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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): I have a matter that we must decide before we proceed any further. I had a request to allow the television cameras into the Assembly this afternoon. I granted that request. However, some honourable Members feel that it may be an abuse of House privilege so I have decided to go by way of the majority. Those that wish the cameras...

MRS. SORENSEN: A recorded vote, please.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: It is not a motion.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege. If we are to make a decision in the House on a majority vote I would like to have that vote taken by recorded vote so we can have an indication of those Members who are trying to curtail the press from reporting on events that may happen in this House this afternoon. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, I too would support a recorded vote because I think it should be on the record -- an indication of those Members who are in favour of using this House as a platform for partisan political statements. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hey!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. We will record the vote, Mr. Clerk. Those in favour of the cameras staying in the House for the rest of the afternoon or part of this afternoon, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. McCallum.

MR. SPEAKER: Those opposed to the cameras being in the House, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Sayine, Mr. Braden, Mr. Butters.

MR. SPEAKER: Abstentions.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Fraser.

Decision By Vote That Cameras Not Be Allowed To Remain In The House

MR. SPEAKER: The vote indicates that it is not the will of the House that the cameras remain. Would you remove the cameras, please?

MRS. SORENSEN: I was smart enough to have a press conference this morning.

MR. SIBBESTON: You were forced to attend.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to recognize in the gallery, Bob Dawe and his grade eight class from St. Joseph's School.

---Applause

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. John Parker. I understand this is his 29th anniversary of his arrival to the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

Orders of the day for Thursday, March the 10th. Item 2, Members' replies. Mrs. Sorensen.

ITEM NO. 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Mrs. Sorensen's Reply

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I am proud and I am pleased to inform this House that I have joined a new political party called the Northern party. Over the past several months my constituents have communicated in various ways that they feel that the time has come for an organized party that stands for some basic principles, has some sound northern policy and, Mr. Speaker, offers itself as the alternative to the independents who run in each of the past territorial elections.

Goals Of Northern Party

Mr. Speaker, after a great deal of soul-searching and discussion I, last night as a matter of fact, came to the conclusion that a party which seeks to represent the NWT first, which will not be involved in or distracted by the political activities of the federal Liberals, the federal NDP or the federal Conservatives, a party which will direct its energy and efforts toward forming a strong, competent territorial government is a party which I would like to be a part of. The Northern party can fulfil these territorial goals, Mr. Speaker, and I am excited at the challenge of helping the membership to mould and to shape policies, of helping to search out suitable candidates to run in the November election and, finally, of forming a strong territorial government which will provide a powerful voice to represent the NWT interests in discussions and negotiations with both the federal and the provincial governments.

Mr. Speaker, presently I am identified as a Liberal and this announcement may cause some confusion. For that reason I called a press conference this morning and after an hour of questions concerning my role in the Liberal party I hope to have allayed some of that confusion.

Mr. Speaker, it must be understood that I am a federal constituency president of the federal Liberal party. Our mandate has been to work toward presenting northern input to national issues and to winning seats in the two federal constituencies of the Western Arctic and Nunatsiak. The policy of the Liberal party in the NWT is federal policy recommendations and, for the most part, always directed at the federal government. It is my opinion that the NWT is too small, with too few people, with too big a job to do in terms of economic development, constitutional development and land claims settlement to break down along federal party lines, particularly at this point in our evolution. For the present, we need all our talents, no matter the federal political leanings, for working together on behalf of the NWT to gain more political, constitutional and economic independence. That is why, I feel, that a structure like the Northern party is in the best interests of the NWT.

Non-Alignment With Party In Power In Ottawa

The situation in the Yukon with its Conservative Yukon government attempting to deal with the Liberal government in Ottawa is a good example of what we do not want in the NWT. The possibility of difficulties arising with a similar government in a territory as in Ottawa, also is a very real concern. Our vulnerability as a territory forces us, at this point in time, to take a very practical approach to politics by forming a party which is not aligned or seen to be aligned with any party in power in Ottawa. We in the NWT, Mr. Speaker, must be able to move with that neutrality, at least until we have attained provincehood. As our territory moves toward provincehood, we will have to wrestle power and control from Ottawa, and confrontation may result. Non-alignment is important to us right now.

#### Eastern Arctic Caucus Has Been Powerful

Mr. Speaker, about two years ago, I wrote a letter to the editor which discussed the fact that this House did not have consensus government; that in fact it was already organized along quasi-party lines; that party politics, in fact, already existed in this House. A group of 10 like-minded people elected from the Inuit dominated constituencies gathered together not long after they were elected, and declared themselves to be the Eastern Arctic caucus. They deliberately restricted themselves to taking only two Executive Committee seats, which left eight other eastern Members free to direct and dictate the proceedings of this House. On important issues, they were united and strong, and very powerful.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thanks!

MRS. SORENSEN: The reason the Eastern Arctic caucus has been able to do that is because of the 12 remaining western Members -- five of the 12 remaining western Members -- five were placed on the Executive Committee, and one became the Speaker. That restricted their ability to take part in the debate and often caused them to abstain on important votes, because they are and were servants of this House and subject to the whim of this House -- in fact, they were often threatened by eastern Members with removal from the ExComm if they decided to argue vociferously against what the eastern caucus wanted.

Mr. Speaker, another party is being formed, this time outside the Legislature.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: How about the western party?

MRS. SORENSEN: It will run on a platform and offer itself to the electorate of the NWT in the next territorial election. It hopes to form the next government of the Northwest Territories.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

#### Leader Of Northern Party To Be Elected

MRS. SORENSEN: The first policy convention will be held soon. In addition to forming its policy, the party will elect its leader. The Northern party has deliberately not chosen a leader, nor even appointed an interim leader. All MLAs who join and all interested members will be invited to seriously consider running for the leadership of this new party. The party wants the very best person to lead it, since that person could very well become the government leader of the territorial government, following the next election. The party wants potential candidates for that leadership to come to the convention, ready to tell the delegates what they stand for and what they recommend as policy for this party, that our leader will not be chosen on the basis of a pretty face, or on the basis of a handsome wink of his eye.

Mr. Speaker, the Northern party already has a wide western membership. Already it is composed of northerners, both native and non-native. The party is interested in organizing in all 22 ridings and 25 if that be the case with the boundaries commission report. My role will be to help continue to organize; to travel into the constituencies and to explain the Northern party to interested individuals; to help the executive of the party to choose a date -- obviously soon -- for the first policy and leadership convention, and to begin to develop more detailed policy to present to the delegates at that policy leadership convention. Mr. Speaker, people have said to me, on more than one occasion, "Why are you doing this?"

