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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Appaqaq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. George Braden, Hon. Tom Butters, Mr. Curley, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Kilabuk, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. MacQuarrie, Mr. McLaughlin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Hon. Don Stewart, Hon. Kane Toloqanak, Hon. James Wah-Shee, Mr. Gordon Wray

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

--Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Don Stewart): Mr. Nerysoo, I understand you have an announcement.

Death Of Distinguished Northerners

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker. I have some unfortunate news to pass to the Members of this House, and that is the unfortunate passing of two significant and important people in their respective communities.

Firstly, the mother of Hyacinthe Andre, Julian Andre. Hyacinthe Andre served as chief of Arctic Red River for over 30 years. Most recently, Mrs. Andre has left us with a legacy in the recent participation and appearance in a documentary film called "Summer of the Loucheux", which included her son Hyacinthe and her granddaughter, Alestine Andre.

Secondly, the unfortunate passing of former chief John Charlie Tetlich, who served in this House from 1967 to 1970. I would like to recommend to the Speaker that he pass on to the immediate family this Assembly's deepest sympathies.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Wray, I understand you have some distinguished people here from your area; would you introduce them, please?

MR. WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the members of the executive committee of the Keewatin Regional Council. The mayor of Eskimo Point, Mr. Mark Kalluak; the mayor of Whale Cove, Mrs. Eva Voisey; and the mayor of Coral Harbour, Mr. Lucassie Nakoolak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Nerysoo has mentioned the passing of chief John Charlie Tetlich. I had the honour of sitting with John Charlie in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was an appointed Member to this Council. He did a lot of work, he was not a token Member, and it was through the teachings of John Charlie Tetlich that I learned a great deal about the native people. I certainly will miss him; I have always felt that he was a very personal friend.

The orders of the day for Wednesday, September the 7th. Item 2, Members' replies. Mr. Braden.

ITEM NO. 2: MEMBERS' REPLIES

Hon. George Braden's Reply

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Commissioner's Address. Now, Members are aware that I have not been one to use this opportunity very often. In fact, I believe that I have replied only once in the last four years. I hope that Members do not interpret this condition as a result of boring opening statements being made by our Commissioner. I am sure that the media and the public will attest to the stimulating speeches prepared by the Executive Council for our Commissioner to read.

Further, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that Members do not interpret this condition as a result of nothing happening in my constituency or in Yellowknife. I believe that given that all Members of this Legislature have spent so much time in Yellowknife during the past four years, I am confident, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues have gained a sincere appreciation and understanding of the issues facing our capital city. So on behalf of my colleagues, who are unfortunately absent, Mrs. Sorensen and Mr. MacQuarrie, as well as Mayor Ballantyne and his city council, I would like to thank all the Members of this Legislative Assembly for the kind and sympathetic manner in which they have considered Yellowknife issues over the past four years.

Mr. Speaker, I look back at the last four years with a certain amount of pride. All the Members of this House are aware that prior to being elected in October of 1979, I worked for Hon. C.M. "Bud" Drury, who was the Prime Minister's special representative for constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. Now, contrary to the belief of some Members, Mr. Speaker, I did not write the final report, nor was I placed in this Assembly as some kind of federal agent to ensure that the recommendations of Mr. Drury were implemented. However, I am pleased that many of the suggestions put forth by Mr. Drury have been given serious consideration and in some cases they have even been implemented. So I assure Members that any relationship between the above and my presence on the Executive Council is purely coincidental. All things considered, Mr. Speaker, I know that I can say on behalf of myself and some other Members of this House that we express our appreciation to Mr. Drury for providing us with work which has been most useful in our deliberations during the past four years.

Overall, we have made constitutional development a major priority of our Legislature, and I am equally appreciative of the contributions made by Mr. MacQuarrie through the special committee on unity; Mr. Sibbeston, through his special committee on constitutional development; Mr. Fraser, for the special committee on impact, and to my co-chairperson, Ms. Cournoyea, who has assisted me on the special committee on the constitution of Canada, and more recently the special committee on division of the Northwest Territories.

Now I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not pay some tribute to another high profile Liberal in the person of the Hon. John Munro. Members will recall the apprehension that I believe we all felt when we found out that a Hamilton Member of Parliament was going to be our major advocate in Ottawa. I must say, Mr. Speaker, that in the early months of his tenure, I expressed this apprehension in what could be described as a hard-hitting matter, and at times unproductive. I always recall the meeting that some Members of the Executive Council had many years ago in Ottawa, and John came into the room, and within two minutes time we were at each other in an argument; I believe it had to do with finance and formula financing. But I would like to say that over the past three years since relations have improved with the federal Minister, he has worked hard for us and while many of our major issues and problems remain to be resolved, I believe that he is the first federal Minister in many years who has recognized the legitimacy of our Legislature and who has had the guts to deal with some tough issues, including things such as the division of the Northwest Territories, the powers and the role of the Commissioner, and of formula financing.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to suggest that there are only two good Liberals in Ottawa, as my colleagues and I have had the opportunity to meet and hold productive discussions with many members of the federal cabinet and caucus during the past four years. I say, Mr. Speaker, that I wish them well in whatever careers they choose to pursue following the next general federal election. But enough of our federal counterparts.

Recollection Of Past Four Years

During the past four years, Mr. Speaker, I have enjoyed and found very challenging, working with elected representatives at the municipal level. The first time, for example, Mr. Speaker, that I met

our current Clerk was during a session with His Worship Orest Watsyk, the former mayor of Fort Simpson. I believe the subject of the meeting was the establishment of a game farm. Am I right, Mr. Clerk? Good. I understand this issue has been put on the back burner by the current Fort Simpson administration.

Members of this House will also recall the warm and productive working relationship I have had over the last few years with the town council of Inuvik and the citizenry of Inuvik generally. In my brief political career, Mr. Speaker, I believe the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce holds the record in terms of publicly calling for my resignation. Further, Mr. Speaker, while minister of Economic Development and Tourism, I developed especially close ties with the people of Fort Resolution in my one and only attempt to run and operate a sawmill.

---Laughter

Now, in respect to the city of Yellowknife, I wish to assure Members of this House as well as Members of the Executive that Mayor Ballantyne and I did not, and I repeat, we did not spend the last four years plotting to seek funding for the Yellowknife Community Arena, use of the Sir John Franklin gymnasium for an arts and cultural centre, refinancing of the Yellowknife land development fund for reconstruction of the Ingraham Trail, better known to some Members as "the road to nowhere".

As noted previously, Mr. Speaker, all Members of this Legislature have demonstrated an understanding of Yellowknife's requirements, and sometimes this has not always been the case at the federal level. Did Yellowknife get a new airport, Mr. Butters? Mr. Patterson, did Yellowknife get a new dock? Or Mr. McCallum, did Yellowknife get a new federal office building? At any rate, finally in respect to working with people at the municipal level and people generally, in respect of my relationship with all the women of the Northwest Territories during my tenure as the Status of Women Minister, I trust that they see some light at the end of the tunnel.

Third, and most important, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few general observations about my relationship with the elected Members gathered here in this room. I was extremely pleased back in 1979 to be chosen by this House to serve on our Executive Council and to be designated the first elected leader of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

Thank you. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to face a number of major challenges, both individually and as a Member of the Executive Council collectively. As minister of Economic Development and of Energy back in 1980, you can appreciate, Mr. Speaker, that I and the government were viewed with some apprehension when we decided to support a two year delay in the construction of the Norman Wells pipeline project. I believe, Mr. Butters, that this prompted the first public demand by the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce for my resignation. Nonetheless, I think that we made the right decision and I think that we have demonstrated that development can proceed in the North.

Now, after having left the Economic Development portfolio, I moved over to Justice, and I thought, you know, gee, this is going to be really easy, I am not going to have to deal with sawmills and the private sector and the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce; but little did I know that Mr. Butters, my predecessor, had left me with two major tasks. One was major revisions to the Mining Safety Ordinance while the other focussed on a new Liquor Ordinance. I can say in respect to both that I sincerely appreciated the assistance of the elected representatives of this House, the private sector and the public generally, in developing new laws of major significance to the whole Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that this House has business to conclude, and perhaps there are other Members today who wish to reply to the Commissioner's Address, so I will not go into any more detail on the past four years.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, many of you have heard rumours about what I am or am not going to do. First, I would like to dispel any rumours that I am running against Mrs. Sorensen in Yellowknife South, where I currently reside. Unfortunately, she is not here today. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the party which will form the next national Government of Canada has already nominated their Western Arctic constituency candidate for the next general federal election, so I want to indicate, Mr. Speaker, that I will not be seeking a federal seat. In short, Mr. Speaker, I will not be seeking

re-election in the next territorial election for Yellowknife North. I would like to now thank all my constituents, my family, and I see my mother and father here today, Sheila, the girls, Mayor Ballantyne and his wife Birgit, for all their support during the last four years. And to all the Members and the staff with whom I have worked so closely, I wish you personal and of course, political success. God Bless you all. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Braden. Members' replies. There do not appear to be any further Members' replies for today. Item 3, oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 32-83(2): Slavey Immersion Program, Fort Simpson

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I just want to question the Minister of Education. I want to say firstly to the Minister of Education that the LEA in Simpson has sent me a telex indicating concern about the Slavey immersion program. Apparently the grade one Slavey immersion program in Simpson, which I had very proudly mentioned in my opening speech, is in jeopardy because of lack of funding. Apparently the superintendent of Education in the Simpson area has found some casual funds to fund the program for September, but after this there is apparently no moneys available. I want to ask the Minister if he could comment on this situation and say what he proposes to do at the end of September with respect to the Slavey immersion program in Simpson.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question 32-83(2): Slavey Immersion Program, Fort Simpson

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that I am certainly well aware of the issue that is of importance to the Member for Deh Cho and the local education authority in the community in which he resides. I certainly support that program and indeed any other programs which will provide better instruction in native languages where requested by local education authorities. I am pleased that with my encouragement the superintendent in that area has been able to find funds to get the program off the ground for the first month, and I can at this point only assure the Member that I will do my best within the next short while to try to find a way to support the program throughout the full year. I cannot give a definite answer at this point. We are still doing some analyses and trying to find ways of identifying the necessary classroom assistant position, but I can assure the Member that what he wants to do has my full support, and I expect that the matter can be resolved in the near future, and certainly well before the end of September. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Wray, I understand there are further guests in this House from your area. Would you like to introduce them at this time, please?

MR. WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the speaker of the Keewatin Regional Council, Mr. Louis Pilakapsi.

--Applause

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

Question 33-83(2): Home For Inuit Girl In Winnipeg

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Social Services. In view of the fact that the government has now taken over the major responsibility with respect to social services and health, I would like to provide the Minister with a little information that I found last month in Winnipeg. The children's home in Winnipeg was looking for a couple, or a family, or a single adult to provide a home for a 15 and a half year old Inuit girl. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not this girl or child is from the Northwest Territories, and if so, who has authorized them to provide services for this Inuit person who should actually be the responsibility of this government.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Tologanak.

