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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Curley, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Fraser, Mr. MacQuarrie, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, 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): Orders of the day for Friday, May 13th.

Item 2, Members' replies. There do not appear to be any replies for this morning. Item 3, oral questions. Mr. Wray.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 120-83(1): Tabled Document 27-83(1) To Committee Of The Whole

MR. WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Renewable Resources who is responsible for the Science Advisory Board, so perhaps the Leader of the Elected Executive could take it. Could the Minister indicate when he is going to move the Tabled Document 27-83(1), Recommendations Towards the Establishment of a Science Institute for the NWT, into committee of the whole for discussion? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: I will take that as notice, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Question 121-83(1): Request For Appointment Of Trustees For Baffin Divisional School Board

MR. EVALUARJUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is to the Minister of Education. He may have forgotten this. Mr. Minister, the question I am going to ask, if you do not have a copy of it, the Baffin Region Education Society requested this. You may have forgotten this but you should have a copy of it. I have a reply so I will read this to you as to what you have done so far. It is like this. When the education society met in Baffin in the summertime a motion read as follows: "I move that the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories appoint a Baffin region trustee for the Baffin divisional school board effective April 1, 1983, and that the term begin immediately to provide money for the Baffin Region Education Society members to prepare them to assume powers as trustees by April 1, 1984." What action has the Minister taken on the subject so far? Have you approved this or are you going to approve it? I would like to get an answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 121-83(1): Request For Appointment Of Trustees For Baffin Divisional School Board

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I remember. Within the next few days I will be tabling for consideration by this House legislation which would permit what the Baffin Region Education Society and the Member for Foxe Basin has requested. I should in all candor say that

the Executive Committee has determined that the most responsible course to take with these major changes to the Education Ordinance would be to table the legislation at this session and to give some opportunity for public reaction and consideration by the standing committee on legislation of this House with a view to passing the legislation in September. A lot of work has gone into this legislation. I am looking forward to receiving public reaction and discussing it with the Baffin Region Education Society when they meet shortly in June in Frobisher Bay, which meeting I will attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. That appears to conclude oral questions for today.

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

ITEM NO. 5: RETURNS

Further Return To Question 109-83(1): Mines Ministers Conference

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to oral Question 109-83(1) that was asked by the Member for Yellowknife South regarding the mines ministers conference. I briefly alluded to it and said I would return with a longer reply. The question asked what topics were discussed at the mines ministers conference held last Friday in Ottawa with the Hon. Judy Erola and what decisions were taken respecting that. I can indicate that the following were the items that were discussed. First and foremost would be the state and outlook of the mining industry, including that of junior mining and each particular province and/or territory reported on the state of the industry as regards their own particular area. Job creation, working with Canada Employment and Immigration with respect to the mining industry was raised, as well as the issue of a mine safety data bank, the recommendations of the mining communities task force, federal-provincial mineral agreements and the subject of northern benefits. In addition the Manitoba minister put forth for discussion a proposal for a national mining community reserve fund and that was commented upon at some length by various ministers. Manitoba has such a reserve fund at the present time.

An update on the industry and prospects for the future were presented. Consensus appeared unanimous with respect to the outlook for minerals in all sectors of the industry. Mrs. Erola is attempting to obtain cabinet approval for a \$28 million program to alleviate a problem with the current job creation programs, namely, the problem being that they do not provide a source of funding for repairs, supplies, etc. This issue, of course, was of major importance in the efforts of this government to continue the apprenticeship training for the Pine Point apprentices.

The main purpose of the meeting was to reach a decision on the role of the task force that worked together to produce the report on mining communities; a decision was made at the end of the conference to end the task force as it is presently constituted but to provide for further study of recommendations within the sole purview of mines ministers.

The subject of northern benefits was addressed, not just by myself and Mr. Pearson from the Government of the Yukon, but by many of my provincial colleagues, whose northernmost parts of their provinces bear similarities in isolation and increased costs of living to our own Territories. In effect, there were three provinces that are not really concerned with this and those are of course the maritime provinces. The concerns expressed by the ministers supported and gave credence to the concerns expressed by myself and Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Erola did indicate, as I mentioned the other day, that this issue is one with which she has great sympathy. She has encouraged us, the ministers, to pursue through possibly an intergovernmental committee of officials, the idea of putting forth proposals for economic alternatives to the taxation of northern benefits, and that is what we will be attempting to co-ordinate in the near future. This government will play a lead role in that. Thank you.

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

Item 6, Ministers' statements.

Item 7, petitions.

Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Wray.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. WRAY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 30-83(1), Information Item from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, with regard to the fishing and shrimp quotas in Hudson Strait, Ungava Bay and Davis Strait.

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

Item 10, notices of motion.

Item 11, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 12, motions.

Item 13, first reading of bills. Item 14, second reading of bills. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM NO. 14: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 25-83(1): Council Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 25-83(1), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to protect a witness before the Legislative Assembly or any committee of the Legislative Assembly from liability for any act done as a witness and to allow Members to be paid incidental expenses up to and including the day immediately prior to the issue of a writ of election.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that? Mr. Braden. Ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The question being called. All those in favour? Opposed if any? Bill 25-83(1), Council Ordinance, has had second reading.

---Carried

Second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters. TD 26-83(1), Report of the Northwest Territories Electoral District Boundaries Commission; Bill 24-83(1), Fair Practices Ordinance; Bill 27-83(1), Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Ordinance; Bill 28-83(1), Societies Ordinance; Bill 29-83(1), Advisory Council on the Status of Women Ordinance; and Bill 33-83(1), Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1983-84. We will place all this into committee of the whole at this time with Mr. Fraser in the chair. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The other day earlier in the session it was requested from the committee of the whole that the rules and procedures committee report about the Commissioner in the House. This report just came down and I wonder if Members would agree to go back to committee reports so I can briefly read this one page report.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the House give unanimous consent to return to Item 8?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 8: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of The Standing Committee On Rules And Procedures

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The matter of the Commissioner being seated in the Assembly was referred by committee motion on February 4th, 1983, to the standing committee on rules and procedure for review. I wish to report, Mr. Speaker, that your committee met on May 11th, 1983, and reviewed the matter referred to it. As Members are aware, Mr. Speaker, our rules provide for the Commissioner to be seated with Members during consideration of business in committee of the whole but, of course, he is not entitled to vote on any question. There are only two rules that apply to the Commissioner. The first I have just mentioned. The other rule recognizes that the Commissioner is not a "stranger" in the House, thus allowing him to come inside the ropes and carry out the function he has to perform by law such as opening the session, assent to bills and proroguing the session.

After discussion by our committee, Mr. Speaker, your standing committee feels and recommends that the present rules and procedures with respect to the Commissioner remain as is until such time as the Legislature has a clear position on the future role of the Commissioner's position. Members felt it would be premature to remove the Commissioner as he still has the legal authority for action in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Speaker, your committee was pleased to respond to the Legislature's referral.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Anything further then with regard to reports of standing and special committees? We will move then into committee of the whole with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER TABLED DOCUMENT 26-83(1), REPORT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order. If you will remember last night we reported progress and there was a request by Mr. Butters to have the amendment to the motion typed up and translated and distributed, also a map of schedule C indicating the new boundaries for Yellowknife. Just briefly that is what we were dealing with. Mr. Braden.

Motion To Adjourn For Half An Hour, Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could move a motion that perhaps we adjourn for some measure of time and meet in caucus for half an hour to discuss items of concern to the committee. I would move that, Mr. Chairman, that we adjourn for half an hour.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. The motion to adjourn is not debatable. All those in favour? Down. Opposed? That motion is carried.

---Carried

We will recess for half an hour, Mr. Braden.

---SHORT RECESS

Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations Contained In Minority Report, TD 26-83(1)

I call the committee back to order. We are dealing with an amendment to the committee motion. The amendment to the committee motion is to add after the words "be accepted" the words "and the new seat shall be established in such a way that one seat consists of Detah, Rainbow Valley and Latham Island and those areas to the northeast already designated in the minority report schedule C". It has been typed and translated and the schedule C map is on the back. So we will deal with the amendment right now. Mr. Curley.

