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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1978

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Steen, Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Butters, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Hon. Peter Ernerk, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. David Searle, Mr. Nickerson.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. David Searle): Item 2, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 2: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Are there any returns, Deputy Commissioner Parker?

Return To Question W23-64: RCMP Detachment, Broughton Island

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, Question W23-64, on Monday January the 20th, 1978, Mr. Kilabuk asked if there is any possibility of getting an RCM Police detachment to deal with matters in Broughton Island. In the past Broughton Island has been policed by the RCM Police from Pangnirtung who make patrols to Broughton Island from time to time and attend in an emergency when required.

Present plans call for the installation of an RCM Police patrol cabin consisting of a small cell area, an office and living quarters for one RCM Police member to be installed in the summer of 1978. Patrols will be more frequently made from Pangnirtung and the RCM Police member will be able to stay in the patrol cabin for extended periods.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further returns? Are there any written questions? Mr. Butters.

Question W32-64: Anticipated Revenues, Dempster Highway Pipeline System

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, have discussions occurred between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories relative to anticipated revenues to accrue to the Northwest Territories consolidated revenue fund from the Northwest Territories section of the proposed Dempster highway pipeline spur?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W32-64: Anticipated Revenues, Dempster Highway Pipeline System

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, not yet.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Steen.

Question W33-64: Grade Ten Inclusion

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, in view of the proposed cutback of the 27 teacher positions for next year, how does this administration propose to fill the position for grade ten inclusion promised to me on Friday, January 26th, last week for the community of Aklavik?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I had the intention of asking permission at the start of the budget debate today to read a statement with regard to this matter that the Member has just raised because through what is a complete misunderstanding, there has been a storm of protest and concern erupt. If I could be permitted to read this statement which is just one page in length I believe it would answer the question asked as well as questions which I anticipate being asked during committee debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Certainly Deputy Commissioner Parker, if it answers Mr. Steen's question, you are at liberty to read it. What you are really telling us is you did not put Mr. Steen up to asking it?

Return To Question W33-64: Grade Ten Inclusion

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: No I did not. If he had not though, I suspect it would have been asked by others.

Mr. Speaker, during the debate on the Department of Education budget on Monday, January 30th, 1978, I made the statement and I quote, "We are going to try and get along with 27 less teachers in total." That statement was inaccurate and does not represent the actual situation. It has raised concerns among teaching staff and principals in the field as well as with the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association. I regret that I did not make a further explanation during the Department of Education debate.

For the past several months we have been examining our financial base in an effort to correct the base and to bring it into line with our actual current needs. During this exercise we determined that we had been carrying a number of positions in the Department of Education which had not been fully utilized during the past two years. For this reason, we felt that we could safely reduce our man year requirement for the coming fiscal year by 27 man years.

Further study has indicated that this figure may be too high and it is possible that we will be presenting supplementary estimates in May to adjust our Department of Education personnel costs upwards. By reviewing our financial base, it was not our intention to cut back in Department of Education programs or to reduce the level of service. Should enrolment increase beyond forecasted levels, we are prepared as always to provide the necessary personnel and other resources to meet that requirement.

Mr. Speaker, in a nutshell, the matter is a misunderstanding for which I apologize. I apologize because I should have corrected it at the time. We have no intention of reducing the level of service in the Department of Education.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? Mr. Kilabuk.

Question W34-64: Translation For Licences

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the administration to look into the possibility of having Northwest Territories motor vehicles licences and other operator licences translated into Inuktitut. The Eskimo people have difficulty understanding the English versions.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W34-64: Translation For Licences

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I think that the Member raises a concern, that is that licences be in Inuktitut wherever possible. It is a concern that we perhaps should have turned our attention to a lot sooner and although it may take a little while to implement, I believe that I can give a commitment that we will proceed to translate licences and to print them wherever possible in the Inuktitut language.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions? Member for Great Slave Lake.

Question W35-64: Yellowknife Courthouse

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, can the administration tell this House when they plan on moving into the new courthouse in Yellowknife and what they intend on calling this building?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Partial Return To Question W35-64: Yellowknife Courthouse

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, the Executive Members chuckled at that question because strangely enough it was a matter that is under discussion today by the Executive Committee and Assistant Commissioner Mullins has been appointed chairman of a two man committee with our friend Hon. Arnold McCallum as the other member to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the matter of a name for the building as well as recommendations on the opening ceremonies and so forth. The Member asked about the opening date for the building. I believe the building will be available some time in the April-May period and it is likely that the official opening will occur some time in June.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions, gentlemen?

Item 3, oral questions. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: I would like to ask the administration whether or not they are going to take further steps to try and get more stuff coming out of there and close the Yellowknife so they could have more people coming into Yellowknife.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 3, oral questions.

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 5: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, your committee has concluded its consideration of legislation to be introduced at this session and makes the following recommendations:

- (1) That Bill 13-64, An Ordinance Respecting Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists be deferred and reintroduced by the administration at the May session. This will permit the association to circulate copies of the proposed legislation to its membership for comment.
- (2) That Bill 17-64, An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance be referred to committee of the whole as introduced for consideration.

The committee also noted that the recommendations it made at its January 5th and 6th meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance respecting senior citizens' benefits were not acted upon by the administration.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lyall, I assume you will table that report as well when we get to Item 9, tabling of documents.

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any other reports of standing and special committees?

Item 6, notices of motion. Mr. Pearson.

ITEM NO. 6: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 9-64: Amendment To Municipal Ordinance

MR. PEARSON: I wish to give notice that on Friday, the 3rd of February I will introduce the following motion:

WHEREAS it is desirable to have representation from all parts of the community on municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS some communities have geographic regions or parts whose specific concerns may not be represented in their municipal councils;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Municipal Ordinance be amended to allow municipal councils to pass bylaws, which approved by the electors, would establish wards within the municipal boundaries for the purpose of elections.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion?

MR. NICKERSON: Point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: What is your point of order, Mr. Nickerson?

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, it would appear to me that the notice of introduction of motion there is not clear enough. Am I to understand, Mr. Speaker, that the Honourable Member wishes to give notice of motion of reading of a Private Member's Bill or just a notice of motion which will in effect be a recommendation to the administration?

MR. SPEAKER: I understood the notice to be a notice of a motion to deal with the institution of a ward system in municipalities. I did not understand that to be notice of intention to give first reading to a bill. You are talking about a notice of motion, are you not?

MR. PEARSON: Indeed I am.

MR. SPEAKER: Presumably if the flag is saluted, so to speak, then it might be followed by a bill, I would think. I assume those were Mr. Pearson's tactics.

MR. PEARSON: Clearly innocent, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion? Mr. Whitford.

Notice Of Motion 10-64: CBC Broadcasting

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday the 3rd of February, I will be introducing the following motion:

WHEREAS CBC reporting on the recent satellite incident has tended to sensationalize the issue thereby causing unnecessary alarm to people in such communities as Snowdrift;

AND WHEREAS there are several communities where CBC radio is almost exclusively the only means of public communication;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that CBC be requested to broadcast, in local languages, factual information on the degree of danger associated with the satellite incident and to adopt this procedure when similar occasions arise.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion?

Item 7, motions for the production of papers.

Item 8, motions. Are there any motions, Mr. Clerk? Mr. Lafferty, I understand you do not want to proceed with Motion 8-64 at this time.

MR. LAFFERTY: No, Mr. Speaker. I will withdraw the motion for the time being to make amendments to it.

MR. SPEAKER: Well we will stand over Motion 8-64 until a future date. That was the only motion that was outstanding, as I see it.

Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 9: TABELING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 11-64, Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation to the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 10, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 10: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

I assume, Hon. Arnold McCallum, you wish to continue with Bill 11-64, do you, the Appropriation Ordinance?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: This House will resolve into committee of the whole for continued consideration of Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

--- Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 11-64, APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1978-79

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Will the committee come to order? We are dealing with Bill 11-64 and I think we were still on comments of a general nature.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I may pass further information in reply to the question that the Member from Inuvik asked yesterday regarding the amount of moneys spent by the federal government in health services in the Northwest Territories as well as an approximation of the inventory of physical facilities in the territories.

I would like to indicate yesterday I said the regional medical services estimates for O and M were in the vicinity of \$11.5 million. There are \$10.5 million in personnel salaries, making a total O and M expenditure by the federal government in medical services of \$22,128,000. They as well anticipate spending \$1.6 million in capital. So, the total estimated expenditures for the year 1978-79 would be \$23,731,000. The estimated assets of medical services in the Northwest Territories region, \$85 million.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Well those are very interesting figures indeed and I think we would be assuming responsibility whenever it happens, of a fairly well operating facility; buildings in good condition, hospitals in top-notch condition, a \$3 million extension just being made now to the Frobisher Bay General hospital,

nursing stations across the Northwest Territories in fairly good condition.

Native People In Maintenance Of Health Facilities

Of course, the thing to do will be to keep them in good condition. There are some instances of extravagance on the part of National Health and Welfare that one sees and what I would like to do is to urge this administration to consider the responsibility it will have over the next few years when it takes them over and to be prepared for that day by having native people ready and willing and trained to take on the responsibilities for maintenance, for many of the jobs that they could be trained, if given some time to do. There are some policies which National Health and Welfare has in communities such as Frobisher Bay with local hired people. They do not provide accommodation for locally hired people and this has been something which has caused a tremendous consternation over the years in that community. I would warn the administration that when they take over National Health and Welfare that there will be need for them to reassess the situation and to provide accommodation for locally hired people. We do have some breathing time and the administration, as I said yesterday, should now take stock of what it may take on and be ready for that day when it comes, sooner than have it drop on them like a cloud or a satellite out of the sky.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pearson. Any more comments? Is it the wish of the House to proceed clause by clause? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to thank the Hon. Arnold McCallum for the detailed flow sheet on health care financing which his staff put together on short notice. I think this is an excellent document and I understand the person responsible for putting it together was Mr. Blair Dunbar in Hon. Arnold McCallum's department and I think he has done a very good job.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Is it your wish that we proceed? Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the remarks but I should point out that I think that the accolade should in reality go to Mr. M. Pontus and Mr. R.E. McDermit.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Is it the wish of the House then that we proceed clause by clause on page 10.08, Northwest Territories share of Northern Health services? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Northwest Territories Share Of Northern Health Services.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Turn to page number 10.08; page 10.07 has been completed, the top of page 10.08 is completed. We are down to Northwest Territories share of Northern Health services, nursing stations, hospitals and residences. In the Baffin region, Frobisher Bay, \$804,000; Fort Smith region, various, \$28,000; Inuvik region, \$51,000; Keewatin region, \$7000, in the amount of \$890,000. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister how much of that \$28,000 will be going up into the Central Arctic?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Which one is that, Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: On various, Fort Smith region.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Fort Smith region, various, \$28,000. Mr. Minister.. Is there a breakdown in this book that you have here on that activity?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I think, Mr. Chairman, that the \$28,000 within the Fort Smith region would be for various equipment. I do not have a particular large capital project in any particular area within the Fort Smith region. I think that a lot of it would be primarily in terms of dental therapists, a residence for the dental therapist in Fort Providence and in the Fort Smith region and I do not think that there is anything in terms of Central Arctic.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, do you think you could get a detailed report for the Member?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, the only area that I can see within the Fort Smith region would be in Fort Providence and it is for a dental therapist's residence. Our particular share of it -- I guess Trout Lake is a health station, part of it is there as well. Those are the only two places I think that are in the Fort Smith region and nothing on the Arctic coast. So I would not have to come back with anything.

Dental Therapist For Spence Bay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, if it is for dental therapist's residence, is there a plan yet for Spence Bay to have a dental therapist there?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would think that as the school of dental therapy graduates more and more therapists who want to work within the Northwest Territories, it would be my expectation that these people would be deployed all over, wherever there would be a need. You have to remember that in fact the school is a national school. It is a national institution and not specifically for the Northwest Territories and not all the graduates from the school of dental therapy seek employment in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: I would just like to say that these dental therapists that have been graduating out of Fort Smith, I have personally seen the work done by four of them and it is top-notch work that they have been doing. I thought I would just give you a little bit of shock there, Mr. Minister.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: The other day the Minister gave us some figures and I have misplaced them, as to the number of people currently enrolled in Fort Smith, it was under Education, I guess. Does he have those figures handy? There was a large number, a large percentage of them presently enrolled there from southern Canada. Now, the question I have is, is there a quota system as to the number of people that are enrolled there because I believe it is one of the only, if not the only dental therapy school in Canada? Is there an effort made to ensure that residents of the Northwest Territories get priority and that anybody that is willing and wants to take on that profession can do so with ease?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Northerners Admitted To The School Of Dental Therapy

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the questions or the figures and whatnot that dealt with the school of dental therapy were supplied by the Deputy Commissioner. However, I know of the school and it is a national school and there never has been, and I repeat that, there never has been a resident of the Northwest Territories ever refused entry into the school of dental therapy. Now, they may not have stayed with the course but there never has been a student from the Northwest Territories refused entrance to that course since its inception. There are in fact possibly more this year, and I would have to check the figures, more from outside the territories than in the territories but there is a recruitment of high school students done by Dr. Davey and his associates at the school across the northern schools in hopes of attracting people to that particular program.