Return To Question 33-83(2): Home For Inuit Girl In Winnipeg

HON. KANE TOLGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for giving me notice that he was going to ask me the question. This Inuit girl was placed in the children's home in Winnipeg in May of 1983. The children's home of Winnipeg is a private treatment facility for children with severe behavioural, emotional and physical problems. We placed this girl with this facility because we were unable to provide the specialized treatment she requires anywhere in the Northwest Territories. The girl is under the care of the superintendent of child welfare at the request of her parents. There has been regular contact between the department and the parents about the girl's progress. 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 for today? Item 6, Ministers' statements. Mr. McCallum.

ITEM NO. 6: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement On Changes In The Economy

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence and the indulgence of the Members of the House, I would like to make a short statement. As this session is the last of this Assembly, the last of an Assembly that has brought about very substantial changes in the Territories, I would simply like to take the opportunity to review some changes in the economy, and government responses to those changes. When I first spoke in this House, Mr. Speaker, as Minister of Economic Development and Tourism I was the bearer of some dismal economic news. We in Canada, were at the height of our worst recession since the 1930s. Unemployment was rampant, corporate profits were almost non-existent. Since that time the nation, along with the rest of the western world, has begun to pull out of the recession. Unemployment is marginally down, the sea of red ink in corporate ledgers is beginning to turn black, interest rates are down and Canadians are once again becoming optimists. The worst, this time around, seems to be over.

Last January, with the exception of the primary renewable resource sector and the mining industry, the territorial economy was holding its own. Returns from trapping had dropped off significantly. The mineral industry was struggling, with total production down by seven to 10 per cent. Although the northern mining industry was struggling, precious metal mining cushioned the blow to some extent.

Although the economic record for this last year worldwide is poor, a cursory glance at the NWT economy over the past few years shows that we have done reasonably well. In the mineral sector, gold production in 1982 was 33 per cent higher than in 1979, thanks to three new mines coming into production. Lead and zinc production had increased 77 and 41 per cent respectively. Because of slumping mineral prices the dollar value of their production has not increased proportionately, having risen by 30 per cent. With rapidly rising costs mining company balance sheets have not reflected this growth, but expansion in the sector has led to increased job opportunities and 120 northern residents are employed in the three new mining operations. A survey of six mining and two oil companies done by the department shows 1327 northern residents on staff, or 54 per cent of all employees.

Expansion Of Oil And Gas Exploration

We are all aware of the rapid expansion of oil and gas exploration, the development in the Beaufort and at Norman Wells, and the changes in the local economy which these particular projects have brought on. I have no recent statistics on total personal income at the present time, but personal income did increase by 11 per cent between 1979 and 1980, from \$280.7 million to \$310.9 million in 1980. Retail sales have increased 46 per cent between those three years, 1979 to 1982. The number of registered companies serving the needs of territorial residents increased from 2594 to 2946 during the same period. Increases in the level of economic activity have led to increased or stable employment levels in the major industrial sectors of the economy. Industrial employment in firms with 20 or more employees increased by about 500 in the 1981 to 1982 time period. In mining and oil and gas there was a seven per cent increase. In transportation and communication 18 per cent; service four per cent and in others 17 per cent. Average weekly earnings have increased as well from an average of \$487 in 1981 to \$588 in 1982.

Fur Industry

In all of this there has been a major economic disappointment and that has been in the fur industry. The number of trappers has decreased by 19 per cent since 1979-80. The total value of fur sold in 1979-80 was \$5.3 million. In 1981-82 trappers earned only \$3.6 million from fur sales. Even though the number of trappers is down, a substantial drop in fur value has reduced the average fur income from \$1235 in 1979-80 to just over \$1000 in 1981-82.

Our economy has grown and changed during the life of this Assembly. Beginning in the mid 1970s, oil and gas exploration increased dramatically and a need developed for the department to become actively involved to ensure an acceptable level of industrial benefits for northerners. Departmental involvement included the lead role in regulatory interventions, broad policy development, working directly with resource companies to identify and develop employment, training and business opportunities for northerners, and to monitor activities. The roles played by the department were often in conflict, but were necessary at the time. With the development of the resource development policy, the lead role for regulatory interventions was transferred to the Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat under my colleague, the Hon. Richard Nerysoo, as was broad policy development related to natural resources. The regions are now responsible for monitoring. This leaves the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in a position to do what it has been assigned to do, work with resource companies to foster economic growth.

Training For Northerners

We work closely with the resource industry to identify existing and future opportunities and to arrange for training. We have to date developed, with three resource companies, socio-economic agreements which outline plans for industrial benefit spinoff. I am pleased to say that the record to date is that members of the resource sector have generally been good corporate citizens. With a rapidly expanding non-renewable resource sector, tremendous pressure has been placed on the business community. In order to respond to these needs, the department has revamped business assistance programs and has decentralized the implementation of program delivery so as to provide programs in a more expeditious manner with more decision-making at the local level. Headquarters staff now function in an advisory capacity to field staff providing technical assistance with marketing, financing and promotion, as well as continuing in the major role in policy and program development.

Many native people are now entering the business world. All our programs are available to native business people; in fact, some are targeted for them. One such program is the Special ARDA. Through negotiations with the federal government, the Special ARDA agreement was extended for two years. We also initiated loan guarantees so that northern businessmen who are not otherwise eligible for bank financing could get bank loans rather than loans from the government.

Mr. Speaker, if northerners are going to achieve greater benefit from the development of our resources and the expanding service sector, it is critical that adequate training be available. During this term major advancements have been made in training. There have been significant major changes made to the apprenticeship ordinance and career development programs have been established. We have now developed a much closer relationship with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and we have signed a new training agreement with the federal government. The staff of the department also work closely with existing industry and proponents of new projects to develop employment opportunities.

Importance Of Tourism

I need not remind Members that we in the North are heavily dependent on non-renewable resources and trapping. In order to diversify the economy, my officials and I have focussed on tourism. Until recently tourism has largely been related to hunting and fishing with activities centred on lodges, some of them the finest in the world. In order to expand benefits from tourism, we have developed a new tourism policy which concentrates on community based tourism, a very significant change in this government's tourism thrust. Through this new strategy, we are emphasizing the marketing of community attractions in an effort to provide a unique tourism product to visitors. Park development is also a high priority on the priority list. Visitors need a place to stay and the recreational needs of residents must be addressed.

Northern Preference Policy

Although the private sector, primarily the mineral, oil and gas component, is the primary engine of our economy, government expenditures play a very significant role in our lives. In order to utilize our leverage the government has developed a northern preference policy to ensure that taxpayers money is used at home to the maximum extent possible. If I may make an aside, Mr. Speaker, there have been written questions made of me in the capacity of Public Works, Housing and Economic Development and Tourism as to the amounts of money that this government has made available to northern businesses over the last year, and I think that without going into a great detail, I can give an indication to Members of the House that in the year 1982-83 the Department of Public Works spent about \$29 million in projects and awarded over 900 contracts that range from a very small amount to large amounts, dealing with consultants, highway maintenance and particular projects of various sizes and other particular divisions. I want Members to know that of those over 900 contracts and over \$29 million, northern business received over 800 of them, for a total of about \$25 million.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Hear, hear!

---Applause

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: So I believe, Mr. Speaker, that our northern preference policy is working and it will continue to work to the betterment of northern business.

The renewable resource sector has not been ignored by this department. The three year general development agreement which expired in 1981 allocated \$1.8 million to the renewable sector for test fisheries, country food projects and country food merchandising. Substantial time and effort has been put into saving the seal hunt. Although it may appear at times that the department concentrates too much in one sector or the other, I think that the record shows considerable effort has been put into all sectors of the economy. Much has been done but there is much to do.

Economic Future For The NWT

May I just briefly talk about the future? It now appears that the current economic recovery will be lasting. In fact, economists are concerned that the economy will recover too fast, setting off another round of inflation. Forecasters are expecting real growth in the US economy this year and in the next year. This means that the Canadian economy will grow as well. The Royal Bank is predicting the ground lost during the recession will be recovered by early 1984. Recovery will mean increased activities in the Northwest Territories and therefore increased opportunities. With the recession and the slower pace of development, we have been able to give some thought to where we go next.

In the non-renewable resource sector, a number of initiatives will be undertaken. A more systematized method of liaison with resource companies will be developed to ensure we develop a solid and mutually satisfactory relationship with as many companies as possible and the process for developing socio-economic agreements will be fine-tuned. A study will also be undertaken to identify additional opportunities for northerners in the oil patch. This Assembly called for a review of the need for assistance in rotating workers from small communities to remote development sites, and I am pleased to say that that work is underway.

Training to take advantage of increasing opportunities in the resource sector, the service sector and in government, is critical. In order to streamline our overall training environment, the training functions in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism will be transferred to the Department of Education under my colleague, the Hon. Dennis Patterson. As the resource sector grows, there will be a greater need for goods and services. In order to ensure that our businesses have the greatest opportunity to participate, we are currently preparing a directory of businesses in the Northwest Territories. We have to sell the North. As I indicated earlier, we have revamped our loan and grant policies to be reflective of current needs.

We are now in the process of developing a renewable resource use policy with the Department of Renewable Resources, to formalize the respective roles of the two departments and to provide to the public a clear message as to the goals and objectives of this government. Government financial assistance to the renewable sector will come in part through the recently signed economic development agreement. Some \$21 million is allocated under this agreement through the three subagreements related to human resource development, business development and natural resource development. A major portion of these funds will be channelled into the renewable sector.

Before concluding my remarks, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make reference to the Mair Report released in the spring of 1982. Dr. Mair pointed correctly to some departmental deficiencies. I am pleased to inform you that these deficiencies have been addressed. As you are aware, I tabled at the last session the new goal, objectives and strategies of the department. I indicated at that time that our next step was to develop for clear public view a concise two year economic development action plan. Department officials have drafted a proposal for my review. However, I am not content in getting all my advice from civil servants. Shortly, if not already, you will see newspaper inserts and hear radio tapes requesting input from residents, employees and business in developing a clear action plan for economic development. I want this input, I need it, and we will use this input.

Mr. Speaker, I have been Minister of the Department of Economic Development for just over a year. During that time and with the previous initiatives of my colleagues, Mr. Butters and Mr. Braden, significant steps had been taken to broaden the approaches to development and respond to the demands of the future. I look with pride on the past work of the department and I look forward to the future of it. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McCallum.

Minister's Statement On Construction Of Winter Roads

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would want to make one further announcement while a Member is here in the House because I believe that Member will be leaving shortly. I speak from the Department of Public Works. I want to make the remarks to Mr. Sibbeston, to indicate to him that in this particular year that we will be constructing the winter road into Trout Lake using the Nogha Enterprises from Fort Simpson, which is the country road maintenance contractor. That construction will be commencing shortly after the first of January, being maintained until approximately the last week in March, and there is some \$68,000 to \$70,000 involved. A further winter road from Nahanni Butte will be constructed by the Beaver Enterprises Limited of Fort Liard, who are the road maintenance contractor for the Liard highway. Again, the program would start around the first week in January and be maintained until the second or third week of March, depending upon the Liard River ice conditions, and there is a considerable amount of money involved here that will be of benefit to other particular peoples in the various communities. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Are there any further Ministers' statements?