Member's Point Of Privilege

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) On a point of privilege I want to say why I did not attend the caucus meeting this morning. We have been elected as MLAs to look after the interests of our people. We are discussing the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Report and I am looking at the report now. The reason I did not attend this caucus meeting is because this commission gave this report to us to discuss in this House and the caucus meeting is closed to the public. I just wanted to make you understand when we are discussing another seat it should be open to the public. What is said should be written down. Also we made an agreement during the November session there should be a commission and how we are going to deal with it should be open to the public. That is why I did not attend the caucus meeting. I just want you to understand.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Curley. To the amendment, Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Giving this amendment some thought over the last few hours since it was introduced late yesterday afternoon, I have taken the position, as I stated before the Potts commission, that I believe it is necessary to maintain a balance in Yellowknife North to provide a condition where aboriginal people, particularly from Detah and Rainbow Valley, have an opportunity to exert influence during an election and after an election.

So I really find that the amendment to the motion as proposed is unacceptable to me because this concept of balance has not been recognized. So from my perspective I cannot support this particular amendment. However, if it is the case that what we are seeking to do in Yellowknife is to establish a seat where it is very likely that an aboriginal person will be elected, why not, to use the expression, call a spade a spade? Establish a seat with Detah and Rainbow Valley and not call it an aboriginal seat, but it is just another riding in the Northwest Territories where anyone can run who is qualified and anyone can vote who is qualified. Thereby we get around this constitutional problem that was raised yesterday. So I guess my view would be that if that were to be the case then I would support such an amendment to the motion.

Amendment To Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations Contained In Minority Report,
TD 26-83(1)

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would move an amendment to the amendment, that we delete "and Latham Island and those areas to the northeast already designated in the minority report schedule C".

MR. MacQUARRIE: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Braden, your amendment to the amendment is to delete all the words after "Rainbow Valley". Is that right?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: That is right.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The amendment is in order. To the amendment. The amendment being called, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I would like to know how many people would be in that constituency.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: About the same size as Sanikiluaq.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I bet you it is smaller than Sanikiluaq.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Does anybody have the information? Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I could estimate it would be somewhere in the order of 300 people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Does that answer your question, Mr. Patterson, about 300?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I would like to know the facts. It seems to me that there are about 15 houses in Rainbow Valley and about the same number in Detah. We have had an estimate from one Member. My estimate would be that there would be under 100 people involved and I would like to get the facts.

MRS. SORENSEN: No, Detah has a school so therefore there are more than 100 people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Could somebody give us a count, for the Member's satisfaction, as to how many people are estimated to be in that area?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: How many electors there are, Mr. Chairman, is what I am interested in, not women, children and dogs.

MRS. SORENSEN: Then give it to us for Sanikiluaq.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: That is in the report.

MR. CURLEY: A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A point of order, Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I really have a problem with the ruling of the motion, because the original motion says, part of it, that the minority report be accepted and now to change it otherwise it is really not accepting the minority report. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I am going to have to challenge your ruling on it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, I find it very difficult to accept your challenge after we have dealt with this motion now and there are three amendments made to it, but if you insist -- Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, in my view the original amendment by Mr. Wah-Shee was proper because it refers to schedule C, but to take it out would mean that it is otherwise, but since we are not really actually following parliamentary procedures here, I will withdraw my challenge.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, just before you got up on your point of order, Mr. Patterson asked a question. I think Mr. Braden has the answers and then I will accept your challenge. Did you withdraw the challenge? I am sorry. Mr. Braden.

Estimate Of Eligible Voters In Detah And Rainbow Valley

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, in the last territorial election there were 83 eligible voters in Detah and on Latham Island there were a total of 286 eligible voters. Now, I am estimating but I would say approximately 75 voters would be located in what we call here Rainbow Valley. So I say out of a population of approximately 300, or perhaps a little more or a little less, there would be approximately 150 eligible voters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. To the amendment, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I agree with the goal of obtaining a seat for a person of aboriginal descent in Yellowknife, but I think we have to be very careful how we go about this. I think that there is a provision in the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights ongoing process which would allow an amendment to the Canadian Constitution which would allow us to designate a seat specifically for a person of aboriginal descent.

There are no guarantees whatsoever that this motion will accomplish this end. Mr. Warner I know has already declared his candidacy in Yellowknife North and I feel that there is at least a possibility that he might be elected in that riding or this proposed new riding. Then this House would be in the position, when the constitutional amendment is approved, of saying to Mr. Warner if he is successful, "You can no longer hold this seat because it is now going to be reserved for a person of aboriginal descent." I think that we do not want to get ourselves into this kind of position.

Reserve Seat Until Constitutional Amendment Is Approved

I think the responsible thing to do, rather than manipulating the boundaries in this manner is to hold back the 25th seat open, not fill it, reserve it, hold it in reserve and when the amendment to the constitution is approved then we can do openly and above board what this amendment proposes to do by the back door and I think that the intention is to create a seat for a Member of aboriginal descent. Let us recognize that this is a position strongly taken by this government at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights and let us do it in accordance with a proper constitutional amendment rather than by manipulating the boundaries of this riding in a manner that has been proposed by Mr. Wah-Shee and now by Mr. Braden. What is wrong with holding that seat open and waiting until it is constitutionally proper to accomplish what there seems to be consensus for us to attempt to achieve?

Location Of Guaranteed Aboriginal Seat

I also wonder, Mr. Chairman, if we have not scrupulously examined where a guaranteed aboriginal seat might best be located in the western part of the Northwest Territories. There is a good argument I believe to be made that there should be a new seat created in Inuvik reserved for a person of aboriginal descent. I would venture to say the aboriginal peoples in Inuvik are a far more significant part of the population than the aboriginal peoples in Yellowknife. I wonder whether we should not think very carefully about this before we decide where this so-called aboriginal seat should go.

I think, quite frankly, that we are seeing further attempts by the Members of Yellowknife to bring in an extra seat for Yellowknife through any means possible; whereas the real intention to create an aboriginal seat should be to do it in a constitutionally valid manner open and above board, rather than by gerrymandering boundaries. I really wonder whether the people of Yellowknife are going to accept such an absurd result as to have something like 150 people which would be probably less than 10 per cent of the -- I am not sure but it probably would be a very small percentage of the population of Yellowknife having one seat of four in this city.

I am not sure whether the people of the city of Yellowknife would feel that this is fair unless it were constitutionally blessed through the establishment of an aboriginal seat and then we could include in the candidates all the people from Yellowknife who live in the other three ridings. I do not think all the aboriginal peoples in Yellowknife live in Detah or Rainbow Valley. They live on Latham Island, they live in Yellowknife Centre, they live in Yellowknife North, they live in Yellowknife South. Why exclude all those people from offering themselves, from participating in the selection of an aboriginal member for Yellowknife? Let us do it properly when the constitutional amendment goes through. I am confident it will go through. The Prime Minister himself has indicated he is sympathetic to this kind of idea. Let us wait and do it properly rather than allowing what I think is an absurd result of a very small minority of the aboriginal peoples in Yellowknife to select a representative for them all.

So for all these reasons I think that the motion is absurd and if it is passed would be an abuse of the privileges this Assembly enjoys. We are right on the verge of an election. We are months away from an election and here we are deciding on boundaries and having sitting Members from Yellowknife making recommendations on how those boundaries should be adjusted. I do not think it is proper. I do not think it looks good to the people of the Northwest Territories. I think there is a proper constitutional route to accomplish what is being intended and we should follow that route; have a little bit of patience and do it properly rather than by manipulations on the floor of this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, honourable Mr. Patterson. I would like to remind Members we are dealing with an amendment to the amendment to delete Latham Island and those areas to the northeast already designated in the minority report schedule C. If we could stay with that amendment and deal with it...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: A recorded vote.