They, as well, have undertaken and in conjunction with the upgrading and senior high school courses in Fort Smith, given students from the territories who do not have a full grade 12, entry requirement. They have been able to take courses from the Adult Vocational Training Centre in upgrading or in fact from the high school in Fort Smith and at the same time be involved with certain parts of the dental therapy curriculum.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Total \$890,000. Mr. Nickerson.

Communication Between Governments

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It seems that we are being asked to pay the sum of, in this fiscal year, \$800,000 and the total cost of the project is about \$1.6 million for the Frobisher Bay expansion. Because we are putting this amount of money up it seems obvious to me that we should have a certain amount of input into the design of the facilities at Frobisher Bay. I wonder if we could be advised by the Minister exactly how we communicate with the Department of National Health and Welfare in this respect. Do we look over the design? Do we have any say into how the hospital will operate? What exactly is the mechanism laid out for this communication between the two governments? I must advise the Minister that I intend to ask a very similar question when we get on the next page dealing with the Stanton Yellowknife hospital.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that. I do not know whether I appreciate it very much but I recognize it. Mr. Chairman, the Department of Health and Social Services of the Government of the Northwest Territories saw the final plans for the Frobisher Bay addition. We have a dialogue, I guess, of some kind. I am sure that the Member is quite familiar with the adjectives that could be applied to that kind of a dialogue or communication and there is no need for me to go into too much detail on that. We communicate. That is there. We saw the final plans for the Frobisher Bay addition.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Who is "we", Mr. Minister?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The Department of Health and Social Services.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson.

Lack Of Sufficient Input Into Hospital Planning

MR. NICKERSON: I take it then in the opinion of the Minister we are not having sufficient input into the decisions made with respect to hospitals to be built by the Department of National Health and Welfare, which we are obliged to partially finance.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the answer to that, in my estimation and I do not know what the track record has been in the past but I would suggest it has not been all that good. We have a responsibility to pay for a certain percentage of the population in a particular area as regards hospital construction. We do attempt to provide certain comments, constructive criticism in terms of what is being planned and the final decision, of course, rests at the present time with the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister, \$890,000. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if the Minister first of all is aware of a portable nursing station that is sitting in Edzo that is not being used and secondly does he know where this thing is going to be sent to?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, we are aware of the building, it is true. I am not sure where it is going to go or if it is going to go anywhere.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I find it rather curious here, Frobisher Bay is allotted \$804,000. Am I in the right place, Mr. Chairman? Yes, \$804,000; it seems to me that they are really building up Frobisher Bay and there are other communities in the Baffin region other than Frobisher Bay, or could it be all the scabies that the Member mentioned last year that was taking place in Frobisher Bay?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Steen. Mr. Minister.

Regional Hospital In Frobisher Bay

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the area that has the regional hospital in the Baffin region is in Frobisher Bay. I indicated earlier I think when we were talking about this, it was an amount of money being spent by both governments to upgrade their outpatient facilities, I think part of it is to provide approximately five new beds. I think that is correct, I think that is what I said earlier, so it is a regional hospital for the Baffin and it is located in Frobisher Bay. You know, I think it was in the last session of this House that the then minister of the department outlined the concept of regionalization of hospitals. In the Baffin region this hospital is in Frobisher Bay and it is needed, the requirement is there to upgrade the outpatient facilities and to provide for five additional beds.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: I take it from the answer received that all the other places in Baffin region are in good condition and there is no money required in those other communities there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, if the Member is asking me to place an evaluation on the condition of health facilities in the Baffin, I am afraid that I am not in any position to pass judgment on that. There is nothing planned for upgrading of other facilities within the Baffin region this year. The one is for Frobisher because the need has been identified at that regional hospital. We are provided with a total cost of the amount of money going to be spent by the department, based on the population mix in a particular area. We are responsible for paying some of those costs and in the case of Frobisher Bay I think it is in the vicinity of approximately 40.5 per cent.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I think Mr. Pearson is next.

Lack Of Consultation With Community Of Frobisher Bay

MR. PEARSON: Yes, there is a new extension being built to the hospital to the tune of about \$3.5 million. I do not think this territorial government has had much input into its design and I know that the community has certainly not been given any consideration in the construction and the facilities that are to be offered in that hospital. I sincerely hope that when the territorial government assumes responsibility for these facilities that greater opportunity for participation will be given to the community so that they can feel as though the facility is part of their community. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pearson. Mr. Minister, do you want to...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, just to say that there is provision under the ordinance now for a great involvement by local people in a community in the design, the management and the operation of health facilities. This has been going on and the classic example I guess would be in the medical facility complex going to Fort Smith.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Whitford, you are next.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, the question that I was asking in regard to this hospital, I suppose may take a day to find proper information, as to where it is going, the hospital that I referred to in Edzo. So maybe what I could do is just wait for a reply at a later date because the Minister I am sure does not have that information at his fingertips. At the same time, the hospital is blocking the view and part of the road access into the hospital itself.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, is the Member talking about the trailer he referred to earlier?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I think he is. Are you talking about that trailer?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Health Trailer In Rae

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The trailer, Mr. Chairman, we are aware that it is in Rae. It was the one that was planned for Rae Lakes and it was pulled from Rae Lakes because the band were not happy with it and it was then pulled out and moved to Rae and it sits there and waits for a further location I guess at the, I should not say whim, but at the discretion of the federal government, the Department of National Health and Welfare.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does that answer your question, Mr. Whitford?

MR. WHITFORD: To a degree, Mr. Chairman, it does, but I suppose what I am trying to say at the same time is that it is a very expensive facility and there are other communities in the North that need such a facility and to sit there empty for a year already has got to be a waste of Canadian taxpayers' dollars.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Whitford, do you know of any other communities where it should go?

MR. WHITFORD: No, Mr. Chairman, but I am sure that the Department of Health and Social Services could look into it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I was very pleased with the answer just given by the Hon. Arnold McCallum with regard to the input which local people can have into medical facilities. This comes as a result of a series of amendments made to the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance but the unfortunate thing about this, Mr. Chairman, is that it only applies to medical facilities under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Rules And Procedures Superior

I am afraid that it would be true to say that when it comes to the Department of National Health and Welfare which operates the hospitals in Frobisher Bay and in Inuvik and operates a number, or all I think, of the nursing stations, this local input is not provided for at all. I think this is one of the areas where the rules and procedures adopted by this government are far superior to those of the national government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, I can only comment, Mr. Chairman, and agree with the comments that Mr. Nickerson has made.

Capital - N.W.T. Share Of Northern Health Services, Nursing Stations, Hospitals And Residences, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Northwest Territories share of Northern Health services, \$890,000. Agreed?

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Capital - N.W.T. Share Of Northern Health Services, Furnishings And Equipment, Agreed

Furnishings and equipment, various, \$44,000. Agreed?

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Capital - N.W.T. Share Of Northern Health Services, Mobile Equipment, Agreed

Mobile equipment, \$33,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Detail of capital on page 10.09. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Just under that mobile equipment there is another \$33,000. What is that for? There is no heading for it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That is just the total, Mr. Steen, of various,

\$33,000 for mobile equipment. Thank you.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, that is our share of the replacement of vehicles that the Department of National Health and Welfare will acquire.

Capital - Total N.W.T. Share Of Northern Health Services

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Could we direct your attention then to page 10.09, detail of capital, summary of capital estimates; (A) nursing stations, hospitals and residences, \$890,000; (B) furnishings and equipment, \$44,000; (C) mobile equipment, \$33,000. That is the total Northwest Territories share of Northern Health services, a total of \$967,000. Agreed?

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Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, health centres; Fort Smith region, health centre, Fort Smith; total of Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$3,742,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Where are the funds for the start of construction on the new Stanton Yellowknife hospital, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the department and the Government of the Northwest Territories will have to get agreement in principle from the Department of National Health and Welfare on the construction and expansion of the facilities. Once having arrived at that decision then the government would be putting in funds towards the beginning of the expansion. Our share of the expansion would be approximately 75 per cent and the federal government 25 per cent. Once we arrive at an agreement in principle, it may be within the year and we may come back to this House with a supplementary request.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I take it then, Mr. Minister, that there are no funds for the Stanton Yellowknife hospital for this year, 1978-79?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Not as yet.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to register my strong disapproval. It was my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that this project was to go ahead. It seems that the need for it is still there, that has not changed one little bit. It is my understanding that the board that operates the hospital has secured the approval of the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, approval in principle by that body, approval in principle by this government to go ahead with the project and I rather suspect that this untimely delay is a result of actions taken by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Federal Government's Philosophy On Regional Hospitals

Mr. Chairman, in reports and studies done by that national department, the federal government, it is quite clear that their philosophy is completely contrary to the philosophy espoused by the Government of the Northwest Territories. Whereas we would like to see resident expertise developed in the Northwest Territories, where we would like to develop regional hospital centres for parts of the Northwest Territories in the Northwest Territories, so that people do not have to go out, it appears to me that the Department of National Health and Welfare continuously take the attitude that people from the territories must go outside and receive their medical treatment in communities in the South. They have absolutely no wish to see proper medical facilities developed within the Northwest Territories and I must say that I am very

disappointed with this attitude that the Department of National Health and Welfare continues to take in opposition to the wishes of the people of the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Mr. Minister, do you have any comments to that?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the practice of negotiating with the federal government in terms of capital funds, the present policy indicates that where there is a project that exceeds \$1 million we must go to Treasury Board for approval. The Member is quite correct, the department, this government, are on record through the Member's work while he was with the department in the furtherance of the regionalization concept and getting the facilities here in the Northwest Territories.

Difficulties With Treasury Board

There is no need for me to go into any kind of detail about the difficulties of getting our requests to Treasury Board and having them acted upon quickly. I can only indicate to Members that we want to see the expansion of facilities in the Northwest Territories and we readily realize and accept that the need has been identified, but until such time as we can get agreement in principle, the government, this administration will not be going ahead. Upon receiving that then we will move with all haste.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I know that the Minister shares my views on the subject of development of medical facilities in the Northwest Territories and I, of course, imply no criticism of him or the actions of his staff. It is just that I get so mad at the Department of National Health and Welfare sometimes I can hardly control myself. We were told earlier that when we are asked to put large sums of money into hospital construction and that construction project comes under the auspices of the national department, that the thing is given to us as a fait accompli and we are sent a bill and more or less have to pay it. I understand that this was what it really boils down to in the Minister's earlier reply.

Now, I wonder if we can be told with respect to hospitals where we are the constructors, where we put in most of the money, how the Department of National Health and Welfare consults with us. What process do they put into effect? They send us the plans already approved and we put in the money but when we want to do it the other way around, how does it work then? Does the Minister feel that the Department of National Health and Welfare accords us the same privileges that it expects us to accord it, or does it act in a different manner?

Time To Assert Ourselves

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think, I should not say I think, I would assure Members that where we are the greater participant we would stand up for our particular concepts. This is a very difficult and delicate, I guess, situation and it may be the time to assert ourselves even more. I would expect that that in fact would be the direction in which this administration and certainly this department would go. I would hesitate to say that they act in a different manner. Again, I can only concur I think, with the remarks that the Member made earlier. It is a very frustrating situation and I would expect that we would, as I say, assert ourselves in making sure that what we propose is in fact the final solution.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Well following up on this, it seems quite apparent to me that the Department of National Health and Welfare are on one hand just sending us bills and expecting us to pay without any input into the construction of their hospitals but when the shoe is on the other foot, they would like to have complete control of what we are doing. I am glad to hear the Minister say that this government will stand up for its rights in that particular matter.

I would like to move a motion because I am sure that most of the Members agree with me that the Department of National Health and Welfare has taken an extremely arrogant attitude towards this matter. By virtue of the Northwest Territories Act, much of the responsibility in the health field devolves upon this government and it is in fact and in law our responsibility and not that of the Department of National Health and Welfare. I would like to see co-operation between the two governments but I do not like to see the way that the Department of National Health and Welfare insists on operating.