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

ITEM NO. 8: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of The Standing Committee On Rules And Procedures

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present the report of this House's standing committee on rules and procedures on the new rules of the Assembly. Members are aware that the standing committee was mandated at the last session to review all the rules of the Assembly and bring in a report with any changes to this session. Your committee, Mr. Speaker, solicited input from all Members during the summer and received a number of suggestions. The standing committee also carried out an extensive review of other practices and standing orders of the House of Commons and the provincial legislatures. The standing committee has met during this session to again review and fine-tune the rules now in their 10th draft for presentation to the House. As your chairman, I have met on a number of occasions with the Clerk over the summer to assist him with the rules revision.

The standing committee, Mr. Speaker, feels that the rules about to go before the House will meet the needs of our Assembly and be of service to all future Members. I apologize to Members that the rules are not translated and I note that we have never provided translated rules in the past. I will be moving a motion in the committee of the whole to have the final adopted rules translated for the commencement of the 10th Assembly. This, Mr. Speaker, will be the first time this has been done.

The revised rules provide for a more detailed and simplified procedure for bills to go through the House. They also include practices that are unique to this Assembly. We have included in the revision the procedures that have been adopted by practice over the years. During the review the committee tried to simplify the rules so they could be easily understood by Members. This proved difficult in some areas but your committee, Mr. Speaker, hopes Members will appreciate the committee's efforts. Members will note that the new rules will take effect with the 10th Assembly.

Motion To Move Revised Rules Of The Legislative Assembly Into Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I now move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin South, Mr. Curley, that the revised Rules of the Legislative Assembly be moved into the committee of the whole for consideration.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: You did good work.

---Applause

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Butters.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I wish to table Tabled Document 13-83(2), Report to the Council of the Northwest Territories by the Auditor General of Canada on the Examination of the Accounts and Financial Transactions of the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Year Ended March 31, 1983. This report, which is enclosed in the Territorial Accounts tabled yesterday, was the first of two annual reports to the Legislature as required by the NWT Act. The second report of any other matters will not be available this session.

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

ITEM NO. 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 8-83(2): Criminal Code Of Canada Amendment

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to give notice that on Friday, September 9, I will move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North: Now therefore, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support Justice Minister MacGuigan's initiative to strengthen obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code; and further, that this Assembly urge that the committee formed by Mr. MacGuigan to examine pornography and prostitution consult with the Northwest Territories so as to include the special concerns of the NWT in their final report. I have another notice of motion, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Notice Of Motion 9-83(2): Introduction Of PAY TV In NWT

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Also on September 9, Mr. Speaker, I will move, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife Centre: Now therefore, be it resolved that this Legislative Assembly endorse these two initiatives of the Minister of Communications to safeguard the contents of television in Canada; and further, that we recommend that there be public involvement in the establishment of CRTC guidelines for sex role stereotyping and violence against women and children on television. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Notices of motion.

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

Item 12, motions. There are no motions available for today.

Item 13, first reading of bills.

Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters; Bill 13-83(2), Bill 1-83(2), Bill 8-83(2), Bill 2-83(2), Bill 5-83(2), Bill 6-83(2), Bill 10-83(2).

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

We shall resolve into the committee of the whole with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 13-83(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1983-84; BILL 1-83(2), COMPANIES ORDINANCE; BILL 2-83(2), COUNCIL ORDINANCE; BILL 8-83(2), REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE; BILL 6-83(2), MEDICAL CARE ORDINANCE; BILL 5-83(2), JUDICATURE ORDINANCE; BILL 10-83(2), WATER RESOURCES AGREEMENTS ORDINANCE; REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Bill 13-83(2), Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1983-84

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now this committee come to order. I believe there was a question asked by Ms Cournoyea to a Minister. I wonder if you can reply, Mr. Butters. Thank you.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the last record I see is that I responded to the question. I can provide the response again, but I have responded already regarding Hall Beach and Spence Bay, two fuel storage tanks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. My mistake, Mr. Butters. We are on page 17, directorate, \$250,000. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, yesterday I had agreed to bring certain information back before the committee and I am ready to give that information in response to some questions now if it suits you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): It suits me fine. Proceed, Mr. Patterson.

Boarding Home Program, Akaitcho Hall

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: There were two questions yesterday asked by Ms Cournoyea and I have the answers. The first one concerned the home boarding program at Akaitcho Hall. The home boarding program developed this year at Akaitcho Hall should not really be seen as an overflow program. It is simply a new program designed especially for older students. Younger students who are in their first year at Sir John Franklin and who have not been away from home before, such as the five female students the Member referred to from Holman Island, are accommodated in the Akaitcho Hall residence itself. However, for those students who are living under the home boarding program, they have all the privileges and rights of resident students. They eat lunch at the residence every day and are expected to meet with an assigned counsellor. The lunch is free but the students are expected to perform certain duties in the cafeteria in repayment. Each student in the home boarding program has a supervisor who is charged with advising parents regularly of the student's progress and ensuring good communication with the student's home. Boarding home students also obtain an allowance and they can earn money in the residence if they wish. They are also free to participate in the residence gym program and take advantage of the tutoring service which is offered at nights. Any Members who wish to see the list of students admitted to Akaitcho Hall as of yesterday could get it from me.

Training Programs, Norman Wells Expansion Project

And also if I may, Mr. Chairman, Ms Cournoyea had also asked a question about the money for the training programs from the Norman Wells expansion project, and I have some further information on that. In conjunction with the approval of the Norman Wells oilfield development and pipeline project in July 1981, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs announced that \$10.5 million would be available to ensure that northern residents, especially the Dene and Metis, could be trained to be in a more equitable position to participate in and benefit from the Norman Wells

project. After a lengthy period of negotiations involving various levels of the federal and territorial governments and native organizations, approval for an initial portion of the \$10.5 million was granted. On February 4, 1982, Treasury Board approved the initial moneys in the amount of \$750,000. These moneys were to be spent on a training needs assessment project. An agreement was then signed on March 12, 1982, which stated that the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the NWT were to be the three parties involved in conducting the training needs assessment project. It also defined the tasks which were to be completed by the three parties and the structure under which the project was to be conducted. This structure was to be known as the joint needs assessment committee, or JNAC. The membership in the committee was made up of representatives from those three organizations. The JNAC Report was submitted to Mr. Munro on May 31, 1983 — and this is finally to answer Ms Cournoyea's question -- to date the expense of that report, that is \$750,000, is the only use that has been made of the \$10.5 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Department Of Government Services

Capital, Petroleum Products, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We are on page 17, petroleum products, \$823,200 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$573,200 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works

Capital, Directorate, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Page 18, Public Works, directorate, \$40,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Capital, Accommodation Services, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Accommodation services, \$475,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Repair/Upkeep Buildings, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Repair/upkeep buildings, \$98,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Capital, Operations/Vehicles And Equipment, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Still page 19, operations/vehicles and equipment, \$38,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$375,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Local Government

Capital, Community Planning, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Local Government, community planning, \$275,600 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion That Surplus Funds Identified From Road Construction, Tuktoyaktuk, Be Deleted, Bill 13-83(2)

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion in regard to the surplus funds identified from road construction in Tuk, \$537,000. It is my understanding that these funds were identified to take on the important impact that resource development and the building up of that community had on the community of Tuktoyaktuk. I find it surprising to see such an important element of identified funds required for that community to be deleted from the budget. I recommend to the Executive Council, in a motion, that surplus funds identified from road construction Tuk, \$537,000, be deleted.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the impact development funds that were requested for the community of Tuk and the work that was done on the finance committee to try to identify ways and means of supporting a community when it was impacted by development and resource companies -- the identification of funds that was announced a year ago in May by Mr. Parker, the Commissioner, was very appreciated by the community, and as a result we went through a whole process of trying to identify the work that had to be completed in that community.

The total amount that was allocated for the community from the territorial budgetary funds was far below what we had anticipated and was really for the backlog of work that had to be done. The road construction program plans in the community took a great deal of time to finalize because of the town planning requirements that the territorial government had requested to be completed before the road development program could be approved and road structures be set into place.

We endeavoured to do that and meet with the required territorial government Executive and workers from both Yellowknife and from the Inuvik office. In identifying the projects, the funds that were for road construction were for the bare essentials to take into the amount that was allocated. In terms of the \$537,000 it would go a long way in doing some of that road construction and the funds that were identified did not complete the road construction that was set out from the work that was done by the planners. In talking with various officials, and the understanding that we had at that level, was when it was decided that through the recommendations of the territorial planners and experts that it would not be the best thing to top the roads in hardtop, that this money would be used to continue with the road construction where we had left off.

It seems that in identifying road money -- to pull it back after it has been identified and knowing that the road construction has hardly even begun in terms of facing the impact that the community has on roads -- that it should be withdrawn at this time, particularly without the knowledge of that community and particularly without my knowledge as representative of that community, particularly with the effort and work that was put in by myself and that community to react to funding that was offered in good grace and with acceptance by us. So, Mr. Chairman, I feel that the \$537,000 that is identified to be taken out of this impact community is unfair and it should be left in that particular fund for the development of that community. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: What is the motion again, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am going to ask the Clerk to read it for me.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): The motion is that the item, the surplus funds identified for road construction, Tuktoyaktuk, \$537,000, be deleted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I believe the honourable Member said, "I recommend", did she not?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I believe so. To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the honourable Member if she is suggesting that the surplus funds of \$537,000 be set aside for future road construction in Tuktoyaktuk.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the request is that in deleting this from being taken out of the budget as surplus funds that it be left in the budget to continue with road work which can be continued right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

Ms Cournoyea's Affiliation With Inuvialuit Development Corporation

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I do have a question with regard to the honourable Member's motion. I believe that if we are going to delete the amount of \$537,000 for road construction in Tuktoyaktuk, then the question of availability of gravel to have the work done would have to be assured. My question basically has to deal with the position that perhaps the honourable Member may wish to indicate to this House in regard to her involvement with the Inuvialuit Development Corporation, because I do believe that the Inuvialuit Development Corporation is involved with, or has some interest in regard to, gravel which this government will be spending on. As well, I would like the honourable Member to indicate her position within COPE, whether she is an employee of COPE or whether she holds any position within the COPE organization. As well, I would like very much to know her involvement with the Inuvialuit Development Corporation. I can reply to the honourable Member in regard to the priority that the Tuk hamlet council has placed in regard to this amount of money that we are considering, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, on the first instance, is Mr. Wah-Shee asking me to declare a conflict of interest in raising this issue?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I am raising an interest that the honourable Member may hold in terms of these two organizations. I realize that the Inuvialuit Development Corporation is a creature of COPE, I do believe, and I would like at this time to see if there is any interest that the honourable Member may have through her association with these two organizations.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know what that has to do with the issue.

MR. CURLEY: Hear, hear!

MS COURNOYEA: I believe Mr. Wah-Shee fully understands my position on all regards. However, I would like to know what that has to do with the issue. The money has been allocated. I believe the gravel is already on site, and much of the money that would be spent would be in hiring a contractor to continue the work. There is gravel on site presently. I believe the work can continue. The project was cut short. The community has not been informed that this money is being withdrawn.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: I would like the honourable Member to declare her interest, whether there is a conflict of interest or not, and I would like her to be prepared to do so at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if there is a conflict of interest and I believe that I would like to know what this has got to do with the issue of supplying a continuation of a budget that was approved.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I believe it is in order to ask any Member of this House to declare their interest and this is what I would like to inquire and I would like to have some clear indication from the honourable Member at this time.