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Why are you doing this?

MRS. SORENSEN: Also, one of my closest friends has said that it would be safer for me, as a Yellowknife MLA, to remain as an independent and to sit in my relatively safe riding; and that I do not have to stick my neck out and join a political party at the territorial level. However, Mr. Speaker, what this country and indeed the Northwest Territories lacks most are politicians who are prepared to lead; who are prepared to stick their necks out; to help people get organized; to take stands on important issues, on the economy, on constitutional and social development. I want to help people to organize, and I want to be a leader in that organizing. I feel that what the NWT now needs is a government that will provide sound leadership. We have had three years of throwing cups, of insulting each other culturally and of wasting a lot of valuable time.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Speak for yourself.

MRS. SORENSEN: I think the electorate is tired of the fighting in their Legislature. They want good government -- not a circus -- and above all they want to know what the next group of individuals stand for before they vote for them in the next election.

The Northern party will stand up and will be counted. I wish to stand up and I wish to be counted. That is what a good politician is all about. That is what a good party is all about; not hiding behind an independent ticket, or a yes, no, maybe position on issue after issue; not abstaining because of the fear of offending; but rather offering a solid option for the next Government of the NWT which has substance, provides leadership and offers solutions to the difficulties and problems facing this territory in a thoughtful and orderly fashion.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: What about consensus?

MRS. SORENSEN: That Mr. Speaker, is why I am sticking my neck out. I have never been a fence sitter. I have never been afraid to move when I felt that the timing was appropriate. I have chosen my party. I have made my decision. Now I want to get on with the work, the work of representing and working for the people of the North.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mrs. Sorensen. Members' replies. That appears to conclude the item on Members' replies for today. Item 3, oral questions. Mr. MacQuarrie.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 94-83(1): Contract Let By Esso Resources To Non-Northern Company

MR. MACQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development who, I believe, is also responsible for the Highway Transport Board.

Is the Minister aware that Esso Resources has very recently let a summer barge contract of approximately 500 loads to Pe Ben Industries Co. Ltd., a company that presently has no operating authority in the Northwest Territories, and that these are normal truck loads easily conveyed by northern transport companies that have been operating regularly in the Northwest Territories, but that representatives of these regular northern transport companies were not even made aware of the contract or given a chance to bid on it? I am told, by a representative from one company, that he has been trying since January to get information in anticipation that there would be such business, and yet he was not informed when the contract was let. So, if the Minister is aware of this, does he not agree that it may be a violation of a socio-economic agreement? If not, is it not a clear violation of the spirit of understanding that this government has been trying to reach between itself and major development companies? If the Minister agrees, could he tell the House what he would intend to do about it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

Return To Question 94-83(1): Contract Let By Esso Resources To Non-Northern Company

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge of a contract that was let by Imperial Oil to haul a number of loads of that magnitude, I believe 500 loads was the number, into the Northwest Territories from Edmonton. We have agreements in place with a number of companies in the Northwest Territories for the development of resources in the Territories. If this is in contravention to a particular agreement that we have, I would want to indicate to the Member and to the House that I am going to do all I can to see that something is done about it. We have had a number of these kinds of situations occur where developers award tenders to companies based outside of the Northwest Territories for carrier service, and then have those carriers make application for the rights to run in the Territories. At the present time, I think to get a single trip permit, involved with the Territories, the total cost to a particular company is somewhere in the vicinity of \$525. Multiply that by 500, and I think it comes out to \$262,500, if my arithmetic is quick. It is somewhere in the vicinity of that. I would expect that that would be very difficult for a particular company. If they do not have the authority to act as a carrier in the Territories, they would have to make application. Our Highway Transport Board is a public board, made up of business people in the North and I would believe that they would be very open to making sure that the benefits accrue to northern people, to businesses that carry on business in the North.



I am not sure whether I would want to indicate that I would like to infringe upon the work of the board, but certainly I will take the question as notice, and in light of the comments that I have just made, see that justice is done to our carriers in the North, rather than carriers from the South.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. MacQuarrie.

Supplementary To Question 94-83(1): Contract Let By Esso Resources To Non-Northern Company

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since it appears that it is some sort of under the table deal or a deal that is not in line with ordinary business practices that we have come to expect, which has taken place, I would ask the Minister if extraordinary measures are not called for here. They have just applied I believe on March 4th for operating authority; that is going to have to come to a hearing. I would ask the Minister whether he is prepared to intervene at the hearing, and urge that the operating authority not be given, or perhaps delay the hearing until after the summer season. Would the Minister consider those things?

Further Return To Question 94-83(1): Contract Let By Esso Resources To Non-Northern Company

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I would be prepared at this time to come forth and usurp the work of the board. I am not sure there has been an under the table deal. I do not want to make it sound like I am not concerned about it. I feel it is terrible and that is not the proper word that I should use because I think it is even greater than that. The developers who come into the North and take resources out of the North without giving something to the North should not be allowed to carry on, but I cannot indicate that there has been any under the table deal. I have no idea.

This, obviously, is a contract between a developer who put out tenders to carry on business in the Northwest Territories without even advertising in the Northwest Territories as I understand the Member to say and I think that is detestable. I do not condone that kind of an operation particularly. I would simply indicate to the Member that I will be in contact with the Imperial Oil people as quickly as possible -- I meet with some of their people on March 22nd -- to indicate to them the kind of distaste that this House has and other people have and the concern of private businesses in the Northwest Territories to the kinds of deals that are made on the business negotiations that are carried out, that we do not condone that. I would indicate to the Member that I would be prepared to do that.

As to whether I would be willing to indicate to the Highway Transport Board that they should delay these proceedings, there is work to be done in the Northwest Territories, there is work that is going on now and I would not want to see that total project jeopardized. But I will assure the Member that I will do everything in my power to make sure that we bring this to the attention of the business developer and we do not want to see a continuation of this kind of an arrangement. We have had instances before and all I can indicate to the Member and the House is that I will do all I can to make sure that it does not happen in the future.

