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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

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ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER.

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THE SPEAKER (Mr. Searle): Members of Council, turning to the orders of the day for June 12th, Item 2, continuing replies to the Commissioner's opening address. From the notes I have made I have seven Members who have already spoken. Of course, tomorrow would be the last day and hence the last opportunity. Are there any further replies, any Members who wish to reply today?

ITEM NO. 2: REPLIES TO THE COMMISSIONER'S OPENING ADDRESS.

Mr. Evaluarjuk's Reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address.

MR. EVALUARJUK: I know I have not said anything for quite a length of time. I would like to answer the Commissioner's opening address. At first I thought that perhaps we were to answer him in written addresses but I understand we are able to answer in any way we want. It is not necessary to answer what he has said but when these things are appropriate.

First, I would like to tell you as to the things we used to do. As the Inuit people are now being able to be involved in activities, I can remember when I was a little boy I never thought I would be able to be involved with this kind of thing. I know there were things we had to go by but then only the Eskimo way of doing things. My grandfather used to tell me that I should always go by the ways of the people. He used to tell me in the morning I would have to wake up and that if there were people around who were not able to have food we were supposed to help them. He also used to tell me to look after my brother. These are the things that I used to go by and I was involved at the time with those things.

Now, there is a Council here that is representing the people. We are now starting to be aware of the laws and regulations and ordinances that people must go by. Some of the regulations and the amenities are not correct because as you know there is quite a difference between settlements of larger places and smaller places. At the time I ran for this Council I said nothing about what the government was doing and people were not aware of it, such as land ordinances. I am not going against any particular native person or white person but I feel we have to work together as one group of people.

As we know one person can not make laws or ordinances. There is too much work for one person. Sometimes we often do our best but we are going against one particular thing but it is not true. It is just a way of expressing what we feel. We hope that being against each other is something that we will not develop because it is not right. I personally think that it is impossible for me alone to make these laws and ordinances but only as a group. I believe what has been said is quite true as to what the Commissioner has said. He said that we must take our time to be able to do things together. I believe this.

Concerning the Educational Field

Also, I would like to say some of the things that I am most concerned with in the Eskimo communities. I would like to say in short about the education of the people which was mentioned while we were here, some of the activities going on in the educational field. We know there is going to be much hard work. Often as you know there is much education going on with the children and the children are becoming more and more into an area where it will not be possible for everyone to work and also inflation is going up and it costs us more to live. All people will not be able to work after they finish their education. Of course if there is more money available then more people will be able to work. A lot of these students, be they Eskimos or white people, often find themselves in between and it is hard for them to either take one side or the other, the Eskimo or the white people.

I am not saying about the ones that are well-educated but most concerned with the ones that drop out or have taken less education. Sometimes they are often not able to live in the Eskimo way. I think we have to think about small communities. I also heard that the teachers will be taken so that there will not be any teachers. When these teachers leave will they be able to be replaced by native people? The school teachers can only be trained very hard. As you know, there will be more students going to school and that the number of teachers will be reduced. Also, the money going to the education field will be lower as well. The things that are directed to the education field will be hard to get since the funds will be reduced. I know that this is because of money matters. Perhaps if money was involved with these reductions of teachers and the reduction of funds in the education field, perhaps it would be appropriate to reduce the school year to nine months so that the teachers will be able to work that much more with the native teachers available. Perhaps towards the end of May it would be appropriate because money is reduced. Thank you for being able to speak.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further replies? Assuming there are no further replies then, turning to the orders of the day and going on to Item 3, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Mr. Parker, are there any returns?

Return to Question W6-56: Hay River School, Teaching Position Cutbacks

MR. McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I have returns to two questions. Question W6-56 asked by Councillor Stewart on June the 10th, 1975 concerning the teaching cutbacks at the Hay River school. I would like to offer the following reply:

1. The Department of Education was required to reduce its operating budget by some \$500,000. Rather than curtail programs, it was decided to cut 30 teaching positions from the approved establishment. The cuts were made by superintendents meeting in Yellowknife for the annual staffing conference, and had to be announced prior to the staffing of schools for the next term.
2. The cutback was general across the Northwest Territories with the larger schools -- Inuvik, Fort Smith, Frobisher Bay, Yellowknife, and Hay River -- suffering from the largest reduction. The one positive feature of the procedure was that teacher-pupil ratios were standardized throughout the territories, and some small schools actually gained additional positions.

3. The pupil-teacher ratio, based on 1975 enrolment figures was increased from 20 to one to 22 to one in elementary schools; in secondary schools the pupil-teacher ratio was increased from 15 to one to 17 to one.