MR. CURLEY: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Point of order. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, as I recall from the proceedings, if any Member wishes to declare conflict of interest they may do so. As far as the rules are concerned, they may declare. And if a Member wants to accuse another Member of a possible conflict of interest, I think that would be appropriate, and I therefore feel that the Minister would wish to name that person in terms of the conflict. I do not think he needs the permission from any Member to say so; if he wants to go ahead with that the Speaker has the right to consider the particular accusation if the Minister wants to do so. I do not believe he needs the permission of any other Member to do so.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I do appreciate the enlightened remarks from Mr. Tagak Curley, but I do believe that when we are discussing financial matters of the supp estimates that are being put forward, that it is in order to ask if the honourable Member has any interest. I am not accusing the honourable Member, and I have not used those words, so I do believe that the honourable Member for Keewatin South is misinterpreting my remarks. I did not accuse anyone in this House. I merely asked if the honourable Member has any interest in regard to the gravel.

If we are going to be spending half a million dollars in Tuk, then the question of gravel has to come into play and obviously IDC has some involvement. There is a question of royalties; there is a question of monopoly in regard to gravel. So I would merely like the honourable Member to indicate that she has no conflict of interest in this regard and then I would be most pleased to discuss the matter in regard to Tuk hamlet's priority. It seems to me it differs from the honourable Member's remarks. So I do believe that I am not out of line in asking at this time. So I do not appreciate the remarks, particularly interpreting my remarks.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are going to take a 15 minute break and we are going to carry on with this and what the procedure is and we are going to come back to you.

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Chairman's Ruling

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair will now recognize a quorum. I want to make it clear on the argument before the break, if there is any Member in conflict of interest, the onus is on the Member to clear it. Rule 14(1) states, "No Member having a direct pecuniary interest in any question is entitled to vote on that question and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed." If Ms Cournoyea feels that she is not in conflict on this question, she need not answer the Member's question as to her interest. Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I again do not understand what the question is, because we identified — and I am sure that if Mr. Wah-Shee wanted me to declare an interest, he should have asked me directly. I do not know if he is trying to justify his incapability of handling the job by trying to make accusations toward me, but I will tell you, I am the managing director of IDC. He knows it and I have made the announcement in this Assembly many times. It is well known that that is my position. I do not believe that I have an interest in terms of this particular budgetary item and the reason that I do not believe it is because it was budgeted previously. It has been taken out of the budget.

The reason that I am raising this is because there was agreement at the time that this \$537,000 was identified for topping the roads in Tuk, in discussions with people who are experts in this field, who talked to all of us. We all agreed that because there are problems when you top a road, that you have to have other equipment to take tractors across this particular road. There were no funds allocated for carryalls to take the hamlet of Tuk's vehicles across the road or walk heavy equipment across a paved road. What I am saying is it was identified funds, and the agreement was that, okay, if we do not top the roads the money was impact money, the money was agreed to be spent in that community, particularly for the upgrading of roads, and therefore, I see no reason why my position as an IDC managing director has anything to do with the subject.

Difficulty With Removal Of Funds

I am sorry if Mr. Wah-Shee feels it has, but at this point in time, this issue has been one that has been on the table for several years, and we had a very difficult time last year in trying to have the gravel even hauled at this time. It seems to me the money is in question; the conflict would be when you award a contract. But right at this time, that money has been made available; it has been a long and hard fight to get impact money for that community. It was identified, now it is taken out.

I believe that Mr. Mike Moore received a telegram from Mr. Vince Steen, chairman of the hamlet council in Tuk, last night after I spoke to him that there is a difficulty in the identified funds being taken out, rather than readjusted to doing the road work. I just talked to the Tuk hamlet council and they have assured me that this telex has been sent. I got the basic idea of what the telex was and I can relate some of those ideas to you.

In terms of the funding, there were some discussions, and I imagine maybe the problem lies with the fact that on the last trip that Mr. Igal Roth took to Tuk there were items that were discussed and agreed to; leaving out the topping of the roads and that funding was to go to the continuing work of road repair, maintenance repair on roads.

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would be more than pleased to discuss the \$537,000, Mr. Chairman. I have no difficulty in discussing the amount, and so I would not want the honourable Member to insinuate that I am not prepared to address the issue. But, Mr. Chairman, can I direct a question to the Law Clerk of the House?

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

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, a question to the Law Clerk. If a Member of this Legislative Assembly is a shareholder in, director or senior officer of a private corporation, and this Assembly is discussing a matter in which that Member may have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, does that Member have to declare a conflict of interest, and if so, can that Member participate in the discussion of the matter or vote on the matter, or are there any other restrictions on that Member?

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

Law Clerk's Opinion

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Aside from Rule 14, which is a House rule, there is the Council Ordinance subsection 16.1(1) which deals with conflict of interest. It states quite simply that where a Member either on his own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Legislative Assembly is concerned, and is present at a sitting of the Legislative Assembly or a meeting of a committee thereof at which the matter is the subject of consideration, he shall as soon as practicable after the commencement of the sitting or meeting, disclose his interest and the extent and nature thereof and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with respect to the matter, or attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

It then goes on to describe what an indirect pecuniary interest is. Subsection 16.2(2): For the purpose of this ordinance, a Member has an indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Legislative Assembly is concerned if he or his nominee is a shareholder in, or a director or a senior officer of, a private corporation that does not offer its securities to the public, has a controlling interest in, or is a director or senior officer of, a public corporation that offers its securities to the public, or is a member of a body that has a pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Legislative Assembly is concerned; or if he is a partner or employee of a person who has a pecuniary interest in any matter in which the Legislative Assembly is concerned.

As you can see, Mr. Chairman, it really boils down to a question of fact, and as to the position the Member has. The Member has at this stage announced a certain degree of involvement with IDC. I cannot say, not knowing the full involvement with IDC, whether they are a shareholding company; I do not even know the corporate structure of that organization. The degree of her involvement, whether she be an employee as well -- I would assume so, being a managing director. But it is a question of fact, and I must point out, as well, that this is a question which is laid out in an ordinance, which could be a matter of judicial interpretation which would require a full exposing of all the facts involved, and then based on that, a judicial interpretation could be made as to whether a conflict existed.

For purposes of this House, I do not think we are in a position to sit here and determine these matters other than what is laid out in our House rules. The House rule is quite direct; it is not nearly as involved as the Council Ordinance, but I think the pecuniary interest which the Member has, if she has one, should be declared under the Council Ordinance. The remedy under the Council Ordinance is really one which would constitute perhaps court action in the future if it were pursued.

In terms of the House rule, I think we have already made it clear that if the Member has an interest, and she declares it, then she cannot vote on the matter. It is a very limiting rule, because it does not say that she cannot take part in the debate, it does not say that she cannot even make a motion. So I do not know if that clarifies the matter, but that is the way that I see it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Mr. Wah-Shee.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the amount of money that we are referring to, even with the surplus of \$537,000, we are still spending \$500,000 on upgrading roads in Tuktoyaktuk this year. Out of the amount of \$537,000 surplus, we are spending, out of that amount, \$170,000 which has been reallocated to the Tuktoyaktuk arena and the community hall. The remainder of the amount has been reallocated in the Inuvik region, specifically for the Fort Franklin multipurpose hall. So the amount has been reallocated, Mr. Chairman.

I may add, Mr. Chairman, that in the discussions between my officials in Local Government and the Inuvik regional office on discussion of this matter with the hamlet council, this is the priority that the hamlet council has put forward. So we have not heard from the hamlet council any other priorities that they may have with the remainder of the amount. But it would appear that this is the direction that the Tuk hamlet would like to go, and we as the Department of Local Government would be quite prepared to support the hamlet's priority at this time.

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

Funds Identified After A Long Process

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding when we go through the process and through this Legislative Assembly that we vote funds for various activities. The reason why I feel that I have to be very strong on this is because we had identified through a long process the problem of roads in Tuktoyaktuk; the past problem that the roads have not been upgraded for many, many years; the impact of development on those road structures, as well as future make-up of roads.

Now, Mr. Wah-Shee may feel he is very close to the hamlet of Tuk and that he can undermine me by saying that he has got this "in" with the community of Tuk. Now, it may be that he should look at the telex that was sent this morning to the deputy minister, and also perhaps it would have been wise for the discussion to go on with the community of Tuk, in terms of taking away allocated impact funds that were so ardently promised two years ago. We had a very difficult time in discussing the roads and doing the town plan, meeting the expectations of the town planners, working very hard toward that end, and the roads themselves, I am sure, and I have never been at, or never read in any minutes of, any hamlet council meeting or discussed in my relationship with that hamlet that they were going to reallocate funds from this plan to another plan.

For the community centre in itself, if the architectural plans require additional funds I think that should be dealt with, but I do not believe that there was a discussion saying that these road development funds were going to be taken away and used for something else for other communities. These were funds that were fought for in earnest. They were identified two years ago, or a year ago last May, and it was a public announcement in the Commissioner's Address and I myself ask now, this Legislative Assembly has a difficult enough time getting funding for normal expenditure. I asked that question and it was logged in the minutes of the Legislative Assembly, saying "Where is the two and a half million coming from? Is it being taken from other communities for the impact community of Tuk?" Are we going to be taking away from smaller communities? Should this not be negotiated at the federal level as special funds along with resource development and social economic agreements or whatever form? I was assured time and time again that these road funds were going to be made available and they would stay there and those are contained in the Debates of this Legislative Assembly. From my understanding, if they were going to be redirected and Local Government was going to say that there was no money, well, that message certainly did not get through to that community until three days ago when I was informed that the \$537,000 was to be taken out of the budget.

I do not believe that it is fair to say that the increase in the Tuk community centre has to be offset against the road repairs, because the roads are in a desperate state and everybody recognized that they were in a desperate state, and the special allocation was for roads, not for anything else. I feel that this has nothing to do with any fact except that the roads in Tuk are in a desperate state and the community has to expand. New roads have to be built to take in expansion. All that information and all that planning has been set before the Department of Local Government and I believe this funding should stay for roads, because that is what it was identified for. Thank you.

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

Priorities Of Hamlet Council

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to inform this House that the Department of Local Government has not received any telex from the hamlet of Tuk at this time and that we have had quite sufficient time to discuss the matter with Tuk long before this session reconvened. The priority of the community was expressed in this area and that they were quite satisfied with having half a million dollars being spent in their community for upgrading roads this year. It was Tuk hamlet council that wanted to have \$170,000 out of the surplus of \$537,000 allocated for Tuk arena and Tuk community hall. As far as I am aware, the community has not indicated to me at this time that they have a change in priorities. Obviously I am not trying to undermine the honourable Member, but we do have to deal with the hamlet councils and this is the priority that they have indicated to us thus far. So I believe that we differ in terms of priority and the type of information we are getting in dealing with this amount of money, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Then I would suggest that we defer this item until I get a complete report and Mr. Moore receives this telegram. The only agreement that I know of between Local Government and the hamlet of Tuk was the agreement that they would not go to paving. That was the only agreement that was ever made, that they would not go to pavement. There was no agreement to set aside or put aside funds for other projects. The priorities have been set, money has been assigned for the community arena separately from what was assigned for road construction, and perhaps the best idea would be to defer that if Mr. Wah-Shee is unclear on the understanding of the hamlet of Tuk.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): If you want to defer this, you have to make a motion for deferring. Ms Cournoyea.