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

Question 95-83(1): Fence For Frobisher Bay School

MR. PUDLUK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Education why the Frobisher Bay school is going to get a fence for protection because I am not satisfied with this.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 95-83(1): Fence For Frobisher Bay School

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I explained in detail during the budget session for Education that the proposed fence in Frobisher Bay -- although it could be better described as a development of a playground -- is necessary to protect students from skidoo and vehicle traffic and to insulate them from the impact of high-density construction in both housing and commercial facilities on either side of the school ground. This proposal is a result of co-operation between the local improvement committee of the town of Frobisher Bay and the Government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

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

Question 96-83(1): Fence Needed For Protection From Polar Bears, Resolute Bay

MR. PUDLUK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, supplementary. In the Eighth Assembly I tried for a fence for Resolute Bay for a long time. Even in the Ninth Assembly I talked about a fence for the school in Resolute Bay for protection from polar bears and this government never came up with anything except lighting. Did this territorial government find out those people of Frobisher Bay are scared of polar bears? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 96-83(1): Fence Needed For Protection From Polar Bears, Resolute Bay

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am well aware of the hazards posed by polar bear in Resolute Bay, particularly due to the location of the present school. I have been informed, and I am satisfied, that measures have been taken to ensure that the school children are protected from all the hazards of bears by having the schoolyard and approaches inspected on a daily basis well before school starts. I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that one of the main reasons why we budgeted \$2.1 million over the next four years for the completion of a new school in Resolute Bay is so that the location can be changed so that it will not be subject to marauding bears on the fringe of town. I would like to point out to the honourable Member that planning money has been committed for 1984-85 and that construction will start in 1985-86. In the meantime, Mr. Tagak has the responsibility for ensuring that the grounds are inspected every day well before children come to school so that any bears in the vicinity can be driven off, for the safety of those children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 97-83(1): Windows And Partitions For School In Fort Resolution

MR. SAYINE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for DPW. There was a project that Fort Resolution requested two years ago. It started off as a \$40,000 project and last year it was in the budget again for \$65,000 and this year, again, for \$75,000. That is a school project of partitions and windows. I want to ask the Minister whether DPW would do something about it this year for sure and not have it on the budget again for next year. It is increasing every year. Has DPW consulted with the education committee as to exactly the way they want the school windows and partitions to be constructed?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry but I do not recognize it within the budget for this year. Maybe the Member could give me the page in our budget where it indicates that we have...

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: It is in Education, Arnie.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Education -- no wonder, I am looking under DPW. Mr. Speaker, I would simply, then, have to take the question as notice. If he is here this afternoon, I will try to get something back to him this afternoon on the question.

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

Question 98-83(1): Strategy Plan Of Executive Members For Conference

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister responsible for Justice and Public Services, Mr. Braden. As we all know, Mr. Braden, Mr. Wah-Shee and Mr. Patterson will be representing our Assembly and government and the aboriginal people in the North at next weeks aboriginal conference and, I am sure, will be representing us in fine form. Could Mr. Braden tell us what is the general strategy of approach that they intend to take at this conference? Do they intend to be aggressive and stand up, in a sense, for the people of the North?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

Return To Question 98-83(1): Strategy Plan Of Executive Members For Conference

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, at the risk of sticking my neck out and at the risk of being a fence sitter, perhaps, falling off the fence, and at the risk of hiding behind an

independent ticket and at the risk of being thrown out of office by the eastern caucus, I want to indicate to my colleague from Mackenzie Liard that the Government of the Northwest Territories, in particular the Department of Justice, has done a lot of work in preparing for the First Ministers' Conference. I have indicated numerous times in this Legislature that my deputy and his officials in particular have been very, very aggressive in their work in ensuring that northern issues are addressed. In fact, they are addressed on the agenda which has been placed before the first ministers and accepted by the first ministers for discussion next Tuesday and Wednesday.

In so far as our position is concerned, Mr. Speaker, I have stuck my neck out and placed the position before this Assembly last November and I received a vote of confidence from this Assembly last November to use that as a basis for our position.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Just yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I jumped off the fence and I placed a supplementary paper before all Members of this House to consider. It addresses a couple of extra items in so far as our strategy on sections 42(1)(e) and (f) is concerned, and other issues such as native self-government in Canada. Rest assured, Mr. Speaker, that myself, Minister Wah-Shee and Minister Patterson will be taking an aggressive stance at the First Ministers' Conference. I am pleased that, in addition to having my Ministers along with me, I will have some other Members of the Legislative Assembly including Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Fraser, Ms Cournoyea and Mr. Curley. In addition, we have invited Ms Bertha Allen from the Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories to our delegation. I would want to say that we are the first government in Canada to have done this because of problems concerning representation of the Native Women's Association of Canada. So I can give the Member my assurances that if the Ministers of the government get tired or are not able to make good arguments, I am sure that with the help of our colleagues from the Legislature and Ms Allen that we will be able to stick our necks out and jump off the fence and do a good job. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. That appears to conclude oral questions for today.

Item 4, written questions. Are there any written questions for today? Item 5, returns. Are there any returns? Mr. McCallum.

ITEM NO. 5: RETURNS

Further Return To Question 72-83(1): Study On Log Construction Of Schools

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, oral Question 72-83(1), asked by the honourable Member for Great Slave East, Mr. Sayine, regarding what the Department of Public Works is doing with log schools. I have the following reply.

The department is undertaking a study to assess the suitability of using logs as a construction material in major public buildings, and if suitable, to identify particular problem areas and develop solutions to these problems. The study is to be completed in time to make a decision as to whether or not logs could be used for the proposed Snowdrift and Hay River reserve schools. This study has progressed well, with extensive consultation with the communities of both Snowdrift and the Hay River reserve and with knowledgeable log builders from Fort Resolution and other Mackenzie communities. The preliminary report will be completed by March 18, 1983.

As I stated in my initial response to the question, the department has supported the use of log construction in schools, particularly smaller buildings, and this study will now allow us to make some informed decisions about the use of this material in larger school structures that the department may do on behalf of client departments.

Return To Question 97-83(1): Windows And Partitions For School In Fort Resolution

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I would like to go back to the question just asked earlier by the Member for Great Slave East, Mr. Sayine, regarding the Department of Education's budget to provide

windows and partitions in the school in Fort Resolution. As the Member knows full well, this school was built back some time ago, one, if not the first, of the prototype of school then known as the open classroom concept. There are not many, if any, windows in that building. This project has been put forward by the Department of Education for a number of years. It very well may have been that they now keep putting it on the back burner. We, as the Department of Public Works, simply do the work for them. If there is a determination on the part of the Department of Education to want to change the exterior of that building, we would be more than willing to do it.