Return to Question W11-56: N.W.T. Students Participation in Tests of Canadian Students Basic Skills

I have a further reply, Mr. Speaker, to a question asked by Councillor Butters, Question W11-56. On Wednesday, June 11, Councillor Butters asked Question W11-56 concerning use in Northwest Territories schools of the Canadian Test for Basic Skills. As you will recall it was a two-part question and I think I answered the first part as suggesting that I thought they were or they had been used and then I would take the second part as notice and I have the following reply. I think it can come together with both of them.

The Department of Education does not authorize the administration of the Canadian Test for Basic Skills to pupils throughout the Northwest Territories, although standardized tests have been, and are being, used in individual schools.

The Canadian Test for Basic Skills, is only one of a great number of standardized test batteries that are used in southern Canadian schools. The selection of such tests is usually at the discretion of the school principal and the test results are used as one indicator of the pupil's progress.

The most important use of such tests, however, is for diagnosis and remediation of areas of difficulty that are revealed by the results.

The Department of Education is presently studying the possibilities of the wider use of standardized tests in the schools of the Northwest Territories.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are those all of the returns? Written questions, Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: I missed that. There are no further returns today?

MR. SPEAKER: No further returns, no.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for the High Arctic, Mr. Kilabuk. Pardon me, Central Baffin.

MR. KILABUK: I want to tell you I have not said much since the meetings started. First, I would like to mention something about this, that I feel that they should start learning the Eskimo ways and they should start learning the Eskimo way of living and you should teach these in the schools, not for a long period of time. We know that they should have religion first in the schools and they can take anything that they want to. I feel that it is very important if you take religion at the first.

MR. SPEAKER: Can you hear better?

INTERPRETER: No, I can not hear him too good at all. There is a lot of static from where he is sitting. I can hear you really good up there but I can not hear him.

MR. PEARSON: On a point of order, is there an electrician around, Mr. Speaker, so Mr. Kilabuk can make his address? Mr. Evaluarjuk's worked very well before.

MR. SPEAKER: Interpreter staff, is it coming through?

INTERPRETER: It is coming through very clearly -- you are coming through very clear, but ...

Teaching the Old Eskimo Ways.

MR. KILABUK: I started out saying that I think what I was trying to tell you about I will repeat, what I had been thinking about. I might mention some of them. The way of the Eskimos and the way they are treated, it is not only up in the North that this happens. Nothing much will happen even if teachers are lessened. The Inuit way of working, girls and boys and the ministers can talk to them and they have to learn how to read Eskimo syllabics and they should do that for a whole hour, I think.

They have to learn how to read and write syllabics in one classroom and teach them so for half an hour. I also said that they should have teachers that are always Eskimos, but they could be there for only one hour and we also think that after two years of class we would like to have two male teachers for the boys and two females to teach the girls.

Now, we are in 1974-75 and there is nothing like that, but very few can teach the boys when they go to grade 6. They first should be taught about what we used to do, how to make nets, how to make sleds.

MR. PEARSON: Hear, hear!

MR. KILABUK: They are taught and two times a year they are brought on the land to go fishing and to go hunting and they would still be able to do that, but I think it would be hard because of basic funds when teachers are lessened, when they have to be taught anyway. Right now, we all know that their school books or their school grades will reach grade 9 maybe after two years in grade 9 in the North, there will be a lot of schools that have grade 9. After grade 9 they usually have to go out to school. They have to go out of the settlement to go to school if they do not quit and we have to think what they will do. There are no jobs available or maybe they could teach in the settlement or they should have schools that have grade 12. We should all think about that, what should be done about this, for these people who will reach grade 9, maybe between 50 and 100 will have a grade 9 education, and in the North big schools all have gymnasiums and it is not very good sometimes, but they should have one supervisor who provides for the games. The supervisor would be in charge of recreation. If they are like this, it will be much better and they will have to find good games for the Inuit way and the white way. In the gymnasium the games will always be there even if teachers are lessened and they want to have more games. We also think that in the North a supervisor, they want good supervisors in the school gymnasiums.

Shortening of the School Year.

I also agree with what Mr. Evaluarjuk has said, that the nine months school year be lessened, I agree with that. I also think that they should finish at the end of May. When the cold weather and the dark days are finished, children like to go out because it is warm. We have daylight all day and they start that even when they are in school and children start missing days at school, even when school is open and we have to think about that. I really agree with Mr. Evaluarjuk that the school should end in May and they would have to go out. They always go camping and then the teachers hardly have anything to do.