Motion That Department Of Local Government Be Deferred, Bill 13-83(2), Defeated

MS COURNOYEA: I will make that motion to defer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion to defer this department. To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour to defer this department, please raise your hands high, very high. Down. Opposed? The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Ms Cournoyea.

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to community councils and their involvement in the whole capital planning process and in regard to the community involvement in setting priorities, it seems to me that the process further gets diluted. It is bad enough when you make your first budget submission. It goes to a regional level and then it goes to Yellowknife, then it comes back to the regional level. Then it comes back to the local level and then it goes back again. Now, on top of that struggle that a community has in trying to retain the understanding of where funds are going to be spent and where the allocations are going to be, on top of that we have a further dismissal of understandings from the original understanding and the original budget submissions that have even been confirmed in this Legislative Assembly as to what is going to be spent, and the promise of this Legislative Assembly and the work of the finance committee on impact communities on top of that, after identifying and making a public announcement saying that this community's needs for road construction are going to be met, on top of that, almost two years later, the money is being taken away.

I am sure that the Legislative Assembly and the Executive must respect their previous decisions and commitments to those communities. After all, at what level are you saying that you are even going to get anything that you ask for in the first place, and it is difficult enough when it is revamped for you? But at this level now we are taking away the much needed, much identified and rubber-stamped from this Legislative Assembly, money for fixing roads for a community, and I do not see that that is fair. I believe that there is work to be completed, even in the present plan, within the present agreement on what was going to be done in this two year phase. I believe that the community of Tuk should be supported, because we have supported this. Right now we are going to say we withdraw our support for that impact need in that community. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Wah-Shee, to the motion.

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that the Tuk hamlet council has made the choice not to pave their roads this year, but rather they wanted to have an opportunity to upgrade their roads within the community and this is the reason why we are taking this approach. I would like to differ at this time with the honourable Member in regard to the community priorities. There is a capital planning process which is available to all communities and certainly the amount of money that was allocated in terms of capital was discussed between the regional Inuvik office and the hamlet of Tuk, and so I would dispute the allegation that my department is working against the interests of the community of Tuk. We are working with the community elected members, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the honourable Member James Wah-Shee is not really involved with the community of Tuk at all. Now, let us look at it in a rational sort of way, what a community would do if you went up to Fort Rae and said, "Well, look, we have to withdraw this money from your account, or what we promised you to fix roads." I am sure the community would not say, "Well, look, that is all right, yes, we will give it back." The only agreement was the pavement would not take place and that was for very specific reasons which I have already identified. That is the only agreement. But the understanding and the agreement was that it would be continued to be used because it was impact money, because it was identified as such, and that was what was agreed to. Now sure there is an agreement not to pave, but for a good reason; but the recommendation was not that you take the money back and not use it for road construction already short in terms of what that community needs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Before I call the question I am going to ask the Clerk to read the motion.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Motion: I recommend to the Executive Council that surplus funds identified from road construction Tuktoyaktuk, \$537,000, be deleted.

Motion That Surplus Funds Identified From Road Construction, Tuktoyaktuk, Be Deleted, Bill 13-83(2), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now I call the question. Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Down. Opposed, raise your hands? The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Total Capital, Community Planning, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Community planning, \$275,600 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Recreation, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Recreation, \$554,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$279,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Education

Total Capital, Administration, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Education, page 22. Administration, \$100,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Schools, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schools, \$7000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, College Programs, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): College programs, \$112,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Student Residences, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Student residences, \$39,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total department, \$180,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now we are going to go to Bill 13-83(2). Does the committee wish to go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): There is a clause 5 there. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is where the amendment that I read into the record yesterday and is contained on page 249 in the Debates should go, so I am just asking your advice. Do you wish it read again or was that reading satisfactory yesterday?

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

Motion To Renumber Clause 6 As 7 And Add New Clause 6, Bill 13-83(2), Carried

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 13-83(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1983-84 Financial Year, be amended by renumbering clause 6 as clause 7, and by adding the following section immediately after clause 5. "Write-off of debt: 6. The Commissioner, pursuant to section 14 of the Financial Administration Ordinance, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the Northwest Territories, directs that the following debt owed to the Territories be written off the territorial accounts. The town of Hay River: \$436,886.46."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 6, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schedule. Mr. Butters.

Motion To Amend Schedule To Bill 13-83(2)

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I further move that the schedule to the bill be amended by 1) deleting the amount \$120,000 in respect of item 12, Local Government, and substituting the amount \$557,000; 2) deleting the amount \$5,592,200 in respect to the total amount for operations and maintenance, and substituting the amount \$6,029,200; and 3) deleting the amount \$5,112,300 in respect to the total supplementary appropriation, and substituting the amount \$5,549,300.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, just before the vote takes place, I would just like to ask the Minister one simple question, not to try and prevent him from getting his amendments through but whether it is actually a routine, a normal practice, to introduce such major changes with respect to the figures in this fashion. I am concerned with it because it involves public funds. I am just trying to get some indication whether or not we should allow the officials to doctor their bills once they have been put into first reading, second reading and then into third reading. Do the other assemblies do this? Is it a normal practice to do such major amendments to the bills once they have been introduced? Thank you.

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

Changes Adhere To Legislative Responsibility

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the bills are not being doctored. It was not normal practice in other assemblies because it has only recently become a requirement of the Financial Administration Ordinance, which was passed in Inuvik by this House. As I recollect and I could be wrong, it was

one of the amendments made by the standing committee on finance, that matters of this nature be brought to the attention of the Assembly as soon as possible after they were determined and decided upon by the Financial Management Board. So what we are doing is adhering to the legislative responsibility of the government as determined and directed by this Assembly.

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

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Member for responding to that, since the authority has been granted to them by this Assembly. I would like to indicate to the Minister that not only should he allow that kind of, maybe, privilege to the Executive Council Members, but also to other ordinary MLAs, because the only authority we, as non-cabinet ministers have, is to delete, but never to increase such proposals. So in this respect I was concerned that we have a practice that has not always been acceptable. I therefore regret in some ways that I did not detect that particular provision in the Financial Administration Ordinance. Well, at this time I will allow it to go through. Thank you.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just to point out, I think the reason for the request by the Assembly was that they wish to keep abreast of expenditures, and especially changes in expenditures made by the administration throughout the year. In previous Assemblies, heretofore the bulk of the supplementary estimates was put before the Members at the budget session. So I would suggest that if the Member wishes to remove this from the Financial Administration Ordinance, that is fine. Such action would allow us to put the supplementary estimates at one time only, at the end of the year.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Amend Schedule To Bill 13-83(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Schedule, operations and maintenance, \$6,029,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Capital, \$479,900; surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Total supplementary appropriations, \$5,549,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Short title, clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now Bill 13-83(2) is ready for third reading, as amended. Now we go to Bill 1-83(2). Mr. Braden, do you have opening remarks?

Bill 1-83(2), Companies Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an amendment to the Companies Ordinance, and it is rather complex. I have a short statement to make which outlines the basic purposes.

The first purpose of the amendments, Mr. Chairman, is to repeal those provisions of the Companies Ordinance related to the interpretation of a fee calculation. These provisions are now unnecessary, because a flat incorporation fee for all companies whether they are either registered or incorporated in the Northwest Territories, is now in effect. A company now pays an incorporation or registration fee only once and it is the same fee for all companies. The fee has been established by regulation and it is \$200 at this time.

The second purpose, Mr. Chairman, of the amendments is to require the company's annual information to be current to the anniversary date of its incorporation, rather than requiring all companies to file information current to the 31st of December. This procedure was recommended by the Canadian Conference of Corporate Law Administrators, and in our view will be a benefit to both companies and the government. The company will be able to use the most relevant date to the company, that is its incorporation date, for filing this information and the government will be spared the very difficult task of having to process annual returns for all companies at the same time. This will decrease the delay in processing the annual returns.

Consequently, certificates of good standing will be able to be obtained much sooner after the annual returns are made. The annual return forms, as well as the information required from extra-territorial companies on their application to register, will be placed in regulations so that the information required in the forms will be current with the information the government may require. These changes have been developed in consultation with the private lawyers, or the private bar of the Northwest Territories, and will, in our opinion, benefit all those concerned.

I would indicate now that I have a minor amendment to make to clause 7 of the bill and I will be moving that amendment at the appropriate time. Mr. Chairman, if the standing committee on legislation has no concerns, I would recommend that we move clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this amendment, which was described to the committee as updating archaic legislation, and as I noted at the time, the legislation was passed in 1968 and since I was born in 1935, the word "archaic" kind of bothered me. At any rate, the committee was satisfied that the changes, although complex, are relatively straightforward and acceptable to the committee and therefore the committee recommended the bill to the House.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, conversion into stock. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, copy of register. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4, compensating issue. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 7, filing. Mr. Braden.

Motion To Amend Clause 7, Bill 1-83(2), Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 1-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance, be amended by deleting from subsection 157(2) of clause 7 of the bill the words "two directors or officers" and substituting the words "a director or officer".

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Simply to say, Mr. Chairman, that the Minister had informed the committee at the time we were deliberating that that change was going to be made and it was acceptable.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Question has been called. All those in favour raise your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 7, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 8, annual return. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now Bill 1-83(2) is ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could we go to Bill 2-83(2), the Council Ordinance?

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 2-83(2), Council Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are going to Bill 2-83(2), Council Ordinance. Mr. McCallum, do you have opening remarks?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the amendment to the Council Ordinance is to allow for in-town living allowances to be set by regulation upon the recommendation of the Management and Services Board and it sets the allowances for the 24 ridings at the next election. The bill then is very straightforward. I had a letter from the standing committee through its chairman that the committee had considered the amendments to the Council Ordinance and they made a recommendation with which I have no difficulty. Not to take anything away from the chairman, but I would want to make a further amendments to take into consideration the standing committee's comments in its recommendation, and I will so do at the appropriate time. I do not have any further comments to make.

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

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee, when it reviewed this bill, was generally satisfied with it. There was just one concern that arose and that was with respect to clause 1, which states that any amendment to an electoral district upon the coming into force of the enactment providing for the amendment shall be effective only upon the dissolution of the then existing Legislative Assembly.

The Members of the standing committee were concerned because it was well known in this House in May that some Members wanted to bring in name changes for their constituencies but felt that they did not want personally to suggest a name change; they wanted the chance to consult with constituents about a name change. Since that was well known, some of them had hoped to be able to come back and

make recommendations to this House. The way the clause read, if it had been passed, such name changes could not have been used until the end of the next Assembly which would have been four years hence. Consequently, Members felt that that really was not acceptable and we were informed that the government had simply provided it because of difficulties this time in changing the ordinance so close to the time of the election. So as I understand it, they did agree to delete that clause upon recommendation of the standing committee. Otherwise, the standing committee was satisfied, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are you ready to go to clause by clause.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1, when amendment to electoral district effective. Mr. McCallum.