Amendment To Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations Contained In Minority Report, TD 26-83(1), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All those in favour please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Opposed please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Wray, Mr. Sibbeston.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Abstentions?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Butters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The amendment to the amendment is defeated 10 to seven with one abstention.

---Defeated

To the amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called.

MR. MACQUARRIE: Recorded vote.

Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations Contained In Minority Report, TD 26-83(1), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All those in favour of the amendment.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Opposed, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Wray, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Butters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Abstentions, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Appaqaq.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The amendment is defeated 10 to seven with one abstention.

---Defeated

To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is such a long time since we were dealing with the motion I think I will have the Clerk read the motion.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The motion is "I move that the recommendations contained in the minority report be accepted."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Accept Recommendations Contained In Minority Report, TD 26-83(1), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called, a recorded vote. All those in favour please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sorensen, Mr. MacQuarrie.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Against.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Tologanak, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Wray, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Butters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Abstentions, please stand. No abstentions. The motion is defeated 11 to seven, with no abstentions.

---Defeated

We will deal now with the first motion. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Defer Debate Of Motion Re Pages Seven And Eight Until Reasons One To 10 Have Been Examined, TD 26-83(1), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we defer the first motion until we have gone through each of the reasons one to 10 and examined them in detail. I would remind you that a motion to defer is always in order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A motion to defer is in order. The motion is to defer the motion until such time that the Members have had a chance to go through the reasons one to 11. Mr. Curley, to the motion.

MR. CURLEY: Yes, to the motion, Mr. Chairman, unless we deal with the spirit of the report exactly as it is which is actually to increase the size of the present Assembly, we are never going to get it done. So, therefore, I cannot support the motion because how can you deal with supposedly the exact boundaries if the decision has not been made either to go ahead with increasing it to 24 or not? The recommendation number one to me would be the basis to start all the rest of the reasons. So, therefore, if a Member wants to amend it to increase the size to 23 or whatnot I think we should start from that end first. To me, the reasons listed in the report are the ones that we can play around with after we have made the commitment whether we want to increase, accept recommendation number one. So, therefore, I will not support the motion as proposed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion to defer. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Law Clerk about this motion. Would it say that we would not deal with any more of the Boundaries Commission Report whatsoever if we support this motion? Does that mean that we stay with the status quo as 22?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It is a possibility.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Tologanak, we are coming back to it. This is just a motion to defer which is always in order. All we are doing is dealing with the motion to defer until such time as the Members have had a chance to go through the report, reasons one to 11, and then we will come back again to the original motion. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We defer this motion. We can now go to page seven of the report to deal with the reasons as printed in the report, numbers one to 11. Is it the committee's wish that we deal with them by number starting off with number one?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Number one. I wonder for procedure if we could just read out each reason for the record and then deal with each one separately. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Reason number one, "The existing electoral district of Mackenzie Liard is divided to create two electoral districts to be known as Deh Cho and Deh Cho Gah because of the large number of communities in the existing electoral district."

---Applause

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I certainly support that particular reason.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, would you like to move that as a motion.

Motion To Accept Reason One, TD 26-83(1)

MR. SIBBESTON: I sure would, I sure would like to move acceptance of reason number one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): There is a motion on the floor to accept reason number one, made by Mr. Sibbeston. Ms Cournoyea to the motion.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, just a technicality. If we accept this, would the motion that we have deferred be redundant? If there was a motion to accept reason number one would the motion that we have deferred not just be redundant?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie, on a point of order.

MR. MACQUARRIE: I think we could discuss each of these and actually vote on them and if there are changes made, then the original motion when we do go back to it would simply say "I move acceptance of whatever it is, the majority report as amended" and I think that would take care of it. So it seems to me that motions would be in order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): My legal advice is, if we are dealing with the reasons from one to 11, in order to speed things up a little bit, if somebody were to move a motion to delete one of the reasons then they are going against the original motion that is on the floor, because we have just set that motion aside. That motion is still in effect, so we would have to come back to deal with the motion. Amendments I think can be made to the reasons, but not a motion to delete or accept.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A point of order, Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the reasons why the minority report are put forward -- how can you change the reasons of the individuals on the commission? They have their own reasons for making the recommendation. How can you change reasons?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It has been done and you know it.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: They are not recommendations, Mr. Chairman. The recommendations are made on the preceding page. These are the reasons why the two members of the commission made a recommendation. To suggest that you are going to change Mr. Antoine's reasons or Mr. David Alagalak's reasons for making a recommendation is, I think, very presumptuous. If I were to have reasons for doing something, how is somebody going to change my reasons? They may help me change my reasoning but certainly not my reasons.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I would like then some direction from this House as to how they wish to deal with these reasons. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I can appreciate the difficulty you are in, because basically we do have a motion on the floor which moves to accept the recommendations and now there has been a motion to defer, suggesting that we deal in detail with each of these recommendations to give people an opportunity to make minor amendments if they wish. I can appreciate the difficulty and the reason why this approach has been suggested.

One approach is for the mover to withdraw his motion, go back and have the person who initially made the motion to accept all of the recommendations one to 10, withdraw that motion and have a person start off with a clean slate and have people go through the reasons one by one, whether we accept or refuse each one. So that by the time we get to the end we will know which ones have been approved and which ones have been rejected. That is one possible approach.

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

Reasons Cited In Report To Be Accepted As Recommendations

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. The committee and yourself have already accepted the initial motion which says "I move that this Assembly accept recommendations one to 10 which are cited as reasons." This was not challenged by any Member of the House at the time. We accepted that these are not reasons, they are recommendations and that is exactly what they are. If you look at them there is no Deh Cho or Deh Cho Gah at the present time. That is not the reason for making that, that is the recommendation the commission made and we have already accepted the fact that the reasons are recommendations. We are proceeding on that basis.

MRS. SORENSEN: Hear, hear!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I think that is what I already said, Mr. Butters, and it is my understanding, but I would like further direction from this House as to how we are going to deal with it. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: To try to aid in that process I would really believe that the existing motion does not preclude changes here at all. The method is available to incorporate whatever changes Members want, but as a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that even if there was a motion to delete one of these it would still be in order, because the initial motion is a broad encompassing motion which is comprised of many parts. In any motion like that someone can move to delete a particular element of it and that certainly would be in order, but I think motions are important here because that translates what is descriptive into specific recommendations from this Assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it agreed then that we deal with each reason, move a motion to accept each reason, one to 11, so that we continue on with the House work?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I am having a real difficulty here because, when the report was tabled, each Member was given an opportunity to make general comments and now it seems that we are going back to the original. I therefore was questioning whether the motion to defer was really in order or not, because the motion which the Speaker ruled the other day to split into two was on the floor.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, a motion to defer is always in order. I just want some direction now as to how we are going to do it. I cannot stop the motion. The motion was passed. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that the recommendation made by the majority report is to increase the number of districts from the existing 22 to 24 and the description of the boundaries and names be as shown on the maps attached as schedules A and B. If we were to go to the schedules A and B, look at the particular constituencies and agree to the particular constituencies, and if when one of them comes up an individual Member wants to question the reason or make a change -- could they not do it then? Is that a way of procedure at this time? The motion that was made that was deferred could then be all encompassing saying that we accept the majority report or we reject the majority report as amended or as approved.