Motion Expressing Dissatisfaction On Shared Cost Hospital Construction

So I would move as follows, Mr. Chairman, that this committee remains completely dissatisfied with the overbearing and unco-operative attitude of the Department of National Health and Welfare in the matter of shared cost hospital construction.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. We have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, although realizing that you might rule me out of order, I raised the point once before about having before us some witnesses from this department. Here we are lambasting and beating these people up and there is nobody here at the witness table. The motion may serve to make them aware of our existence. But the committee sees no value in having somebody from this federal department present with us while we discuss this aspect of the health services programs in the territories; is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters, I think what the Member is concerned about is the capital expenditure of \$3,742,000 for Territorial Hospital Insurance Services. Is this what we want, Mr. Nickerson? We are still on summary of capital estimates and I think what the Member is concerned about is that in one of the sessions the estimates for \$6 million comes through for the extension to the Stanton Yellowknife hospital. Is this what you are concerned about, Mr. Nickerson?

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, that is the matter that gives rise to this motion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Well it is just that I understood it was a shared cost program and a shared cost suggests to me that there are two partners involved and it would appear at this time one of the partners is not present, either in spirit or in body.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I wonder if somebody could correct me. I think there was a motion to that effect, that we invite the administration from National Health and Welfare to this session.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The Minister, Mr. Chairman, the motion I think said that we would, as an elected group, like to meet with the Minister, Hon. Monique Begin.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That motion was just put on the floor yesterday...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is right.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): ...at the closing of the session.

Responsibility For Planning Medical Facilities

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess the central issue in this whole operation is, who has the responsibility for planning medical facilities? At the present time, it is the feeling of the federal department that it has and I think that what Mr. Nickerson is stating very definitely as I think most of us are and will do so, that we think that we know what should be planned and we would like the responsibility. There is a shared cost obviously. Where we are the dominant partner, if you like and in the case of the Stanton Yellowknife expansion, it will be as I indicated, 75 per cent for us and 25 per cent federal; we would like to be able to not have something passed on us but in fact do the planning to our satisfaction.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Nickerson, there was a motion on the floor last night to invite the Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare to appear before this House during our May session. Now this motion that you have just made today is: I move that this committee remains completely dissatisfied with the unco-operative attitude shown the territorial government by the Department of National Health and Welfare. We have not heard from them or has somebody notified them that we want them to appear before this House? Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, no we have not. I indicated that we have a co-ordinating committee to meet with the federal department officials. I think Mr. Nickerson's motion is plain and straight. I think he wants to go on record saying that this body is against the attitude of the federal department as it relates to medical health planning in the Northwest Territories and that is about it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you very much. To the motion. Mr. Butters.

Need For Witnesses

MR. BUTTERS: Yes sir, I understand that. It is just that I see nothing wrong with the motion and I see nothing wrong with supporting the motion. It is just that if we are going to be giving it to Dr. Covill or his superiors, I would like to see him here and let him hear it and let him see the response to it and let him participate in the discussion relative to it. That is all. You

know, it is not beyond the realm of possibility. He is how many hours away, three hours away. He could be here next week if we really wanted him to be here. I will support the motion but I think that you beat a dead horse when there is nobody at the witness table.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, why do not we deal with Mr. Nickerson's motion now and then if Mr. Butters wants to make his motion right after, fine, we can deal with that one.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You are talking to the motion now?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Pearson, maybe for your information, did you hear the motion?

MR. PEARSON: Yes, thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): And you are on the list.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question has been called. I will read the motion again. I move that this committee remains completely dissatisfied with the unco-operative attitude shown the territorial government by the Department of National Health and Welfare. Are you ready for the question?

MR. PEARSON: Exact wording.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Correction, I think the Clerk of the House left out a couple of words of the motion. I will read the motion again as Mr. Nickerson put it to the House: This committee remains completely dissatisfied with the overbearing and unco-operative attitude of the Department of National Health and Welfare in the matter of shared cost hospital construction. Are you ready for the question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Attitude Of Federal Officials

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to prolong this but I would just like, if I may, to respond before we get into possible subsequent things as a result of this or as a result of discussion here. I think that were we to invite departmental officials here, that the departmental officials would simply answer that I think, in this way; that it is their opinion, the medical services branch, that until such time as legislative changes are enacted that would change the present relationship between both governments, the responsibility for all health matters in the Northwest Territories remains with the medical services branch. I think that would be their attitude.

Now I am not trying to prolong the vote on this but I think that if there were subsequent things that did arise, I do not see anything to be gained from having these people here because that will only frustrate us even more. It may give rise to other violent outbursts as have been indicated by Members because of their view of the total situation. I think that eventually we are going to change it, that is why we are trying to take it over. They are a little bit reluctant, mind you, but all right, we will get there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion Expressing Dissatisfaction On Shared Cost Hospital Construction, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The question has been called. All in favour? Contrary? The motion is carried unanimously.

---Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I think Mr. Butters did not vote. Now I direct your attention to page 10.09, total Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, health centres, Fort Smith region, health centre, Fort Smith, \$3,742,000. Total Territorial Hospital Insurance Services. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: The health centre for Fort Smith I take it is in replacement of St. Ann's hospital, is it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Does that mean that the St. Ann's hospital will be closed down and ultimately demolished?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I have no idea what the Catholic church or the Bishop will do with his facility. I do not know. That would be his decision.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: What about the people who are cared for in that facility on a long-term basis? By that, I mean the senile, the mentally retarded, the people who are confined there for the rest of their natural days whether they be children or elderly, as that facility to my knowledge has been the only one providing that kind of facility for the people of the Northwest Territories? I know, for instance -- yes, except Chesterfield Inlet. I know, for instance, there are several people from Yellowknife there and either there is going to be another such facility somewhere else or these people are going to be taken into the various hospitals in local communities which may not be very practical. I suppose the other alternative would be to send them out, which I do not like. So, my question is which of those various alternatives are going to be employed for those cases?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Plans For Long-term Patients

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, at the present time it is very difficult to give a satisfactory reply to the Member's question for a number of reasons. We are very concerned that the planned for and the known requirements for expansion of the Stanton Yellowknife has been delayed. There will be within the facility then a capacity of 35 beds for chronic care. There are ten chronic care beds in the planned Fort Smith facility. There are ten in the facility at Hay River and there are other numbers of beds in other facilities in the Northwest Territories.

The people that are presently in Fort Smith come from different areas of the territories. We would have hoped to have all our facilities in operation to take care of those people and others who are in other hospitals throughout the territories. We recognize that the situation exists and that is why we are moving towards trying to provide more chronic care beds closer to areas and not just in Fort Smith, but in other areas and why we are pursuing that policy of regionalization of the large hospitals for various areas of the territories. We do provide and anticipate providing further facilities in planned for health centres or hospitals.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Hon. David Searle, have you got a follow-up on that?

Responsibility For Chronic Care

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think the explanation given is certainly going in the right direction, which is to get the people who have in the past been sent to Fort Smith on that chronic care basis back into the settlements that they came from or as close regionally thereto as you possibly can. I think that is an admirable policy and is one certainly that has been encouraged here in this House. I think that we Members of this Legislature have a very special responsibility to those people, to people who are incarcerated so to speak in such facilities for the rest of their natural days; people who do not have a vote, do not have a say; people who are incapable of voicing discomfort or objection or concern; people who have been forgotten by their once friends, relatives; people who are directly and completely and utterly our charges.

There are others, there is one other place and that is in Chesterfield Inlet where we have such people and I think we have to ask the Minister not only to keep us informed of what his plans are with these people but to be very careful indeed that the regional facilities proceed in a way that ensures that these people are always borne in mind before the old facility is phased out.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that is all I want to say but I do think it is appropriate to direct Members' attention towards those individuals once in a while and indeed I think that Members should be encouraged to visit those facilities if they are ever in the areas because apart from you visiting them and making sure that food and care and attention is adequate, you know, there may be few others.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. David Searle. Mr. Pearson.

Too Much Emphasis On Fort Smith Region

MR. PEARSON: Well I am touched by the Honourable Speaker's comments. I am concerned with the Fort Smith syndrome. I see we have got this incredible amount of money going into the Fort Smith region. I would urge the government not to put all its eggs in one basket, so to speak and start building these expensive facilities in communities which are isolated from a great number of the people they are supposed to serve. I suppose it could be said that about the only facility they do not have going is a territorial-wide kindergarten. I mean they can just about take care of most of your needs now in Fort Smith, from sort of birth to the grave, they can look after you. They have the training centres and they look after us when we the Members of this Assembly become old and stupid and senile. Perhaps we could put in our order now for a room with a view.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Be careful, you could get accepted.

---Laughter

MR. PEARSON: But I do think that we should not begin to build institutions in some of the larger centres. We must be very careful about institutionalizing the Northwest Territories. We have got plans afoot for all kinds of enormous facilities, the \$5.5 million school for Coral Harbour, an elementary school; a \$3 million or \$4 million facility for Fort Smith for the health care centre. Let us not encourage people in the communities to give their responsibilities to other communities. Let us provide facilities in the communities for mentally ill. There is an area there we have not touched on this session, but there are many people, mentally ill people, I mean apart from in here, in southern Canada and in institutions who are suffering incredible deprivation, a large number of them. I would like to ask the question as to how many are presently serving sentences in mental institutions in southern Canada? At one time there were 52 people, that was the first time I asked the question a few years ago.

So what I am saying is I would hope that we would not be getting into that business of building monstrous facilities, sophisticated facilities when simple ones will do. I again refer to Greenland where they have in each community, old folks' homes, small simple pleasant places with a few devoted people looking after them. They do not ship them off great distances, so be careful.

Capital - Total Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pearson. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, health centres, Fort Smith region, health centre, Fort Smith, \$3,742,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

If we can direct your attention now to page 10.01, total capital estimates in the amount of \$4,731,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. PEARSON: Nay.

MR. NICKERSON: What page?

Capital - Health Services Branch, Total Capital, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 10.01, total capital estimates on the second line, \$4,731,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Health Services Branch, Administration, Agreed

Now we will turn to the next page 10.02, 0 and M budget; salaries and wages, \$492,000; grants and contributions \$46,000; other 0 and M, \$197,000. The total 0 and M, \$735,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 10.03, total 0 and M in the amount of \$471,000, supplementary health programs. Agreed? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I believe yesterday, Mr. Chairman, the Minister had said that he was going to report to us on recommendations that he would make regarding subsidized medical travel when this matter was under discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

New Proposal For Subsidized Air Travel For Medical Reasons

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. I had indicated that I was making a proposal to the Executive Committee today and I would like to inform the Members of this committee that a new proposal has been agreed to by the Executive for the subsidization of air travel for medical reasons.

It takes into account that no longer are the travel expenses based on a Yellowknife to Edmonton, or no longer do they have a Yellowknife to Edmonton basis. I think that it has corrected the confusion that existed in the past and we are and have been publicizing this particular fact through television and other media about this policy being in effect. Now, the new change will be reflected in any kind of subsequent announcements of this subsidization for air travel. The new policy has a flat rate and there is a deductible amount. The new proposal also includes necessary ambulance charges when it is necessary to transfer a patient from a hospital in the territories to a hospital in the South.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, I think that is pretty valuable information. I wonder if the Members would like to have a copy set before them. So, with your permission, we will have a 15 minute coffee break, maybe we will have time to come back to that after coffee.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, well you can take a break if you want at this particular time but I just have the copy that I made for the Executive, and I would have to get it retyped, etc., but I can certainly come back to it at a later time, but I do not have a copy here.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is up to the Members, if they wish they can have it typed and brought or set before them before we discuss it. Is that the wish of the rest of the Members, or do we want the Minister to read it out and then bring it up after coffee? This House will recess for 15 minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum and we will call the meeting back to order and we are on page 10.03, supplementary health programs; health control programs, subsidized medical travel and health services for indigents in the amount of \$471,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, am I to understand that the new proposals with regard to subsidized medical travel are not available?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Proposal Not Ready For Presentation

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to give the wrong impression in terms of a reluctance to get this but the proposal was made to the Executive today. It was agreed to and then of course, as Members will know there is a recommendation then made on a form to the Commissioner to sign this new proposal. Now, we had a meeting this morning. The Executive did approve of the new proposal that I put forth, but in order to table the document I would have to get -- it is a document from the Executive and it would require the Commissioner's signature to this approval or to the recommendation to approve it. I foresee no difficulty getting that done but the Commissioner is not here and the secretary to the Executive Committee I do not think has made up his notes or written out the recommendation. I have no way of knowing because he is not here either.

What I would like to indicate is in fact that under the old policy the individual's responsibility was always tied to the current Yellowknife to Edmonton airfare rate. It was confusing and it was impossible to understand. We have corrected this by suggesting a flat rate for the individual responsibility for each and every trip. The new proposal includes, as I indicated, the necessary ambulance charges where it was necessary to transfer a patient from a hospital in the territories to a hospital in the South and this was not done before. Now basically these are the changes to the proposal and upon the Commissioner signing the recommendation that was made by the Executive Committee to him, I will then be able to table it. Hopefully I can get it tomorrow when the material is available. Basically those are the changes that have been made to it.