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

Further Return To Question 92-83(1): Action Taken To Follow Up Motion 16-83(1)

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member for the Western Arctic asked me with regard to the dates our interventions were sent to the Air Transport Committee with regard to Resource Air and I added Rigel Airways. We sent the intervention on Resource Air on February 4th, which was the last day on which interventions could be made, and in the case of Rigel Airways on February 14th. I have copies of acknowledgements from the Canadian Transport Commission, and the one on Resource Air, with regard to the Member's question about a public hearing reads, "In the event the committee should decide to hold a public hearing, notice of such a hearing will be published in newspapers in the areas concerned and a copy of the notice sent to all interveners of record, including yourself." I will give these documents to the Member.

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

Item 6, Ministers' statements.

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

ITEM NO. 8: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of The Special Committee On Constitutional Development

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a brief report on behalf of the special committee on constitutional development. Members will recall that I made a report earlier in the week and I just want to provide an additional report to the effect that your committee is recommending that the next constitutional conference be held only in August of this year. This change in plans is a result of research that is presently being undertaken and of finding out that the research cannot be done until either May or June. So it is essential if the conference is to have new material before it, that it be held at a time when the research is done. So it is primarily for this reason that we are recommending that the next constitutional conference be held in Inuvik, but that it be held perhaps some time in August.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table Tabled Document 23-83(1) entitled "Nunavut", published by the Nunavut Constitutional Forum.

I also wish to table Tabled Document 24-83(1), Terms of Reference, Steering Committee, Keewatin Regional Education Centre Project.

I also wish to table Tabled Document 25-83(1), Terms of Reference, Impact Study, Keewatin Regional Education Centre. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any other documents for tabling today? Item 10, notices of motion, Mr. MacQuarrie.

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 28-83(1): Appointment To The Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice that at an appropriate time, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Mr. Mark Evaluarjuk be appointed as a Member of the standing committee on finance and public accounts.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. Motion 20-83(1). Mr. Curley is not present; that will be held on the order paper for our May sitting. Motion 21-83(1), Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM NO. 12: MOTIONS

Motion 21-83(1): SSHAG Program Annual Awards

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker:

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 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. Willie McLeod and his son Angus of Fort Liard be seriously considered for the first award.

This is seconded by my good friend, Mr. George Braden, Yellowknife North. We are already working on a coalition.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Proceed, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, pictures speak much louder than words and I have a picture here of Willie McLeod of Fort Liard who is 78 years old, who along with his son this summer built themselves each a house. I have the picture here and I will be passing it around and also a picture of Angus McLeod, his son, who also built a house. I will just start the process maybe this way.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that I am very proud to raise this matter because the two persons, Willie McLeod and his son, built two houses out of one SSHAG grant this past summer. I feel that their efforts are to be commended. In the whole Deh Cho area, this area that I represent, these people have done the best in building their own houses this summer. There were quite a number of houses built in my area this summer, but none of the houses were as well worked upon and completed as those of these two persons mentioned.

I wanted at this time to mention also that I believe another constituent of mine, Mr. Stanley Champagne, who lives in Fort Simpson, deserves honorary mention because he also built himself a house -- not with logs in this case, but with lumber produced in the Northwest Territories. He built it right from the bottom to the top in the course of a number of weeks and is presently living in his house. He did very well. I say this, of course, based on the knowledge and information that I have about people who have built houses in the Deh Cho area. It could well be that there are other persons in other Members' constituencies who have done well this summer, and it is really up to them to raise it with the Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I just feel that the SSHAG program is an important program. It is just in its infancy; it is getting going in our part of the North. It is a very good program where it encourages and provides money for people to build houses out of logs that exist in the area. This program is just getting on its feet, this is the third or fourth year, and it would serve a very useful purpose for the Housing Corporation to be giving an annual award to people who excel in the building of their houses. I would like to encourage other Members to support this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden, as seconder.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Just to say very briefly, Mr. Speaker, that I had the opportunity to meet the McLeods and to observe the construction of the houses and I think it would be an excellent tribute to them if we were to establish an award, this type of thing, and to give it to them. My colleague indicated earlier on and Mr. McCallum noted to me while Mr. Sibbeston was speaking that there are others in the North who take \$15,000 or \$30,000 and produce an excellent house. I would urge all Members of this Assembly to unanimously support this motion because I can attest that the work was excellent and Mr. Sibbeston has a lot to be proud of in terms of these two constituents but also in a number of his other constituents who, I might note for this House, are by and large living in their own accommodations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 21-83(1), Carried.

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

---Carried

Motion 22-83(1), the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation board of directors reappointments. Mr. McCallum.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the term of two members of the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation are complete;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to reappoint these members;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, that Mr. Robert Pilot be reappointed to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation board of directors for a six month term;

AND FURTHER, that Mr. Simeonie Amagoalik be reappointed to the NWT Housing Corporation board of directors for a three year term.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Proceed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 22-83(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Motion 23-83(1) regarding appointments to the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Mr. McCallum.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the terms of Mr. Ib Kristensen and Mr. James Antoine, members of the board of directors of the NWT Housing Corporation, are completed;

AND WHEREAS these vacancies should be filled;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, George Braden, that Francis Blackduck and Gabe Hardisty be appointed for a term of three years to the board of directors of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 23-83(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for unanimous consent to proceed with the motion that I gave notice of just a short time ago.

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

---Agreed

Motion 28-83(1): Appointment To The Standing Committee On Finance And Public Accounts

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the standing committee on finance and public accounts with the resignation of the honourable Member for Western Arctic;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Mr. Mark Evaluarjuk be appointed as a Member of the standing committee on finance and public accounts.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 28-83(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Let the record show that the motion was passed unanimously.

---Carried

---Applause

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

Bills 14-83(1), 16-83(1), 17-83(1), 18-83(1), 20-83(1), 21-83(1), with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 14-83(1), BILL 16-83(1), BILL 17-83(1), BILL 18-83(1), BILL 20-83(1), BILL 21-83(1)

Bill 16-83(1), Business Loans And Guarantees Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will come to order. We are on Bill 16-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance. Clause 14, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 15. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 16-83(1) is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we will go on to Bill 17-83(1). Mr. McCallum.

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, Bill 18-83(1).



CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this committee agreed to go to Bill 18-83(1)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 18-83(1), Territorial Parks Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 18-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Parks Ordinance. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, this ordinance has been before the standing committee on legislation. I think there was one concern that was raised by Members of the committee to which I agreed and when we come to clause 4 of the bill I would like to move an amendment to that bill. That amendment, basically, is that a park established under the terms of this ordinance would be subject to the terms and conditions of any land claim settlement that may be reached. I have no further comments. I defer to the chairman of the standing committee.

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

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee reviewed this bill noting that it would establish a new category of parks to be designated as historic parks and the committee was, certainly, supportive of the clause of the bill which allows for the Minister to name any park which is established under this category with a name that reflects the local culture and heritage in the area.

The committee raised one concern which was that such parks should not be established with prejudice to any land claim settlements that might take place and an amendment was recommended to the Minister. The Minister has indicated that the government is willing to include that amendment so, with that, the standing committee on legislation is satisfied and recommends the bill to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause by clause. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, parks may be established. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, development of historic parks. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3, territorial parks committee. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

Motion To Amend Clause 4, Bill 18-83(1), Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I move that this bill be amended as follows: That clause 4 be amended by adding immediately after subclause 6(3) the following: "(4) A park established under this section is subject to the terms and conditions of any aboriginal land claim settlement." The Members have a copy of that, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess maybe I should add one word -- in the margin to the left of the amendment I just made if you would add the word "conditions" in italics.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): 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, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 6. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 18-83(1) is ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 20-83(1), Wildlife Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 20-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I have no further comments to make about this piece of legislation. I believe, as well, this has been before the standing committee on legislation and I would defer to the chairman of the committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Chairman, the committee has seen this bill before and reviewed it again at this session and the committee is satisfied with the bill as it is, and recommends it to this House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, just to seek some clarification. When this bill was presented the last time there was an amendment recommended by Mr. Tagak Curley. Could you indicate whether the amendment has been carried through on this bill or the concern that he had has been taken care of and if it is not included then why was it not? A general explanation, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the concern that Mr. Curley raised was to allow hunting within preserves, as I recall. It is the considered opinion of the department, and therefore the government, that we would not agree to this. Therefore, it is not in the amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this House ready to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, wildlife. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3, issue, renewal, qualifications and fees. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5, hunting with licence or permit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 6, evidence of age, sex and species. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 7, sanctuaries. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 10. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 12. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 20-83(1) is ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. McCallum, do you wish to go now to Bill 21-83(1)?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is correct, sir.

Bill 21-83(1), Public Service Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 21-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Public Service Ordinance.  
Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government has a number of amendments to propose to this bill. I apologize that they are being made at this late date. However, after having held a number of meetings with Mr. MacQuarrie and his committee, the most recent one finishing up yesterday at 1:00 o'clock, we were not able to place before the committee a clean bill that contained the suggested changes, so at this time I would defer to Mr. MacQuarrie to hear the report of his committee. As we go through the bill, I believe I will have about nine amendments that I would like to make. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this House ready to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this bill and there was quite a bit of discussion generated by it. There was input from both the NWT Public Service Association and the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association who had concerns about it. They did not actually have representatives at the standing committee meeting, but indicated their concerns by other means. As a result of some of that input and the discussions that were held in committee, a number of changes were recommended to the government. These are reflected in the amendments which the Minister will propose, although there are one or two that are government initiatives. However, generally, if the amendments are to be included, the standing committee accepts the bill and recommends it to the committee of the whole.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause by clause. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, political activity restricted. Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I am not quite sure how you want me to proceed with this. I have a number of amendments to clause 1. Has everybody got a copy of these? Could I start with section 33(1) and do that one, then if it is agreed by the committee, we move on to (2), (3) and (4)?

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(1), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1)

Mr. Chairman, I would move that clause 1 of Bill 21-83(1) be amended as follows; that the words "including a teacher as defined in the Education Ordinance", be added immediately after the word "employee", in the introductory clause of subsection 33(1).

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, with these new amendments, would it be possible to have an explanation of why these amendments were made? If you are in a community and you only have a couple of teachers in the community, and if they cannot be under the restricted clause, it can be pretty unfair in a smaller place where there may be a population of just 300 or 400 people or under that. I wonder if it is fair to say that in enabling the teachers to be on the unrestricted list, that that would be unfair in smaller communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

Positions Classified Restricted Or Unrestricted

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Chairman, that could be the case in a small community -- that teachers could exercise an extraordinary measure of influence. However, I guess one of the problems that the government has is that it is difficult in a law, and indeed in a regulation, to take into account the wide range of circumstances that could exist in any community in the Northwest Territories. You could have a community where the teachers are very strong and very influential. On the other hand, you could have a community of 300 or 400 people where the teachers are not influential or strong. It is a difficult subject to address. I know it is one that has been brought to the attention of this committee before in our debate in Frobisher Bay, but the government feels that by and large, most teachers would be in the unrestricted category. However, what we are doing at this time between the Department of Justice and the Department of Personnel is to attempt to come up with the way in which we should classify positions as to whether they are restricted or unrestricted.

This does not really address Ms Cournoyea's question directly. I recognize her concern; it has been brought to my attention not only by herself, but I do not really see any way in law at this stage where we can make the unilateral decision that all teachers should be in the restricted category. I would hope that further on down the line in the process, we would be able through either regulations or personnel directives to urge our employees to exercise their rights or privileges as they are guaranteed, but to exercise discretion in how they behave politically during an election campaign.

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

MR. MACQUARRIE: Yes, I would like to say that this was not an amendment that was proposed by the standing committee. As I read it, I do not think Ms Cournoyea should have that concern, because this is saying that subject to this section, an employee shall not do such and such. It appears to me that the purpose of this amendment is specifically to make sure that teachers are considered to be employees under this and therefore it is a means that the government is using to absolutely make sure that teachers are considered to be employees and to absolutely make sure that teachers will have the restrictions that are included in this section. At least that is the way I read it.