Motion To Delete Clause 1, Renumber Clauses 2 To 5, and Amend New Clause 1, Bill 2-83(2), Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 2-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be amended by deleting clause 1 from the bill and renumbering clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 as clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. I further move that the bill be amended by inserting the word "Council" immediately before the word "Ordinance", underlining the words "Council Ordinance", and deleting the word "further" in the opening words of the new clause 1 of the bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hands. Down. Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 1, as amended, increase in living allowances. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2, amount of expenses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, could we just be clear that the second amendment that was moved by the Minister would apply to what is now clause 2, I gather, but which will become clause 1 because we are deleting what is now clause 1? Am I correct in that? That is, where we see the 2 now it would read "the Council Ordinance is" and you would stroke out the word "further" and then amend it by repealing and that would be renumbered as clause 1. Am I correct in understanding that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Member is correct. By the first part of the amendment, we deleted the old clause 1, and clause 1 now reads "the Council Ordinance is amended by repealing section 18(2) and substituting the following:" and those words were to be underlined.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): New clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): New clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): New clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Schedule B. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now Bill 2-83(2) is ready for third reading as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we would like to go to Bill 8-83(2), Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now is this House agreed to go to Bill 8-83(2)?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 8-83(2), Regional And Tribal Councils Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Wah-Shee, I wonder if you have any opening remarks?

HON. JAMES WAH-SHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that Members are well aware of this bill, Mr. Chairman. It has been widely discussed in the regions and the need for this piece of legislation is obvious. We already have an ordinance for the Baffin Regional Council. That bill was brought forward in the early life of this Assembly. The purpose of the bill, Mr. Chairman, is to make provisions for other regional councils, four of which are already in existence. The bill as you see it contains sections for the Keewatin Regional Council, the Kitikmeot Regional Council, the Deh Cho Regional Council and the Dogrib Tribal Council, as well as a section for the Baffin Regional Council. All of these councils have been established in accordance with the principle laid down by the Executive Council. They are community-based councils with representatives from municipal or settlement councils and where appropriate, from the Dene Band councils and Metis locals. The constitutions of the various councils have been developed by the councils themselves. There are some common features and these will become obvious to Members as we discuss the bill, but the government has tried to retain the special requirements of each region in such matters as membership and council procedure.

I would like to emphasize, Mr. Chairman, that in putting forward this Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance, the government is responding to regional initiatives. Initial drafts of the bill came from the regional and tribal councils themselves, and there has been extensive consultation with the councils during the development of this legislation. As we go through the bill, Mr. Chairman, I shall be introducing a number of amendments which respond to the recommendation made by the standing committee on legislation. I expect that the chairman of the standing committee would want to comment on the bill on behalf of his committee. I shall be pleased to answer any questions that the Members may have, Mr. Chairman.

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

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee, when it received an early draft of the ordinance, forwarded it to all municipal band and regional councils and requested feedback from each organization with its particular concerns, and the committee did receive written submissions from the town of Inuvik, the town of Fort Smith, the hamlet of Pond Inlet, Kitikmeot Regional Council, the town of Hay River, and the Keewatin Regional Council. During the committee's review of the bill, it received oral representations from three of the aforementioned groups, namely the Kitikmeot Regional Council, the town of Hay River, the Keewatin Regional Council and also it heard from a representative of the Deh Cho Regional Council.

During these presentations the Kitikmeot region indicated that it felt that the regional councils should be able to designate such other persons as voting or non-voting members as the council itself felt advisable, and they also wanted the number of voting members increased to include the chairmen of the organizations in the Kitikmeot region that are presently members of that regional council. There was also an oral presentation by the Keewatin Regional Council and in addition to some smaller items, they more generally and importantly indicated that they wished to have the power to regulate any activity that is carried on within the boundaries or what it considers to be its sphere of authority. The Keewatin council wished that the government should not define the boundaries of a regional council by simply naming the specific communities that are in it, but felt rather that boundaries should be defined geographically, and that a council should have authority over matters that occur within those boundaries. It also expressed the thought that it would wish to be involved in the decision-making process when the Government of the Northwest Territories is hiring senior civil servants in the region.

Another oral representation was from the mayor of Hay River and he expressed the view, not his own view only but from the council, that the draft legislation was presented very late for what they considered a very important matter and did not allow adequate time for local input. The Hay River council expressed the fear that the legislation would set up an additional level of bureaucracy and felt that if the legislation were to go ahead anyway, that there should be an opting in and out provision for communities. Hay River also expressed concern with the funding of the councils inasmuch as they felt that the money that should be directed toward government programs would be going toward paying for administration, and they did not like that. And they also felt that there would be a possible erosion of the present municipal system in the Northwest Territories.

Provision To Allow Communities To Opt Out Of Councils

Your committee listened to all of these views of the witnesses, then proceeded to discuss the bill clause by clause -- and there was very thorough discussion, detailed discussion -- and kept in mind the various points that were raised but did not always decide to accept the advice that was given. Essentially, in the end, certain recommendations were made to the government for inclusion or amendment to the ordinance. One was that the committee recommend to the government that there should be placed in the ordinance a provision allowing communities to opt out of any regional or tribal council if they so desire, but only after giving reasonable formal notice.

There was also a concern with the way in which clause 12 was stated that discussed the relative authority as between a municipality and a regional council and asked the government to reword that section. The standing committee on legislation also requested the government to review the sections that set up these regional councils and which state which communities are included within the regions. The committee specifically asked the government to look at whether regions might be defined by geographical boundaries rather than simply by naming specific communities, or at least whether some reference might be made to areas outside of communities as being within the spheres of interest of regional councils. The standing committee also recommended that the government look

into a couple of situations in the bill in which provisions were made for the election of speakers of regional councils but it was noted by the committee that if a speaker should be elected by acclamation, there was no provision for selecting deputy speakers and recommended that the government address that problem.

The standing committee also noted that, for example in clause 41(1)(a), there was provision for another band councillor to be selected by the chief, and the committee felt that the selection should not be just a personal selection in that way but that in that clause and in others like it, the selection should be made by the band council rather than just the chief. At another point in 41(1)(a) and (b) the committee noted that the wording that was used in the bill did not always correctly use the designations that are used with respect to bands in the Deh Cho region and asked the government to improve the wording to accurately reflect the designations. In clause 41(2) and similar sections in other constitutions, the committee recommended to the government that these be reworded to ensure that where alternate voting members are chosen, that is, where a voting member is unable to attend, that these alternates are formally designated, not just informally, and that they are chosen from among elected representatives.

There was in clause 42(d) a provision to include the Member of Parliament as a non-voting member of the Deh Cho Regional Council; the committee felt that arbitrary decision should not be made and asked that that provision be deleted. In clause 45(1) the standing committee asked the government to consider amending that provision to allow for the regional council to have the option for the speaker to be elected at large or from the members of the regional council.

I think that pretty well is the sum total of the recommendations that were made to the government. I am informed by the Minister that the government, in reviewing the bill, has looked favourably on the majority of those recommendations. So with those recommendations the committee agreed that it would want to recommend this bill to the Assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): General comments and questions. Mr. Wray.

Motion To Defer Discussion Of Bill 8-83(2), Carried

MR. WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if this is in order, but I would like to make a motion that we defer this bill until tomorrow for consideration in committee of the whole. We have just been handed some fairly major amendments and we do not have time to sit down and go through all these amendments this afternoon and understand the implications of them. You know, the government could at least have given us a clean bill instead of giving us a bill and then introducing about 12 pages of amendments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not think the government would have any difficulty in deferring it and having it as the first order of business tomorrow. I just want to make a comment on the comments that accompanied the Member's motion. We have a process whereby we get legislation from the government. We give the legislation to the standing committee to go over it. At this particular session it was not possible to get that bill to the standing committee in time for that committee to go through and make the recommendations. But the Member will know, as do most other Members, when recommendations come from the standing committee that we, as a government, come back with a bill that by and large -- ivory soap -- takes into consideration those amendments. What we are doing here is to make sure that you at least have these amendments to take a look at. As for our government coming in with a clean bill -- it would have been clean had we not tried to accommodate the standing committee's recommendations. Then there would have still been amendments being made from the standing committee and/or individuals.

So just to get it straight, the government is not trying to pull anything over anybody by giving people a large number of amendments on a quick notice. These are amendments that we concur with on the recommendation of the standing committee, but again, to the motion itself, Mr. Chairman, we can go along as a government and defer it, so that other Members can read these substantive changes, until the first order of business tomorrow.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called.

MR. MacQUARRIE: A point of order.

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

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, did Mr. Wray's motion include the idea that it would be the first order of business tomorrow? It does, he says. Very good.

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

---Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now, what does the government wish to do now? Mr. McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we could move to Bill 6-83(2), Medical Care Ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Before we go into this bill, let us take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

Bill 6-83(2), Medical Care Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The committee will now come to order. We are on Bill 6-83(2) and we will go to the Minister of Health for opening comments. Mr. Tologanak.

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an amendment to the Medical Care Ordinance. We authorize our department to do a review and auditing of accounts submitted to the medical care plan and it also gives our department the power to review, inspect the accounts that may be claimed by physicians or under the medical care plan. I really do not have anything to add to that so I will defer to the chairman of the committee on legislation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. MacQuarrie.

Comments From Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this bill and generally was very satisfied with it. The question did arise as to whether the medical profession was consulted with respect to it and the committee was informed that there had been some consultations in the preparation of the bill, and that when it was completed a copy was sent to the medical association and there had been no response. But it did seem to the committee that there was adequate time to have done so if there were any serious concerns. As I say, the committee itself was generally satisfied with this bill and recommended that it be referred to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Is it the Members' wish to go clause by clause now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The bill as a whole.

---Laughter

Just to see if you are on your toes. Clause 1, request for review. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 2, benefits appeal committee. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Report Bill 6-83(2) ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 5-83(2), Judicature Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Bill 5-83(2). There are a few amendments to this bill which will be passed around, and in the meantime we will go to the Minister, Mr. Braden.

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the court of appeal for the Northwest Territories sit at least twice a year in the Northwest Territories. I will just read a bit of background for the knowledge of the committee.

At the present time, the court of appeal for the Northwest Territories is composed of judges from the Northwest Territories as well as from Alberta and Saskatchewan. Under the existing Judicature Ordinance, the court of appeal may, but is not required to, sit in the Northwest Territories. It may also sit in Alberta. Now, the practice has been for the court of appeal to sit once a year in Alberta and once a year in the Northwest Territories. I should correct that Mr. Chairman; it sits more than once a year in Alberta. We believe that it is important for the judicial process to be close to the people it is affecting, namely the residents of the Northwest Territories, and it is consistent, Mr. Chairman, with the constitutional development of the Northwest Territories to require that the court of appeal sit only in the Northwest Territories and it be required to sit the minimum number of times.

Now, that was the original intent of the amendment, and you will see that under clause 1 we are proposing another amendment to the ordinance which would provide for emergency situations, when it is really necessary for the court of appeal to sit, and to have an emergency sitting of the court convened in Alberta to hear cases of an emergency nature. But I will get to that later when we get to the actual bill. So unless there are comments from the standing committee on legislation, I recommend we go clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. MacQuarrie, chairman of the legislation committee.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee was generally supportive of the government's intent with respect to that bill, that is to have sittings of the appeal court in the Northwest Territories, but it was noted that if there were an obligation on the appeal court to sit twice a year in the Territories that they certainly might not be disposed to sit any more frequently than that, and that there could be urgent circumstances that arise which would require a matter to be dealt with more expeditiously than what this would allow. After discussing the matter, the standing committee recommended to the government that it include a provision that would

allow for urgent matters to be dealt with by the court of appeal while sitting in Alberta. The reason that the standing committee made that recommendation was that we felt in the interests of the citizens of the Territories that there may be circumstances where they would like to have a matter dealt with more expeditiously. And I see that the government has agreed with the standing committee's recommendation and will introduce an amendment to the bill which satisfies the committee and therefore the committee recommends this bill, with its amendment, to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Do any Members have any general comments regarding this bill? Is it agreed to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 1, sittings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 2. Mr. Braden.

