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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1977.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories was convened in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories at two-thirty o'clock p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 1977, for the first session, 1977, this being the sixty-first session.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Steen, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Butters, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Hon. Peter Ernerk, Mr. Pearson, Hon. David Searle, Hon. Dave Nickerson.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

BISHOP H. G. COOK: Let us pray. Almighty God, from whom cometh all wisdom and power, we, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in session assembled, humbly beseech Thy blessing on our deliberations, to the end that, inspired by Thy divine wisdom, and setting aside all prejudices, private interests and partial affections, we may work to the benefit, welfare and happiness of the people, and to Thy glory. Amen.

SPEAKER (Hon. David Searle): Please be seated, Members, ladies and gentlemen. Before we get the session underway I would like to welcome you on behalf of the Members and I would like to take the opportunity if I could to introduce to the Members, and to the public here, the very distinguished guests we have with us today. In doing so, I would ask you to refrain from applauding until I have finished introducing both parties. The first group I would like to acknowledge is the party with the Honourable James Jerome, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and his colleague Senator Renaude Lapointe, Speaker of the Senate. Could I ask them to stand please. With them are Mr. Maurice Dupras, Member of Parliament; Mr. Walter Baker, Member of Parliament; Mr. Stanley Knowles, Member of Parliament; Mr. Wally Firth, our own Member of Parliament. There he is. Also, Mr. Alistair Fraser, the Clerk of the House. Thank you very much.

---Applause

Now, the second group of dignitaries here this afternoon, equally distinguished of course are the Honourable Warren Allmand, our Minister. Mr. Allmand. With him is Mr. Keith Penner, Member of Parliament, an old friend of ours Mr. Ewan Cotterill, and two very, very good friends of ours Air Marshal Hugh Campbell and of course his tremendous wife Helen.

---Applause

The next item is the presentation of this magnificent piece of furniture here to this House. The presentation will be by the two Speakers, Speaker Jerome and Speaker Lapointe. Just before I ask Deputy Speaker Stewart to escort them here, if I may, I would just like to tell you something about each of these two distinguished parliamentarians.

Mr. James Jerome was first elected in 1968, re-elected in 1972 and 1974. He was elected to the office of Speaker of the House of Commons in September 1974.

Senator Lapointe was appointed to the Senate in November 1971, appointed Speaker of the Senate in September 1974 and, prior to going to the Senate was a very distinguished journalist, being chosen journalist of the year in 1965. Speaker Jerome was and is a lawyer. Deputy Speaker Stewart, would you be so good as to escort the two Speakers?

Address By The Honourable James Jerome

THE HON. JAMES JEROME (Speaker of the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Commissioner, Senator Lapointe, other distinguished Members of the Council of the Northwest Territories, members of the House of Commons of Canada, members of the parliament of Canada, to be more precise who are here. Senator Lapointe has kindly asked me to express our sentiments on behalf of the parliament of Canada in presenting this chair to the Council of the Northwest Territories.

In all of the varied responsibilities that I have had the pleasure to experience as Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada I can hardly think of one, as a matter of fact, I can not think of one that has given me a greater honour and greater pleasure. I find that the reality of the presentation is even greater than the anticipation because we have lived with this idea for some time and in the preparation we had much joy in the anticipation of being here for this moment, but none of that can equal the very great and real satisfaction and pleasure that comes with this very moment.

The history of the presentation of a chair to the Speaker of an assembly, a Speaker of a parliament, is quite interesting and quite varied, and in fact it was over 50 years ago that the chair which I occupy in the Canadian House of Commons was presented to us by the then Speaker of the British House of Commons. Our chair and our parliamentary chamber had been destroyed in a fire, a few years earlier, and so that magnificent chair that I occupy in the House of Commons is a gift and remains a gift from the British House of Commons, the mother of parliaments. It is perhaps a little ironic that the original, of which that chair is an exact replica, was destroyed in the bombings during the second World War and therefore, we have a very cherished possession. One part of that chair I might say has a little bit of history, the one I occupy in Ottawa. The plaque over top of the chair carved from a piece of oak that was taken from Westminster Hall is when it was first -- that panel of oak was put in place in the 12th century. So, we have quite a bit of tradition looking down upon us when we are deliberating over those sessions in the Canadian House of Commons.

We are carrying on some of that tradition and experience in making this presentation to you today, and we are fully cognizant of the fact that we bring over 700 years of parliamentary tradition to you and, as we have been connected to those 700 years of parliamentary tradition in the United Kingdom by the gift of a chair from them to us, so we extend the association with the mother of parliaments for over those 700 years to you in this gift.

History Of The Speaker's Chair

I want to tell you a little bit about the chair itself. It was crafted in our shop in the House of Commons. Now, the House of Commons has a fairly extensive operation employing over 2500 people and a small number of them are carpenters, expert carpenters, and that small group crafted this chair in our very own shop in the House of Commons, but more important than that is that there is present among us today one of our most distinguished associates connected with the House of Commons. I am now reaching for my notes because in paying her tribute I certainly would not want to leave out a single aspect of her very distinguished career, and I refer to the lady who was responsible for the design of this chair from which your Speaker will preside over your meetings in the future. I refer to the official sculptor of Canada since 1961. This lady is with us today and I can tell you she was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, but I will not tell you when. She was educated primarily in Montreal which included studies at St. Paul's Academy, at the Sacred Heart convent, at the Montreal Museum School of Fine Arts,

at the Central College of Arts and Crafts in London, England, at Syracuse University and of course, at the École des Beaux Arts at Montreal. She has an extensive reputation and her works are contained in some of the most impressive private collections around the world, including works in stained glass, in wood, in bronze, in stone, works that have been on display both indoors and outdoors. I could tell you or recite as a litany the important centres of the world, but let me tell you that her works have been on display in almost all of the important centres of the world.

She was a member of the committee of judges to decide the final design for the centennial coins, the centennial medal and the Canadian medal. She is a member of the Craftsmen's Council of Quebec, of the Sculptors' Association and the Platform International Association and we are delighted that she now makes her home about 20 miles north of Ottawa in Whitfield, Quebec, that she is the official sculptor for Canada and is engaged in a work that will probably never end in her lifetime and will be handed by her to another, and that since the reconstruction of the House of Commons in Ottawa, she has been responsible for all the stone carvings in the building. I hope all of you some day will go there and take the time to look at them and admire her handiwork as it has been so represented and so well displayed in the design of this chair. I am referring, and I would ask her to please stand for you, the official sculptor of Canada, and we are pleased to have her with us, Miss Eleanor Rose Milne.