The Inuit way of living is useful in those three months, June, July and August, much more, but grade 9, I am sorry -- for the other nine months they only live the white way. The Inuit way of living should be taught

and it is only taught for three months of the year, but they should have that longer up in the North. Of this you will have to think about if it will be for better or for worse, about what Mr. Evaluarjuk and myself have said. I will mention something else about what he said too, about different things for schools. Funds for education, we must also think about funding. Everything has gone up in price and we should also remember about our children. Maybe we should think about it the same way as the prices are going up. I am very concerned about this and Mr. Evaluarjuk is also. If it is possible or not we must think about it and I would say some more later on.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Are there any others who wish to speak at this time in reply? Written questions, are there any written questions? Mr. Nickerson, the Member for Yellowknife North.

Question W13-56: Telephone Service and Emergency Communications, Detah, N.W.T.

MR. NICKERSON: Question W13-56 concerning telephone service and emergency communications in Detah. Has the administration any information concerning the supply of telephone services to and from the settlement of Detah? And also until such time as telephones are installed has the administration formulated any plans regarding emergency communication between the settlement and Yellowknife?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner?

Return to Question W13-56: Telephone Service and Emergency Communications, Detah, N.W.T.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the second part of the question, we have no plans as an administration to put in a communications system in Detah. We feel that this is a responsibility by legislation of this Council and Canadian National Telecommunications. We have asked Canadian National Telecommunications three times now as a result of representations from this Council to install a telephone communications system at Detah, but I regret to say that we have had no success.

MR. SPEAKER: I might say, Mr. Nickerson, I personally recall asking that same question seven or eight years ago. Are there any further written questions?

Question W14-56: Status of Port Burwell

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, in light of the ever present problems and questions with regard to status of Port Burwell what, if anything, has the government done with regard to the unrest within that community, especially in light of the view held by many of the people in that community that they would be better off if they were to secede to the province of Quebec. There is no nurse and transportation is extremely poor and in light of the recent tragic events, someone will have to make a move sooner or later.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Return to Question W14-56: Status of Port Burwell

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, I am uncertain as to what plans, if any, there are to make Port Burwell part of Nouveau Quebec. With reference to the first part of the question as to the other departments of government, the federal government, as to what they are considering regarding health and welfare, I know there is a development under consideration at the present moment which would bring a new look at the community and at transportation communications facilities that could be located in Port Burwell.

But at the present moment I have only passing knowledge of it and I would think that perhaps a communication direct with Ottawa, I guess you would say the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, might bring the answer to Mr. Pearson's question but we are not authorized to report on it. I guess that is the best way I could say it.

Question 015-56: Department of Economic Development Plans to Use Fishing Equipment

MR. PEARSON: A supplementary question to that one, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that the territorial government has an investment in that community of probably one million dollars at least in fishing equipment, boats, freezer plant and what have you, does the Department of Economic Development have any plans this year to put that into action? Last year they were virtually inoperative and I fail to see how this government can afford to have such vast facilities sitting there idle.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, I will take that part of the question as notice and file a reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Question W16-56: C.N.T. Franchise in the N.W.T.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, could I be advised whether Canadian National Telecommunications operate under a franchise in the Northwest Territories and if so is this a federal franchise, a territorial franchise or a municipal franchise or a combination of the above?

Return to Question W16-56: C.N.T. Franchise in the N.W.T.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, I was just trying to remember. It last came up in 1964 when an ordinance, I believe, was passed or a decision made which split the territories with Bell Canada providing the service in the East and the Canadian National Telecommunications in the West but I do not recall that this government or administration or Council was ever given the authority or responsibility for granting communications franchises. I would think that it would be under the Department of Communications of the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Maybe an exact reply could be supplied.

THE COMMISSIONER: I could do that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Question 017-56: Arbitrary Powers of the Commissioner

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, it is difficult for me to ask this simple little question. However, there are many people in my riding, particularly in Fort Simpson, who are very concerned with the arbitrary powers of the Commissioner. I wonder if I could get some kind of assurance from the Commissioner that he will pay more attention to the elected representatives in the community settlements?

Return to Question 017-56: Arbitrary Powers of the Commissioner

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, certainly the answer is yes, but having said that, I will not always agree with them.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? Mr. Wah-Shee?

Question W18-56: Opening of West Channel, Rae-Edzo.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the administration in regard to Rae-Edzo. The people of Rae-Edzo are interested in having the west channel opened. At the present time we have a small culvert at the west channel and the people are interested in having a full sized culvert put in the west channel to allow canoes to go through. I understand from the people in Rae-Edzo that this particular channel is also a shelter area for the spawning of the fish and it is an important canoe route for the people of Rae-Edzo.

