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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1978

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Steen, Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Butters, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Hon. Peter Ernerk, 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.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I have three returns.

Return To Question W25-64: Broughton Island Alcohol Committee

Question W25-64. On Monday, January 30, Mr. Kilabuk asked whether the Broughton Island alcohol committee could obtain an alcohol control stamp. It is assumed that the alcohol control stamp requested by Broughton Island residents' alcohol committee is of the type presently in use at Pond Inlet. As a result of a plebiscite, Pond Inlet has in force a legal system of restriction on liquor quantities. Broughton Island has made no request for a plebiscite to control or prohibit liquor within the settlement. However if they wish to do so the Liquor Control System will be happy to assist.

Return To Question W37-64: Houses For Pagnirtung

Question 37-64. On Friday, February 3, Mr. Kilabuk asked whether the administration will be building 20 houses for Pagnirtung in 1978. The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation will construct 18 duplex or row housing stick-built units in Pagnirtung in 1978. This project will also serve as a training program to develop local building capability. In 1979 the corporation plans to allocate a further 18 units to Pagnirtung which hopefully, can be totally built by the community.

Return To Question W39-46: Shortage Of Building Material, Rae Lakes

Question W39-64. On Friday, February 3, Mr. Whitford asked the administration whether they were aware of shortages in building materials in Rae Lakes, which is delaying the completion of a building project. Department of Economic Development and Tourism field staff assisted the settlement council to obtain a grant from the Canada Works program, job creation branch. Further, it was simultaneously arranged for the remainder of the necessary capital funds to be obtained from the economic development section of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. Efforts are continuing on the part of our field staff to expedite the project.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further returns? Do you have a return, Mr. Lafferty, or a question? Written questions.

MR. LAFFERTY: Just a question, sir. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a written question here.

Question W45-64: Koe Go Cho Society

Mr. Speaker, in view of the CBC report on what is happening to native students resident at the Koe Go Cho Society's operation of Lapointe Hall at Fort Simpson, the inference that the children's future is being damaged by the political activities by certain individuals engaged or involved in Koe Go Cho Society, is the administration presently looking into the matter? This question I would like to have answered as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: That sounds like several written questions to me, Mr. Lafferty. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W45-64: Koe Go Cho Society

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, the answer to the question is yes, the administration is reviewing its relationship with the Koe Go Cho Society. We are taking a look at that right now.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions?

Item 3, oral questions. Mr. Butters.

ITEM NO. 3: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 046-64: Radiation Danger

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the Deputy Commissioner has no report on the current satellite situation in the Northwest Territories and I would have hoped this would have been the case with Hon. Barnett Danson's recent visit. I wonder, in view of the fact that the Edmonton Journal for Monday, February the 6th, quotes Hon. Barnett Danson as saying, in relation to the information he is getting from the Russians "when we are dealing with radiation danger to people, I think we all have to grow up a little bit." Now, it would appear that there is a radiation danger to people, the people obviously concerned most are the people of the Northwest Territories and possibly the people of this community. I wonder if the Deputy Commissioner might advise that there is or is not a radiation danger to local residents.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question 046-64: Radiation Danger

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, as far as can be determined and it can be determined rather well, there is no radiation danger to the residents of Yellowknife or to any residents of the Northwest Territories. The one possible exception could be that if a highly radioactive fragment was found by a resident and handled, he could cause damage to his health. The military and scientific communities are continuing in their efforts to locate any and all fragments. It seems as though, with the results to date, if there are any highly or even moderately radioactive fragments still around, that is, in existence, that they are likely to be found because their success rate in finding modestly radioactive pieces has been very good, in my belief.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Question 047-64: Reactor Core

MR. BUTTERS: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, am I correct in believing that the reactor core is still to be located?

Return To Question 047-64: Reactor Core

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, there is a belief that the core or what remains of the fuel is at the site at Warden's Grove and this will be known once the remnants of the satellite there have been excavated.