---Applause

Speaker's Association With Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

I will take only one more minute but to tell you that another pleasant responsibility of the Speaker of the House of Commons is in the association with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of which one of the members to which you have previously referred, Mr. Maurice Dupras, is at the moment our president. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association brings Canadian parliamentarians in contact with each other and in turn in contact with parliamentarians of all of the nations of the Commonwealth. There has been some interesting discussion about the form of government here. Let me tell you that in each of the meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association there are discussions about the form of parliament in those Commonwealth nations. Some are a one party system, some have aspects which would support the theory and approach of some of the purists of parliamentary life that some of the essential ingredients of the parliamentary system are not there. I would remind those people of the over 700 years of experience to which we have referred in the United Kingdom parliament. I think it does well to remember that for almost 500 of those 700 years the form of parliamentary government as we now know it did not exist, there was no opposition, there was no political party as we know it in that parliamentary system.

From time to time I think it does us well to pause and realize that if it took the British 500 years to swing around to the niceties of that system, we should have a little patience with emerging countries. I would like also to remind our colleagues in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association that we have the distinct pleasure and privilege right here in Canada of being able to experience every bit of the whole spectrum of parliamentary experience that they have throughout the Commonwealth. Indeed, as we bring from Ottawa the 110 years of parliamentary government there in association with parliamentary government throughout the ten provinces, as we call upon the longer experience of parliamentary government in upper and lower Canada we bring here today the beginnings, through the speakership, through the chair and through the occupancy of that chair the initiation of what I am sure one day will be parliamentary government in its fullest and finest form right here in the territories as and when the territories are ready for it. That is the way it happened in the United Kingdom and that is the way it has happened in every other country in the Commonwealth and it is the hope, of course, of all of us, that that is the way it will happen here, and certainly this example of the Council of the Northwest Territories to this moment has been a splendid example of government of a free and democratic people.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, may I conclude by saying to you that it is the happiest of our responsibilities, Speaker Lapointe and mine through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, from the parliament of Canada to hand to you this chair of which we are so deeply proud and to hope that all of us mark a moment here of the beginning of an association in the finest traditions of parliamentary government which will endure to the benefit of all of the great peoples of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

May we be the first to bow to the new chair?

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: I am sure that the Members would want me on their behalf to just indicate our heartfelt thanks to both Speaker Lapointe and Speaker Jerome for this tremendous gift.

Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain whether the Commissioner is ready to address this House?

ITEM NO. 2: COMMISSIONER'S OPENING ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER (Mr. Hodgson): Please be seated. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Council of the Northwest Territories. Before beginning my Address this afternoon, may I congratulate Council and you, Mr. Speaker, on this magnificent addition to the Council chamber of a Speaker's chair. In Canadian parliamentary life, there are many fine traditions embodied within the Senate, the House of Commons, and provincial legislatures. Few are more important than that of freedom of speech.

To ensure the right of free speech in any gathering, there usually is a moderator, a chairman, or perhaps even a referee. In parliament, as in the Senate, the Speaker is elected to assume this and other responsibilities, and an appropriate chair, placed in a suitable setting within an appropriate chamber, for generations has been part of these institutions. Here in the territories, until today we were one of the last legislative groups to receive a Speaker's chair.

We have yet to build a legislative building, and over the years the territorial Council has met in a variety of buildings in a number of communities. Two years ago, at the commencement of this present Council, for the first time you elected a Speaker to conduct the business of this Council along the traditional lines of Canadian parliament. This afternoon you have been given this magnificent chair, which no doubt as the years pass will gain in significance.

I was privileged some years ago to sit in the first Speaker's chair ever used in the Northwest Territories. With the breakup of the old North West Territories in 1905, the chair was retired to the museum. I must say that this new chair not only overshadows the original chair in size but also in stature, as my research tells me the original chair was provided more or less as an afterthought, as the Speaker had to sit somewhere, whereas this chair has been presented to this Council by the House of Commons. To me this indicates that the House recognizes the steady progress being made in the North towards responsible government. While there is still some way to go until all your goals are achieved, I do think that with the addition of this chair to the Council, it does indicate that the years of hard work by this and previous Councils have not gone unnoticed.

Up until two years ago, I used to be the Speaker of this auspicious body, and if you will permit I might add I never dreamed that on giving up that honourable office, my successor would be so fortunate as to obtain such a marvelous piece of furniture and equipment to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibility. I am grateful, therefore, that you have given me the privilege and opportunity of being the first to make use of it. Let me assure you, however, it is my firm hope that I will not be the last.

Recognition Of Honoured Guests

May I join you, Mr. Speaker, in welcoming the many honoured guests who are in the chamber today: The Honourable Renaude Lapointe, Speaker of the Senate; the Honourable James Jerome, Speaker of the House of Commons; the Honourable Warren Allmand, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs; Mr. Maurice Dupras, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian main branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; Mr. Walter Baker, M.P.; Mr. Stanley Knowles, M.P.; Mr. Keith Penner, M.P., parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs; Mr. Alistair Fraser, Clerk of the House of Commons; and former long-time member of this Council, Air Marshal Hugh Campbell.

The Principal Preoccupations

Each year, as your Commissioner, take the opportunity as I open the first Council session of the new year, to report to you the accomplishments of Council and the administration for the past year, the government's plans for the new year, the business to be brought before Council, and other matters of interest. A year ago I drew to your attention the three main preoccupations of the citizens of the Northwest Territories. They were the proposal to build a Mackenzie Valley pipeline, land claims, and the future of government within the Northwest Territories. These three items still remain the principal preoccupations. Hopefully during 1977 some clarification and understanding, or perhaps some conclusions and decisions can be reached in order to allow Canadians in general, and northerners in particular, some idea of what the future holds.

While it is important that time be given to sort out, research, investigate and discuss any and all of these items, nevertheless planning is important and it is difficult to plan unless those given the responsibility for planning know what they are planning for. In the North these days, unfortunately there is very little that can be achieved without money. Once upon a time, in the North, this was not so.