So I am suggesting that the recommendation is such on page six that we can go to the schedules A and B and agree with them. You can call the constituencies out as the reasons are given or you can call them out as they are on page nine and we either agree with those or we do not. I am not trying to throw a monkey wrench into things by saying, question the business of making motions on reasons. Whether we accept the recommendation on page six, 22 to 24 as per schedules A and B, let us go to schedules A and B and take them in order if you like and then if there are questions or amendments to be made to each of the constituencies they can be done at that time. I only offer that.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, either we deal with the majority report as a majority report or we agree to come up with another report from the Assembly and so scrap the thing altogether. I think somehow someone has to move a motion to accept or adopt the majority report or at least there must be a motion to accept the majority position, to accept increasing the size of the Assembly to 24, and deal with the boundaries later on, because right now we are making a mockery out of the majority report. Are we going to approve or accept the principle of increasing to 24, or are we dealing with somebody else's report? We dealt with the minority report in a professional way. Someone moved to adopt or reject. We took a vote and if we had approved it then we would have dealt with the boundaries separately. So I really think there has to be a motion for us to either agree or not to increase the present Members according to the majority recommendation first, before we can do anything about the boundaries.

Motion To Accept Recommendation To Increase Electoral Districts From 22 To 24, TD 26-83(1), Ruled Out Of Order

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that the majority report recommendation to increase from the existing 22 to 24 be adopted and that the maps attached as schedules A and B be dealt with separately.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, I have to rule your motion out of order. There is a motion that we were dealing with on the floor and also a motion to defer. It was to deal with the reasons set out in the report, so I have to rule your motion out of order at this time. I would still like some direction from the House as to how we are going to deal with this report. Mr. McCallum has made a suggestion to deal with the recommendations and then deal with the appendix. If Mr. MacQuarrie or Mr. McCallum wants to make a motion to that effect -- Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: I am afraid I am more confused now. We have a motion on the floor and the deferred motion is specific. When we came to the floor Mr. Sibbeston began to make a motion which would pre-empt that specific motion we have deferred. Now Mr. Curley has come up with a motion and you have said he is really not in order, but you were willing to accept Mr. Sibbeston's motion which relates directly to the deferred suggested motion. So you are making me more confused. It seems to me that perhaps we should reconsider and deal with whether we want 22 or 24 seats and then go from there. I would make that suggestion so we can unravel some of the problems we have created for ourselves. The problem seems to be that we have to decide whether it would be 22 or 24, then deal with the other issues later.

Motion To Accept Reason One, TD 26-83(1), Withdrawn

MR. SIBBESTON: I will withdraw my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea, the motion, if I remember, was to defer and deal with the reasons only. I did accept a motion from Mr. Sibbeston. Maybe I was a little hasty, but if Mr. Sibbeston wishes to withdraw it, we can go through the reasons as the motion requested, for discussion only and then we can deal with those reasons. Do you wish to withdraw your motion then, Mr. Sibbeston?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. McLaughlin, deal with the reasons.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: I think that is the approach we should take but I think it would be in order, while we discuss each of the reasons, that Members could make motions related to the specific reason, not amend the reason but while talking about that topic they could make a motion to change the name of a riding or something like that. That would not change the reasons and it would not pre-empt the subsequent discussion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): No problem. Let us get on with it. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Point of order. What is happening to Mr. MacQuarrie's motion? It says to accept reasons from one to 10 as listed on page seven and now you are telling me that we are going to be able to move separate motions on top of it without ever going back -- I wish your assistant would give us a proper ruling on that because we have a motion that is deferred. I do not think we can make any motions relevant to these 10 points. Mr. MacQuarrie's motion is still on the floor and are you now agreeing with Mr. McLaughlin that we are going to be able to make separate motions on top of all that?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Just like in a budget session. Point of order. Mr. Chairman, point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, you have a good point there.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. It is already the established practice in the committee of the whole when we do budgets, we sometimes make all sorts of motions on a certain page of the budget but that does not change the budget, but the Executive Committee takes the instructions and when they bring the bill down then they can follow them. That is the practice in this Assembly right now. You can make motions relevant to the reasons and the Executive Committee will follow those instructions when they bring the bill down.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): This is not a bill...

MR. McLAUGHLIN: This is committee of the whole. We have the same rules.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Do you want to come and take the chair?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Sure. Give it to Ludy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I am going to take Mr. Curley's point very seriously because I think it is a good point that we cannot make changes to the reasons. The motion was to deal with the reasons and then go back to the original motion and make your changes after that original motion is either passed or defeated. Is it the wish then that we go back to the original motion, deal with that and then come back to the reasons?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I think the idea is to have a general discussion about each of the reasons without any motions, without any removal or deletions, then come back to the original motion and any of the reasons then can be amended under the original motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That is what I just got through saying.

Motion To Have General Discussion On Reasons, Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: I move we have a general discussion about each of the reasons and with no voting, just to see how the Members feel and what their problems are. Then Members have the option of amending the original motion when we are back to it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mrs. Sorensen, I tried that and it did not work.

MRS. SORENSEN: I made a motion to do that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): There is a motion on the floor.

MR. CURLEY: Point of order. I disagree. The motion is really out of order because we have a motion which has been deferred which in my mind deals with the topic. If you say you want to defer dealing with the motion to accept one to 10 you are really telling us to forget about these items for a while until we deal with some other matters. How can you have another motion on top of two motions, one to accept recommendations one to 10 and one to defer it?

MRS. SORENSEN: We already voted on that one.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. What is the motion that is on the floor that is giving us so much difficulty?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion has been deferred. There is no motion on the floor. I think Mrs. Sorensen has a motion on the floor we will deal with. Can you read your motion again, Mrs. Sorensen?

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, my motion is that we deal with the reasons on page seven in general discussion without any motions and then when we are finished dealing with reasons one to 11 we go back to the original motion and if there are any amendments that have to do with any of the reasons, we make them then.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We do not need the motion. It is agreed. So we deal with the reasons. Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, does that infer the motion to defer is really withdrawn?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion on the floor is to deal with these reasons. Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): So we will deal with the reasons from one to 11, then come back to the original motion and make amendments. So we deal with reason number one then, just general comments. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Just to say I think this is a very good recommendation and my constituents are very happy that the Boundaries Commission has made this recommendation to divide the present Mackenzie Liard into two. So I really urge everybody to support it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Any more questions on number one? Can we go to number two? Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, I notice that Deh Cho Gah and Deh Cho have quite a difference in the total population.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: That is how they voted last election.

Imbalance Of Population Between Deh Cho And Deh Cho Gah

MRS. SORENSEN: We see on page nine Deh Cho Gah has a total population of 2134 and has some seven communities while Deh Cho has only 935 with three communities. I would wonder, because there are no reasons for that imbalance made by the commission, I would wonder why they did not make it more balanced, particularly with respect to the numbers and the numbers of communities in each constituency. I am not sure whether Mr. Sibbeston is willing to respond to that, but I do make the observation that when the discussion took place in the Legislature concerning the need to divide the constituency of Mackenzie Liard into two, it was because of the great number

of communities that were in the constituency, the population, the need to divide the population because of its large number and the difficulty in getting around to the communities in the constituency. So I would make the observation that I am not at all sure that one of the original issues causing the call for that constituency to be divided, has in fact been addressed by the commission and because we do not have the commission here they are not able to respond. I wonder if perhaps Mr. Sibbeston could enlighten us on why there is this notable imbalance, two to one as a matter of fact, in the population and in the communities as well.

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

MR. SIBBESTON: The reason why it is divided as such is I believe there is a central core of Dene people emanating from or living in Providence, Kakisa and Hay River Dene reserve, who are very closely related and they speak the same language. There was, I am aware, a discussion about the possibilities of a couple more little communities like Trout Lake going into the Deh Cho constituency, but when the community leaders were asked at Trout Lake about this, they responded definitely that they do not want to become part of the Providence-Hay River constituency. They still want to be part of Simpson, because their communications and their associations are with Simpson primarily. So that is what happened with the possibility of Trout Lake and Jean Marie River going with Deh Cho. They simply do not want to go with Deh Cho.