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

MS COURNOYEA: There are categories on a chart for restricted and unrestricted. If a community has a teaching principal, would the principal be categorized as a teacher, or would he be moved into the restricted list as a principal, under another category?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to make a commitment that the principal would be in a restricted category -- I think it is a bit premature at this time -- but that is a possibility, that a principal could be designated as a restricted employee. But I want to indicate that I am not prepared to make a commitment to that.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(1), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, there are a few more amendments to clause 1 that I would like to propose. Moving on to paragraph 33(1)(a), there was concern expressed by some organizations and Mr. MacQuarrie's committee concerning soliciting of funds. The concern was expressed in two ways. For example, if a civil servant is on the executive of a federal political party, which is allowed, there are going to be times when that individual must in some way, shape or form deal with party finances. A second concern was expressed about a civil servant who was working for a candidate and who may, in a situation where they are promoting a particular party or candidate, receive a purely unsolicited donation; that is to say, they did not request that donation.

Motion To Amend Paragraph 33(1)(a), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

What we feel, by introducing this amendment that I will read in a minute, is that we will place emphasis on the direct role of an individual in soliciting funds. So what I am going to move, Mr. Chairman, is that the word "personally" be added before the word "solicit" in paragraph 33(1)(a).

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just to say that this was an amendment recommended by the standing committee, and we certainly support it.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

Motion To Amend Paragraph 33(1)(b), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, in paragraph 33(1)(b), the standing committee requested the following amendment for purposes of clarification: the words "or a candidate" be added after the words "political party" in paragraph 33(1)(b). It is purely for clarification, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: As Mr. Braden pointed out, it was the committee that recommended this. It was simply felt that the way it read that he could not do this "on behalf of a territorial or federal political party", that the intention was certainly that if he was running as an independent candidate as well, then the work could still not be done. That is what gave rise to this amendment. The standing committee supports it, Mr. Chairman.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move another amendment. It is in paragraph 33(1)(g). After consultation with the standing committee, concern was expressed that a civil servant may act as the official agent under the present draft that you have in front of you. After discussion the government agreed that the committee had a good point, that we really should not be allowing our civil servants to be in the situation where they are official agents of a candidate, because that involves -- at least at our level, in our elections -- a great deal of responsibility and being representative of a candidate.

Motion To Amend Paragraph 33(1)(g), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

So I would move, Mr. Chairman, that the words "an official agent for or" be added immediately after the words "serve as" in paragraph 33(1)(g).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your amendment is in order. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: As the chairman of the standing committee I will say that that was requested by motion by the committee, and then as an individual Member I would have to say, "But personally I do not support that amendment."

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

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

Let us take 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair recognizes a quorum now. Clause 1 as amended. Mr. Braden.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(5), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Withdrawn

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, we have no amendments to subsections (2), (3) or (4). We have an amendment, though, for subsection (5), and one of the reasons we felt we had to make an amendment here is because of the nomination process. You could have a situation potentially where a candidate could be nominated by a party two or three months before the issue of the writ of election, and if that individual was a territorial civil servant, under the present wording, he or she would remain to be the party candidate for a two or three or four month period until the official writ for the election was issued. This in our view would put both the employee and the employer in a very difficult situation, and obviously the public would not care for it too much, so we are recommending that subsection 33(5) be amended as follows: "A leave of absence granted pursuant to subsection (4) must be taken by the employee on becoming an official candidate."

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, you might have a bit of a technical problem here, because you are referring only to an employee, and earlier on you had referred to an employee and a teacher.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, can I withdraw my amendment and put another one in?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is this House agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Braden.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(5), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I thank the Member for Deh Cho for his input. I would move that subsection 33(5) be amended to read as follows: "A leave of absence granted pursuant to subsection (4) must be taken by the employee or a teacher as defined in the Education Ordinance on becoming an official candidate."

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just to say again that this was an amendment that was recommended by the committee after discussion of the concern that Mr. Braden outlined, and the committee supports the amendment.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(6), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1)

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: With respect to subsection 33(6), Mr. MacQuarrie's committee indicated that publishing the list in the Gazette is fine, but who reads the Gazette? Lawyers, officials of the government, consultants and so on -- Ms Cournoyea indicates that she reads the Gazette. However, the committee felt that this was not sufficient, so we are proposing an amendment, and the amendment reads that the words "and in a widely distributed newspaper available to the public" be added immediately after the word "Gazette" in subsection 33(6).



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

MRS. SORENSEN: I wonder if I could have an explanation of why it needs to be widely advertised that this person has taken a leave. Would that not be a form of advertising his or her candidacy on the part of the government? I can see advertising it in the Gazette, there may be some legal reason, but could I have an explanation to that, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, the argument put forth is that the Gazette is not widely read in the Northwest Territories and is probably not widely available to our average resident. I suppose some argument could be made that this constitutes some form of advertising; however, we are dealing with a statute here and Commissioner's actions resulting from a law. After having discussed this with the Executive this morning they felt that in respect of candidates from Baffin who have taken a leave of absence, the Commissioner would place a small ad in Nunatsiaq News indicating that here are the territorial civil servants who are on leave of absence and it would be done shortly after the close of nominations.

Similarly in Mr. Butters' region, the Drum would be used to advertise candidates who are government employees who are on leave of absence. As I would see it, this would be a one-time only advertisement in a few newspapers indicating that in accordance with the Public Service Ordinance, subsections 33(4), (5) and (6), that a leave has been granted to these individuals, and that that would be the end of it. We do not want this to be seen as advertising. It is, as I said, the committee felt that it would be good to inform the members of the territorial public which civil servants have chosen to take a leave of absence to run.

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

MRS. SORENSEN: I realize that it says in the ordinance that the leave of absence should be published in the Northwest Territories Gazette but I do not know why. I do not understand why even that is necessary.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, the government felt that it would be appropriate to make public what the government has done pursuant to a law or statute in its consideration of employees who are seeking public office and who are seeking a leave of absence without pay to run for public office.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might make a suggestion as to improving the wording in this regard. The present words that are suggested by Mr. Braden state: "and in a widely distributed newspaper available to the public". I feel that the Edmonton Journal or the Globe and Mail could be considered as widely distributed newspapers and available to the public and I think a better wording might be, "and in a widely published and distributed newspaper in the Northwest Territories", so that it could be made clear that it is a newspaper that is published and distributed in the Northwest Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

Amendment To Motion To Amend Subsection 33(6), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, if the Member is prepared to move an amendment to read perhaps: "and in a widely distributed NWT newspaper available to the public" I am sure we would have no problem to that amendment, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: I will move an amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Amendment to the amendment.