MR. SPEAKER: Further oral questions? Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Question 048-64: Earthquake, Resolute Bay

MR. EVALUARJUK: I would like to ask a question, if anybody really knows the answer. Yesterday I made a phone call to my home in Igloolik and they indicated to me there was a slight earthquake movement near Resolute Bay. I would like to know as to whether or not this is true. I heard it from home and I would like to know if there is any information relating to that particular situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question 048-64: Earthquake, Resolute Bay

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, on the night before last there was an earthquake tremor which registered five on the Richter scale which means that it was a fairly moderate tremor. It took place north of Melville Island, I would just guess approximately 150 to 200 miles to the northwest of Resolute Bay and just a few miles west of Loughheed Island. There is a drilling rig working in that immediate area. The tremor was detected at the drilling rig and it caused no harm. It caused no difficulties. So, it can be assumed that it caused no problems to anyone else in the area.

MR. SPEAKER: Further oral questions.

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 6, notices of motion. Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 6: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 13-64: Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on February 8, 1978, I will be moving a motion:

WHEREAS all fish harvested in the Northwest Territories are now marketed through the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the prices being paid by this agency to Northwest Territories fishermen are entirely unsatisfactory;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly request the administration to investigate the possibility of putting into effect the proposals of the Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion?

Item 7, motions for the production of papers.

Item 8, motions. It would appear to me that there are no motions for today that have not been dealt with.

Item 9, tabling of documents. Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 20-64, Re: Commercial Fishing in the Northwest Territories, that will be going along with the motion that I will be making tomorrow. I would like it if the Clerk of the House could make copies of it and distribute it before I make the motion tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: So under Item 9, tabling of documents, you are tabling that document.

MR. LYALL: Yes sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Further documents to be tabled? You are just half a step ahead of me, Mr. Lyall. Before I get there, you are there.

Item 10, first reading of bills. Bill 12-64, Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 10: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 12-64: Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1977-78

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 12-64, An Ordinance Respecting Additional Expenditures for the Public Service of the Northwest Territories for the Financial Year Ending the 31st day of March, 1978, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Hon. Peter Ernerk. On the first reading of bills there is no discussion. Question, the question being called, all in favour? Down. Contrary? The first reading is carried.

---Carried

Item 11, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 11: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

Is it the wish that we continue with Bill 11-64, Hon. Arnold McCallum? He indicates yes. Mr. Stewart is not here. Mr. Fraser, would you continue chairing Bill 11-64, the Appropriation Ordinance? Do you prefer Mr. Lyall to chair it? We are getting our sign language together here. This House will resolve into committee of the whole for continued consideration of Bill 11-64, the Appropriation Ordinance, with Mr. Lyall in the chair.

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

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

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): If the House will come to order, we are under Department of Economic Development and Tourism, detail of grants and contributions on page 12.08, directorate and administration, \$195,000. Agreed? Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I would again like to invite my director,
Mr. Ivor Stewart.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed .

---Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism, Grants And Contributions,
Contributions

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Grants and contributions, contributions, directorate and administration, in the amount of \$195,000. Agreed? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: With regard to the Department of Regional Economic Expansion operations in the Northwest Territories which I am led to believe by these estimates we contribute to, are they doing anything else besides this Special ARDA project? It appears that DREE has the capabilities of getting into a lot of economic development types of programs and yet they continue it would appear to me to confine themselves in the Northwest Territories to these very small and very specific types of programs. Is there any likelihood of them being able to get into municipal financing schemes or anything else other than Special ARDA?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: I stand to be corrected, sir, but not at the present time. What I would like to also propose to the committee is to invite Mr. Walter Wilhelm, who is the manager of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion based in Yellowknife, if you so wish. I would think since we are getting into Special ARDA and DREE programs this would be an opportune time to talk to Mr. Wilhelm and discuss the different kind of programs and projects which they would hope to carry out in the territories. I am sorry I can not seem to answer that one Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is Mr. Ivor Stewart able to answer it? There seems to be a lack of response, I think. Shall we then have the person from DREE come up and explain or do you want something else done, Mr. Nickerson?