The other consideration -- and I know that the Boundaries Commission dealt with this -- is a possibility of a couple of small little pockets of people along the Hay River belt in Paradise Gardens and Enterprise going with the Deh Cho constituency. I actually thought there was a very good possibility of it happening, because this was discussed at the public meeting in Simpson, but for some reason it was not done. I suppose we could possibly move to put Paradise Gardens and Enterprise and the small little group of people into Deh Cho constituency, because basically they are a farming type of people, small community people who could relate to the people of the Dene reserve, Hay River and Providence, but it was not done. Rather than begin making adjustments I am prepared to go with the boundaries report. So there are possibilities of putting more people in with Deh Cho, but I just really have not felt that there was an urgent need. But if Members insist, it could very well be done.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. General comments. Reason one. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Shall we move to reason two? No comments on reason two. Agreed?

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Reason three. Ms Cournoyea.

Holman Island Should Stay In Western Arctic Constituency

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the community of Holman Island, I would propose that when we make the final motion that I will be saying that Holman Island should stay within the community of interest of Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Tuk. One reason for that is that cited in recommendation number three, that I think the community of interest there, in the development of the Beaufort Sea and the involvement of Holman Island in that development of the Beaufort Sea, is very important and one that is a progressive development idea and which they have been involved with. They have been a community that has been offering to the Beaufort Sea development area some very positive and commendable direction and I would like to see them stay within that constituency.

As for the communications, the communications are not difficult with that community in tying it together with the Beaufort Sea development. As well, in terms of dealing with that community it has been a source whereby they have a positive attitude in how they handle the development that is taking place in that area. I have never had any difficulty in travelling to the community and living within my constituency expenses and I think whoever replaces me would not have that difficulty. But in terms of the ongoing Beaufort Sea development, there is a lot of stress and strain on the community, particularly, of Tuk, to deal with that development in an organized fashion. To have a community that is that much interested and involved with the environmental concerns in the Beaufort Sea, it is very important to keep them in the picture in a development phase of things.

The hunting, fishing and trapping area and the sea development is of prime importance to that community of Holman Island and their involvement with it and the working arrangements that we have had with them on the Inuvialuit Game Council and the development of land claims has been vitally important to the positive approach that we have been able to make.

If it were just a question of a Member of the Legislative Assembly for that area, it would not trouble me that actions have been taken to try to promote that community to go in the Central Arctic. That would not trouble me. However, I think the kind of ramifications that could come from them moving to the Central Arctic would be a definite default to them, for the simple reason that they have come a long way with the other Inuvialuit of that region, in terms of the claims issue. In the next few months we hope, I say we hope, that we will be able to move that ahead and I would like to keep those communities that have been involved with the claims together as they were and not, by necessity, make the change now.

As well, we are dealing with a division of the Northwest Territories in which Holman Island along with the communities I represent are key issues as to how that line will be moving. We have developed a rapport in how to deal with that because we are probably the area that is most pressured to make decisions on where we will be going, whether with Nunavut or whether with the West and there are a lot of pressures on our particular area.

Beaufort Sea Communities Affected By Oil And Gas Development

When you move east, into the communities of Coppermine and Cambridge Bay, the pressures are not as intense on those communities to make decisions on the development of the Beaufort Sea region. But in terms of our area particularly and in terms of the fact that Imperial Oil has made a discovery of oil, we must deal with that issue effectively. The people who are concerned about the environment should be together and be represented together at this Legislative Assembly.

I realize that there have been some statements about the problem of money to travel back and forth because of plane service not going into that area, but in terms of the development of the Beaufort Sea, there are many planes that go back and forth to Holman Island and tie that community together with the other Beaufort Sea communities. It has not been a difficult chore for me to represent that community and I would advocate that anyone replacing me would not have a difficult time.

The benefits to the community have been twofold as I see it. Sitting in the position that they are, they have been able to gain a lot of recognition. I would propose that perhaps some people would say "Well, there is turmoil in the community", but in all of the development areas there will always be turmoil and readjustment and questioning. I am very proud of the Beaufort Sea communities, because we actively take part in very serious debate at the community level. We have very good participation at meetings. We continually argue about where we are going to go and I think that is a very healthy attitude. I have been to other communities which are less affected and I found that the discussion about the political development of the area is somewhat laid back. The creation of controversy in a community creates the kind of discussion that is necessary in this 1983 season as we are moving to a time frame in our area where our people are dealing with oil and gas development. We are dealing, on our political front, with where we are going to be and we are dealing with the development of regional governments as well and we are dealing with the kind of control that is necessary to deal with all of these developments, whether it be political or industrial development.

It seems to me that this kind of address to the Legislative Assembly may seem kind of ambitious, but I believe that the people in our area can meet those challenges. I have been a bit disturbed that when we have been dealing with the community of Holman or any other area where you have to make a decision, there has been a lot of negative business, particularly by the press, in trying to show that there is division. It is not that there is division, it is because people are actively, diligently pursuing their goal politically. It seems to me that in removing Holman Island from that forum you are denying that community the ongoing process of being involved and putting them in a peripheral political situation whereby they only get involved when there is something in it for them and without taking the full responsibility of the decision making that has to take place. I believe that the community of Holman has many ties to the people of Coppermine and Cambridge Bay and I do not believe moving them in or out would take that away or enhance it or take away that particular involvement.

Plebiscite Held In Holman Island

In regard to the other issue of the voting, I talked to the people of Holman Island and I have had a very active meeting with them. I stated to them very clearly what my position is in this debate in the first place. It is understood and it is respected, but also I respect the decisions that are made in the community and I respect the fact that when that first vote took place it was exactly straight down the middle. I do not believe a second vote should have taken place, because then we keep having votes -- the other was not to do with the MLA -- the problem in trying to have votes here and there -- I guess it is fair, but I believe that that really does not reflect where we are going to go in terms of our development in our region.

It is very difficult in terms of our communities on the Beaufort Sea when we have people around us who really do not take a positive, responsible stand when it comes to decision making. The decision-making process is difficult for us because we deal with various levels of government, the territorial and federal government. The federal government by and large makes those decisions and we have to live with them or try to make reason out of them. So this is as much as I will say at this time. I guess we are not making motions and I will have to deal with that again and perhaps repeat some of the things I have said and make a few more points when we are dealing with the deferred motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Motion To Accept Recommendation To Create Two Electoral Districts In The Eastern Arctic, Ruled Out Of Order

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: (Translation) I am going to talk about the Central Arctic area, Kitikmeot, in my dialect. The Inuit, we are split here and I am going to talk about myself. (Translation ends) Maybe I will speak in English. Mr. Chairman, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak, as well, on reason number three, but I would like to make a motion to accept the electoral district of Central Arctic, that it be divided to create two electoral districts to be known as Kitikmeot East and Kitikmeot West.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We are not accepting motions, Mr. Tologanak. We are just discussing the reasons.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Chairman, here in committee of the whole as individual Members are we not allowed to make motions as we wish?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Motions will come after we deal with the original motion. This motion was just to discuss these reasons so that is all we are doing right now, Mr. Tologanak. Your motion is out of order at this time. You will have a chance later on to make that motion. Any further discussion? Mr. Tologanak, are you finished? Carry on.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to discuss a little bit about Holman Island as well and the interest on my part not only as an MLA but as well the interests of the people who are divided in Holman as Nellie says. There was a 50-50 vote held in recent years. There have been a couple of votes that have been taken. One was by four and the last time was by nine and we had official people scrutinizing it very closely. I think I want to say that the transportation, the communications and the relationship of the people is very important. Many of us talk here in this House about how close we are to our people, our constituents, to our own native languages and to our native descent and those we represent. Many years ago I was the settlement manager of Holman Island...