I have two other questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed.

Question W19-56: Mackenzie Highway, Rae-Edzo to Yellowknife.

MR. WAH-SHEE: Another one is in regard to the highway, the Mackenzie highway between Rae-Edzo and Yellowknife. Now, as I understand it there is heavy passenger traffic between Rae-Edzo and Rae and since there are no plans in the immediate future for paving that particular section of the highway, the people are concerned about the dust since there is a heavy passenger traffic. Perhaps the administration could consider a dust-free oil-top surface between Rae-Edzo and Rae since there is considerable traffic. And it is the concern of the community that one of these days we may have an unfortunate accident between the two communities.

Question W20-56: Airport Upgrading, Rae-Edzo.

The other question is in regard to the upgrading of the airport. I understand that this is the responsibility of Ministry of Transport but the procedure that I understand is that the territorial government usually advises the Department of Transport that the Rae-Edzo community is interested in having the Ministry of Transport do a survey of an all-weather airport, to do a survey of the location. For some time now the community of Rae-Edzo has requested that an airport be considered for Rae-Edzo. At the present time, you have a water strip or float base and the people in Rae-Edzo are also concerned about the plane that is still apparently in the lake where an accident occurred last year. The Department of the Environment, as I understand it, is going after Gateway Aviation to take the plane out of the water. Now, this is within the immediate area where the float planes land in Fort Rae. That is all I have, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the administration want to answer all or some of those?

THE COMMISSIONER: I think we had better take them as notice and file a return, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further written questions?

Question W21-56: New Landing Facilities, Lake Harbour.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, can I be informed as to what plans the federal government has to upgrade the newly built landing facilities at Lake Harbour? I understand they have been in there recently.

Return to Question W21-56: New Landing Facilities, Lake Harbour.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, it is true that Ministry of Transport officials visited Lake Harbour recently and I do not as yet know the results of their study. I may say that there is a possibility of the licensing of the strip with only minor changes. However, I would like to have the opportunity to give a proper written reply after a little further review.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Question W22-56: International Wildlife Range, Yukon and Part of the Mackenzie Delta

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, last week prior to the recess of the Berger Inquiry's formal hearing in Yellowknife, Mr. Russel Anthony, counsel for the Canadian Arctic Resources committee, is reported to have introduced evidence indicating that an international wildlife range might be created in the Yukon and part of the Mackenzie Delta. Can the Commissioner confirm that such a plan is being contemplated, being considered or being implemented by some agency or department of the federal government?

Return to Question W22-56: International Wildlife Range, Yukon and Part of the Mackenzie Delta

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge of this. It is possible that it is under consideration but it certainly has not been passed on to the territorial administration. The last major involvement that I can remember in any major way was when this territorial Council, a number of years ago, discontinued the Arctic game preserve.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inuvik?

Question 023-56: Commissioner to Investigate Question W22-56

MR. BUTTERS: Supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the Commissioner's reply that it is being considered, could the Commissioner advise me which agency or body is so considering this matter or whether or not such a body is consulting with the people whose lives will be most directly affected by such game reserve?

Return to Question 023-56: Commissioner to Investigate Question W22-56

MR. SPEAKER: I understood the Commissioner to say, Mr. Butters, that he knew of no such discussion so it would be difficult to answer your second question. I may have been in error on my understanding of the reply.

THE COMMISSIONER: I thought I said that no I had no knowledge of it. If it is happening we certainly have not been informed.

MR. BUTTERS: Supplementary, would the Commissioner be so kind as to investigate the validity of counsellor Anthony's statement to the Berger Inquiry?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? The Honourable Member for the Central Arctic.

Question W24-56: Food Subsidization Instead of Beer

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I have been asked by the Cambridge Bay settlement council to ask the proper source whether or not the food could be subsidized instead of beer.

Question W25-56: Letter from Cambridge Bay Settlement Council

I also would like to ask whether you received a letter or not that the settlement council wrote you and I also would like to say that this has been put into the news media.

Return to Question W24-56: Food Subsidization Instead of Beer

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, the first question no, the administration has no plans to subsidize food. The reason is that the territorial government does not sell food. The territorial government is the agency, holds the agency for the distribution of liquor. Years ago it was decided that liquor should be sold everywhere at the same price. If this Council feels that that decision should be changed, we would be prepared to accept a recommendation to sell liquor at the landed cost in each community which could mean, maybe ten different prices.