It is through no reluctance on my part to let Members know and read the proposal and the changes to the policy. It is simply in terms of a recommendation that has been made by the Executive Committee to the Commissioner. He signs it, approves it and then the policy comes out.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. What is the wish of the Member then? Mr. Nickerson.

Discussion On Subsidized Medical Travel Postponed

MR. NICKERSON: I was just going to suggest what I assume your suggestion to be, Mr. Chairman, in that many Members are very interested in the matter of subsidized medical travel, so perhaps you could ascertain, Mr. Chairman, whether it is the wish of this committee that this particular vote be set aside until that information is forthcoming.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish then of the Members that this particular activity be set aside until we get further changes in the regulations? Agreed?

---Agreed

I direct your attention then to page -- are there any more comments on that, or shall we just leave the comments until we get the information? We could still comment on it, I guess, if there are any more comments. It is a very touchy subject in my constituency and I would like to make a few comments.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, are we still going to be on general comments?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): General comments on page 10.03, subsidized medical travel.

Transient Centre In Cambridge Bay

MR. LYALL: The question that comes to my mind is that since about two years ago in the Central Arctic I have been bringing this up time and again about the people that are travelling from those settlements going to Cambridge Bay where we used to have a transient centre. It was never really that adequate right from the beginning because of the fact that it was not built for that purpose and was moved from a different location so it made it a building that was not very suitable. I wonder if this administration is still looking to try and put a different building in there of a nature that is going to accommodate the same number as the other one used to accommodate except that it would be built right in the settlement and not the way this one has been going. It was part of a building and then they added on to it, which is not a very good way of doing it. I wonder if the department is thinking about putting in another building because it is a real concern to the people, from the other three settlements, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay. I know that you have got a system working right now that they do stay at homes but they are still not satisfied really.

Sometimes the people have to stay there for a week or two at a time so it is a really necessary thing, I think, for the Central Arctic to get a transient centre type of building, and whereas you used to have someone look after it paid by the department, that could make work right there in the settlement for that one position.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would have to check back into the capital plan to see what in fact is there and maybe I could return with an answer to the Member. I would have to go back to look at the planned forecast in terms of if in fact we are planning anything new.

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would really appreciate this because this question has risen quite a few times and we brought it up I think when Mr. Nickerson and I and Mr. Torrance were travelling around the Central Arctic. I think it was brought up in every one of the few settlements east of Cambridge Bay, so I will await your answer, Mr. Minister.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Comments of a general nature, subsidized medical travel. If there is no further comment from the floor, I would wish to comment if it is agreed with the Members that Mr. Lyall takes the chair.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more comments of a general nature? We are on page 10.03. Mr. Fraser.

Medical Evacuations In Mackenzie Great Bear

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, one of the main concerns I have about subsidized medical travel and health services for indigenous people; we in my constituency have situated in Norman Wells a nursing station. There is a large nursing station in Fort Franklin, one in Fort Norman and one in Fort Good Hope. We have two nurses stationed at these nursing stations and from all reports they are doing a pretty fair job. However my concern is that if a person needs medical treatment and has to go further to another hospital where there is a doctor stationed, the alternative is Inuvik. Whether the guy is dying or just has a broken leg, whatever, he still has to go to Inuvik for authorization to travel to a hospital on the outside.

I was just wondering if, when the administration or the Executive sat this morning, they maybe took into consideration some of these problems that we have, since it is just about as close to go from Norman Wells to Yellowknife where they have the facilities and the aircraft, four or five scheduled aircraft a day that would take the patient out if it were necessary, rather than taking him to Inuvik where he is going away from help rather than coming, if he has to go to the outside. I do not say that all cases should be referred to Yellowknife or the outside but some of the major cases should be referred, or somebody should have some authorization that that patient needs medical treatment that he can not obtain in Inuvik. Nurses have complained that they can not do anything about it, the regulations and rules set down by Northern Health say you must go to Inuvik for treatment.

Doctors Authorize Medical Travel

I was just wondering if maybe the Executive, when they met this morning on the changes were aware of the situation. I think they are aware of it. It was brought up before and there should be some changes made so as to get a patient where the treatment is available rather than to go to Inuvik for authorization. In most cases when the nurse refers them to Inuvik, she is quite sure that the patient can not get the treatment in Inuvik. He has to go to Edmonton or one of the bigger hospitals but it is beyond her power to authorize this, even though she is a qualified nurse. A doctor has to certify the medical travel ticket. You could go from Norman Wells to Edmonton or Yellowknife but you have to pay your own transportation. They will not consider authorizing that particular trip if it was not properly authorized by a doctor. I would like to see some changes made in this, if the Executive were aware of it, or if they even talked about some changes made in the Norman Wells district.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would simply say that I can understand and appreciate the situation that the Member is referring to. It is true that the initial referral is to the nearest doctor for medical travel. Nurses in that area are responsible to the Inuvik zone but we certainly would recognize the concern and we would be prepared to review that further and take that into consideration then in terms of trying to reconcile that problem.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Fraser.

Accommodation For Transient Patients In Yellowknife

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, another concern that I have, does not deal with my constituency but it is a concern for health control programs, subsidized travel and medical travel. When Mrs. Lena Pedersen ran for Council one of her main platforms was to get accommodation built in Yellowknife to house patients that were going from the Arctic into Edmonton and returning, where in some cases they had to wait in Yellowknife for a week for an aircraft to get back home. I think that deal sort of fell through but there was an instance where a woman had to go out of Spence Bay for medical reasons. She went to Edmonton and a few days later her husband had to go out for medical treatment. They came into Yellowknife and they were both in Yellowknife here for a week. They were catching the plane back to Cambridge Bay and they did not know that they were both in Yellowknife. They were living in different ends of the city and they met at the airport and said: Where were you? I was in Yellowknife. Where were you? I have been in Yellowknife all week too. This type of thing. They should have a central house where they could house these people that are coming in but in most cases at that time they put them in houses scattered all over the city.

The majority of them did not speak the language, did not speak English, so they were sitting in a house. I do not say they were not properly cared for, they were properly fed and properly bedded. However, they did not know anybody and I think that something should be done for some of these patients from the Arctic so they can meet other people and have a house under one roof where they can congregate if they have to be kept in Yellowknife for any length of time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Fraser, I think Mr. Minister talked about that yesterday afternoon. Would you like to just repeat what you said yesterday, Mr. Minister?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not know whether I in fact could repeat what I said yesterday. The intent, I think as I indicated to you, you raised the same question yesterday, Mr. Chairman, that it is our intention to try to provide some capacity facility in the proposed Stanton Yellowknife expansion for that particular purpose.

Interim Arrangements

Our difficulty is now in providing an interim measure to it, whether in fact to try to obtain or to utilize other facilities in the interim, or in fact wait for our expansion to the large hospital and that is a quandary we are in, which of the two. We recognize there is a problem and we will likely have to make some kind of interim arrangements to make sure that people when they have to come into Yellowknife for medical reasons, for extended periods of time, are able to be amongst people who have the same language facility and that is a difficulty now. We recognize it and we are attempting to do something about it.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if the Minister answered my question or what he is going to do about the situation in Norman Wells where we have to go to Inuvik. I do not know if he can do anything in fact, maybe make recommendations. I do not foresee any immediate change in those regulations, however I would like to be assured that they will attempt to make the necessary changes to accommodate those settlements in my constituency. Mr. Chairman, maybe if I could put that in the form of a motion?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): How do the Members feel?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Go ahead, Mr. Fraser.

Motion To Change Regulations Governing Medical Travel

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the administration look into the possibility of changing the rules set down by Northern Health that a patient has to go to Inuvik for medical treatment when they could easily be transported to hospitals on the outside when immediate medical attention is required.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): To the motion. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, it is quite a concern for the nurses in the settlements surrounding Norman Wells. I have talked to different ones. They have to escort a patient that they know is not going to get the medical attention in Inuvik. Their hands are tied, they have no authority to proceed with this patient. If the patient has the funds or has some money set aside or has some relatives who have money set aside, that medical attention could be directed to Edmonton. They are not reimbursed for that particular transportation or trip for medical reasons because it was not authorized by a doctor who is residing in Inuvik. If possible, those changes could come about, it would benefit the five communities in my constituency especially.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): To the motion, any other comments to the motion, please?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Should I read the motion first? This motion reads, I move that the administration look into the possibility of changing the rules set down by Northern Health that a patient has to go to Inuvik for hospitalization when he could easily be transported to the outside when immediate medical attention is required. Everybody understand? Question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Let us hear some more, only two guys agreed to it. Okay, on the motion. All in favour of the motion? In favour, 11. Anyone opposed? Mr. Pearson. It was carried.

---Carried

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to indicate that the department will certainly bring this up with our co-ordinating committee to the federal government and make a recommendation following that. Mr. Chairman, if I may, and this would be in answer to your question while you were in your regular seat, concerning the transient centre at Cambridge Bay...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): If I have to answer back, maybe I should go and sit down first. Mr. Fraser, would you like to take your seat back?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, proceed with your answer.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, as Mr. Lyall has indicated, the department has been providing transient accommodation in various homes and had a transient centre that required extensions and additions, etc. and it is not the best arrangement. The requirement for a transient centre is dependent to some degree on the times that the scheduled airlines run. If there were to be no stopovers in Cambridge Bay, then obviously the need would not exist and at the present time it appears that Northward Airlines Limited will not be changing its schedules. So therefore, we are planning to incorporate funds in our years budget, capital forecast, for the construction of such a facility but I can not say for certain whether in fact the project will be funded. It would be within our priority list. That depends on how extensive that list is but we are planning to put funds for the construction of that particular facility within the next years capital forecast.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: That is really good to hear. The ones that really take a long time to get out of Cambridge Bay are the patients that go into Bathurst Inlet and Baychimo. Also, now that we have another outpost camp this requirement is even a little greater, I think, than it used to be because of the fact that we had one outpost camp and now that has gone up within the last year. The need I think would be a bit more than what it was before. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. I take it then that it is the wish of the House that this vote, supplementary health programs, for the amount of \$471,000 be set aside until we get further changes in the rules? Is that the wish of the Members? Agreed?

---Agreed

I direct your attention then to page 10.04. Northwest Territories share of health care services; operations and maintenance; salaries and wages grants and contributions and other O and M, in the amount of \$1,612,000. Agreed? Mr. Butters.

Operations And Maintenance Requirements

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if you would accept a question supplementary to the two replies given earlier on by the Minister, relative to the amount of O and M capital that the federal government would be contributing to the provision of health services this coming year. Has the Minister also examined the O and M requirement or does this O and M requirement include those moneys being paid to staff of the federal department to provide the service and reside and have their offices in other jurisdictions, particular jurisdictions South of 60? What has the administration estimated the capital involvement of such facilities that exist South of 60 and whether the upkeep in O and M for those facilities will be required to be paid for out of the consolidated revenue fund of the territories when the whole system is turned over to us?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the facilities outside I think that are included within these figures would be the medical services in Edmonton. We would expect that when the transfer is completed that it would become part and parcel of our particular total operation. The cost of maintenance is in O and M moneys. Well, you know, there is no question, it is an expense. I feel that we would be funded to the same amount to provide these, therefore the funds would come out of our total operating budget.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I just wish to assure myself that the \$24 million figure I believe that was provided earlier on includes these services and personnel that are performing their function in the southern jurisdictions.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, last year we provided funds for the local mental health organization and I am just wondering if again on this operations and maintenance, are we providing increased funds to that organization?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the amount of money that is given by the government to the Northwest Territories Mental Health Association is \$25,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Whitford, are you satisfied with that? Thank you. Mr. Lyall.

Native Workers In The Department Of Health And Social Services

MR. LYALL: I would just like to make a statement, a general comment on this. The Department of Health and Social Services I think -- I do not know what kind of a reaction the Member from South Baffin will have -- but the department has to be congratulated at least in the Central Arctic in terms of the fact that their department in the Central Arctic consists of about ten native workers in all of the settlements and only two white people working in that department. I think they are doing a very good job in employing native people and they are taking over -- one for sure incident -- taken right over the office, a person from Coppermine. I think he will be training in Cambridge Bay for a while before he takes over.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Northwest Territories share of health care services, O and M budget of \$1,612,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would give notice now that this is the last year that I am prepared to vote in favour of this particular expenditure. These expenditures are made with respect to the services rendered by the Department of National Health and Welfare which really should be rendered by this government and I will vote in favour of it this year but I certainly will not vote next year in favour of this particular activity.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The ultimatum is, Mr. Chairman, that we will have the transfer quickly.