Many years ago, the North was truly independent, and what happened in the rest of the world, or for that matter in Canada, was of little importance. Today in the last quarter of the 20th century, this is no longer the case. It is no longer a question of changes that are coming, as the changes are already here, having been started some 20 years ago. Therefore, it would seem to me that as much time as possible is needed if we are to gain any insight as to what the future holds for us tomorrow so that we can adequately plan today.

Expenditures Of The Government

Certainly within the Northwest Territories government we are no different than anyone else. Each year the Government of Canada gives us very generous financial support to carry out the goals and objectives of both this Council and the administration. Our budget for the current year, 1976-77, is \$44,157,000 for capital and \$161,384,000 for operation and maintenance. As this Council very thoroughly scrutinized the estimates before passing the budget, I think it unnecessary for me to go into any extensive review on the expenditures. However, I might draw to your attention one or two items of interest.

Some years ago when expenditures were much less, we were not required to account for, or for that matter justify every dollar that was spent. This is no longer the case. The Auditor General, parliament, the Government of Canada, this Council, and the general public demand, as they should, a proper and modern up-to-date reporting system, and so it has been necessary for the Department of Finance to design and implement a much better system of control that would monitor, report and control progress on systems projects. To achieve this, a new computer was installed, many new systems and controls were implemented, and more reports and documentation are now provided the federal government to satisfy cabinet and parliament that moneys being spent by this administration is properly handled.

Decentralization

At the same time, as we have continued our policy to decentralize, it means that more and more funds are being turned over to the control and trust of other groups, and it requires improved financial competence in communities and organizations to ensure that the funds are being spent in the proper manner. A broad program of training for councils and council staffs at both the community and municipal level has been initiated. The first four elements in this new program were held at Frobisher Bay and Fort Smith, with 81 people taking part including councillors, settlement secretaries, hamlet secretaries, band secretaries, and people employed by co-ops, housing associations, hunters' and trappers' associations, and native organizations.

The hamlets of Pangnirtung and Frobisher Bay were assisted in overcoming management and financial problems. Four new hamlets, Igloolik, Arctic Bay, Sanikiluaq, and Whale Cove, were incorporated, and a new training program for the operation and maintenance of airports under the control of the territorial government was completed at Coral Harbour. Training was provided to 15 northerners, six employed as airport administrators with weather observation and radio operator responsibilities, and nine as airport maintenance staff.

Speaking of education, this Council has spent much time discussing the new Education Ordinance. While the ordinance is of major importance, the Department of Education has been involved in a number of other items. During the fall of 1976 tentative agreement was reached on the use of a writing system for those using Dene languages in the schools. The program development division, at the request of the Inuit Cultural Institute, agreed in September 1976 to introduce the new Roman and syllabic writing system into the schools and adult education centres. Two language workbooks have been completed using the new approved writing system. An Inuit history project based on the fifth Thule expedition was completed in August 1976. During 1976 the division assisted the Metis Association in the production of the book called "Our Metis Heritage". A Dene history project based on the customs, beliefs and traditions of the four major Dene language groups was completed in December of 1976.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism took the lead in the decentralization to the regions. It is hoped that the process and method utilized to effect this will serve as a lead and model for the rest of the government.

They also report the successful establishment of a furniture plant at Hay River, and that the department has entered into two management agreements with the Tuktoyaktuk fur garment co-op to revitalize their fur garment manufacturing operation.

Tourist development grants were given to assist in the establishment of hotels owned and operated by northern residents at Baker Lake and Fort McPherson.

Health Services

On September 10th of last year the Honourable Marc Lalonde opened the new Hay River health centre. I am pleased to report an architect has been appointed in connection with the Fort Smith health centre, and that a site has been selected and architectural planning is well underway. The architects have also been appointed for the purpose of the expansion of the Stanton Yellowknife hospital. The territorial government hopes to develop this health facility as a territorial referral centre.

Additional specialty services have been established at the Stanton Yellowknife hospital, which include ophthalmological service, ear, nose and throat, speech and hearing, an expanded nutritional program, and consultation service in physiotherapy.

Discussions are underway with the University of Calgary for the possible implementation of a medical residency program at this hospital. The Department of Social Development also introduced a subsidized term employment program with the objective of providing wage employment to underemployed employable recipients.

Municipal Services

Among the many construction projects undertaken during the year were improvements to municipal services. New water supply systems have been completed at Eskimo Point, Fort Wrigley and Fort Norman, and improvements made to the reservoir at Pangnirtung. Major municipal service projects are ongoing at Norman Wells, Frobisher Bay, Resolute Bay and Rankin Inlet.

Fire alarm systems have been upgraded in many locations and standby generators have now been installed in virtually all of the larger schools in the event of power failures in these communities.

Major construction completed were the new school at Gjoa Haven and additions to the schools at Yellowknife and Fort McPherson. Reconstruction of the highway between Yellowknife and Fort Rae, a three year construction program, has been completed.

The newly formed game advisory council, with representatives from the three major native organizations and two appointees representing the interests of hunters, game outfitters and other users of the game resource, held four meetings last year. Their deliberations centred largely around the proposed new wildlife ordinance.

The Territorial Museum

Work has continued on the territorial central museum, with the first phase being completed late in the year. Dr. R. Janes was appointed director of the museum and recruitment has begun for curatorial, technical and clerical staff for the museum.

I am pleased to announce at this time that Her Majesty The Queen has kindly consented to the museum being named "The Prince of Wales Museum" after His Royal Highness Prince Charles. During his visit to the territories in 1975, His Royal Highness expressed a special interest in the territorial museum program and readily endorsed the suggestion that the museum be named in his honour.

Six travelling exhibits representing facets of the Inuit and Thule culture are being circulated among Arctic communities courtesy of the archaeological survey of Canada.

The Northwest Territories heritage council was formed with representation from various Northwest Territories ethnic groups, historians, and museologists with special interests in the North.

The Northwest Territories took part in the fourth Arctic Winter Games held at Schefferville, Quebec. Over 1000 athletes from across the territories competed in the playdowns for positions on the 246 member contingent representing the Northwest Territories. A 45 member contingent travelled to Montreal as part of the cultural exhibition carried out in conjunction with the Olympics. This group demonstrated traditional northern games, drum dancing, singing, carving and craftwork to visitors from around the world.