Return to Question W25-56: Letter from Cambridge Bay Settlement Council

Question two, I have not received the letter from Cambridge Bay yet and third, I do not know about the media.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Question W26-56: Hall Beach, Cape Dorset, Polar Bear Hunting Season

MR. EVALUARJUK: The situation in Cape Dorset for five years or maybe less, it was probably heard before by many people and also the government were told about it. I want to make it short. I was told to say the people of Hall Beach and Cape Dorset, they want to get a longer season for the polar bear in Hall Beach and in Cape Dorset. The polar bear season is too short and they also want the quota for polar bear to be larger. If they could take more, they would like to have an answer now.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, the administration would be prepared to accept the question of the Member of the Central Arctic as a request to consider increasing the polar bear quota at Hall Beach and Cape Dorset and bring back an answer before next Friday for the Member, for the Honourable Member.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? Mr. Barnaby, the Honourable Member for Mackenzie Great Bear.

Question W27-56: Hospital, Norman Wells

MR. BARNABY: Yes, I would like to know what are the plans for building a hospital in Norman Wells and if the money is available, when could they expect this project to begin?

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, there are plans to build a cottage hospital at Norman Wells, but I would have to get the dates and the details of the plan and file a return.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? I might say, Honourable Members, I think we are straying slightly. I am not speaking of Mr. Barnaby's question in particular and I am not speaking to anyone in particular, but I rather suspect that the written questions are not in all cases written. This is really the purpose of this item. However, with that understanding, do you have any further written questions?

MR. PEARSON: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, would you accept the questions in syllabics?

MR. SPEAKER: Yes. Certainly. Mr. Pudluk, the Honourable Member from the High Arctic.

Question W28-56: Hunting Musk-ox in High Arctic

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I have two questions here which are written in syllabics but I will translate them myself. In the High Arctic there is a musk-ox herd moving south and the Resolute Bay people themselves would like to start killing the musk-ox for the fall season before the ice starts to freeze up for travelling, thick enough to travel on in a skidoo.

Question W29-56: Hospital, High Arctic

The second question: I also have been asked by the High Arctic people in Resolute Bay, they would like to have a hospital in there, centrally in the High Arctic. I am asking if you can look into this. I do not want your answer at the moment, but if you could ask somebody about that. I do not know. I would really appreciate it if you could answer me if they are willing to put in a hospital somewhere in Resolute Bay.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Question W30-56: Boards, Committees or Corporations Representatives

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to be informed before this session ends, if possible, by written return of:

- (a) the names of all government boards, committees or corporations, both territorial and federal, having management responsibilities in the Northwest Territories;

- (b) the names, occupations, places of residence of individuals currently serving on such boards, committees or corporations; and
- (c) the names of all those boards, committees or corporations described in (a) for which such appointment is not approved by Commissioner in Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further written questions?

Moving on then to Item 4, oral questions, are there further oral questions?

Moving on to Item 5, presenting... Mr. Lyall, Member for the Central Arctic?

MR. LYALL: That is on oral questions?

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions or if you have a written question, you can seek consent to go back to that, whichever you wish.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, can I at this time ask unanimous consent to go back to questions and returns?

MR. SPEAKER: Item 3, written questions, yes. Is there consent?

--- Agreed

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Question W31-56: Airport, Spence Bay

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the administration whether or not the airport in Spence Bay is going to be fixed up and are they going to be putting lights there within the next year?

THE COMMISSIONER: I will get the answer to that and file a return, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: While we are back on Item 3, written questions, are there any further? No?

Going to Item 4, oral questions, questions of an emergency nature, are there any oral questions?

Moving on to Item 5, presenting petitions, are there any petitions to be presented?

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Lafferty.

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Speaker, I gave notice of a motion and seek unanimous consent of the Members to introduce that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lafferty, if we could just wait until we get to Item 7, notices of motions. We are on reports of standing and special committees, I think, but I do not think there are any so I think we will go to Item 7. Is there a report?

MR. NICKERSON: I think it might be counted as a report. I am advised that Mr. Howard Irving, counsel for Alberta and the Northwest Territories for the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Mr. Alex Kennedy, general counsel

to the Insurance Bureau of Canada will be available in Yellowknife -- will be coming to Yellowknife either on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. If it could meet with Council's approval, maybe they could meet with us next Wednesday afternoon to help us in our deliberations on the Insurance Ordinance.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you suggesting, Mr. Nickerson, committee of the whole study Bill 5-56, the Insurance Ordinance next Wednesday?

MR. NICKERSON: I think that would be in order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lafferty, we are still under reports of standing and special committees. Do you have a report?