O And M - Total Of Northwest Territories Share Of Health Care Services, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Total O and M, \$1,612,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 10.05, operations and maintenance, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services in the amount of \$15,338,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: One question, Mr. Chairman, on this. This is a question that comes up every year and every year the answer is up ten, 15, 20 per cent. How much does it cost to keep a patient in hospital for one day at the present time? What are the average expenditures?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

Per Diem Costs For Hospitalization

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in relation to various hospitals that we have, it is approximately \$140 per day in Yellowknife, \$144 I think in Hay River and the reason why we have to have a more functional operation in Fort Smith is because the cost there at a very expensive and dysfunctional outdated facility is approximately \$240 per day.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I should say again Frobisher Bay is approximately \$362. Inuvik is \$268 per day. We would expect that there will have to be an increase, or that amount will increase of course, but we would expect that in a facility such as we are building in Fort Smith, the medical centre there, that it will not be as expensive as it was within the old hospital. Nevertheless we should note across the country on an average that the cost of hospital care, the per diem cost in Yellowknife is much lower than most places across the country. I would hesitate to give you maybe a national average but if you like, there are particular places. For example the University hospital in Edmonton is about \$170 or \$172 per day and it goes all the way down to Quebec where it is about roughly in the vicinity of what it is costing now in the present St. Ann's hospital or the Inuvik hospital.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. NICKERSON: I just wanted to make sure that the costs just given by the Minister are exclusive of any amortization payments and that they do not include medical payments, payments for doctors. They are strictly hospital O and M costs.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is that affirmative?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is correct. Affirmative.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, what is the insurance for, for accident or for fire?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You have got me, accident and fire in that order, I guess.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Did you get an answer, Mr. Pudluk? Did you get an answer?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, that is it pays for the cost of hospital care. Now, I thought he was making a facetious remark. Maybe he was.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I wonder if you could for the benefit of the Member explain the insurance to him. I think his question is that he is not too sure what this insurance is. Maybe you could give it to him in a little more detail, Mr. Minister, please.

Insured Medical Services

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, all the residents of the Northwest Territories are entitled to benefits under the program. The insured services include inpatient hospital care, outpatient services, that would include X-ray, laboratory and other procedures that are necessary for doctors to determine, or medical people to determine, the illness. The total estimate includes all hospital services required by residents, whether the service is in a budget review hospital, a federal hospital, or a hospital outside the territories. I am not sure just what more the Member would want in terms of this. Maybe he could expand on what information he is asking.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You have got it now, Mr. Pudluk. I think maybe if I could just say that before this Medicare insurance came out, if you got sick you paid your own hospital bills, now I think it is paid by the insurance. Is this right, Mr. Minister?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is paid by the program?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the amount is paid out of the consolidated revenue fund of the territories. There are no premiums attached to it, and you are correct.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Right. Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Per Diem Costs In Frobisher Bay

MR. EVALUARJUK: I would like to ask a question. I do not understand the statement. If I make a mistake, let me know. Concerning the people in the hospital, sometimes I was surprised to find out the amount they have to pay the hospital for only one day. I would like to know if it is the same amount for one day for the people who go to hospital for delivery in Frobisher Bay. Most of the people who are pregnant go to Frobisher Bay hospital and they stay with a family in Frobisher. Those people they are staying with get even less than ten dollars, while the hospital is making a lot of money out of the people who are in the hospital. To me the people that they are staying with the families should get a larger amount of money than the hospital.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Evaluarjuk. Mr. Minister, I think we scared him with those figures that you came out with. Maybe you could explain to him that those figures are the cost to keep one patient in the hospital, that is not what they have to pay to stay in the hospital. If you could explain it a little more maybe.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I do not know whether I could do much better than you just did, Mr. Chairman. That is what it costs the government to provide the services for patients in a hospital, not what the patients pay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Go ahead, Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I think he was trying to say when the pregnant patient goes to Frobisher Bay she had to stay with a family until the baby is born and when she is boarding with the family that family gets only ten dollars a day. When she moved to the hospital the government had to pay too much insurance. I think that is what the question was.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. I get the picture now. I think what the Member is concerned about is, it costs 200 and some odd dollars to keep a patient in the hospital and the patient stays with friends who only get ten dollars a day. I think this is what Mr. Evaluarjuk is concerned about. Is that right?

Cost Of Boarding Patients

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, that is true. While a patient is waiting for space or waiting to go into the hospital and has to stay with friends or boards in another home, the amount that is paid is ten dollars. If this presents a problem, you know, then we could again raise this with the federal department through our co-ordinating committee and try to do something about that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Maybe if the Member from Foxe Basin would like to make a motion to that effect and have the administration look into the possibility of raising the fee from ten dollars to \$20 or whatever and then take it to the administration and they could look into it. Would you like to make a motion? Would you like to have the Clerk of the House make up a motion for you?

Motion That The Fee For Boarding Patients Be Increased

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion so the people, while the patient is waiting with a family boarding, they should get more pay, higher pay.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, perhaps you know when I quoted the figures, the per diem cost of providing services to a patient while that patient is in the hospital, I recognize that they are large amounts and they vary but the costs are developed, made up of providing a lot of different services within a medical facility, within a hospital. It is not just the cost of that person being in a hospital bed, it is all the overhead that would be involved and that is why the cost is high. I think yesterday or the day before, Members were talking about the difficulties that the personnel have working within facilities and getting various kinds of benefits, in fact getting an adequate salary and I think it was Mr. Butters who indicated that in fact the agreement for salary is outdated by at least two years.

So I simply indicate, I want to indicate to Members that though it is high, do not be misled, it will likely get higher because people have to be reimbursed for those kinds of services. But it is \$140 or \$145 or in Frobisher Bay that

cost that we indicated in Frobisher Bay, \$362 I think I said, that is not just to occupy a bed in a hospital, it is made up of many different things.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to support this motion for the reason the living costs are getting higher and higher. If I kept one person in my house it would cost more than ten dollars a day to buy food, especially in Resolute Bay. I fully support this motion. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Lafferty, I think you are next.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, to the motion, I do not really understand the motion after listening to the comments by the Honourable Minister. I would like to know if that reply is intended to indicate that the hospital cost is including the possible payment to friends who take in patients while they are awaiting admission to the hospital?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lafferty, I think the motion is the Member, Honourable Member from Foxe Basin wants to see the fees raised for keeping a patient while waiting to go in the hospital, staying with friends from ten dollars to whatever, he did not name a figure. He just wants the administration to look into the possibility of more funding. I have the motion here which I might read to you, that the administration be requested to investigate the feasibility of increasing the living allowance paid to patients awaiting admission to the hospital, is this right? Mr. Minister.

Boarding Paid By Federal Government

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I did not mean to confuse the Member. I think it should as well be understood that it is not this department who pays that board, it is the federal department who pays it and I think Mr. Nickerson indicated that it is not ten, it is \$13 and he is likely more aware of it than I am. But it is not this department. So, I indicated all we could do would be to, in consultation as we meet with the federal department officials, bring this motion and concern to them, but it is not the Government of the Northwest Territories who pays that, it is the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I would like to declare that -- how is it put? It puts me in a conflict of interest situation to participate in the discussion on this motion or to vote on it and therefore I would like the record to show that I did not participate in this particular discussion, nor do I vote on the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Let the record so show. To the motion.

SOME HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion That The Fee For Boarding Patients Be Increased, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I hear question. All in favour? Contrary? Abstentions? One abstention, Mr. Nickerson. Motion carried.

---Carried

0 And M - Total Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Agreed

On page 10.05, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services in the amount of \$15,338,000. Total 0 and M. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 10.06, Medicare, total 0 and M of \$4,334,000. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I wonder if the administration has yet been able to put the figures together which I requested yesterday, these were figures relating to number of sterilization operations that are taking place in the territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister, I believe there was a...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I agree, there was.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we have some figures but I am not quite sure and I would rather than give erroneous information, I would have a telex now to just confirm whether in fact all hospitals within a particular zone have been included in the total. We are attempting to put them together and I would like to come back with the assurance that the figures that we have are in fact correct. These will be for tubal ligations and hysterectomies by various age groups.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson, is that satisfactory with you, if they come back with a figure?

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, it is. I notice that this may be the last formal opportunity that I have of bringing this up. So, I would either seek the assurance of this committee that I am allowed to speak on this matter again or alternatively set this particular activity aside until those figures are available.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish then that we set this figure aside, along with supplementary health programs, subsidized medical travel, until we can get the information requested?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What is the wish of the Members? Shall we set this aside or should we give him the right to bring this up again at a later date? Agreed on what? Set it aside. Agreed?

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is agreed then that we set aside the budget on pages 10.06 and 10.03 awaiting more information requested from the Members. I direct your attention now to page 10.01, total O and M budget, \$22,490,000. This then will conclude the Department of Health and Social Services until we can get more information and is it the wish of the House then that we report progress? Is it the wish then that we go on to the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

The Department Of Natural And Cultural Affairs

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 8.01. Mr. Deputy Commissioner, would you like to speak on that briefly, briefly I said. General comments on page 8.01, Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: What did you wish to know, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Comments of a general nature. Do you wish to comment before we go into it?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs has within its umbrella a number of functions that may make it difficult to take remarks of a general nature without getting all over the field. Perhaps with the indulgence of Members you might call for remarks of a general nature on each of the divisions because although there are some crossovers between them, the museums and historical program, for instance, is somewhat distinct from the fish and wildlife service and so forth.

I would prefer to make general remarks for each of the divisions rather than try and make any one over-all statement for the whole department.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Is it agreed then, Members, that we deal with each page, just deal with the one page and complete it? Is that what your wish is, Mr. Deputy Commissioner?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I think in the case of Natural and Cultural Affairs, I would recommend going through the O and M first perhaps and then you could deal with each division and we could take matters of a general nature for each division. The department has a relatively small capital program and I would suspect that its operations are of greater interest than its capital program to Members.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it your wish then, Mr. Deputy Commissioner, that we deal with page 8.02 and go through the O and M budget and the capital budget for the directorate?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we deal with page 8.02 and deal first with the O and M and save all of the capital items until later.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Comments of a general nature, page 8.02, directorate. Total O and M; salaries and wages, \$190,000; other O and M budget, \$36,000; a total amount of \$226,000. Comments of a general nature? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if in view of the fact that there is a very large increase in population in Yellowknife and with the excess hunting that is going on outside of Yellowknife in the closer areas, if the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs is going to increase the staff in Rae, as well as in Yellowknife, this year, Mr. Chairman.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Whitford would mind if we dealt with that question under the fish and wildlife service. We will come to that in two or three pages. I think that the staff that he is mostly concerned about would be within the fish and wildlife service.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Yes, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: My question will be reserved for that section too, sir.

O And M - Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Comments of a general nature, page 8.02, directorate, O and M budget, \$226,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Museum and historical programs, page 8.03; salaries and wages, \$251,000; grants and contributions, \$45,000; other O and M, \$320,000; a total amount of \$616,000. General comments. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in this particular division, we are looking at a fairly major increase and the major increase represents or is as a result of the stage at which the central museum, the Prince of Wales museum in Yellowknife now finds itself. It is coming along very nicely and as we prepare for the opening day, it is necessary to take on the staff that is necessary to operate that museum. Therefore we are looking to an increase in five man years. I had better be careful when I start talking about positions and man years again but we are looking to five man years which are essential for the operation of that museum.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, certainly the central museum is a diamond in the crown of our capital. It is going to be a very remarkable building I think but we all realize that while the building will be very attractive and remarkable, it is what is kept and preserved within its walls and beneath its ceiling that is probably the most important. I am wondering if the Deputy Commissioner might advise us of agreements with the federal government and/or other agencies or nations even, of arrangements that are made to transfer back to repatriate artifacts and historical treasures and cultural relics that belong to the people of the North, and further, to repatriate some of these things to the smaller museums, the community museums that are being developed concurrently with this central museum.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner?

Artifacts Belonging In The North

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we have a very good working arrangement and agreement with the National Museum of Man in Ottawa for the either loan or return of artifacts that are of particular value and interest to the North. We have not gone beyond that I believe at the present time. We are aware of where certain other collections exist but I do not think that we have entered into any negotiations outside of the country as yet. If anything, we are going to suffer from the problem of having too many things to look after rather than too few before we even have the doors open. The very fact that the building exists and that we have a program and that we have a safe place for storage and a safe place for display, we find that we are attracting a great deal of attention and quite a surprising number of people have come forward with collections and with items which are committed to us.

