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STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGY

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REPORT TO

THE COMMISSIONER IN COUNCIL
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

*being a report of activities
and involvement of*

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KNOWN AS THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGY

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I regret to report that unanticipated difficulties have made it impossible for my committee to carry out the survey of N.W.T. communities directly affected by the development of a Mackenzie Valley natural gas pipeline. The major factors bearing on this decision were:

1. (a) A Postal strike which prevented circulation of the survey proposal, as developed by myself and the committee's support staff, affected timing and basic logistics of the survey.
- (b) Dissolution of the Federal Parliament produced election activities during a time when the first community visits would have been made.
- (c) The criteria established for conducting the survey was that the project must be done well or not at all.
- (d) Life of the 7th Council of the Northwest Territories is drawing to a close, and there is little time left for a project of this nature.

Considering the above factors, with special reference to the latter two, it was simply concluded that the survey would not be of a desired quality and therefore should not be proceeded with.

The Standing Committee on Development and Ecology does not however terminate its interest in the topic and recommends that the funds which were to have been allocated to the Mackenzie Valley project be reallocated to a special committee of the Administration. This special committee which could include a member of the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology, would propose and develop conditions under which a natural gas pipeline through the Northwest Territories would be seen as acceptable and desirable. Such conditions would relate to taxation, royalties and spin off benefits such as northern contracts, natural gas to northern residents and the possibility of a refinery in the south Great Slave area.

As Chairman of this Committee, I move receipt of this report by the Commissioner In Council of the Northwest Territories.

Tom Batters

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGY.

DATED AT YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.,
THIS 28 DAY OF JUNE,
A.D. 1974.