MR. SIBBESTON: Could Mr. Braden state it again?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, the amendment to the amendment as proposed by my colleague would read: "and in a widely distributed NWT newspaper available to the public", which would seem to address his concern that we do not advertise in the Globe and Mail and the Edmonton Journal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Honourable Member for Deh Cho, is that what your amendment to the amendment would read?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes, that is precisely what I had in mind.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Okay. To the amendment to the amendment. All those in favour? Down. Opposed? The amendment to the amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(6), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried As Amended

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

---Carried

Do you have a further amendment Mr. Braden?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, the next amendment is in subsection 33(8). As you will note, Mr. Chairman, a contravention of anything in subsection (1) or (2) shall be deemed sufficient cause for dismissal. After a consultation with representatives from the unions and Mr. MacQuarrie's committee, I felt that dismissal was perhaps an inappropriate term to use, in that there will be some offences or there will be some contravention to this particular portion of the ordinance which would require perhaps a letter of reprimand. There will be other things done contrary to this ordinance which would perhaps require a suspension with no pay and then, obviously, there are things that will be done that contravene this amendment or this part of the ordinance which will require outright dismissal.

Motion To Amend Subsection 33(8), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

So on the basis of the representations made to me, I discussed them with my colleagues this morning and we felt that perhaps it would be more appropriate to provide for some flexibility in this particular clause and what we will have to do is to change the heading on the left-hand side of the page to "discipline" and to amend subsection 33(8) to read: "such disciplinary measures as the Commissioner deems appropriate" to replace the word "dismissal". So I would move that, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your amendment is in order. To the amendment. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: This matter was one that was discussed quite thoroughly in committee and generally it was felt that there would be different levels of infraction and that certainly not all of them would merit outright dismissal, so the committee did urge that there be some consideration to a different approach and that perhaps the word "discipline" would be included. This is the wording that the Executive Committee has come back with and I cannot really speak for all Members as to whether they would agree with the way it is worded, but we did want to see some change in the word "dismissal".

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): All those in favour? Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Braden, do you have anything further?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Throughout this ordinance, Mr. Chairman, there are references to certain terms which cause some measure of confusion or concern on the part of either the union or Mr. MacQuarrie's committee. So what we have done is to propose that we add an interpretation subsection (10) under clause 1, so I would assume that we would have to have on the left-hand side of the page "interpretation". The amendment is quite long. How do you want me to go through it? Do you want me to go through each term or should I read the whole section?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I think you will have to move it as a whole, I do not think you can do it in pieces.

Motion To Add Subsection 33(10) To Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1)

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I would move, then, Mr. Chairman, that a new subsection (10) be added and it would read: "Interpretation, (10) For the purposes of this section:  
(a) 'candidate' means a candidate as defined in the Elections Ordinance or Canada Elections Act (Canada) as applicable;  
(b) 'official agent' means an official agent as defined in the Elections Ordinance or Canada Elections Act (Canada) as applicable;  
(c) 'political party' means a registered political party as defined in the Canada Elections Act (Canada) or an unregistered party functioning in the Territories to achieve political aims;  
(d) 'territorial association' means the territorial association of a political party;  
(e) 'policy' means a government commitment to the public to follow an action or course of action in pursuit of approved objectives; and  
(f) 'employee' means an employee defined in this ordinance or a teacher as defined in the Education Ordinance."

That, Mr. Chairman, is the substance of the amendment to include a subsection (10). Could I speak to that amendment if it is in order, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your amendment is in order. Before you speak to your amendment, the Chair would like to recognize in the gallery Chief Joe Rabesca of the Rae-Edzo band council.

---Applause

Thank you. To the amendment, Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, again based on some input from individuals or rather representatives of organizations in Mr. MacQuarrie's committee, we felt that it was necessary to define for the purposes of this section what is meant by candidate; what is meant by official agent; political parties; territorial association. I think those are pretty straightforward for our purposes.

In respect of (e), if Members would refer back to 33(1)(e), where there is reference to the fact that employees shall not publicly criticize the policies of the Government of the Northwest Territories. Now, this particular clause or provision caused some concern because people felt it was too general; it was too vague; it could be abused; it was subject to a lot of misunderstanding and misinterpretation. So for our purposes, the Executive Committee is prepared to define policy as noted in (e) of the interpretation section, and that is pretty straightforward because we are talking about recognized, signed, sealed and delivered policies of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

We feel that that will go part way to clarifying what kind of restrictions will be placed on employees in so far as what they are able to go out and publicly criticize.

With respect to (f), I apologize that that was not on the form handed to you, but we felt it necessary to put that in for clarification purposes. So I think these are all fairly straightforward and subject to what Mr. MacQuarrie says, I move that we adopt subsection (10).

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This section was not specifically recommended by the committee, but a need for something like this was seen as a result of discussions in the committee. So once again, I cannot speak for the committee in saying that all of these definitions are acceptable, but certainly from my own point of view they are, Mr. Chairman.

Motion To Add Subsection 33(10), Clause 1, Bill 21-83(1), Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Are you ready for the question? Question has been called. All those in favour? Down. Opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Clause 1, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The bill as a whole. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Just before we pass away from it, I would like to say that this has certainly been an area that has been very important to me and I am pleased to see that the government has proceeded with it. I am very grateful for that and I think that there will be a lot of public servants who are, as well.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I would just like to thank all the Members of this House and Mr. MacQuarrie's committee because I have been working on this for the better part of three years. It is a bit of a relief to me to get it done this far, though I recognize there is a lot more work that has to be done. I have given a commitment to Mr. MacQuarrie and his committee and to the representatives of the unions that we will work with them in the development of regulations and the application of this particular amendment to the public services organization. So once again, Mr. Chairman, thank you to all the Members of this committee for helping me get this through.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

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

Election Promise Fulfilment For Many MLAs

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: If I might just add my voice to the chorus of approval for this particular bill, Mr. Chairman. It was an election promise I made, so I am very happy to see it become realized and I know other Members included this as part of their platform. I must admit when the subject was first discussed in 1981 in Frobisher Bay, I was very concerned that we might not be able to get the necessary consensus to bring a bill forward, but I am delighted that it has been achieved through the good co-operation between the government and particularly our Leader of the Elected Executive and the chairman of this standing committee on legislation. I think it is a good example of consensus government in operation. I think we have come a long way since Frobisher Bay and I am also very pleased. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say that despite what some of the Members say here that there were some Members on our committee and on the Executive Committee who wanted to pass a law that forbade civil servants to be candidates absolutely, and it was I that insisted that they be given an opportunity and be permitted to...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hey!