I know too that some of these collections are from people living in other countries. I do not think that we have anything in the way of formal agreements. Well, we certainly have not with other governments but we have entered into negotiations with individuals in other countries.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Funding Community Museums

MR. EVALUARJUK: Museums and historic sites we are talking about. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question and I would like to ask the administration is this money available for the whole Northwest Territories or is it just directed to the Prince of Wales museum? Like in Igloolik we also got a museum and the name is Ninummarit and that is where we keep our -- and the funding we get for that operation in Igloolik is we get money from Canada Manpower. This museum does not have any money, so, in winter there is no heating or light. So, I wonder if the territorial government should make available some money for other communities to get?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thanks, Mr. Evaluarjuk. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the money for museums and museum programs outside of Yellowknife is indeed included in these estimates. At the present time the figure of \$45,000 as grants and contributions is for museums outside of Yellowknife and the capital figure of \$50,000 for grants is also for museums outside of Yellowknife.

In addition to that, several of the staff members who either are on staff or will be coming on staff will be working in the total program for museums in the Northwest Territories and one of them in particular will have the responsibility for a museum education program, that is helping other people to understand museum matters.

This does not seem like a very substantial amount of money. However, the requests and the demands that we have had thus far have not been particularly great. We probably would not encourage the people of Igloolik to try to heat their museum all winter but we certainly would want to look at their request for extending the season that the museum is open, so that it can be open for a little longer in the year.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. I wonder if you could tell the Member from Foxe Basin how he could obtain funds. Who does he have to go to to get these funds that he is requesting?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the organizations that support the museums, whether they are local individuals or a society or the local or hamlet council, should write either directly to Mr. Mersereau, as the director of the department or if they wrote to the head of the museums program they would have their request considered very carefully.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Maybe for the benefit of the Member, we could have somebody draw up some information where you could obtain these funds and give it to you tomorrow. Would that be okay? Thank you. Mr. Whitford next on the list here.

Piece Of Russian Satellite For Central Museum

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if the Deputy Commissioner is aware or not yet, but the museum society is trying to get part of that satellite that landed to put it in a museum. So, I hope he has got some room available for it or particles of it. The other point that concerns me is that the articles or artifacts that are picked up in communities in the North and put into this Prince of Wales museum, these communities at the moment have not got museums of any sort. Are these artifacts able to be acquired and sent back to the community at a later time when the community does in fact have a museum?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, any articles or artifacts that are collected for the central museum or that are loaned to the museum, can be returned to the home settlement from time to time, depending upon the facilities available there. We already have designed travelling exhibits to take materials to various communities, so that the people in the communities can see them and enjoy them. In addition to that, when local museums are built and if they have the facilities to protect the items then of course they can be returned.

We have a great concern over loss by fire. There has been a number of fire losses in the territories in the last few years, in which things of great value have gone up in smoke and for that reason we want to be very careful and perhaps a little cautious about the handling of these kind of irreplaceable items.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Realizing that the question on the satellite was a serious question, my understanding is that the owners have the first call on the satellite and if the U.S.S.R. pays the recovery costs and I am not speaking officially, I guess this is unofficially, I suspect that if they pay the recovery costs under international agreement they can have the pieces back. We will do our best to try and have a piece or two for display in the local museum.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Whitford has got a couple of pieces in his pocket.

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Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: On that point and I would suggest to the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs that they direct, write a letter to the prime minister of the U.S.S.R. whose name escapes me for the minute

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and request that his government -- Kosygin -- request that the government of the U.S.S.R., in friendship and in goodwill, send us some photographs of the satellite for exhibition purposes, or artist's sketches of their satellite and the purposes for which it went up and we can then sell these secrets.

---Laughter

No, but in all seriousness aside

---Laughter

and that we communicate with the Ruskies, with the Russians and see if they would not be willing to send us a small sample that we could put on exhibit in the museum, which I think would be of tremendous interest to people and it would enhance the collection in the museum. As you know, we are the first country in the world, the first jurisdiction in the world to ever be hit by a satellite

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when we were not looking and I think it is something that we will go down in history for that, if nothing else.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): You did not find that radioactive piece, maybe a picture would do.

MR. PEARSON: A picture, yes and of course, some photographs of their program.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Or I suggest that we keep the pieces and we trade them off for some of the unfortunate Jews that are in prison in Russia and have them released, or some other political prisoners in exchange for pieces.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Comments of a general nature, museums and historical programs in the amount of \$616,000. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if we can have an indication when we might expect the museum to be opened for public viewing?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the museum will open in the early summer of 1979.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Lafferty.

Authenticity Of Documents And Artifacts

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, my questions sir are just brief but are of a great concern to a lot of people in my constituency. The question that arises in my mind as it has been suggested by some people that I know, that I wonder if the Deputy Commissioner can tell this House if there are any guidelines or policies being developed or are developed, guidelines in the sense that would prove the authenticity or inaccuracy of written history relating to the origin of various artifacts and items that have been used by the native peoples of the Mackenzie Valley.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, work to record and to authenticate both documents and items that are collected from the history of the country is going on at all times. I do not really know what I can say to the Member other than to reassure him that that is field for study and that the Prince of Wales museum staff are particularly interested in Northwest Territories history and the artifacts from here. That is our field of concentration, of course.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Comments. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I will get back as soon as I remember what it was.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question related to the museum and they have some documents written about it and I am wondering if there can be a translated version when the museum is opened? You have indicated that the progress as anticipated is happening. I am wondering now if there are going to be any translations that will be out. I will definitely be happier if there is a translation in the North where the Inuit people are so they have a translated version of it.

Inuktitut Brochures And Descriptive Material

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I believe that Mr. Kilabuk is anxious that when we display items, the captions or the descriptions be also in Inuktitut. Certainly that is our intention. We will be doing that and, in addition, when we prepare brochures and descriptive material, we will to the very best of our ability be translating that material into Inuktitut also.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Will it also be in French?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I do not think it will right off.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: Yes, thanks very much for a very good answer.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I was under the impression that as the artifacts come in from different parts of the North, if it is from the East it would have been in Inuktitut and had it been from the West where the Indian people are living then it would be in that particular dialect, in English and in that particular dialect, for the artifacts.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mersereau has just reminded me that when we put captions or descriptions on the articles, we will use as many of the languages in use in the territories as we possibly can.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Comments of a general nature, museum and historical programs in the amount of \$616,000. Mr. Pearson.

Funding For Culture

MR. PEARSON: I spoke the other day of the need for cultural activities and I am concerned with the miniscule amount of money that is set aside for these endeavors. I have expressed this concern, as I said, for some time. With a budget of that sort, it is highly unlikely that very many artifacts and very many exhibitions could be mounted and sent to other communities. It is highly unlikely with that kind of budget that museum programs could be vigorously pursued and an all-encompassing territorial approach taken.

At one time we use to discuss the A level budget and the B level budget, and we could see in that way it would be therefore reflected and the concerns of the department we could see reflected in the B levels, and I think we even had C levels at one time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What are you talking about? We are talking about museums and historical sites.

MR. PEARSON: Yes, I am talking about the program of moving exhibitions around the Northwest Territories, of having communities included, schools receiving exhibits, because we did agree in this House some years ago to fund that museum across the road and not to fund several museums scattered throughout the Northwest Territories. The Assembly made that decision and it was on the understanding that it would become a very mobile kind of thing. Now, I see very little, at the moment, anyway for the life of me, can not see how you can do very much in that regard with such a small amount of money. I put cultural things ahead of many other things in this day and age, in this world; the need for people to be aware of their culture and to learn some of the pleasant things about even southern Canadian life, of music, having groups of musicians visit the Northwest Territories.

Anniversary Celebrations, Frobisher Bay

For example, Frobisher Bay this year will be having its 403rd anniversary. This is the anniversary that commemorates the first Anglican Holy Communion service ever held in North America and is an historic occasion indeed. We anticipate we will have the pleasure of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates and everybody else of Canada, along with many other visitors to the community. Hopefully, we will get financial assistance from the territorial government in Yellowknife, cultural affairs, to put on some kind of commemorative activity within the community.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pearson, very interesting. Museums and historical programs in the amount of \$616,000.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Chairman, do we have any response today or what? I mean an occasional nod of the head would do.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I was not just sure whether you wanted a response or not. I am not sure if Mr. Pearson is referring to the whole budget of \$616,000 or part of it. If he is referring to the whole budget then I think he can see that we have added year by year very substantially to the museums and historical programs budget and that I think itself indicates a trend, it indicates a priority that we are setting.

There is money spread throughout the territorial budget in support of cultural activities and some of this money of course is in the recreation division, a considerable amount of it is in education and so forth. Whether or not we have any money for the Sir Martin Frobisher homecoming, I am not just sure. I am not sure if we have an application yet from the village.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Museums and historical programs, Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I was away when you first broke into this Natural and Cultural Affairs thing, and I do not know...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We are on museums and historical programs.

Museum Program

MR. STEEN: Right. What I meant to say is that maybe the Deputy Commissioner may have enlarged on some of the things that are being done under that program. However, I am interested in knowing just how many museums there are in the territories and this \$45,000, what does it break down to be? Is there a limit for each museum? Just how much can a museum apply for? What is the limit that you can apply for for any museum?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there are nine active societies. I am not sure if each one supports a museum. No, each one does not support a museum but there are nine active groups. Thus far we feel that the money that we have put in the budget will pretty well meet the requirements of these groups and, you know, we are prepared to look at their applications. I do not think that we have established any, either minimums or maximum figures, for assistance to community museum groups.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: I would like to know whether or not Sachs Harbour has applied to your administration for any funds because I understand they have had some difficulty obtaining funds and if so, did they receive any?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I am advised that Sachs Harbour has made application and there are negotiations going back and forth now to try and work that matter out.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Yes, I would like to know also do they have a society there? Does Tuktoyaktuk have a society because they have started something there and I should not be asking you this question, but what you were saying a little while ago is that you must be a society before you can apply, is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

Museum Societies Preferable

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there is a society formed at Sachs Harbour but there has not been a society formed yet at Tuktoyaktuk. We do not require that the applications come from a society. Frankly, we would prefer them to come from a society because that indicates that there is an organized group that can look after the funds or the program, but so long as there is an identifiable group that will take responsibility, we can deal with them, whether they are an incorporated society or not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. At this time the House will recognize the Members who are working on a workshop of the Fort Smith region, Department of Local Government. I have first on the list Mr. Harry Deneron the chief from Fort Liard; and Mr. John McKee, community secretary. In Fort Providence we have Mr. Louis Constant, settlement councillor and Mr. Albert Canadien, settlement secretary. In Fort Resolution we have Mr. Cecil Lafferty. In Wrigley we have Mr. Henry Hardisty, settlement secretary. Lac La Martre, Mr. Isadore Zoe, council chairman; Mr. Alex Nitsiza, settlement secretary. From Snowdrift we have Mr. George Marlowe, settlement councillor, and Mr. Albert Boucher, settlement councillor, and Mr. Tom Lockhart, settlement secretary. We welcome these guests to the chambers today.

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We will now recognize the clock as 4:30 o'clock p.m. We will break and have coffee and maybe we can talk to these gentlemen from out of town. A 15 minute recess.

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O And M - Museum And Historical Programs, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. We will call the meeting to order. We are dealing with museum and historical programs on page 8.03 in the amount of \$616,000 for total O and M. Agreed?

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Mr. Minister. Page 8.04, recreation and cultural programs in the amount of \$1,076,000 total O and M budget. Comments of a general nature. I direct your comments to recreation and cultural programs please. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, we are talking about comments of a general nature?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Comments of a general nature on recreation and cultural programs.

MR. PUDLUK: I do not know where to begin.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page 8.04.

MR. PUDLUK: It is about the culture. Are the Executive people looking to more about the culture for the Northwest Territories because that is about learning more about the culture. I want to see the Executive people looking into more about this program of the culture.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner. The Member wants to know a little more detail on the cultural organizations in support of recreation, is this what you are talking about, Mr. Pudluk?

MR. PUDLUK: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the cultural programs that we speak of supporting under this division are programs to which we give financial assistance, either as grants or contributions, for things like the Northern Games, treaty days celebrations and so forth, the sort of things that are listed on this page. That is the nature of the cultural assistance that is given in this division.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Does that answer your question, Mr. Pudluk?

MR. PUDLUK: Yes, for now. Thanks.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Comments of a general nature. Recreation and cultural programs in the amount of \$1,076,000. Total O and M budget. Mr. Steen, please.

MR. STEEN: I wonder if the administration would supply some figures on Northern Games. How many grants were used last year in comparison with the previous years?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman for this past year I think the past two years, the contribution that we have made available to the Northern Games has been \$20,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Is that the figure that they requested or did they want additional funds?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think it is quite close to what was requested. We may have had a little discussion back and forth but I do not think that they have ever requested any substantial amount more than that. We may have rounded the figure off, though.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Steen.