Collective agreements were negotiated and signed with the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association and the Public Service Association. Personnel reports major investments in formal training activities with courses on managing, the new collective agreement, administration of appraisals, letter writing and supervisory skills.

The government published a series of books last year, including "The Book of the Dene", "Tales of the Shamans", a native craft book, "The Thule Expedition", "Kids Can Cook", and a biography of Captain Francis Crozier titled "Second in Command".

In August of last year, the registry division was divided into two sections with new registrars appointed, providing a legal registry section for registration, and a filing service for the legal profession and general public. A new license issuing office was established at Fort Providence.

The safety division operated and co-sponsored community safety programs throughout the territories.

Steady progress has been made in the number and variety of consumer complaints and inquiries handled, as the general public took advantage of the service offered by the consumer affairs division. A steady climb in the use of legal aid was also noted as a reflection of the increase in cases coming before the territorial courts.

Phase one of the townsite at Strathcona Sound will be completed on April 1st of this year, as the mine went into production on schedule last October. The objective in terms of native employment has been surpassed by the company, with 63 northerners employed full time. A comprehensive consultation program on the possible development of the lead-zinc property on Little Cornwallis Island was carried out.

Improvement Of Community Level Services

During 1977 major emphasis will be focused on the continued development of the necessary framework and skills to assist councils to provide services and programs at the community level. A total of 18 training workshops are planned for this year. The airport training program will be expanded to provide northerners with the skills to operate and maintain approximately 35 airports that are now the operational responsibility of the territorial government.

New hamlets are planned for Baker Lake, Eskimo Point and Repulse Bay.

It is anticipated that the Department of Education will be reorganized and streamlined, and a new native language and cultural division will be formed. This new division, among other responsibilities, will introduce the Inuktitut writing system approved by the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada language commission into the school system, and will continue working with the Athapaskan language steering committee established last November.

Emphasis will be placed on adult literacy programs. Program outlines will be developed for vocational training in electronics, carpentry, cooking and food services. A series of training programs for northern people will be introduced, leading to qualification as adult educators, home management educators, instructors and resident supervisors. Additions are planned at the Cape Dorset and Pine Point schools, and a trades complex will be added to the Adult Vocational Training Centre in Fort Smith.

The government will continue to upgrade the level of health services available within the Northwest Territories through the development of a regional laboratory service at Stanton Yellowknife hospital, and through efforts to recruit additional full time resident specialists in medicine and related health services. At the same time, the administration will continue efforts to finalize a plan for the transfer of responsibility of all health services from the federal government to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

It is hoped that the game advisory council will complete its community consultations on game laws and its review of the proposed new wildlife ordinance. Following the review of the final draft, this ordinance should be ready to be placed before the territorial Council in a special session to be proposed for next fall. At the same time a new program of conservation education will be initiated, the purpose to explain wildlife laws to the public and to report to the communities on wildlife management studies and surveys.

Work will begin on the final phase of the new "Prince of Wales Museum" in the spring, and it is hoped that work will be finished by the end of the year, with the official opening planned for the summer of 1978. Imperial Oil has donated \$10,000 to the territorial central museum to be used for the purchase of Mr. Don Cardinal paintings. On behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories, I want to thank them very much for their very sincere and kind donation. Plans are underway to have the Northwest Territories participate in the August 1977 Canada Summer Games to be held at St. John's, Newfoundland.

The government hopes to accelerate the program of encouraging home ownership among the public service. There will be a general review of the sale of staff housing in Yellowknife, with the intention of stepping up this program and extending it to other communities.

Interpreter-Translator Services

The government recognizes the need to provide better translation and interpretation services. There are now 23 interpreter-translator positions with interpreters located at Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Yellowknife, Inuvik and Cambridge Bay. It is recognized that without proper communication and translation, it is difficult

*Commissioner O'Brien
Address*

to achieve total understanding. Therefore, it will be necessary to translate into native languages more and more material of major importance being readied for presentation to councils at the territorial, municipal, hamlet and settlement levels. While it is recognized there may be differences of opinion on the approach, nevertheless if all people in the North are seen to have representation and input, then every effort must be made to have an informed public.

A new written drivers' examination is being designed to be used in conjunction with an eye testing machine in driver testing.

Hopefully plans of the highway transport board for increased contact with the Alberta motor transport board and the Yukon authorities regarding joint public hearings and uniform regulations will be successful.

A new program of industrial safety inspections and investigations will be added. Additional training of fire departments will be centralized on an area basis.

Preparation of a labour relations ordinance for the territories, to enable this government to administer the activities, the certification of trade unions, collective bargaining, and the servicing of industrial grievances and disputes is foreseen for 1977. Work on the new ordinance is all but completed and it is hoped we will be able to introduce these changes when Bill 72 is passed by the federal government.

It is the aim of the legal division to accept responsibility for the prosecution of offences under all territorial ordinances. 1977 will see court services expand to Hay River, facilities to include a resident magistrate and support staff. Resident magistrates for Inuvik and Frobisher Bay are also being planned for the future.

The airport at Nanisivik Mines will be extended to 6400 feet, and construction of phase two of the townsite development will begin, with continued emphasis being placed on training and employment opportunities for native people.

Projects proposed for 1977 include the initial phase of regional planning for the south Mackenzie and the central High Arctic. A major review will begin on the five year capital planning, which will involve region and community councils.

The science advisory board under the chairmanship of Dr. Omond Solandt will open a small office at Yellowknife.

Housing Programs

During the session this Assembly will also deal with expanding housing initiatives as proposed by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation of the Government of the Northwest Territories. We all agree that the provision of basic shelter is one of our highest priorities. In these times of high construction and operating costs, however, we must all temper our expectations with realism. Considerable progress has been made in housing programs and over the last four years to the extent that up to 400 modern type houses per year are now being delivered to the settlements of the Northwest Territories.

While you would, no doubt, wish to considerably expand the delivery of new houses to the communities, you will have to consider the need toward more community involvement in planning and administration for housing programs. Continued local participation in the design, delivery, construction and management of housing is a goal that we must support.