Policy Of DREE

MR. NICKERSON: Well, I do not think it is up to me to determine the wishes of the committee, Mr. Chairman, but were I given the opportunity I would like to question somebody who is capable of changing the policy of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in the Northwest Territories. I think we should be talking to the policy-making branch rather than the people who just carry out the programs as laid down by the senior staff in Ottawa. I do not know if we could change the policies of the department by talking to the Yellowknife representative.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this committee to invite Mr. Walter Wilhelm to come in here and stand as a witness?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: While Mr. Wilhelm is coming in, if I could just say that you may recall that it was in June of last year, we signed a general development agreement, or a Special ARDA agreement and as a result of that Special ARDA came into the Northwest Territories to work with the local people. Special ARDA I might say, is mainly directed to native people in the Northwest Territories and since then we have been working fairly closely together and trying to develop certain kinds of small businesses throughout the Northwest Territories. Now, would you now like to invite Mr. Wilhelm to appear?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I asked this committee that question. I think we do not have to go through all that detail to say that he is coming. Mr. Wilhelm is in the audience. Could you come to the witness table, please? Mr. Nickerson, would you like to repeat your question to the witness, Mr. Wilhelm?

MR. NICKERSON: If you would like me to, Mr. Chairman. I guess my problem with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and their activities in the North is that they are not undertaking the type of programs that I personally would like to see them get involved with. They appear to be concentrating almost solely on small projects such as envisaged under the Special ARDA program.

DREE Programs

Now, we know that DREE in Newfoundland and other parts of Canada is involved with, say, offshore oil well drilling. Now, it would seem to me that we should be trying to develop Arctic offshore oil and gas drilling technology in the Northwest Territories. Maybe that is something money could be put into. In Newfoundland, I believe, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has become involved in mineral surveys, airborne radiometrics, that type of thing. They are also involved in road construction in certain areas and in other municipal-type works. I wonder whether any of that type of thing is likely to occur in the Northwest Territories rather than financing, you know, very very small projects.

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

MR. WILHELM: At present, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has in place in the territories only our two incentives programs; the Regional Development Incentives Act and the Special Agriculture and Rural Development Agreement, Special ARDA. Any further involvement of this department in the territories is dependent on the signing of a federal-territorial general development agreement similar to that which has been signed with the provinces and with the Yukon Territory.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Wilhelm, will you slow down, the interpreter is not able to keep up with you?

Signing Of Agreement

MR. WILHELM: Because of the constitutional position of the Northwest Territories the general development agreement will be signed between the Commissioner and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development rather than the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. However, once this agreement is signed we will be in a position to negotiate projects similar to those suggested by Mr. Nickerson and similar to those which we are funding in the rest of the country.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson, would you like to follow?

MR. NICKERSON: I guess the only question I have now, Mr. Chairman, is when is this general agreement likely to be signed?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I might say that the draft is being worked on right now. I am not sure how soon we will be able to get it. However, it should be in the not too distant future.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Hon. Peter Ernerk. Any comments of a general nature? Questions to the person from DREE while he is here? Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: I would just like to ask a question, Mr. Chairman. What is the size of the fund that the federal government has allocated to the Northwest Territories?

HON. PETER ERNERK: It is \$150,000.

MR. STEEN: I beg your pardon?

HON. PETER ERNERK: It is \$150,000.

MR. STEEN: No, that can not be. Take a look again.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, the \$150,000 you see before you is a contribution from the Government of the Northwest Territories to a special item.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Would the representative tell us the contribution from the federal government?

Contribution From Federal Government

MR. WILHELM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has allocated approximately \$1.5 million to the Northwest Territories for the upcoming fiscal year. However, we would anticipate that if a large number of good applications were received from within the territories that we would be in a position to increase that amount. We have never yet turned away a good application for lack of funds and I hope that it will not happen here.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any further questions? Comments of a general nature, Mr. Lafferty.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I have certain concerns about these small projects that are being funded in the North. I would like to know first of all if there are any controls on moneys that are granted to small projects in the North? If there are controls, the second part of my question, how are the moneys granted, public moneys, monitored so that they serve the greatest interest of the greatest numbers of people?

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

Projects Monitored For Three Years

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, when a grant is approved one of the conditions of that grant is that it will be monitored or the project will be monitored for a period of up to three years after the money is paid out. This monitoring is carried out in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism field staff who are in place throughout the territories.

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

MR. STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad that you have eyes on the side of your head. I would like to ask the witness what type of board reviews the applications? Who really reviews the applications?