Location Of Northern Games

MR. STEEN: Yes, I would be interested in knowing, if there were games in the Central Arctic this year? I believe the Northern Games were in Coppermine, were they? Well what I wanted to know was last year, I think that was the first year that they divided the games so that it would be much cheaper and did that figure prove, or did the attitude or whatever you want to call it, did it prove to be correct, that it is cheaper to have regional games rather than one big gathering?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner, did you get the question?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, I think I did, Mr. Chairman. There was a total of approximately \$31,000 granted for various elements of Northern Games. Some towards the games directly and some towards workshops. The major Northern Games were held in Cambridge Bay but there were also Northern Games held in Baker Lake and Igloodik and Rankin Inlet.

I had better correct a statement that I made earlier when Mr. Steen asked if the \$20,000 was what was asked for. It turns out that they in fact asked for \$35,000 but we could not increase, we did not have the money to increase our contribution by that much.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner, I think the Member has asked the question, was it cheaper to hold the games in the different communities rather than hold them all in one settlement?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well I think it is the choice of the Northern Games society or group to use more than one location. I do not think they can all make it to one location.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Steen, does that answer your question?

MR. STEEN: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Comments of a general nature? Recreation and cultural programs in the amount of \$1,076,000. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

Administration Costs Of Community Centres.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, at either the last or the second last session of this House we were asked to come forward with a program of additional assistance for operation of community centres. I beg your pardon, not operation of the centres, but for administration costs. We had been making a grant of five dollars per capita toward operations and toward administration and it was pointed out to us that in relatively small places this just did not amount to a substantial amount of money at all, that it just did not go anywhere. We have drawn up a new program whereby we grant a basic \$3000 to all communities over 100 people and \$2000 to all communities under 100 people, plus the five dollars per capita and that means that the smaller places have a much better chance. That means that we have added approximately \$160,000 to the program.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, on that point of providing assistance to recreational complexes, at one time it was thought that the assistance might take the form of moneys which the community could put towards the operation and maintenance of the structures; moneys that would be spent to heat the buildings and provide lighting and to run various other pieces of equipment requiring electric power. Has there been anything developed along these lines or is the program that the Deputy Commissioner has just indicated to us the only program which the territorial government has developed to date?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we have a program that has been in operation for some time now, of assistance with the utilities in community centres, which amounts to or can amount to up to 40 per cent of the cost of the operations. However, we have established two limits. The one limit is 10,000 kilowatt hours a year and the other limit is 5000 gallons of heating oil. That program is of substantial assistance to community centres.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Comments of a general nature, recreation and cultural programs. Mr. Kilabuk.

Recreation Grants

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, I have one question that I would like to ask. I have never heard about this program at all that you were speaking of before about the recreation grants that we get in the communities. In 1972 we had assistance in our community, but I have never heard any more on this program from the administration, if they have helped in our communities.

Concerning the electricity and the fuel, I do not know if they help us on this. We have been asking for quite a while now, I have asked the recreation committees in the communities if the government have helped them in any way at all, but I have been told we have not been given any assistance. We have written a letter this year and we have bought some equipment. It cost over \$4000, the furnace and the chairs. The chairs that we bought were \$300 and all this was over \$4000. We did not get any assistance from the government at all and we do not know who is going to be helping us on this. We have written a letter to the administration concerning recreation, and I would like to know if you have received this letter.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, yes, we received the letter and we have sent a reply to Pagnirtung and we have asked them to complete an application for money, so now we are waiting to hear from them. If they have not received the letter by now they probably will receive it any day now and when they get it, they will be sending us an application for money and we will then be in the position to help them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, for the purchases they have made, concerning the furnace and the chairs, we sent the bill already. Do you have the bill with you? We did not send anything else concerning the purchasing of the furnace and of the chairs and we have sent the bill to you. Have you received the bill concerning the purchase of the furnace and chairs?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, yes we received the bill, the invoice from Pagnirtung and that was the reason that we wrote them again and asked them for more information on an application form and when we get this additional information that we need, then I think we will be able to help Pagnirtung.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, if I go back to Pagnirtung and I am going to tell the recreation committee. I am going to try and help them in any way I can. I was a member of the recreation committee for seven years and now I am going to help them when I get back concerning this information. Thank you very much for answering my question.

0 And M - Recreation And Cultural Programs, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Comments of a general nature, recreation and cultural programs in the amount of \$1,076,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Library Services

I direct your attention then to page 8.05, library services in the amount of \$436,000. Total 0 and M budget, comments of a general nature? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to know where the 12 man years are located. Are these within community libraries, or are they restricted to the library on the fifth floor of the Laing building? Secondly, I notice in the text at the top of page 8.05 it refers to information and research services to be provided to Members of the territorial Legislature. I just wonder if we could be advised what research services are provided for us.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the in-service library, as Mr. Nickerson knows, is one that has grown from a very small technical library, as different books and pamphlets are acquired, into quite a vast collection on the fifth floor of the Laing building and that is available to staff, to the public within certain limited hours, and of course always to Members. I guess when we say research services, we mean assistance in finding the right book.

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With regard to the location of the 12.2 man years, I think two of them are in the Laing building. The majority are in Hay River. I underline that, Hay River, not Fort Smith and they run the central library there, which of course as you know is a library which forwards books to other member libraries.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I am lost. Could we go back to what you were talking about before, if you will allow me to, just for a few minutes?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Member wishes to go back to recreation. Is it agreed in the House that we go back to recreation for just a little bit, he said? We will direct your attention then to page 8.04, recreation and cultural programs. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Recreation In Coral Harbour

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I just would like to ask a question concerning Coral Harbour because I had received a letter from them quite a few months ago, 1976, concerning the assistance they would like to get in recreation. They had written down what they wanted in the letter. Maybe I could give you the same letter that the Coral Harbour people sent. Send a letter to Coral Harbour people if you have the list of the things what they wanted. Would you like the letter?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Evaluarjuk. I think he has got a letter that he wants to...

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Evaluarjuk has provided us with a list of things that the community wants; that is in the way of equipment and supplies. We will have a look at this. The total is \$705. We will have a look at it and before the session is over I will give him an answer to their request.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you very much. Does that sound reasonable?

MR. EVALUARJUK: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. Is that all you had on that recreation and cultural programs, Mr. Evaluarjuk? Thank you.

0 And M - Library Services, Agreed

We will turn then to page 8.05, library services in the amount of \$436,000. Agreed?

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I should have given Mr. Nickerson a better answer there on the people. There are two employees in the library on the fifth floor of the Laing building and there are eight in Hay River, and that makes ten. We include the community librarians either as casual workers or we pay the money directly to societies or associations.

0 And M - Fish And Wildlife

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Page 8.06, fish and wildlife in the amount of \$3,662,000 total 0 and M budget. Comments of a general nature. Mr. Whitford, I think you had a question on fish and wildlife a while back.

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am wondering if the department of fish and wildlife have plans to increase the staff in Rae as well as Yellowknife because of the large amount of hunting that is going on from this community into the surrounding area to protect the wildlife such as caribou and as well the game law. The concern being expressed is that also there is not enough time for the patrolmen in the one community of Rae itself to be able to travel to the other settlements such as Lac La Martre, Rae Lakes, surrounding Snare Lake and that as well it makes it very difficult for the game officer who has not only got the paperwork to do and come to meetings in Yellowknife but to carry on these functions as well. So, our hope is that the increase of two positions in both these areas would be of an asset and a benefit to the people.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.
Fish And Wildlife Staff In Rae

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we do not plan an increase in staff in the Rae area or in the Yellowknife area. We recognize that there is a high level of hunting pressure at times in these areas and the way that we are responding to that is by the use of headquarters people from time to time and through arrangements with the Department of Fisheries people in the federal government, who carry out some duties for us as we carry out certain duties for them. But we do not see a need at the present time, at least under the relatively tight financial restrictions that we find ourselves to increase the staff in this area. There are so many locations where there is no game officer or fish and wildlife officer and we have to answer the requirements in some of those areas first rather than increasing here.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner, very well put. Mr. Whitford, do you want to follow that up?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, our concern is that when the game officer goes into a community, there is not enough time that he is able to spend in a community to not only issue hunting licences, not only to repair the cabin or to go off to a sector of that part of the land to meet and visit with some of the trappers out there. As well it is important for these hunters' and trappers' associations that are getting funds or band councils, to help them administer their programs effectively. It is all fine and dandy to say we will take them out of headquarters, but the only problem is that by taking them out of headquarters, it is only for a short period of time.

Game Officers Do Not Have Sufficient Time

I suppose as well there is in the Yellowknife area, a road that is going to Powder Point and beyond which has been filled with a lot of traffic, people transporting skidoos and from there going out to kill the caribou. The concern again and the game officer here who is a good one now, has in fact done his utmost best and before he quit and now he shares the same feelings that I do, that here in Yellowknife as well, they do not have time to sit and meet with the people, work with them setting up their game advisory committees in band councils and go out to parts of the land and patrol the present areas. I have expressed this view not just today but for some time now that they need in fact another two positions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Apparently these guys are not well educated, they got to have supervision right behind them all the time. Do you want two more game wardens for the Yellowknife district, is this your request? Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there is no doubt but what we could use more manpower in this area. As I explained, we do have to shift people around for certain seasons of the year like now when there is heavy pressure on caribou that are fairly close in but with our restricted budget and with the priorities that we have right across the North, we just simply do not have the funds to put more people into this area. We do not question the conclusion that the Member has reached, it is the right conclusion, we need more people but we also need more people in quite a number of areas in the North because there is a lot of hunting pressure everywhere.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Steen.

Hiring Game Wardens.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I can see the need especially out in these areas where there is a lot of influx of people in especially Yellowknife for additional -- well I should not say Yellowknife but I should say the area for additional game wardens, but I also suggest that we be careful of who you hire for that kind of work. The other day in Inuvik there was an old woman setting hooks for the loche fish and the game warden came down there and pulled the hooks out and said that she was breaking the law so the woman did not know who to go to. We tried to find out who it was but she said well he was wearing a funny uniform and he had a funny crest on his shoulder, so we figured out who he was. Things like that, I think the native people are having difficulty at the present time where your people think that they are carrying out the law, but these people have been doing it for thousands of years, setting these kind of hooks. She finally got her hooks back. I just hope that more attention would be brought to that kind of problem.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Steen. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, in view of the redirection of development in the Northwest Territories and the anticipated increased use of the renewable resources, I wonder if the Deputy Commissioner could advise the increased amount of money that is included in this budget item which reflects that change of objective? The change of objective being toward a greater utilization of the renewable resources, a greater increase in pursuit of fur and natural foods.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

Greater Emphasis On Renewable Resources

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we are placing a greater emphasis on the renewable resources and we realize that this is one department where this emphasis must show up. In the total budget of the government I think we are showing probably two or three main thrusts; one of them we have already explained and that is the additional capital spending that is going into water and sewer programs. Now that is a major thrust. Another major thrust is definitely in this department. You will note that in the 1977-78 main estimates we voted \$3,140,000. During the year we have given immediate recognition to the needs of this division and we have increased that by half a million dollars and we are making another marginal increase, as you will note in these main estimates. We have increased the manpower, the man years, by three man years. We have under consideration further program increases which we have not had time to consider in time for these estimates, but which will likely be presented to you in a supplementary in May. These increases will be in recognition of this requirement to try and take maximum advantage of the renewable resources.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Butters.

Protecting The Trapper And His Livelihood

MR. BUTTERS: One more question, sir. One of the statements related to the advent of television is that the colour of blood is red. I think Mr. Pudluk in his opening remarks pointed out that the use of television and the carrying on television or movies of young seal pups being clubbed, of animals in a trap with their fur shredded and bloody, is doing a very great deal of damage to the land man who must make his living from the fur resource.

Two or three sessions ago Mr. Steen pointed out how the environmentalist who a few years ago, when Judge Berger was here, was so much a friend of the native people, has now in effect become his enemy because having contributed to losing

the pipeline he will now seek to take away from native people their livelihood in the natural resources field and in fur. As Mr. Steen said, the technique will be this. "There, look at that woman, she is wearing death on her back", pointing to a woman clothed in furs. I am just wondering if the government recognizes this propaganda that is being used by various pressure groups to attack the trapper's livelihood right at its basic taproot. What can be done to protect for the trapper his livelihood?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we recognize this problem. We also recognize that it is one that we must work on. We are not going to come up with the solutions all by ourselves by any means because it is connected with the whole environmentalist push, the pressures of conservationists, fur fashions themselves, world opinion. The whole thing is mixed in there. There was a motion passed earlier in this session to go into committee of the whole to discuss the matter of sealskin prices. We have examined this and we have been keeping very very close to the subject of sealskin prices. Fortunately, it looks like the market has recovered somewhat from a very very low mark that was reached in the fall. We are watching that very carefully and we hope that the market will continue to recover. If it does not, then we will have to come forward with a program of price support for sealskins and we have been considering that very carefully. Naturally, we are reluctant to come forward with such a program too quickly if the market is indeed getting better.