Home ownership remains one elusive goal that we have difficulties attaining. In the light of the economic circumstances of the day, we must accept the need to encourage those home ownership programs that will involve a greater degree of personal contribution and self-determination. It seems to me that the "sweat equity" concept of house construction will need to receive more emphasis. In addition, we will need to look toward more energy saving multiple projects and toward comprehensive rehabilitation projects.

During the year, the administration plans an increase of 50 in-service training positions, bringing the total number of training positions to 93. The provisions of the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualifications Ordinance will be implemented with the appointment of five members to the apprenticeship and tradesmen's qualifications board and to the trades advisory committee. The latter will have equal representation of employees and employers, with one government representative.

Plans are now underway to provide new courthouse facilities in the city of Yellowknife. While in the initial stages, it had been hoped to construct these facilities at the capital site, but because of the shortage of construction dollars and the many facilities needed throughout the territories, it has been decided to lease space in private facilities. This will free up construction dollars for other requirements. The government will call for proposals to construct and/or accommodate court services for both the supreme court and the magistrate's court, while at the same time locating related services of the Department of Public Services under one roof.

Community College For The N.W.T.

The next major undertaking of the administration will be a community college for the Northwest Territories. Preliminary studies and discussion are already under way. While it is not expected to be able to open this facility until the end of this decade, it is deemed to be of major importance that an all-out drive get under way to provide post secondary education within the Northwest Territories. As yet, no specific formula has been accepted, but with the finalization of the museum and recent decisions on the provision of court facilities, the provision of a college for the North becomes our number one project.

Senior Personnel Changes

Since we last met, the administration has made a number of senior personnel changes. With the move of Mr. Macpherson to head up the Ottawa liaison office, Mr. Brian Lewis has been appointed director of the Department of Education, and Mr. Gerard Mulders has been promoted to assistant director.

In December, Mr. Joe Bergasse, a long time member of the territorial government, announced his resignation to return to the family business in the West Indies. Over the years he has rendered valuable and dedicated service to both the federal and territorial governments. We appreciate his many years of continued first class service to this administration and Council. He will be missed, and I want at this time to thank him and wish him the very best.

At this time I want to announce that Mr. Ivor Stewart, regional director of the Inuvik region, will be moving to Yellowknife to assume the directorship of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. At my request, Mr. Bergasse has agreed to stay on until some time in March, until Mr. Stewart is able to complete the transfer. A new director for the regional office will be announced hopefully prior to the end of this Council session.

In each and every community across the territories, northerners have come forward to serve in the capacity of justice of the peace. Over the years we have received good service from these people acting in this capacity. People in the communities support the justice of the peace system and have come to recognize the fair and just manner in which these citizens carry out their responsibilities.

No one has given longer or more faithful service than Mr. John Anderson-Thomson of Yellowknife, who was appointed a justice of the peace on the 23rd of November, 1954. As Mr. Anderson-Thomson is now stepping down as a justice of the peace, I want to acknowledge the years of faithful and honourable service he has given, both to his community and to Canada, and to thank him. He has, however, agreed to continue to carry on with two of his appointments-- that of notary public and a marriage commissioner. I can only hope that the service he renders in the latter is as thorough as the service that he has rendered these past years as a justice of the peace. He is to receive a plaque marking his years as a justice of the peace at the conclusion of my remarks.

Air Marshal Hugh Campbell

When I joined Council in the spring of 1964, the first Council member I met was Air Marshal Hugh Campbell. For eleven years the Air Marshal faithfully and diligently gave service to the North in his capacity as a member of the territorial Council. In 1975 when the act was changed to an elected Council, Air Marshal Campbell stepped down with the knowledge and satisfaction that he had pioneered many new trails and contributed much to the progress of northern Canada.

Prior to joining the Council, Air Marshal Campbell had seen distinguished service with the Royal Canadian Air Force, rising through the ranks from a flying officer to chief of staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Air Marshal's achievements and accomplishments are too many for me to mention at this time. He has joined us here today at the invitation of the territorial Council, as it was his instigation that brought about the presentation you have seen earlier this afternoon.

I would like to announce at this time that Air Marshal Campbell has been selected as a recipient of the Commissioner's Award for public service, and to alert him that immediately upon the conclusion of my address I am going to ask the Speaker for permission to present him the award.

This year is the year of The Queen's Jubilee. Celebrations will take place in all Commonwealth countries, and while plans have not been announced as yet in connection with Her Majesty's Jubilee celebrations, I am certain that the Northwest Territories will join with the rest of Canada in marking this occasion. I am sure that the good wishes and congratulations of the people of the territories go out to Her Majesty on the occasion of this, the 25th anniversary of her coronation.

January 18th marked the announcement ten years ago that Yellowknife would become the capital of the Northwest Territories, and September 18th will be the tenth anniversary of the arrival of the then fledgling territorial administration. Plans will be announced later this year to celebrate in some suitable manner and mark both the silver jubilee and the tenth anniversary of the Northwest Territories government's arrival in the Northwest Territories.

Death Of Two Great Northerners

Since our session of last January, I am sad to note the passing of two great northerners. The first, Mr. Lucius Kayak of Pond Inlet, passed away on July 2nd, 1976. Mr. Kayak was well known, not only in the North but across Canada. He was one of the early recipients of the Order of Canada and was invested as an officer at Ottawa in 1970. This year's Commissioner's Annual Report is dedicated to Mr. Kayak as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, and to immortalize his valuable service to his community, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who he served for so many years, and to his country.

The other, Mr. Des Fogg, who for many years served as secretary to the Executive and my special assistant, passed away in October. He will be remembered for the great contribution that he made to his colleagues, to this Council, and to the government. Both of these men served Canada well.

Later in the session, the administration will table a white paper dealing with the question of transferring responsibility to communities and delegating responsibilities within the Government of the Northwest Territories from headquarters to the regions. The paper will not outline a detailed course of action, but will outline a process of consultation aimed at allowing communities to decide on the kinds of further involvement they would like to have in managing public affairs in those communities. The purpose of the white paper is to help to focus discussion of this legislature and communities on the whole issue.

Bills To Be Considered

In accordance with our usual practice, the single most important matter to be placed before the Council at this session will be the Appropriation Ordinance to provide the required funds to carry out territorial government operations for the forthcoming fiscal year which commences on April 1st. For these purposes you will be asked to approve an amount of \$243,464,000.