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Point of order, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I do not accept this situation at all, Mr. Tologanak talking about things I do not think are completely relevant to the subject and in the condition he is in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I agree. Mr. Tologanak, you will have a chance later on when the reasons can be amended or changed so I will have to recognize another speaker. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I listened very attentively to the remarks that were made by Ms Cournoyea and an important issue arises and that is as to whether in a democracy where there are larger jurisdictions that community choice is always to be regarded as the decisive factor, and in thinking that issue over I see that it is not always to be the decisive factor. If it were, you could say you keep reducing it. It is supposed to be a democracy so why is each individual's choice not the decisive factor? The simple truth in representative democracies that are comprised of many individuals and many communities and many regions is that there are times when it becomes necessary, for good reasons, for larger jurisdictions to sometimes do things which are not entirely approved of by a particular community. As I said earlier, I feel that since Holman Island was part of the Western Arctic constituency or is presently, and for a number of the reasons that Ms Cournoyea has cited, I will continue to listen to discussion in this area if there is any further, but I feel at the moment if she were to move an amendment later I would be inclined to support that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. MacQuarrie. Mr. Butters, reason number three we are on.

Request For Information With Regard To Plebiscite In Holman Island

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would be interested in some information with regard to the plebiscite. There is no information in the report as to the question that was asked on the plebiscite, the numbers who voted on the plebiscite for or against the question. It appears that there were two questions asked, so I just wondered how one could get some information about the plebiscite and the question and the support that that plebiscite received. Mr. MacQuarrie is suggesting from what I can gather, that he is justifying that the wishes of the majority of the communities should be ignored by a larger organization or a larger community. I think that that approach is very superficial at this time. I think unless he can answer the questions I am wondering on what grounds he is making his decision. I would like to have a bit more information before I would be able to decide as quickly as he has been able to.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. I wonder if the Member for the Western Arctic, Ms Cournoyea, would like to give that information to the Member.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I can produce that information. I do not have it here at the table but I can bring that information. Do you want it today? I guess it depends on when we are doing this but I can find that information.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would not expect Ms Cournoyea to have to do that. This is a report to the House by a commission set up by this House. There must be some information available to this House through the Speaker's office.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. I have just asked if the Member wished to reply. I did not make any statement that she would. We can get that information for you. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I was going to raise the same question about who conducted the plebiscite, under what authority were they asked the question or was it just an informal practice? It seems to me that we do not even know as to whether it was a legal plebiscite or was it by a show of hands? Who conducted it, the federal government, territorial, hamlet or a political organization?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I am told, Mr. Curley, it was conducted by the settlement council of Holman Island, but we should be able to get that information for the Members and then we can come back to it again if you wish. If we just leave that until we get the information, if there are no more questions on it, can we go to reason number four? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): General discussion on reason number four. No comments on reason number four. Can we go then to number five? Mr. Wray.

MR. WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I will accept number five. I have some difficulty with the community of Whale Cove because of its very close proximity to Rankin Inlet. However the hamlet council in Whale Cove has advised they wish to go with the new Keewatin West riding. It would be tantamount to impossible to ask one MLA to represent Rankin Inlet and four other small communities just because of the transportation problem. So number five is acceptable. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Any further comments on number five, Mr. Wah-Shee?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I had my hand up and I wanted to comment on four.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You want to comment on number four, go ahead.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Yes, please. Mr. Chairman, my question is, have Paradise Gardens and Enterprise made presentations to the commission that they want to be part of the town of Hay River or did they express any interest at all in the Deh Cho area?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Wah-Shee, there is nobody in the House now who can answer it. Can we come back with the answers? We will attempt to get the information for you, Mr. Wah-Shee. Number four then is okay. Number five, any further comments? Mr. McCallum on number four or number five?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: On number five, Mr. Chairman. I find it ironic that in some cases where people in a community are undecided which way to go, by representations made by them at hearings that the commission held, and then to find in number five where there was no representation, as I understand it, made to the commission to realign things, that these communities are realigned. Now, as I said in the beginning, in my opening remarks on the whole matter of the commission's review, that they were to assess or reassess and re-evaluate, but you know -- I appreciate there very well may be cultural, linguistic reasons to relocate two communities to the south of Rankin Inlet and then put them into what was known as Keewatin North so that to go from Baker Lake now to Eskimo Point the lines of communication are through Rankin Inlet. You know, it just seems weird that this would happen.

Now, as I say I may very well be in error that there were no representations. There quite possibly could have been a representation, I do not know, and if there was a representation made by either one of the incumbent Members then I apologize for saying so and I admit that I am in error, but I had not heard of it. I guess what concerns me is that when you get people of a community expressing their wish to move from one constituency to another, then when you get people in the communities not saying that, that they are moved and you have an incumbent accepting the decision of it and another incumbent not accepting the decision of it. Now, that may be fair ball and I do not have any difficulty. It simply raises a concern in my mind. So I am not suggesting this should not take place, but I find it rather disconcerting to see that in one instance there seems to be an acceptance not to move a community when the community has a pretty good voice in wanting to move and in another instance where the communities have not indicated that, to my knowledge that it is accepted that they do move and I find that a little ironic.

Motion To Extend Hours Of Sitting, Carried

Mr. Chairman, another point -- a point of privilege, I would move that we extend the hours of sitting of this session so that we can finalize the business at hand.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question is to extend the sitting hours, finish the matter before the House. It is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Proceed. Mr. Wray.

Realignment More Acceptable Than Old Alignment

MR. WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate Mr. McCallum's concerns. I guess just by way of explanation, one of the reasons that there has been confusion within the Keewatin was because as you know the Keewatin had made representation for a third seat and based on that they have split the communities among the three seats. However, with this recommendation the third seat was out and we had to decide on two seats. Now I have been made aware that there was representation made in Eskimo Point for this kind of split and myself and my colleague from the Keewatin South have been in contact with all of the municipalities within the region. While they are not particularly happy with this recommendation because it only allows two seats, they like it a lot better than what was in existence so that is why we are going with it, basically because the new realignment, while it is not to our satisfaction, it is better than what the old alignment was. So we will accept it on that basis. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Wray. Now that the motion is on the floor to deal with the report or the business of the House and the hours have been extended, we could be here all weekend so we will break for lunch and come back at 1:30. Do you want to chair this? At the speed we have been going we are not going to get through it. We will break for 15 minutes for coffee. How is that?

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I call the committee back to order. Dealing with reason number five. Is there anything further on reason number five? Mr. Curley, number five.

People Have Own Hunting Rights

MR. CURLEY: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I just want to make a few comments on reason number five. As my colleague Mr. Gordon Wray already mentioned, we wanted to get an extra riding and the communities also wanted an extra riding, but the commission did not agree. For that reason I am in agreement with number five. The people from Eskimo Point, Whale Cove, Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet do not mind being with the Rankin Inlet riding because their own hunting rights, their seal hunting rights are put together now, so they are in agreement with this. I am also in agreement with number five, so I accept the report and we will follow according to the grouping of the communities. We know that Keewatin might not get another riding, but, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that the names Keewatin East and Keewatin West will have to be named in Inuktitut after we start dealing with the law. That is all I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Reason number five. Number six. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: The reason I am going to accept it as it is is because the hunters from Resolute Bay are starting to go south since Baffin Island has been reserved for the hunting. I just want to tell you that is the reason for number six and I am going to accept it as it is. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Anything further on reason number six? Reason number seven. Reason number eight. Mr. Wah-Shee, reason number eight.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I will support the proposal under number eight.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Anything further under number eight? Reason number nine. Reason number 10. Mr. Appaqaq.

MR. APPAQAQ: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a few comments on this number 10. Hudson Bay is different now from the way it is shown in the map. We now have the Belcher Islands and the people from Sugluk who hunt in that area want to be in that same Hudson Bay area. I am in agreement with this even though it was not asked for by the Sanikiluaq people, because we were sort of in a rush too with this.

Regarding that, I decided to agree with it and in Hudson Bay I think we are going to have some problems from the people from Keewatin and the Sanikiluaq people, since there will be some oil exploration going on around there, especially if there might be an oil spill in that area. The reason why I am in agreement with this, we want to help each other, co-operate regarding with the oil exploration that is going on. I think this would be in the future also. We do not mind it the way it is right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Appaqaq. Reason number 10, any further comments? Reason number 11. Mr. Braden.