We note with interest the steps that have been taken by Newfoundland, by Premier Frank Moores to go on the offensive on this matter of hunting and trapping, particularly the production of fur and we may well, as the Commissioner explained in his Opening Address, find ourselves in the position of having to join forces with the wholesalers and retailers of fur, with the trapping associations and with perhaps even some provinces in a major campaign in the fur business.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Whitford, I think you are next on the list.

Motion To Put Additional Game Officer Position In Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to recommend to the department of fish and wildlife to put an additional position into the Yellowknife game office next year.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I take it your motion is that you recommend to the administration to put another position in the Yellowknife district for next year?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, for a game officer's position in 1978-79.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): One game officer's position?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Yes sir, I want to ask how many are there right now? How many positions here right now, at the present time?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner, I think Mr. Pudluk requests the information as to how many game wardens there are in Yellowknife district.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there are two fish and wildlife officers for the Yellowknife area.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I am going to support this motion, because of the population of Yellowknife, only two positions here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Again I would like some information, Mr. Chairman. I would imagine there are a number of areas in the Northwest Territories where additional staff are being requested and I wonder where the administration would see the highest priority lies in recommending that an additional person be put into Yellowknife. Are we thereby taking one out or not putting an additional one in in a location where he is needed more than in Yellowknife?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, first of all I take from the Member's motion that he is giving advice for us to locate one more person here, not this coming fiscal year but to make preparations for the year after that. Is that right?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Whitford, is that the way your motion reads, 1978-79, or 1979-80?

MR. WHITFORD: Next years budget.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well Mr. Whitford says next years budget so that would be 1979-80.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): For 1979-80.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Okay, now having said that, the two places that are at the top of our priority list at the present time are Coppermine and Clyde River.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. To the motion. Mr. Pearson, the motion reads that it be recommended to the administration that an additional position for wildlife officer be established for the Yellowknife

area in the 1979-80 fiscal year. Mr. Nickerson.

Game Department Situation In Clyde River And Coppermine.

MR. NICKERSON: It would appear, Mr. Chairman, that in supporting this motion what we would be doing is to move Yellowknife to the top of the list and the two places at the top of the list at present, Coppermine and Clyde River, will be relegated to the bottom of the list, or moved one notch down. Maybe in order for us to make this decision, we could have some advice as to the numbers of people serving in the fish and game department in those two areas. Maybe there are not any there and then it would be grossly unfair of us to put an additional person in Yellowknife when there is nobody in Coppermine at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Deputy Commissioner Parker, do you want to answer that?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, for this coming fiscal year, that is 1978-79, as under discussion, we foresee placing fish and wildlife officers in the two places I mentioned; Coppermine and Clyde River. Mr. Whitford is suggesting a high priority for the year following. At the present time and this is looking a fair way ahead, our priorities for that year would be an additional man in Cambridge Bay and an officer in Fort Liard. But we would be satisfied to look and of course we will look at any motion that is made from the standpoint of priorities and be prepared to come back to the House and discuss it further with you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. I think I recognize Mr. Lafferty now.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, my comments were not of a general nature, not to the motion that is before us. So, on a point of order, I will withdraw my comments for the time being, and reintroduce it after. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. Deputy Commissioner Parker. Was that a question? No, just a comment. Thank you. Comments of a general nature. Fish and wildlife. Mr. Lyall.

A Case Of Priorities

MR. LYALL: I do not really feel that I am going to be supporting that motion because to my point of thinking, the Yellowknife area right now has got too many game officers. One of the reasons I will not support the motion is because of the fact that just in case for the following year, the priorities go down as Mr. Nickerson was indicating and it is not so for this coming year, I understand that, but for the next year, I am talking about the additional game officer in Cambridge Bay. The whole of the Central Arctic right now, has only got two game officers and I think that the priorities for Coppermine for this year and the additional one in Cambridge Bay for next year, I do not like to see them taken off the priority list and putting Yellowknife on top. There are far too many game officers around Yellowknife area.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Comments of a general nature, fish and wildlife. Right, to the motion. We have a motion on the floor and it reads: Let it be recommended to the administration that an additional position for wildlife officer be established for the Yellowknife area in the 1979-80 fiscal year. To the motion. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I am having a little bit of difficulty with this. Of course, I would like to support Mr. Whitford, but Mr. Lyall and undoubtedly Mr. Lafferty will speak on this too, present a very good point. At the moment, although there are probably as we have heard only two actual game officers specifically for Yellowknife, you can not walk down Franklin Avenue without tripping all over them. There are all kinds of them in Yellowknife. Maybe they are headquarters staff but they are always available to look after local problems, if they are really necessary.

It would appear to me that Mr. Lyall has presented a very good case, when he says there are only at present two game officers in the whole Central Arctic and I would hesitate in recommending that Yellowknife take somebody else when an obvious need exists somewhere else. I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, as much as I do not want to, I have to vote against this particular motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Pearson.

Locations Of Game Officers.

MR. PEARSON: Well I was going to ask the Deputy Commissioner for -- perhaps he did earlier give a breakdown of where the game officers presently are. I feel as Mr. Nickerson does that there are many regions, at least I suspect there are areas that have a tremendous lack of expertise people in those areas.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Deputy Commissioner. We will get an answer to Mr. Pearson's comments. Mr. Lyall.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I could read out the places that have game officers, or I could have for tomorrow, a listing made up by region and circulate it to you showing their locations. Which would you prefer? As nobody has leapt forward, why do not I bring the list in tomorrow rather than, you know, sit here and read off about 30 or 40 places.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I think in light of Mr. Pearson's question, I know how many there are in my region, there are two and if there were 20 of them there I would have known they were all there because I went around with that Wildlife Ordinance. I think that every Member of this House would know how many they have got in their region because of the fact that they all went, they all said they went around with that Wildlife Ordinance. So I do not see why we have to have a breakdown personally of where the game wardens are.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Butters, I think you are next.

MR. BUTTERS: It was probably more by way of information, Mr. Chairman. Am I correct in believing that the requirement seen by Mr. Whitford for the officer would only occur at a very specific period of time, that is when the caribou herds move across or adjacent to the highways north of the community and if the time required for such enforcement or surveys is short, might you not deputize an officer to serve for say a month?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Butters. Deputy Commissioner Parker, would that be possible?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we are looking to various means for meeting these short-term needs. Among the things we are looking at is getting extra service from people like land use officers who may have a slack period when there is snow on the ground. Okay, we will not look at land use officers.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Lafferty, I think you are next.

Game Wardens In The Mackenzie District.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I have got a frog in my throat but anyway, Mr. Chairman, I am in very very great sympathy with Mr. Whitford but as the Honourable Members here are indicating that there is a definite need for this service in other parts of the country. To put some light on that same problem that we have identified in the mountain regions of the Mackenzie district, we have in the whole area, which is a large area and a very tough country to get into because its mountainous type of country, only two game officers in Fort Simpson. These people are short of money to carry on the kind of work that they must do because they can not land with an aircraft, they can only use a helicopter, so there is a great problem.

I do know of Mr. Lyall's situation because I happen to be familiar with the game officer that was transferred from there to our region. He has talked to me about the situation up there. So, looking at the need for these officers in these two areas, although I am in sympathy with Mr. Whitford, it is a temporary type of thing with the region up here because of seasonal hunting for caribou, but up in the south Mackenzie block it is in the summer months that we are greatly affected, because during that period of time there is a lot of activity. People can land on lakes by chartered aircraft and so on. So there is a very critical situation that we must think out very carefully and I urge my colleagues to think very carefully.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lafferty. Mr. Whitford, to the motion.

Workload In Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, the point that I am expressing is that the population of Yellowknife has increased now and in a years time will have increased a heck of a lot more. The workload like I say on the game officers at the moment is one of extensive or extended work or a high workload. It makes it very difficult for them to go out and to patrol, like I say, and to look after other game matters, even in the office. Now perhaps the Deputy Commissioner might be thinking of a patrolman. I do not know. But the point is that the need of such an extra person to me and to the rest of my constituency is important.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Comments of a general nature. Oh, we were talking to the motion still. We have a motion on the floor. To the motion. Did I hear question?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Put Additional Game Officer Position In Yellowknife, Defeated

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question has been called. All in favour? Two. Contrary? Six. The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Fish and wildlife budget, total O and M, \$3,662,000. Mr. Lafferty.

MR. LAFFERTY: My comments here are of a general nature and I assume we are still on comments of a general nature?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): That is right. Comments of a general nature on fish and wildlife services.

MR. LAFFERTY: There are certain things that are very disturbing that I would like to point out at this time regarding some of the activities by week end trappers in the south Mackenzie block, such as Fort Simpson and Fort Providence and areas in this region. I have had numerous complaints which I had thought that maybe we could discuss and highlight in the discussion of the Wildlife Ordinance which is defeated.

Nevertheless, now is the opportunity to think about these things and I feel by listening to many people who are full time trappers that there are certain things that are happening in this part of the country that do affect a person who is in most cases poor and in most cases unable to finance motorized transportation and who must attend much of his trapping on foot and who is a full time trapper and totally dependent on fur bearing animals for cash income. Because of certain complaints that I have heard, it has been brought to my attention that there are people who are in the employ of both federal and territorial governments who are engaged in part time or week end trapping.

In most instances, these people who are in the employ of the government are receiving substantial sums of money for their livelihood. Nevertheless, they do take advantage of their privilege and engage in trapping week ends along the highways, greatly affecting the livelihood of people who are solely dependent on trapping for cash income. Then of course from my own personal experience, these people who are in full time employment are also the vocal people in the communities, thereby making it almost if not impossible for the poor people who are dependent for their livelihood on fur bearing animals to express the hardships that they face.

Because of the existence of this situation, Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommend to the administration to develop a controlling mechanism whereby part time trappers and/or those persons who may be employed full time may be regulated in the engagement, trapping fur bearing animals. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that we have made a great mistake by killing the proposed Wildlife Ordinance without any discussion, where these damages that are found to the poor, who are dependent on animals for cash income. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Lafferty, was that your motion that...

MR. LAFFERTY: No, Mr. Chairman, my motion is that this committee recommend to the administration to develop whatever you call it, some kind of a controlling mechanism or regulation, whatever, to prevent people who are full time employees of federal and territorial governments -- I do not know if I have that right, I am just talking from the top of my head, Mr. Chairman, I did not write it out. What I am trying to say, Mr. Chairman...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): If you have it right, I sure have not got it right anyway.

MR. LAFFERTY: Maybe somebody could help me.

MR. PEARSON: I move we recognize the clock.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I was just about to suggest that but I wanted to say one thing first; that I think this motion should be looked over and that somebody should redo it because I can not vote for it if it is like that. One other thing; I think there is a control mechanism within the government, and I think that the recreation trappers are only allowed to trap so much fur a year. So I do not know. I mean, personally I think there is a control system for recreation trappers. So, I hoped that motion would be reread tonight and we could discuss it tomorrow. I recognize the clock.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish that we report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I think that it should be made clear to Members that once a motion is made to recognize the clock, that it

can not be debated period. Perhaps the Speaker would enunciate a little more clearly that particular Rule.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, the committee has been studying Bill 11-64. The following motions were made:

Motion one, by Mr. Nickerson; this committee remains completely dissatisfied with the overbearing and unco-operative attitude of the Department of National Health and Welfare in matters of shared cost hospital construction.

Motion two, that the administration look into the possibility of changing the rules set down by Northern Health that a patient has to go to Inuvik for hospitalization when he could easily be transported to the outside where immediate medical attention is required.

Motion three, that the administration be requested to investigate the feasibilities of increasing the living allowance paid to patients awaiting admission to hospitals.

Motion four, that it be recommended to the administration that an additional position for wildlife officer be established for the Yellowknife area in the 1979-80 fiscal year. That motion was defeated. Mr. Speaker, your committee is studying Bill 11-64 and at this time wish to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: In the future, Mr. Fraser, it will not be necessary to report the motions that were defeated, just the ones that were passed. I believe there is a committee meeting tomorrow morning, is there not, Mr. Butters, your committee?

MR. BUTTERS: Sir, all Members are invited to attend.

MR. SPEAKER: All Members of the House, not just the committee?

MR. BUTTERS: That is correct, sir, in the Executive boardroom, sixth floor, Laing building.

MR. SPEAKER: At 9:00 o'clock a.m., I understand. Further announcements?

Orders of the day, Mr. Clerk.

ITEM NO. 11: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, February 3, 1978, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Questions and Returns
3. Oral Questions
4. Petitions
5. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
6. Notices of Motion

7. Motions for the Production of Papers
8. Motions
9. Tabling of Documents
10. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bills 8-64, 7-64, 17-64 and 11-64, Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Price Support Mechanisms for Sealskin
11. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., February 3, 1978, at the Explorer Hotel.

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