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Oh, come on, hey, what is this?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Your election campaign has started already, eh?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Who was against it? Not I.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well, I have heard enough of election speeches, but I think that the important thing was mentioned by a few Members, that many of the recommendations that the Members of this committee and this House have made to the Executive do get fulfilled. I think if you look at the record of the Executive Committee over the last three and a half years you will find out that all those reasonable requests have been carried out and fulfilled, and it takes a lot of work as the honourable Leader of the Elected Executive has just indicated, so I think that we might as well pat our own backs on occasion.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Absolutely.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 21-83(1) as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now this bill is ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 14-83(1), Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill 14-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Home Owners' Property Tax Rebate Ordinance. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the government does not wish to proceed with this bill.

---Applause

Bill 17-83(1), Landlord And Tenant Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. How about Bill 17-83(1)? Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, this amendment was originally introduced some months ago to Mr. MacQuarrie and it has kind of ground its way through the process. However, about a month and a half ago, we did receive some further input on proposals for change to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, which I personally am quite interested in. I think to look further into amending the ordinance, given this input, we can go a long way to recognizing the concerns that have been expressed by tenants. So I just want to indicate at this time that I have had discussions with the chairman of the standing committee on legislation and I have indicated to him that I would be not proceeding with this amendment; that I want to give the whole ordinance a lot more thought, and to introduce something hopefully in May, if that is possible. So I will be moving when we get to third reading that this bill be deleted. I am told I do not have to make a motion now. So what do I do? Does the committee agree to withdraw this motion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this House agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): That concludes the order papers and I am going to report progress.

MR. SIBBESTON: Why?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There are no more bills. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. SIBBESTON: You were doing such a job, Mr. Chairman, that we maybe could talk about other things and put in our time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am going to leave that up to the Speaker, and if you want you can make an announcement or make replies to the Commissioner's Address. There is nothing else on the order paper right now. Thank you. We report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 14-83(1), BILL 16-83(1), BILL 17-83(1), BILL 18-83(1), BILL 20-83(1), BILL 21-83(1)

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MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 14-83(1), 16-83(1), 17-83(1), 18-83(1), 20-83(1) and 21-83(1) and your committee wish to report that Bills 16-83(1) and 20-83(1) are recommended for third reading. Bills 18-83(1) and 21-83(1) are recommended for third reading as amended. Bills 14-83(1) and 17-83(1) were withdrawn and we wish to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Item 16, third reading of bills. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM NO. 16: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 16-83(1): Business Loans And Guarantees Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 16-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Down. Opposed if any? Bill 16-83(1) has had third reading.

---Carried

Third reading of bills. Mr. McCallum.

Third Reading Of Bill 18-83(1): Territorial Parks Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 18-83(1), as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Territorial Parks Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 18-83(1) has had third reading as amended.

---Carried

Third Reading Of Bill 20-83(1): Wildlife Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 20-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Bill 20-83(1) has had third reading.

---Carried

Mr. Braden.

Third Reading Of Bill 21-83(1): Public Service Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 21-83(1), as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Public Service Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Bill 21-83(1), as amended, has had third reading.

---Carried

---Applause

Does that, then, conclude the third reading of bills for today? I understand that Bills 14-83(1) and 17-83(1) have died in committee. That, then, concludes third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner is available for assent?

ITEM NO. 17: ASSENT TO BILLS

COMMISSIONER PARKER: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. As Commissioner of the Northwest Territories I assent to Bills 16-83(1), 18-83(1), 20-83(1) and 21-83(1). Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to accept the recommendation of this House and confirm the appointment of Mr. David Hamilton as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, effective March 10, 1983.

---Applause

Mr. Speaker, if I may be permitted, I would wish to add my own congratulations to Mr. Hamilton on this appointment and I believe you have made a very wise choice. I would also, since we are close to recess, take the liberty of recognizing the good service of all of the staff which have been serving this House and, perhaps...

---Applause

...and, perhaps, in particular, it would be appropriate to mention the two Clerk Assistants, who have come in rather at the last minute and, from all indications, have been of excellent service to you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: To add to what the Commissioner said, I would like to take this opportunity to have, in the record, my appreciation and this House's appreciation to Susan Baldwin who assisted at the table, and was on loan from the House of Commons in Ottawa and also Jim Fennell who also acted as one of the Clerk Assistants at this session and who was seconded from the the Housing Corporation.

---Applause

This appears to conclude the business at this time. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a brief statement. It is not a reply; it is just a short comment or a statement. Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank you, first of all. When I left on January 29th it seemed to be a long time before the end of this session. But it is the end again and I would like to thank you very much. Also, I would like to thank the interpreters too.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Also, this is the last time that I am going to be here for a long time for a long session. I would like to briefly state that from 1975 to 1980, between that period, there were some very unhappy happenings going on; my relatives dying in my community when

I was here. Just last week there was an unhappy situation again in my constituency, the Hall Beach area. Some people were lost for eight days because of a blizzard, the sea ice broke away and the people searched for them by skidoos and finally they had to call the police in and the Canadian Armed Forces from Edmonton, to look for those people.

They looked for them for three days by plane but after nine days of those guys being lost, Sunday morning they walked into the small settlement around Hall Beach. I just want to commend the search party, the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces, who looked for those people that were lost. It was very hard to look for those guys. The skidoos and the komatiks were found but they did not find the people because they walked to the small settlement. I would like to commend the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces and to relay that message to them.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Evaluarjuk. Any announcements from the floor? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, like Mr. Evaluarjuk, I would just like to make a short little statement to you. I am forever grateful for the change in the decor that has come about in this session. The opening ceremonies were very heartening, and when I go back to my constituency I will be telling people about the new decor, the changes that are seen, and also I drum danced -- we had a dance up on the top of the Fraser Towers which was just beyond my wildest imagination that this would ever happen, and many of my constituents too would find it hard to believe that this had happened, so I will be telling this.

I just want to make a short little comment about Mr. Hamilton. I am glad for him. He has attained great heights now, but ask him to remember his humble beginnings. He came to us from the village of Fort Simpson, and he served the people well there.

---Laughter

I want to say, too, that we have some more good people that could become involved with Mr. Hamilton if he requires assistants.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any further announcements or brief comments from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

ITEM NO. 18: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Orders of the day, Monday, May 9th, 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
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16. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands recessed until May the 9th at 1:00 p.m., Yellowknife.

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