Motion To Renumber Clause 2 And Add New Clause 2, Bill 5-83(2), Carried

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 5-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance, be amended by renumbering clause 2 of the bill as clause 3 and by adding immediately after clause 1 of the bill the following clause: "2. The ordinance is further amended by adding immediately after subsection 16(5) the following subsection: '(5.1) Notwithstanding subsection (5), where the chief justice of the court of appeal is of the opinion that a matter is of such an urgent nature that it should not be delayed until the court of appeal is next to sit in the Northwest Territories, he may direct the court of appeal to sit in the province of Alberta to hear that matter.'" The marginal note is "Exception".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Thank you, Mr. Braden. Your amendment is in order. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, just a point of clarification. In reading the amendment I notice the Minister did not say, "court of appeal is next able to sit in the Northwest Territories". Should that have been part of it, or was that word dropped deliberately? It should be part of it. I see.

Correction Noted

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The correction has been accepted by the Minister. Are there any comments to the motion?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 2, as amended; exception. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 3 as renumbered. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Report Bill 5-83(2) for third reading to the Assembly, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 10-83(2): Water Resources Agreements Ordinance

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The Minister, Mr. Nerysoo. Bill 10-83(2).

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As has been indicated by myself to this House and to the standing committee on legislation, the ordinance before you is to allow the Commissioner and the Executive Member to enter into agreements respecting water resources. It is clear that there is some direction required because we are now in the process of discussing the possibility of negotiating with other jurisdictions water and water use, and how we wish to ensure that the best interests of the Northwest Territories is taken into consideration during these negotiations. There was a suggestion that an amendment be brought forward by me which would recognize the issue of aboriginal rights. I intend to bring forward that amendment and will include it as another clause in the respective bill.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Chairman of the standing committee on legislation. Do you have any comments, Mr. MacQuarrie?

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee again recognized the importance of a bill such as this in view of the fact that there are obviously pressures to develop certain waters and the possibility of agreements being made that do not include us in any way is recognized. Members felt that would not be acceptable and that we should attempt to establish a place in any discussions or negotiations for this government. So the general intent of the bill was accepted by Members but it was noted in the committee that lands and waters are of a very fundamental nature and they are important matters to so many people in the Northwest Territories. In view of that the committee had recommended actually two changes to the government. It recommended, first, that the government attempt to include in the ordinance some statement so that aboriginal rights would not be prejudiced by the passage of such an ordinance as this or the conclusion of agreements that might result from it; and second, that because such agreements were of such a fundamental nature and so important to so many people that before these agreements could take effect that the government should come back to the Assembly for ratification.

Now, with respect to the first, the government went away and considered those and came back to a subsequent meeting and informed us that they would indeed attempt to include a provision that addressed the matter of aboriginal rights, but they explained to the committee why they felt that it would be impossible, or if not impossible, undesirable, from a number of points of view, to honour the committee's request that such agreements be ratified by the Assembly. Having heard the government's explanation the committee agreed and did not press the matter further with respect to that item and, as I say, was pleased that the government indicated that it would attempt to address the matter of aboriginal rights. I see that we have been passed an amendment with respect to that and therefore the committee agrees to recommend this bill to the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): General comments to the bill. Ms Cournoyea.

Care Of Environment

MS COURNOYEA: Just a question of a general nature. In our area there are quite a number of small water bodies and lakes that are quite close to the major communities of Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuk and the people are quite free to go in there and land and camp in the areas. Consequently, there are a

number of the lakes that have been used over the years. Does this put an onus on the territorial government to clean up those areas or what provision -- it seems to me that if we are making a provision to look after the water resources, there should be some thought given to how that is to be done. Does it give the territorial government the resources to take care of those matters? How does the Minister see that type of action out of the ordinance taking place?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister?

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: With regard to water resources, our particular and primary concern right now centres around those issues that relate to interjurisdictional water bodies. If you note under clause 3 there are five areas that will be included within any type of an agreement which, in fact, does take into consideration regulation and control of quantity of water as well as draws up the issue, or takes into consideration conservation, development and use of water resources. In the case of quality, there is a possibility in that particular area that you can, in fact, ensure that whatever affects the quality of water or has any influence on the quality of water can be dealt with through either research or programs that clean up water. So that is taken care of in that particular situation.

In the case of the water bodies, that is not related to interjurisdictional agreements; I believe that that presently is under the Northern Inland Waters Act and that is federal jurisdiction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Any other general comments from Members? Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: I am sorry, there is one way in which we also can take certain action, and that is under the Environmental Protection Ordinance where there is a pollution control element within that ordinance. So we do have an ordinance in existence right now and we can either charge or take action under that particular ordinance. That is separate to this particular ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Any other general comments by Members or questions? Mr. Curley.

Protection Of Aboriginal Rights

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate to the House that water resources are a very important aspect of the life of everyone in the Northwest Territories, as well as the government and resource companies that use the water resources as well as the land use in the Territories. Also I think any agreement that this government would eventually enter into with respect to water resources for any development purposes is going to affect aboriginal rights of the native peoples of the NWT. Even after the negotiations with respect to land claims have been concluded, it will be likely, if this bill is then going to be on the statutes of the NWT, that it is going to be very important that we have a provision that allows this government to enter into agreements with the native organizations or native peoples or aboriginal peoples of the NWT. I see the proposed amendment states that "nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to affect or diminish aboriginal rights", but any major agreement that involves the use of water resources, land use by the native people is going to affect, possibly diminish the aboriginal rights that were once enjoyed.

So I am just attempting to see whether or not we could come up with a better provision that will ensure that they will always be taken into consideration when the agreements are being drawn between the provincial government and the Territories. Maybe the Minister could propose a more reassuring provision rather than just the motherhood statement that he is prepared to propose.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Nerysoo.

Position On Negotiating Team

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, motherhood it might be, but the reality is at least there is a recognition of that fact. The other thing is, it is clear that the federal government can, in fact, negotiate with other jurisdictions without the participation of this government or this Assembly through any means. They have indicated that to us. They have been open, however, to allowing this government to, in fact, participate in discussions with the Alberta government, and they have given us a seat on the negotiating team with the federal group. So they are already in the process of serious discussion, and one of the issues here is to lay out what the guidelines might be. If we are not at the table, and if we are not part of the team, and we do not have the

guidelines, then we will have nothing. In fact, the federal government can and has the legislative authority to enter into negotiations and to sign agreements on our behalf without our participation. The other point is that if we are not even at the negotiating table, we cannot express concern with regard to the question of aboriginal rights. That makes it difficult for us because it puts us in a awkward, awkward position.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Any other general comments or questions?

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Clause by clause.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause by clause, agreed?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 2, Ms Cournoyea.

Areas Of Concern

MS COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the negotiations and problem areas in the negotiations with other provincial jurisdictions, including the Yukon, I wonder if the Minister rationalized that the bill should be in place to help them along in setting criteria for their involvement. Can the Minister relate the areas which aroused his concern in these matters? I realize one is the Liard River dam, but what are the other ones that are presently under discussion that this bill would cover?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Well, it was not any particular project or concern that led me to the ordinance. In signing an agreement some time ago -- from the Mackenzie River Basin study, it was clear that there would be necessary negotiations that would be carried out between the various jurisdictions. The whole issue of potential hydro development, both in the Liard and in the Slave River, has basically speeded up the process of trying to ensure that we have an appropriate ordinance in place. There has been, as well, a number of other options or certainly suggested potential for hydro development in waters, rivers particularly, that cross from the Yukon to the NWT. They are not what you might refer to as of high priority, but the potential lies in their development in the future.

Further, when, within the last four or five months, the federal government has had discussions centred around the issue of the Slave River and we have, upon support from the Executive Council, written to the Minister of Indian Affairs indicating our concern and that we should increase the role of this government in any type of discussions that occur between the federal government and the Government of Alberta as it related to any water bodies that flowed into the Northwest Territories or had an effect on the residents of the Northwest Territories. We had not initially been involved in that discussion but after correspondence and further discussions with the Minister, he indicated that we should appoint someone to sit as part of the federal negotiating team. So that is the other reason we are trying to encourage the passage of this particular ordinance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Any other comments on clause 2, then? Clause 2, Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 3. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, I support the ordinance in general, that is for sure, because any development that is taking place in the North is surely going to have to have the blessing of this government if it is going to mean anything for the North, surely, not only in the western part but eventually in other parts. I would think that water resources will become important to other provinces and I therefore think we should involve not only the government in getting the best deal with the resources that we have up here, but also that the native people of this area at least get a fair share of any development as it affects their claim. I believe that water resources will always continue to be the resource that will be of interest to the aboriginal people.

Motion To Amend Clause 3, Bill 10-83(2)

I accept the Minister's concern and support that native people must have the best part of the deal through the Government of the NWT. I think that is very important and reassuring to us; but I think it could probably be better if we were to amend clause 3 to the following; on the fourth line, after the words "Government of Canada", that the words "provincial governments, or aboriginal peoples of NWT" be inserted between the words "government" and "in". So, Mr. Chairman, I would move that amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect, I suggest that the honourable Member might wish to reconsider including that amendment, because it seems to me just offhand, that it may in fact do what the other amendment the government is proposing -- that is, nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to affect or diminish aboriginal rights, and the amendment that is proposed by the honourable Member, in a sense, may do that. Let me explain. The Government of Canada is the main party at entering into negotiations, and of course the Government of Canada at the present time is legally empowered to enter into negotiations with provinces or the territory of the Yukon.

From the aboriginal point of view, they, it seems to me, have the right, right now to enter into direct relations and negotiations with the Government of Canada with respect to lands or waters, where, if this amendment were included in the ordinance that would be allowing the Government of the Northwest Territories to be a party to those specific negotiations or agreements, and it may in fact diminish. I do not say that definitely, it is just a thought that occurs to me when I see it, and the honourable Member may wish to consider that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the amendment. Mr. Curley.