Boundaries Of Yellowknife Should Not Change

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will comment on the reasons and give my views on reason number 11. First, as I said before, I do not agree that the constituency name of Yellowknife North should be changed to Yellowknife East and when it comes time to move on the recommendations I will be recommending that Yellowknife North remain the name of the constituency. Second, I agree with the commission that the rural boundaries, if I could call them that, should be changed as proposed to include the lakes adjacent to the Ingraham Trail. Finally, I do not agree that the urban boundaries of Yellowknife North should change. I maintain as did my

colleagues Mrs. Sorensen and Mr. MacQuarrie, when we appeared before the boundaries commission, that if there is not to be another seat in Yellowknife that the boundaries remain the same. I have made my views known on that subject at that time and a number of times in the last couple of days and at such time as we get again to recommendations I will be moving that the boundaries of Yellowknife stay the same. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Reason number 11.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish of the committee that we go back to the original motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Just for the information of the Members we will have the Clerk read the motion, now, that we are dealing with. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, one brief comment on the item we just concluded. I did hear with regard to the plebiscite and maybe the House might be interested in knowing what that information was.

MRS. SORENSEN: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish of the Members that the information that the Member has -- Ms Cournoyea.

Plebiscite In Holman Island

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, as you will note, over the past while in terms of the Beaufort Sea there has been a lot of political progression. In terms of the Holman Island plebiscite and the date that the plebiscite was held, first it was a representation to the settlement council by Jack Kupeuna. He is a member of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and made a representation to the settlement council of Holman Island that they should have a plebiscite or some factor to determine whether Holman Island would remain in the present constituency or go into the Central Arctic or Kitikmeot region. That petition was taken to the settlement council and as a result the settlement council decided that they should have a vote on that. The vote was held and it was requested that the territorial government send a person, an unbiased person into Holman Island to scrutinize the vote.

The settlement council of Holman Island was told that this was not a legal plebiscite or it was not a binding thing on the community because there were no legal terms that they could hold a plebiscite. They understood that and it was a polling of opinion. They were receptive to the idea and they went ahead anyway. So on April 14 there was the first poll and the vote came out 52 for Kitikmeot and 52 for Western Arctic. The second poll was held on April 22nd and at that time they did have an advance poll. The officer from the territorial government continued to stay in the community. The tie ballot had been presented to council. They were going to leave it at that. Then Kane Tologanak, I think in a written letter, suggested to council that they should do something to break the tie. So I have talked to Mr. Tologanak of his interference with my constituency on an ongoing basis but that is his political privilege I suppose. So they had a second ballot which the territorial representative stayed on to scrutinize and the results came out Kitikmeot 72 and Western Arctic 63. So those were the two plebiscites that were held and these were not something that the community feel is legally binding except that it is the best they could do in terms of polling the issue. That is the information I have on the documentation of these plebiscites.

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

"Opinion Poll" A More Correct Term

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that was basically the information I had, that I was going to present to the House as well, except for the question. It would appear from what we have learned that really the word "plebiscite" in the reasons is incorrect. It would probably be more correct to use the words "opinion poll" which does not carry the same weight as the word "plebiscite".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Could we then go back and have the Clerk read the original motion that we will be dealing with? Mr. Clerk. Mr. Stewart, did you have a comment?

HON. DON STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I may have your indulgence just to make a statement relative to reason number four.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Carry on, Mr. Stewart.

HON. DON STEWART: I would like to indicate to the House that the Boundaries Commission did not hold public meetings in Hay River.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Shame!

HON. DON STEWART: They did hold a public meeting in the Indian reserve and the people of the corridor were not polled with regard to whether they wished to be in that new boundary or not. The town council in Hay River had written the Boundaries Commission and indicated that they did not favour any change in the boundary of Hay River, that they felt the status quo was being properly satisfied. I just wish to enter this in as a matter of record. I do not intend to debate the matter, but it would appear that the Boundaries Commission did not do a very adequate job in the constituency of Hay River as far as contacting the people as to their wishes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Mr. Clerk, would you read the motion?

Motion To Accept Recommendations One To 10 That Are Cited As Reasons, Pages Seven And Eight, TD 26-83(1)

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): "I move that this Assembly accept recommendations one to 10 that are cited as reasons on pages seven and eight of the report."

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

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, if I understand it correctly it is recommendations one to 10. It does not make any reference to 11.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That is the original motion, Mr. Braden. The motion is reasons one to 10. Do I hear question?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: I thought there were going to be one or two amendments proposed to that and it is just a question of the way we are going to proceed now. Is this the appropriate time for people who want to make amendments to do it, to reflect the kinds of concerns that they have?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): These reasons one to 10 are all dealing with this motion so if there are any amendments or deletions I think this would be the proper time if it is the wish of the committee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea.

Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations One To 10 That Are Cited As Reasons, Pages Seven And Eight, TD 26-83(1), Withdrawn

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make an amendment to reason number three, that the settlement of Holman not be included in Kitikmeot West but continue to be included in the constituency with Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Tuk, as it was originally.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Motion on the floor, amendment to reason number three on the floor now. I think it is straightforward. I do not know that the Members would want this dealt with any further. Mr. Curley, to the amendment.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would think you would have to ask for an appropriate amendment to the motion. The motion is to accept recommendations one to 10. Have you got the proper wording to amend the motion to accept recommendations one to 10?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Well, I think we have the correct wording here. Mr. MacQuarrie, maybe you could enlighten us on that.

MRS. SORENSEN: It is the Clerk who makes the decision.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What is your concern, Mr. Curley? Is it that we do not have the proper wording for the motion?

MR. CURLEY: Often Members challenge whether a motion is in order or not. I would think any amendment that is made to the motion would have to be consistent with the practice of this House. I am just asking. I think the wording should be proper.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: On a point of order. All the Member has to do is recommend deletion of three, delete three.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: That is right.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Ms Cournoyea, would you like to withdraw your first motion and move item three, reason three be deleted?

MS COURNOYEA: Yes, I will do that if that is more appropriate.

Amendment To Motion To Accept Recommendations One To 10 That Are Cited As Reasons, Pages Seven And Eight, TD 26-83(1), Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. The motion is now to amend the motion to delete reason three. Do I hear question?

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.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. All those in favour. Could you please raise your hands so we can get a good count? To the motion.

MR. WRAY: What is the motion, please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion itself. Should we have the Clerk read it once more? Mr. Clerk, would you read the motion we are voting on?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The motion as amended "I move that this Assembly accept recommendations" I presume it would be, "one and two and four to 10 that are cited as reasons on pages seven and eight of the report".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question being called. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Recorded vote, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All those in favour please stand. A vote has been called. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD MCCALLUM: On a point of privilege, Mr. Chairman, the motion as I understand it is to accept the rationale listed one and two and four to 10 as a basis for the recommendation on page six. Is that the intent of the motion, to accept the reasons, the rationale for the recommendation on page six? We are only approving or accepting a motion to accept the rationale as listed one, two, four through to 10.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): One, two, and four to 10.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is all we are doing, is that correct, as the basis of the recommendation of the majority report?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I think the motion has been read three or four times now. You must have a copy there.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, regardless of whether the motion has been read three or four times or not I am asking you the intent of the motion. We are not dealing with the recommendation of the majority report yet.

MR. CURLEY: We are. It is this recommendation.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: The recommendations on page six.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I do not believe this!

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It says the recommendations cited as reasons on pages seven and eight. That is all we are dealing with. We are not dealing with anything else right now if I can read the motion right. That is all we are dealing with.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, the motion is "I move that this Assembly accept the reasons one, two" -- with the amendment -- "four to 10 that are cited on pages seven and eight of the report", as recommended in the majority report. That is what we are doing. We are accepting the reasons.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Accepting the reasons on page seven and page eight as recommendations.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: The recommendations are on page six.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The recommendations cited as reasons in the motion.