A third Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance to obtain approval for expenditures in the remainder of the current fiscal year which could not have been previously anticipated will also be placed before you for your approval.

By enactment of the Loan Authorization Ordinance, the Commissioner will be authorized to borrow funds from the Government of Canada to finance loans to municipalities for capital purposes and to make loans to third parties for second mortgages.

The Financial Agreement Ordinance will authorize the Commissioner to enter into and execute an agreement with the Government of Canada providing for the payment of operating and capital grants to the Government of the Northwest Territories by the enactment of an Appropriation Ordinance.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation will be authorized to borrow funds from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to carry out programs provided for by the National Housing Act.

A revised Workers' Compensation Ordinance will establish an insurance fund, will provide for an increase in compensation benefits, and will generally revise and clarify the existing legislation.

By an amendment to the Municipal Ordinance, justices of the peace will become eligible for election to municipal councils.

An amendment to the Council Ordinance will remove the existing provision for the payment to Members of a per diem expense allowance while attending sessions and committee meetings, and will in its place make provision for the payment of actual expenses.

As has become customary with this Legislature, representatives of the Auditor General of Canada will be present during this session to report on the territorial public accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976.

You will also be provided with an opportunity to consider the report of the federal government task force on energy costs in the North.

A proposed integrated housing policy for the Northwest Territories will be introduced for your consideration.

In addition, you will be asked to examine policy proposals regarding the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance relating to economic development.

I now commend to your consideration and wise judgement, the business of this House, as I declare open this 61st session of the Council of the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

Presentations Of Commissioner's Awards

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Assembly, with your permission I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to make two presentations. If you will permit the Clerk of the Council to escort Mr. John Anderson-Thomson to the dais, I will proceed with his presentation. Come up here, John. I think there is room enough for all of us.

This plaque is presented to Mr. John Anderson-Thomson, Bachelor of Science, B.L.S., in grateful recognition of his 22 years service and dedication of meritorious service to the people of the Northwest Territories as a justice of the peace. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Assembly here, of the administration, the people of Yellowknife and the territories, to present this plaque to you in appreciation for your many years of service as a member of the justice of the peace.

---Applause

Congratulations, John!

MR. ANDERSON-THOMSON: Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I could ask the Clerk of the Council to escort Air Marshal Campbell to the dais, I will proceed with the presentation of the Commissioner's Award to the Air Marshal. Members of Council will remember that in 1967 the Commissioner's Award was brought into being by the former Commissioner and each year it is presented to a person giving worthy service to the government and the people of the Northwest Territories. Congratulations, Hugh!

AIR MARSHAL CAMPBELL: Thank you very much.

THE COMMISSIONER: The Commissioner's Award for public service presented to Air Marshal Campbell, C.B.E., Cross of St. James, C.D., B.Sc., LL.D., D.S.C., in recognition of his many years of most dedicated services as a member of the Council of the Northwest Territories, from May 21st, 1964 to January 21st, 1975.

He directed his very considerable energies throughout this period primarily toward the attainment of increased self-determination by the Assembly in the development of an improved standard of living for all northern residents, the establishment of the advisory commission on the development of the Northwest Territories, the Carrothers Commission, the Centennial celebrations of 1970 and means to better enable members to properly represent their constituencies, the creation of the Northwest Territories branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and of the Order of St. John are among the more significant accomplishments for which he was chiefly responsible.

Presented by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to Air Marshal Hugh Campbell of Ottawa, Ontario, to recognize his very significant personal contribution to the development of the Northwest Territories during his many years as a member of the Council of the Northwest Territories.

Air Marshal Campbell, on behalf of the people of the territories and this Council, it gives me great pleasure to present this, the Commissioner's Award, for 1976, to you, sir.

---Applause

AIR MARSHAL CAMPBELL: Thank you indeed very much. Mr. Commissioner, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly, friends, may I now say what I said to the Commissioner a couple of minutes ago? Mr. Commissioner, you overrate me and this I think to be the case. Nevertheless, I appreciate very much being recognized in this manner. There is no organization that I have been associated with that I have enjoyed more and got more satisfaction out of than being a member of the Northwest Territories Council. Thank you very much indeed.

---Applause

Presentation To Mrs. Helen Campbell

THE COMMISSIONER: Air Marshal Campbell, I may have overrated you but I do not think so. I know someone who never overrated you and that was your good wife, Helen. But I can tell you this, the many years that you spent up here serving on the Council of the Northwest Territories she missed you a lot and we really owe her an apology for all those lonely days that she spent looking after the Campbell fortunes while you were doing your public duty.

I am going to ask the Clerk to escort Mrs. Helen Campbell to the dais and I would like to make a little presentation to her. Helen, he would never have made it if it had not been for you. On behalf of all of us here I would like to present this carving to you and that is a replica of you looking down through the ice trying to find the Air Marshal.

---Laughter

We will get the aide-de-camp corps to help you carry it out. That is for all those long years that you spent without your husband. Thank you very much.

MRS. CAMPBELL: Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Members of the Legislative Assembly, ladies and gentlemen, the next item of business, a very pleasant item, is for me to introduce to you the Honourable Warren Allmand, Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grace. I do not think that I need say very much about his past. I think we all know him well. We know of his fame. We know his past portfolio as solicitor general. He has recently been appointed Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and he is here this afternoon to speak to the House. Mr. Stewart, would you be so good as to escort the Honourable Minister here, please?

Honourable Warren Allmand's Address

HON. WARREN ALLMAND (Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs): Mr. Speaker Searle, Commissioner Hodgson, Members of Council, Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons, my colleagues in the House, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen; in addressing to you today at the first session of the Northwest Territories Council for 1977, I am acutely conscious that this will be a year of great significance for all northerners. It will be particularly important for Members of this Council.

In fact it is safe to say that events we can anticipate during the coming year could, more than any in recent memory, shape the destiny of northern society for years to come. In the course of this year the federal government will face decisions about the several applications we have received for the construction of northern pipelines. A corresponding situation will arise this year for the new government of the United States.

There is not yet, neither in the North nor South, any clear consensus on what these decisions should be. We are still awaiting expert opinions and considered advice, based on exhaustive inquiry. The various alternatives are still open. Whatever the decisions may be, the impact on the North and its residents will be direct and substantial.