Provision For Future Agreements With Aboriginal Peoples

MR. CURLEY: Mr. Chairman, the wording in this ordinance in clause 3 states that the Commissioner and the Executive Member "may" on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories; it does not state that they "shall". So to me, that is I think a good protection that they may or may not want to be a part of the party. But if they do have some interests, I would think that they would want to be involved in any agreement. I think that that provision, that clause, only attempts to ensure that they have at least the right to take part if they wish to do so. It could possibly already be covered, but if we were to look beyond the two-year stages, or possibly more, before the settlements are negotiated, in the event, for instance, that if they were settled, then I think it is going to become very critical that this government would possibly have to have an agreement with the aboriginal peoples in the particular area -- those who have had already a claim in the area of water resources -- that this government would have to have an agreement with them in order to make use of such an area that has been claimed by the native people. So I am just trying to put a provision in there that would ensure that they are adequately covered. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you. I merely wish to point that out and if the honourable Member is satisfied, I, personally, certainly have no difficulty in supporting it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to ask our Law Clerk whether it is legally possible to include such an amendment, particularly in light of the Northwest Territories Act.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Law Clerk.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must say that the whole area of the constitutional position as it relates to aboriginal rights and negotiations between the federal government and the aboriginal peoples does leave some areas of concern. I must say that the question that has just been put to me is, to my mind, something that requires just a few more moments than I have right here at this moment to respond to it. The Northwest Territories Act does authorize the Commissioner in Council to make ordinances authorizing the Commissioner to enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, under and for the purposes of any act of parliament of Canada that authorizes the Government of Canada to enter into agreements with the provinces; but no such agreement shall be entered into by the Commissioner without the approval of the Governor in Council. Well, that does not help us a great deal on this question. It just means that any legislation of this nature that does not meet the approval of the Governor in Council, which is the federal cabinet of course, would be disallowed in the sense that no such agreement could be entered into without their approval.

On the question of whether the amendment itself is legal, I have to say for the most part that since the object of the ordinance is merely to allow the Commissioner to enter into an agreement, I would have to say that for the most part I think it is legal. Whether it poses some real obstacles in that in fact coming about would just depend upon things far beyond the control of this Assembly. I would prefer a few moments to study the problem carefully before I offer...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Okay, we will recess for five minutes and give the Law Clerk the opportunity to look into this a little deeper.

---SHORT RECESS

I call the committee back to order. We have a quorum. Mr. Law Clerk.

Law Clerk's Opinion

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Yes, Mr. Chairman, I reviewed the amendment and having taken a second look at the Northwest Territories Act, to which all our legislation is subject in that it outlines the jurisdiction under which we operate, the jurisdiction under which we have power to legislate, section 15 gives exceptional power to the Commissioner to make ordinances authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada under and for the purposes of any act of parliament of Canada that authorizes the government to enter into agreements with the provinces. It does not go so far as to authorize us to enter into agreements with aboriginal peoples, even in conjunction with the federal government. The concern I have is that we would be moving beyond the jurisdiction authorized us by the Northwest Territories Act, and consequently the legislation would be ultra vires. I might point out that the dealings with aboriginal peoples are the sole responsibility of the federal government and it is not given to this Assembly under the Northwest Territories Act. So I would have to be of the opinion that this amendment might jeopardize the entire ordinance as being ultra vires.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Thank you, Mr. Law Clerk. In that case, then, the amendment would have to be ruled out of order, Mr. Curley. Clause 3. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I would like to at least be given a chance to express my total disagreement with that because the provision that we are dealing with is just a provision, and I do not believe at all that it is contravening the legislative jurisdictional responsibility that this government has. If it does, the Minister simply would not sign it. The only thing that is lacking as far as I am concerned is the will and the passion from the Members and legal advisers to go ahead and make provisions that would protect the people of the Northwest Territories. I believe that we have a much more complex legislation right in front of us which deals with the tribal councils, which is a direct responsibility of the federal government, and we are playing around with them and therefore if I may be given an opinion as to challenge that decision then I would wish to do so, and if there is a way that I could do it, I want to be assured as to how I could proceed with challenging the legal advice.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Point of order, Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, my point of order, Mr. Chairman, is that I believe that a legal opinion about something would not constitute grounds for ruling a motion out of order. Perhaps that opinion should be taken into account by those who are dealing with the motion, but I believe that such an opinion would not be cause for ruling it out of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): After considering those points, the motion may cause the legislation to be overturned; it does not necessarily mean that the legislation would be overturned, and therefore the motion would not be out of order in that case. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: Does that mean then that I can proceed with my motion as it is and at least give it a chance to proceed if it is legally possible? I would think that the Minister of Justice or the federal representative simply would not endorse it in that case. What I do want to know is, is it okay? You have given me some hope of trying to get that amendment through, but it does not assure me whether it will get through because we have to take a vote on it. But what I want to know is, are you allowing me to go through now with that understanding?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Yes, Mr. Curley, your motion is in order. The legal advice was that the amendment might cause the ordinance to be disallowed but that is not a for sure, clear-cut thing and therefore your motion is in order. Mr. McCallum, to the motion.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I just want to understand what the motion says. Does the motion say in the fourth line of clause 3, between the words "government" and "in", "or aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories"?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Yes, Mr. McCallum, that is correct.

Agreements With Organizations, Not Peoples

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, then I have some concern about how we would enter into agreements with the Government of Canada with the aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories. If we are to enter into agreements, surely it would be with organizations or somebody that would represent people. Do we talk about entering into agreements with the Inuit people of the Northwest Territories, with the Dene people of the Northwest Territories, and the Metis people of the Northwest Territories, or are we talking about entering into agreements with the ITC, the Dene Nation, the Metis Association and perhaps, obviously, we would have to enter into an agreement with the Inuvialuit people through an organization?

If the intent of the motion is to protect aboriginal rights of the native people of the Northwest Territories, I think that is covered within the proposed amendment to clause 7. If it is to have aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories, represented by various organizations, to be signatories to any agreements, then I think that that clearly is beyond the power of this particular House to have the Government of Canada enter into an agreement with us and with those organizations. So it is my feeling that the amendment does not do what it would be required to do, that is to protect the aboriginal rights of the people, but that will be covered with the addition of clause 7. But I do not know how we are going to get into agreements with the aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories unless we are going to be entering into agreements, or trying to enter into agreements with organizations. If that is what the Member intended to do, then I suggest that the amendment he proposed does not do it.

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

MR. CURLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the predicament that we are facing here but I think if we work seriously at it that we can resolve it, and I think eventually that if this bill is to pass with the proposed amendment that I introduced, it is going to have to have a definition as to who the "aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories" mean. I do not think that is impossible to do. It could be that "aboriginal peoples" could probably mean a Dene or Inuk or Metis, or collectively could probably mean Dene people represented by the Dene Nation. I think in my view that could be settled by the definition clause, and if that is legally not possible, then surely someone should be able to have a little more passion in trying to be helpful to it rather

than giving us advice that it is legally impossible for us to enact such a law that gives provision that they may do so if they wish to take part in it. But it is just a provision that does not give them a binding commitment at all, in my view. That is all I am attempting to do. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion. Mr. MacQuarrie.

MR. MacQUARRIE: Could I have clarification from the Law Clerk as to whether, if a particular provision of a bill was objectionable to the federal government, whether they would strike down the bill as a result of that, or do they merely focus on the offending provision and strike it out? In other words, if they found that particular provision to be ultra vires, would they just disallow the bill entirely?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Law Clerk.

LAW CLERK (Mr. Fuglsang): Mr. Chairman, I do not know of any occasion when in fact the federal government has in council, struck down one of the bills of the NWI, and I really do not know how they would go about it. The provision is that they can disallow a bill, but -- it does provide that they could disallow any provision of such an ordinance, so they could disallow what they thought was the offending part or the entire bill. I have no idea which they would choose to do.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Does that answer your question satisfactorily, Mr. MacQuarrie?

MR. MacQUARRIE: Yes, thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion. Are you ready for the question, then?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Question being called. All those in favour of the question, please raise your hands. Mr. Curley.

MR. CURLEY: I called for a recorded vote.

Motion To Amend Clause 3, Bill 10-83(2), Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): I am sorry, Mr. Curley; I did not hear you. A recorded vote being called. All those in favour of the motion, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Curley, Mr. Wray.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Those Members opposed to the motion?

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Patterson, Mr. Tologanak, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Wah-Shee, Mr. Braden, Mr. Butters, Mr. Nerysoo.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Abstentions?

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The motion is defeated seven to six, with two abstentions.

---Defeated

Clause 3, agreements. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 4, execution. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 5, variation and amendment. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Clause 6, implementation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): I believe, Mr. Minister, you have an amendment to introduce at this time. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Add New Clause 7, Bill 10-83(2), Carried

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 10-83(2), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner and the Executive Member to Enter into Agreements Respecting Water Resources, be amended by adding the following clause immediately after clause 6: Margin, "Aboriginal Rights", clause 7, "Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to affect or diminish aboriginal rights."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Question being called. All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 7. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Short title. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Bill 10-83(2) is now ready for third reading as amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): That is the last item now, and I will report progress for the day.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILL 13-83(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1983-84; BILL 1-83(2), COMPANIES ORDINANCE; BILL 2-83(2), COUNCIL ORDINANCE; BILL 8-83(2), REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS ORDINANCE; BILL 6-83(2), MEDICAL CARE ORDINANCE; BILL 5-83(2), JUDICATURE ORDINANCE; BILL 10-83(2), WATER RESOURCES AGREEMENTS ORDINANCE; REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bills 13-83(2), 1-83(2), 2-83(2), 8-83(2), 6-83(2), 5-83(2) and 10-83(2) and wishes to report progress. Bill 6-83(2) is recommended for third reading and Bills 13-83(2), 1-83(2), 2-83(2), 5-83(2) and 10-83(2) are recommended for third reading as amended. Bill 8-83(2) has been deferred until committee of the whole tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Item 16, third reading of bills. Mr. Braden.

ITEM NO. 16: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 1-83(2): Companies Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 1-83(2), as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance, be read for the third time.

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

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 1-83(2) has had third reading. Mr. McCallum.

Third Reading Of Bill 2-83(2): Council Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 2-83(2), as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 2-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Patterson.

Third Reading Of Bill 3-83(2): Education Ordinance

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot, that Bill 3-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Education Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 3-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Braden.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-83(2): Interpretation Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 4-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 4-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills, Mr. Braden.

Third Reading Of Bill 5-83(3): Judicature Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 5-83(2), as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you read for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 5-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Tologanak.

Third Reading Of Bill 6-83(2): Medical Care Ordinance

HON. KANE TOLOGANAK: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 6-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Medical Care Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 6-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills, Mr. Braden.

Third Reading Of Bill 9-83(2): Regulations Ordinance

HON. GEORGE BRADEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot, that Bill 9-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Regulations Ordinance, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 9-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills, Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-83(2): Water Resources Agreements Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 10-83(2), An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner and the Executive Member to Enter into Agreements Respecting Water Resources, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 10-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Third Reading Of Bill 11-83(2): Wildlife Ordinance

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 11-83(2), An Ordinance to Amend the Wildlife Ordinance, as amended, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 11-83(2) has had third reading. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 12-83(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 4, 1982-83

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 12-83(2), An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1982-83 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: I have a motion on the floor. Are you ready for the question?

HON. KANE TULOGANAK: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed, if any?

---Carried

Bill 12-83(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Butters.

Third Reading Of Bill 13-83(2): Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1983-84

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 13-83(2), as amended, An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service for the 1983-84 Financial Year, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 13-83(2) has had third reading. That completes the business of third reading of bills for today. Are there any announcements from the floor? Mr. Clerk, announcements and orders of the day, please.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. Members are reminded of their invitation to city hall tonight. There will be a meeting of the Management and Services Board at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow in the caucus room. There will also be a meeting of the subcommittee of the special committee on division at 12:00 noon in room 211.

ITEM NO. 18: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day, Thursday, September 8, 1983.

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17. Assent to Bills
18. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 8.

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