MR. CURLEY: On a point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, on a point of order.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to register my point here, one reason that I attempted to amend it yesterday was so that they would only be cited as reasons, not recommendations, but it was ruled out of order. I now accept this motion to accept one to two, four to 10 as recommendations and that is my very point. I now understand we are voting them as recommendations because it has now been changed into recommendations rather than simply as reasons as the motion states.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Curley, I think you are right on that. The only way I can read this motion, too, is the Assembly accept recommendations cited as reasons on page seven and eight, so that is what we are voting on, pages seven and eight with the one amendment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A recorded vote is being called. All those in favour please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Appaqaq, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Wray, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Sayine, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. Butters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Opposed please stand.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Abstentions please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion To Accept Recommendations One To 10 That Are Cited As Reasons, Pages Seven And Eight, TD 26-83(1), Carried As Amended

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion has been carried 11 to two with four abstentions.

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Does that mean that further motions are in order with respect to the other reasons that were not included in that motion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is not up to me to decide. That is up to the committee. If they want to bring in more recommendations and motions we will be here for a long time.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: If you cannot play golf, why not?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a proposal to make. I was discussing the matter with Mr. Lal, my deputy minister, as to how the House should deal with the results of our deliberations which I think we have basically got. He suggested that perhaps we might consider a formal House motion indicating that a Boundaries Commission was established and that a report was submitted, the report was examined and that this House would resolve to approve the report, submit it to the Speaker with the following alterations and then there would be a list, for example, that a) the minority report be rejected, b) that schedule A be changed to include Holman Island in the Western Arctic constituency; and so on. I just put that as a proposal for people to think about and if it is acceptable we could have something drafted up for everybody to consider on Monday. I just put it as a proposal, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to stall this. Is that agreeable?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What does the committee wish to deal with next? Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: I just want to inquire from you as to your understanding as to whether the results of the committee are sufficient to instruct the government so that they can prepare enabling legislation to put what we have decided into effect. Mr. Braden, of course, has raised the possibility of a formal motion in the House. I am just wondering whether this is absolutely necessary or whether it is sufficient that the committee of the whole does discuss and make decisions on the Boundaries Commission report and this should be ample and sufficient authority and direction to the government to act in respect of any draft ordinance or bills that they wish to bring forward. Basically what I am asking is, we have dealt with it as a matter in committee of the whole and now do we need to go back into the formal House and go all over it again?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I do not know if I can answer that as committee chairman, Mr. Sibbeston. I think Mr. Braden made a suggestion only and it still has to be decided by the committee. Mr. Curley.

Motion To Adopt Majority Report With Necessary Changes To Reasons On Page Seven, TD 26-83(1)

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that the commission's majority report, recommendations to increase from the existing 22 to 24 districts be adopted with the necessary changes that were expressed in the reasons listed on page seven.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Can we have a copy of that please, Mr. Curley?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A point of order, Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the motion to extend the hours covered only that subject we were looking at at that time which was those 10 or 11 recommendations, is that not correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I believe that is correct.

Motion To Report Progress

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I move we report progress, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That is the way I took the motion, that we were dealing with the matter at hand and that was completed.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The motion to report progress is not debatable. A point of order, Mr. Sibbeston. You cannot debate the motion.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to find out from you whether, when you do report progress, you will indicate that there has been support for the recommendations of the Boundaries Commission report. In my view we have dealt with the Boundaries Commission report and I feel that with your report to the Speaker that this is sufficient authority for the government to act in preparing a bill for our consideration next week.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We are dealing with it because of this motion, Mr. Sibbeston, so we are still dealing with the report. I have not ruled on this motion yet and I have a motion now to report progress and I have to deal with that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): A point of order, Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Again, Mr. Chairman, the extension of the hours permitted us to deal with the matter under consideration at the time and at the very least what we have dealt with was the matter in hand, so at the very least you must report that the matter has been dealt with and accepted. You cannot report progress at this very stage and say nothing as it were. You do have to indicate that the recommendations, the reasons have been accepted. I suggest that this is sufficient authority for the government to begin working on a bill for our consideration next week.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I am sorry, but a motion to report progress I have to accept; it is always in order. So if you want to vote it down that is up to you but I have to recognize...

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, there is no argument with the fact that there is a motion before you to report progress. All I am saying is that you must report the result of the debate that has occurred for the last few hours, namely that the reasons and recommendations have been accepted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Sibbeston, when I get back in my chair and the Speaker asks me to stand up then I will report. I will do that, okay?

MR. SIBBESTON: Yes.

Motion To Report Progress, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The matter is not concluded but I will report when the Speaker asks me. I have a motion now that is not debatable to report progress. All those in favour? Opposed? Thank you, the motion is carried.

---Carried

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of clarification. Mr. Chairman.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You are too late.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF TABLED DOCUMENT 26-83(1), REPORT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

MR. FRASER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, your committee has been dealing with Tabled Document 26-83(1), Report of the Northwest Territories Electoral District Boundaries Commission. A motion to accept reasons one to 10 was dealt with. Reasons one and two were accepted and reasons four to 10 were accepted, with one amendment to delete reason number three. The matter is still before the House to complete the recommendations. There was a motion to report progress.

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

Point Of Privilege

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I question the understanding of the chairman in respect of the report that he made. I submit that the approval of the reasons given indicate -- or his argument for the point of the recommendations of the Boundaries Commission report was, in fact, accepted by the committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman indicated that the matter was not completed, but I say that the matter is completed, that the committee of the whole dealt with the report and made a motion approving all of the reasons. Perhaps it was not specifically in respect of the recommendations, but the effect of our discussions and motions were, in fact, that the Boundaries Commission report, the majority report has been accepted.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for your advice, Mr. Sibbeston, but however it is in keeping with the normal procedure of the House and we are in line with what we normally do. The government is aware of how far you have progressed with this particular subject and will have the necessary legislation ready and available just as soon as you are ready for it, so I do not see any -- I understand you are very anxious to get your area divided, but it will come in due course. It is coming along very well.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, you had asked for announcements, Mr. Speaker, and I would just like to remind Members of the Run for Light tomorrow at midnight so you will help the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the NWT Council for Disabled Persons if you were to participate. I do have some forms here for those who might wish to do so. You do not have to run fast, walking will do.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo.

Point Of Privilege

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege. During my comments yesterday I made certain remarks toward the honourable Member for Keewatin South. I wish to retract those comments, because it is certainly not an indication of the contribution that that Member has made to this House.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McCallum.

Reporting Of Committee Motion

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I do not have an announcement to make. I think it is possibly a point of order. I think that in the discussion on the rationale or the reasons for the majority report, there was a motion passed that rejected the minority report and I do not think that was reported by the chairman of the committee of the whole. I think you will find that there had been a motion to reject the minority report. I think it should be noted.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable Mr. McCallum. The records will certainly indicate that. I have noted that myself.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: On a point of order, I believe that is not quite correct. There was a motion to accept the minority report and the motion failed to carry and that is somewhat different, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Sorensen.

MRS. SORENSEN: Mr. Speaker, to further clarify this situation I do not believe that the chairman of the committee of the whole reported that there is also another motion on the floor that has not yet been accepted or rejected by the chairman and I would think that that would be the first order of the day in the next sitting in the committee of the whole to discuss this subject.

MR. SPEAKER: That is a normal procedure. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I think we are going to have to maybe get more staff here to keep up with the motions and amendments and everything and bring them all up to date. It is pretty tough, but I think the last two days it has been pretty hectic trying to deal with this report and it sounds like the only insane asylum in Canada that is run by the inmates.

MR. MacQUARRIE: And that is the chief one.

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance on Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the caucus room. There is a meeting of the standing committee on finance on Monday, May 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the caucus room.

ITEM NO. 18: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Monday, May 16th, 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: TD 26-83(1); Bills 24-83(1), 25-83(1), 27-83(1), 28-83(1), 29-83(1), 33-83(1)
16. Third Reading of Bills
17. Assent to Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House now stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., on Monday, May 16.

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