MR. LAFFERTY: Yes, I do have a report. Mr. Speaker, I do have a report. The standing committee on finance met today to appoint the executive and decide the terms of reference. I can not give the terms of reference in a motion until later on.

MR. SPEAKER: Further reports of committees? Can we move on then to Item 7, notices of motions?

--- Agreed

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Pudluk, Member for the High Arctic.

Notice of Motion 7-56: Maintenance and Operation of Airstrips, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Grise Fiord

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make notice of a motion for tomorrow, the 13th of June.

WHEREAS the councils of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Grise Fiord are responsible together with the Department of Local Government for the maintenance and operation of the airstrips in those communities;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transport bears no responsibility for airstrips in these communities;

AND WHEREAS a tax of \$5 per passenger is levied by the Ministry of Transport on all passengers travelling by DC3 aircraft to these communities;

AND WHEREAS no such passenger tax is levied on smaller aircraft travelling to these communities;

AND WHEREAS it is inconvenient and unfair to expect passengers who have paid an extra \$5 to travel on a DC3;

AND WHEREAS the native people of those communities when travelling alone often do not have an extra \$5 and are obliged to wait until a smaller aircraft travels;

NOW THEREFORE, this council resolves to urge the Ministry of Transport to withdraw the \$5 tax on passengers travelling by DC3 to or from the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Grise Fiord.

MR. PEARSON: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motions, the Honourable Member from the Keewatin.

Notice of Motion 8-56: Improved Air Service, Churchill and Sanikiluaq.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on Friday, June 13th, 1975 I will introduce the following motion:

WHEREAS the air service between Churchill, Manitoba and the community of Sanikiluaq, Northwest Territories is at the present time inadequate;

AND WHEREAS the people, mainly the patients from Sanikiluaq, are detained in Churchill waiting to go home, for as long as a month or more;

AND WHEREAS there is usually an extensive delay in mail, including personal mail, important government documents and administration problems;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this administration consult immediately with the air carrier, Lambair and with the air transport committee to find ways and means to improve the flight frequency between Churchill and Sanikiluaq.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further notices of motions? The Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard.

MR. LAFFERTY: I finally got this thing working right. Can you hear me?

Notice of Motion 9-56: Terms of Reference, Standing Committee on Finance.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice and seek unanimous consent to introduce this motion on the terms of reference of the standing committee on finance. The motion to read:

WHEREAS the 8th Council of the Northwest Territories has established a standing committee on finance;

AND WHEREAS this committee will perform essentially the same functions as that established by the 7th Council of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the terms of reference for that committee with certain minor amendments as attached be adopted for the present committee.

I seek the Members' consent to introduce this bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lafferty, may I suggest that you have that reproduced and circulated and we will continue on with notices of motions while that is being done and then, when we get to motions, which is the next item, that is when you seek unanimous consent to move it. In the meantime the Members will hopefully have an opportunity to see the content of it. Would that be acceptable to you?

MR. LAFFERTY: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Barnaby, Honourable Member for Mackenzie Great Bear, I think you have a notice of motion.

Notice of Motion 10-56: Government Employees in Settlements

MR. BARNABY: Yes, I have, Mr. Speaker. I do not know how to word this, but I would like to give notice of a motion I propose to put forward tomorrow, which might be a good day. It reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the people of the Northwest Territories, and this Council have repeatedly expressed the desire for a government responsible to the people it serves;

AND WHEREAS people have the right to control what goes on in their own community;

AND WHEREAS at present, government employees resident in communities are not responsible to the communities they serve;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that all territorial government employees working at the community level within a settlement, hamlet, or village be considered responsible to that community and that such responsibility be expressed by:

- 1) Employees not be posted unless requested by a resolution of the governing body of that community;
- 2) The governing body of the community be allowed to review all applications for such positions and make their recommendations to the Northwest Territories Administration, as they may choose;
- 3) The governing body of the community to be given a minimum four week period to accept or veto or place conditions on the placement of any territorial government employee within their community;
- 4) By resolution of the governing body of the community, the community may have any territorial government employee removed from the community. In such a case, the employee is to be removed within 60 days of the passage of such a resolution;
- 5) Unless it is the wish of the employee involved, the territorial government can not terminate or transfer an employee working in a community without the consent of the local governing body;
- 6) Territorial government employees posted in a regional or area office, be removed from their position if the governing bodies of more than half the communities within the administrative district indicate by resolution that they desire the removal of such an employee. In such a case, the employee is to be removed within 60 days of the passage of the sufficient number of community resolutions.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further notices of motions?