At the same time in 1977, many of the key issues involved in dealing with the land claims of northern native peoples are likely to be raised for prompt government decision. Some of them have been identified already, though further clarification is needed and is being sought. The decisions on pipelines and claims are closely related to one another and, in turn, they are bound to affect the course of political development in the northern territories. As these decisions take shape, they make it possible to proceed with an examination of further

steps that might be taken toward responsible government in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Constitutional Evolution

Today it is more important than ever that steps forward in constitutional evolution should involve all the people and interests concerned. In addition to considering what steps might be taken, the government will be giving careful thought to what the processes should be for consulting interested groups in the northern territories about them.

A major complication in determining government policy in the North has always been the sensitivity of northern situations to external influences. This is clearly illustrated in the case of the pipeline options currently under review. The key decisions must take into account major factors arising outside the North. The decisions are likely to be influenced by those factors to a large extent. These include the impact of the costs of pipeline construction on the national economy, the evaluation of the demand for and deliverability of frontier gas to markets in southern Canada. International forces are in play as well.

These and other significant circumstances create a very complex situation which the government must assess with the utmost care, because of the far reaching effects of its decisions for the whole country. I need not tell you how important those effects may be in the north. Current levels of economic activity within the Northwest Territories, but particularly in the Mackenzie, are to a very large extent the by-product of vigorous programs of exploration for oil and gas that have been carried out in recent years. Exploration in turn is sensitive to national and international energy requirements and prices. As well, it is bound to be greatly influenced by government decisions on transportation systems for northern oil and gas.

As I suggested earlier, there are factors of major national concern in play but the government must also be aware of regional concerns, beginning with the heavy dependency on the future development of oil and gas in the north. We are all aware of the extensive assessments that have been made concerning employment and other economic opportunities, linked with oil and gas development.

Opportunities For Employment And Economic Enterprise.

I believe that opportunities for employment and economic enterprise must be readily available for all northerners, native and non-native alike. There must be openings for the labour force which is growing rapidly as young people emerge from the northern school system. Clearly traditional activities, important as they are, alone can no longer sustain a healthy economy in the territories.

As the Minister responsible, I acknowledge fully this requirement to build a healthy and resilient economy in both territories. It is a requirement that should be met no matter what decision is made on the pipeline. I believe, whether or not a pipeline is to be built, we should seek to reduce the dependence of the northern economy on oil and gas exploration.

Here I think it appropriate to announce that the federal government has approved, on the advice of the Commissioners in both northern territories and my colleague, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, a new approach to regional economic expansion in the North.

With growing justification and insistence, northern residents have complained that they were being denied the benefits of general industrial incentive programs and the multi-dimensional approach to joint planning that have characterized DREE, Department of Regional Economic Expansion, activities in the provinces. Accordingly, the federal government has decided in principle to extend DREE-type programs to the North and would welcome the views of northerners on the proposal. The approach would emphasize both economic development and social adjustment. It involves participation by northern residents, both in the planning process and the implementation of programs.

The main element would be a general development agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal government. In preparing the general development agreement, we expect to draw on the experience of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in its co-operative endeavours with provinces.

In addition to discussions with the territorial government, I envisage consultations with all interested groups about the possible introduction of certain DREE programs in the Northwest Territories. In particular I intend that, through consultations with native groups, improvement can be brought about in the economic position and role of the native people in northern society. As far as I am concerned, this should be one of the principal achievements sought through the general development agreement.

Communications In The North

My colleague, the Minister of Communications, has asked me to make another announcement on behalf of the government. Unfortunately the Hon. Jeanne Sauve could not come to Yellowknife but she is represented here by her parliamentary secretary Mr. Ross Mills who is here today. This announcement relates to communications policy for the Northwest Territories. As recently approved by cabinet, that policy rests on the principle that a minimum level of communication services should be established as a priority, at all communities throughout the North, comparable to similar communities in the South. This should happen as quickly as public and private funds become available.

Given the limits currently imposed on federal spending, we decided to begin in the North by providing reliable telephone services to all communities. CBC radio and television would be added when further funds become available. I understand that the Government of the Northwest Territories shares our view that telephone service should take priority.

Accordingly, the government has established a funding program, to be known as the Northern Communications Assistance Program, NCAP, under which the federal government will contribute approximately nine million dollars in capital over the next five years. Bell Canada and Canadian National Telecommunications will invest a similar amount in capital and operating funds for local exchange equipment and to cover operating costs for telephone circuits, during the same period of time.

The program will be administered by the Department of Communications, and is intended to provide the communications facilities required to bring reliable long distance telephone service to all communities in the Northwest Territories. Federal officials are currently negotiating formal agreements with Bell Canada, Canadian National Telecommunications and Telesat Canada. I am to assure you that when these discussions begin to focus on implementation schedules and priorities for serving individual communities, the territorial government will be brought into the negotiations and given the opportunity to play a full role in deciding these matters. This new program will extend facilities to the most remote communities in the country and will place Canada first among all Arctic nations in providing public telephone service.

Economic Effects Of Pipelines

I referred earlier to the economic effects of the impending decisions on northern pipelines. They are certainly important but are not the only matters of direct concern to northerners. Each of the pipelines proposed so far for the North entails major social and environmental consequences.

The nature of these consequences has prompted the government to adopt measures, designed to ensure that northerners were able to exert a marked degree of influence on any pipeline development. We have been seeking, and we welcome public comment on social, environmental and economic effects of a pipeline, both during and after its construction. We want to ensure, as far as possible, that any negative effects of a pipeline are kept to a minimum, that northerners are prepared for them, and that the pipeline, if proceeded with, will provide lasting benefits to northern communities and people affected by it.

The government recognized this from the beginning, and it was with this in mind that Justice Thomas Berger was commissioned to conduct a full inquiry into the terms and conditions that should be attached to a pipeline right-of-way down the Mackenzie Valley. This report is expected to be available some time in April, and it is my intention to move quickly, along with the territorial government and other federal departments, in reacting to its recommendations.

