the best approach to dealing with the subject, having to deal with the people who are going to be wondering what has happened with the regional council. I again ask the Minister what does he have in the way of a summary or a draft ordinance that he can file or table with this Assembly so some of us can take it back to our constituents? I can warn the Minister that if he is not able to provide either a summary or a draft ordinance, that we may be here for some time tonight.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: We can stay here all night.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wah-Shee I believe has indicated that he was prepared to stay here all night. Is that his official position?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: That is right.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Let us stick to the amendment right now. To the amendment. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Amendment To Motion To Have Minister Of Local Government Explain Delay In Presenting Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hands. One, two, three, four. Please keep it high so I can count it. Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Have Minister Of Local Government Explain Delay In Presenting Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance, Carried As Amended

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion as amended. Are you ready for the question? The question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hands. Down. Opposed? One.

---Carried

The motion is carried as amended, and I wish to report progress.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, does that mean that we will be continuing discussion on this section of the budget tomorrow?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Absolutely.

MS COURNOYEA: Thank you.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman; on a point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Point of order, honourable Member for Deh Cho?

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. My understanding of the motion when it was made was to extend the hours until this matter before us is dealt with, and I understood that to mean all of page 13, Local Government supplementary budget, and not simply the motion in question at the time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That the extension of sitting hours was only dealing with the motion.

MR. SIBBESTON: No, no, that was not...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wray, what was your motion?

MR. WRAY: My recollection was the word I used was "item", and I used item in the context of the Department of Local Government, page 13.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): A point of order, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: I think it is not the Member's interpretation that is important. It is the chairman's. I agree it is a word that could be interpreted in different ways, but I would say if the chairman had interpreted it to mean the motion, that is the end of the question, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 1-83(1), APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1983-84;  
BILL 2-83(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1982-1983

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 1-83(1) and 2-83(1) and wish to report progress, and that Bill 1-83(1) is ready for third reading.

---Applause

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

Item 16, third reading of bills.

Item 17, assent to bills. Announcements from the floor? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, a few days ago the honourable Member for Keewatin North had requested that I seek two films that were being shown to the European parliament. We have received those films and at any time the Member so wishes to view those films, then certainly they will be available at his request.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further announcements? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a Members' Services Board meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in room 211. There will be a short lunch meeting of the standing committee on legislation at 12:00 noon tomorrow in the caucus room.

ITEM NO. 18: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Wednesday, March the 9th, 1983, 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
2. Members' Replies
3. Oral Questions
4. Written Questions
5. Returns
6. Ministers' Statements
7. Petitions
8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
12. Motions
13. First Reading of Bills
14. Second Reading of Bills
15. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bills 2-83(1), 3-83(1), 4-83(1), 5-83(1), 10-83(1), 19-83(1), 9-83(1), 22-83(1), 6-83(1), 7-83(1), 8-83(1), 11-83(1), 12-83(1), 13-83(1), 14-83(1), 15-83(1), 16-83(1), 17-83(1), 18-83(1), 20-83(1), 21-83(1), 23-83(1)
16. Third Reading of Bills
17. Assent to Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March the 9th.

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