If not, then can we move on to Item 8, motions.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

We have no motions in the book to deal with. The only one that would be relevant would be Mr. Lafferty's motion with respect to the terms of reference of the standing committee on finance. That, however, is just being reproduced. Coffee normally is at 4:00 o'clock and my sundial indicates that it is nearly 4:00. Do you think we could just see if it is there, Mr. Remnant, and we could break early and come back and deal with Mr. Lafferty's motion right after coffee -- unless these are the motions coming now. I think these are they now. Do you wish to deal with this one motion?

--- Agreed

Mr. Lafferty, I think we have all got the material before us now. If you would care to seek unanimous consent to move this motion today, would you like me to seek unanimous consent?

MR. LAFFERTY: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any objection to Mr. Lafferty moving the motion which you have before you today?

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The committee set up to consider the establishment of other committees is in the process of deliberation right now concerning the setting up of a committee whose main task will be to hear matters regarding taxation and revenue and I see in the terms of reference here of the committee of finance that this would be included under their terms of reference. Unless there is any real immediate need to get this done now, I think I would prefer to consult first privately with the chairman of the finance committee to see if somehow these things can be arranged to everybodys mutual satisfaction.

MR. SPEAKER: I take it you are saying that you are not prepared to grant unanimous consent?

MR. NICKERSON: I would rather have Mr. Lafferty withdraw his motion rather than me refuse to give consent.

MR. SPEAKER: Then the question is whether or not this establishment of the terms of reference is of such priority that it -- that you could move it tomorrow giving Mr. Nickerson an opportunity to speak to you. Is there tremendous urgency, Mr. Lafferty? I assume there was or you would not have asked for unanimous consent.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Speaker, the reason that I tried to introduce this motion today is the simple fact that we have not completed our business and because the schedule is tight, with the invitations and social functions and what not and the absence of some people on the weekend. We felt that if we could get this motion through today we could finish off our committee meeting with the finance department of the government, and it is for this reason that I was wishing to get this motion passed.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, can you find a way out of that dilemma, please?

MR. SPEAKER: I can not. You either have to grant unanimous consent or not. Mr. Stewart, are you rising on a point of order?

MR. STEWART: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I believe my watch says 4:00 o'clock and I wonder if we could recess for coffee.

MR. SPEAKER: That is a way. We will recess for coffee for 15 minutes.

--- SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Members of Council, Council will come to order. Prior to coffee break we were at the point of seeking unanimous consent as requested by Mr. Lafferty in order that he might proceed with his motion with respect to the terms of reference of the standing committee on finance. Is there any objection to the granting of unanimous consent?

--- Agreed

Mr. Lafferty, would you please proceed.

Motion 9-56: Terms of Reference, Standing Committee on Finance

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Speaker, for your information this afternoon, we had a meeting of the standing committee on finance and I, William Lafferty, was appointed the chairman of the committee and the Honourable Member for Hay River, Mr. Don Stewart, deputy chairman. I sought this motion this afternoon so that we can continue our business at the earliest time possible and sought your unanimous consent to introduce my motion on the terms of reference of the standing committee on finance:

WHEREAS the 8th Council of the Northwest Territories has established a standing committee on finance;

AND WHEREAS this committee will perform essentially the same functions as that established by the 7th Council of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the terms of reference for that committee with certain minor amendments as attached be adopted for the present committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder for that motion? Mr. McCallum seconds it. Is there discussion on the motion and if so, Mr. Lafferty, you have the right to lead that discussion off.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Speaker, the terms of reference in question, it has been brought to my attention it is just a matter of housekeeping. The article here (d), review and evaluate any revenue source or sources that may be available to the territories, of course all of these are subject to further committee studies, amendments and so on and, of course, we could do this in Council caucus.

On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would also request at this time that we adjourn the meeting as early as Council sees fit to continue our committee meeting this evening, so we can finalize our report.

MR. SPEAKER: I will deal with your last point after we have dealt with the motion, Mr. Lafferty. Is there further discussion on this motion? Question. All in favour? Contrary?

--- Carried

If I might just leave your point of order for a moment or two, are there any documents to be tabled under Item 9? Mr. McCallum, any documents to be tabled?

MR. McCALLUM: No.

MR. SPEAKER: No documents to be tabled. Is Council prepared to give Bill 3-56 first reading? I assume that is the bill you are dealing with in the finance committee.

--- Agreed

The reason I ask is that it really should not go to committee until after second reading so it would seem that, in keeping with the rules, we now give the bill first and even second reading so that it can properly be dealt with by the committee. I understand that the reason for Mr. Lafferty's request for adjournment is so that the committee can in fact deal with that very bill.