Native Land Claims

The other important issues to be faced during the coming year relate to the native land claims. Most Canadians, certainly most northerners, are now broadly aware of the main lines of approach to the negotiated settlement of such claims. We have seen in the Alaska settlement, in the James Bay agreement, and in claims discussions elsewhere, the inclusion of such elements as land allocation, cash compensation, resource revenue sharing and native participation in local development. In the North, however, the claims place a rather special significance on the extent to which the native people wish to be involved in political life in the territories.

Since 1973, it has been a basic tenet of Canadian government policy that Indian and Inuit claims must be settled through negotiation with the native groups concerned. Where traditional native interest in lands can be established, agreed forms of compensation will be provided to the native groups concerned for the loss of that interest.

We have recognized all along, moreover, that these land claims involve more than material compensation in the various forms I have mentioned. The government seeks, through negotiated arrangements, to ensure that native people have both the economic and political power to make their own choices and take their own place in the evolution of Canadian society.

It is still too early for me to suggest when the land claims in the North will be settled, or what the nature of the settlements will be. It is quite clear, however, from claims documents we have already received, and from discussions we have had so far with representatives of the northern native peoples, that they see land claims as a means of gaining greater control of their own affairs and of ensuring them of a strong and durable position within the economy and political life of the North.

It follows that the views and concerns of native groups are likely to have a substantial influence and impact on future political development in both territories. As far as I am concerned, this is an essential element in the evolution of political institutions in the North. Because this is so, we in the federal government are anxious to get to grips with the basic issues in claims negotiations with all the northern native groups. We want to get started on consultative and negotiating processes that will encourage a steady movement toward the settlement of claims and the evolution of self-government. We are determined to maintain the momentum of political development that has taken place in the North during the past ten years.

When we talk about pipelines, claims and political advance, they are all part of the comprehensive policy for northern development which my predecessor, Mr. Chretien, announced on behalf of the federal government in March of 1972. It is a policy that has been unfolding since that time but which has also been adjusting to rapidly changing circumstances, both in the North and in Canada at large. Above all we have sought to make it responsive to the views and concerns of the people most concerned. I mean all of the people who make the northland their home.

This is why I have emphasized since my appointment my intention to visit the Northwest Territories and the Yukon as often as I can, to speak with northerners and more importantly, to listen to them. This is why I am here today and why I have been sharing with Council these thoughts about the year that lies ahead.

Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: I am sure gentlemen you would like me to on your behalf thank the Minister very sincerely for coming here today and saying those words to us. Mr. Stewart, did you have something?

Motion Of Appreciation To Speakers Jerome And Lapointe.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I think it only appropriate that the first business of this House should be a motion of appreciation to Speaker Jerome of the House of Commons, and Speaker Lapointe of the Senate for the presentation of such a beautiful chair to this House and I would so move.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there unanimous consent for a motion of appreciation, is it agreed?

---Agreed

Motion Carried

Mr. Stewart so moves and is there a seconder? Mr. Pearson seconds. The question being called. All in favour? It is unanimously carried.

---Carried

Turning to the orders of the day, Item 3, notices of motions for first reading of bills, Bill 1-61, Hon. Peter Ernerk.

ITEM NO. 3: NOTICES OF MOTIONS TO INTRODUCE BILLS FOR FIRST READING.

Bill 1-61: Council Ordinance

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on January 24, 1977, I shall move that Bill 1-61, An Ordinance to Amend the Council Ordinance be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 3-61, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Bill 3-61: Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I give notice that on Monday, January 24, I shall move that Bill 3-61, An Ordinance Respecting Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Financial Year Ending the 31st day of March, 1978 be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 4-61, Hon. Dave Nickerson.

Bill 4-61: Municipal Ordinance

HON. DAVE NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, the 24th of January, I shall move that Bill 4-61, An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 5-61, Hon. Dave Nickerson.

Bill 5-61: Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Loan Ordinance No. 1, 1977

HON. DAVE NICKERSON: I give notice that on Monday, the 24th of January, I shall move that Bill 5-61, An Ordinance to Authorize the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to Borrow Funds be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 6-61, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Bill 6-61: Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1977

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on January 24, 1977, I shall move that Bill 6-61, An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 7-61, Hon. Dave Nickerson.

Bill 7-61: Loan Authorization Ordinance No. 1, 1977-78

HON. DAVE NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, the 24th of January, I shall move that Bill 7-61, An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow Funds from the Government of Canada and Make Loans to Persons in the Northwest Territories During the Fiscal Year 1977-78 be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 8-61, Hon. Peter Ernerk.

Bill 8-61: Workers' Compensation Ordinance

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on January 24, 1977, I shall move that Bill 8-61, An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be Paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workers in the Course of Their Employment be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 4, tabling of documents. Hon. Peter Ernerk.

ITEM NO. 4: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following documents:

1-61, Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Liquor System;

2-61, Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation;

7-61, Report of the Auditor General for the year ending March 31, 1976.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any further tabling of documents? Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I wish to table the following documents:

3-61, Report of the Orders and Regulations Issued since the 60th Session of the Legislature;

6-61, An Integrated Housing Policy for the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any further tabling of documents? Hon. Dave Nickerson.

HON. DAVE NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following documents:

5-61, Report of the Task Force on Electrical Energy Costs in the North;

7-61, Report to the Legislature of the Northwest Territories on the Examination of the Accounts and Financial Statements of the Northwest Territories Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1975; and

Recommendation to the Legislature 2-61, Policy Respecting Loan Guarantees.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there further documents to be tabled? Before we conclude, may I take this opportunity of thanking our guests for coming, as well as to thank the school band very sincerely for playing for everyone prior to the commencement and to thank you, Mr. Roy Menagh for organizing this. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM NO. 5: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, 9:00 o'clock a.m., January 24, 1977, at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Opening Address
3. Questions and Returns
4. Oral Questions
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motions
8. Motions for the Production of Papers
9. Motions
10. Tabling of Documents
11. First Reading of Bills: Bill 1-61, Bill 3-61, Bill 4-61, Bill 5-61, Bill 6-61, Bill 7-61, Bill 8-61
12. Second Reading of Bills: Bill 1-61, Bill 3-61, Bill 4-61, Bill 5-61, Bill 6-61, Bill 7-61, Bill 8-61
13. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 3-61, Recommendation to the Legislature 2-61
14. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m., January 24, 1977, at the Explorer Hotel.

---ADJOURNMENT

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