--- Agreed

ITEM NO. 10: FIRST READING OF BILLS

Moving on to Item 10, first reading of bills, Bill 3-56. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence we are just waiting for the cue cards to be prepared. We will not be a minute.

MR. SPEAKER: I knew someone would just have to say it.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, this is a learning process for me.

MR. SPEAKER: I appreciate that, Mr. Ernerk. We have all the time in the world.

First Reading of Bill 3-56: Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance
No. 1, 1975-76

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill number 3-56, An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st Day of March, 1976, be read for first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. McCallum.

Is there discussion? I am sorry, there can not be discussion on first reading. Question. All in favour? Contrary?

--- Carried

ITEM NO. 11: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Turning to the order paper, Item 11, second reading of bills, Bill 3-56, Mr. Ernerk.

Second Reading of Bill 3-56: Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance
No. 1, 1975-76

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 3-56, An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st Day of March, 1976, be read for the second time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Stewart. This is the time for the purpose of the bills, well, the purpose is for additional expenditures. Is there any debate on the principle of the bill?

No debate? Question. All in favour? Contrary?

--- Carried

The bill now may properly be referred to the standing committee on finance. I assume that we might just direct that that be so. We could have a formal motion, but we know that is where it goes. Is that correct?

--- Agreed

Now, dealing with Mr. Lafferty's request, that is, that Council recognize the clock at this time, even though we are an hour earlier than normal, in order to give the finance committee the opportunity to meet, starting right now, and to continue their consideration of supplementary estimates, that is the nature of the request. Do I have agreement of Council that I should recognize the clock?

--- Agreed

Are there any announcements? Mr. Nickerson?

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could go back to Item 3, questions and returns. Can I have unanimous consent of Council?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent of Council to return to Item 3?

--- Agreed

REVERT TO ITEM 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Return to Question W10-56: Department of Social Development, Facility of a Young Offenders Unit

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, thank you. This is a return to Question W10-56 by Councillor Butters on June 11th, 1975. On Wednesday, June 11th, Councillor Butters asked Question W10-56 inquiring whether the Department of Social Development has placed in its estimates for 1976-77 a facility for the treatment of young offenders in Inuvik and I have the following reply:

- (1) It should be borne in mind that the federal government is proposing to replace the Juvenile Delinquents Act with a young offenders act and this will have the result of raising the juvenile age in the Northwest Territories from 16 to 18. When this happens, persons in the 16 to 18 year age group will no longer be dealt with in our adult correction program and it will be necessary for us to have appropriate alternate services available to deal with this group of offenders. The precise content of the proposed young offenders act will not be known for some months yet.
- (2) The department believes that the treatment of young offenders in Inuvik must be looked at in the light of its total territorial program of services for that particular age group. Although no specific funds have been earmarked in our 1976-77 estimates for young offenders program in Inuvik, we have included funds in our "B" level forecast for 1976-77 to enable us to conduct the planning necessary for the development of specific program approaches.
- (3) With reference to the situation in Inuvik, the Inuvik town council has requested a meeting with me and my officials and we had hoped to meet with them later this month. I understand, however, that due to the imminent departure on vacation of members of the Inuvik town council that they have suggested that this meeting be delayed until September the 9th, 1975.

MR. SPEAKER: I take it then Council is in agreement with us deferring committee of the whole discussion today and would accept the request that we recognize the clock one hour early so that the standing committee on finance may continue its deliberations on the supplementary estimates. This enables this house to be able to deal with them, of course, tomorrow. Is that agreed?

--- Agreed

The only announcement I have is the legislation committee -- first, the finance committee meets right after adjournment and the legislation committee apparently meets this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Arthur Laing building in the Executive board room on the 6th floor.

Orders of the Day, for June 13th.

Orders of the Day

THE CLERK OF COUNCIL (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, June 13th, 9:00 o'clock a.m., Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Opening Address
3. Questions and Returns
4. Oral Questions
5. Presenting Petitions
6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motions
8. Motions
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Continuing Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters, Bill 1-56, Bill 3-56, Bill 5-56, Bill 6-56, Bill 9-56

Proposed Amendments to the Territorial Land Use Regulations

Appointments by Commissioner in Council to the Northwest Territories Water Board and Board of Directors, Northern Canada Power Commission

Information Items

Philosophy Paper on Local Government

Motion 4-56, Current Budget Formulation

MR. SPEAKER: Council stands adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m., Friday, June 13th, at the Explorer Hotel.

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