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

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, we have an eight member board in the territories. The board is made up of two representatives of the federal government, two representatives of the territorial government, a representative of the Metis Association, a representative of the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement and a representative from Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. We also have a position

available on the committee for the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories should they decide to participate.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I was kind of glad there when you said original peoples entitlement but I guess we have to go to Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question concerning Special ARDA, \$195,000. Last year in 1977 it was \$380,000. It has been decreased almost half. Why was it decreased? As there are people in the Northwest Territories who would like to have their own small business, I would like to ask what is the reason the figure has been cut down to \$195,000 from \$380,000.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, one of the reasons for a decrease in the amount of \$195,000 in 1978-79 from \$380,000 in 1977-78, is a contribution to small business loan funds, as well as to community tourism promotion which you see under business services and tourism on the lower part of page 12.08, as well as \$42,000 which is a contribution to community tourism management. I am not sure how much that comes out to but this is basically what it is all about, the \$195,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you. Are there any other comments of a general nature, questions to be asked of Mr. Wilhelm? Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, to the witness I would like further to ask what is the number of people or applications that he has received since the introduction of the program in the territories?

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

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, we have received approximately 35 applications since the Special ARDA program started in the territories. As a result, we have approved to date I believe, 12 grants and we have approximately 17 applications under consideration at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any comments of a general nature? Questions? I guess there are no more questions of the representative from DREE and Special ARDA so I guess we go down to the question of \$195,000. Thank you very much, Mr. Wilhelm.

Contributions - Directorate And Administration, Agreed

Directorate and administration, \$195,000. Agreed? Shall I call progress? Now, do we agree with \$195,000?

---Agreed

Can I have more than one agreed at a time please?

Contributions - Planning And Development, Agreed

Planning and development, \$150,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Contributions - Projects, Agreed

Projects, \$50,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask about this program under projects, is that to get the building or is this to get the material?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Pudluk, I think that that was made transferable by the government in November. Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman the \$50,000 which you see before you was transferred, a contribution to the Spence Bay ladies group, as a result of an agreement between the Spence Bay ladies group and the Government of the Northwest Territories. We agreed to turn over the handicraft shop some time ago in September of 1977, I believe.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Would you like to follow up on that, Mr. Pudluk?

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, the reason why I asked this question, I believe they were asking for some money too, for their program in Arctic Bay. They never got it and they had to rent the house in which they could work. Arctic Bay is going to be very busy making handicrafts because they managed to get the population to work. I wonder if they have heard from Arctic Bay ladies group about this kind of project.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Pudluk, could I just say to you, have you got anything from the ladies in Arctic Bay about it? If so, I think you should go forward to Hon. Peter Ernerk's department and get the question answered. If you have got the stuff in front of you, I think that would be the fastest way to do it.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I do not have that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

Request For Funds For Arctic Bay

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the Arctic Bay ladies group requesting a certain amount of money for, I believe, handicrafts, we have not heard anything within the department. However, as you say Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Pudluk wishes to present a request to us on behalf of the ladies group in Arctic Bay for a certain amount of money we would be quite prepared to look at it.

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

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman I might have something in my room but at the present time I do not have it. I will look for it some time today. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Pudluk, could you repeat that please? I do not think anybody heard. Could you get a little closer to your mike?

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I might have a copy of the request in my room and if I do I will bring it down.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: You are quite welcome.

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

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, concerning what Mr. Pudluk was saying, I want to add a little bit more to what he said. Mr. Minister said he did not have a copy of the letter but I know Mr. Doug Roberts was at the meeting. He had that piece of paper and Mr. Doug Roberts made the request. Maybe the Minister could ask for a copy of that. I do not think he has told the Department of Economic Development about the problem concerning the ladies group in Arctic Bay. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I am not aware of any letter that Mr. Doug Roberts has concerning the Arctic Bay ladies group. It seems that we have never received a copy of that letter. Sorry.

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

MR. KILABUK: I know Mr. Roberts in Frobisher Bay knows exactly what is happening in Arctic Bay and their asking for money so he knows exactly. Maybe you could ask Mr. Roberts to get all the information, thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed?

HON. PETER ERNERK: I will investigate the matter.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Projects, \$50,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Contributions - Business Services And Tourism

Business services and tourism in the amount of \$445,000. If there are no comments of a general nature I would like to ask the administration one question. That \$75,000 for Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation, is that a yearly contribution that you make to them?

HON. PETER ERNERK: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. When the federated co-ops in the Northwest Territories were first formed back in February, 1972, I believe there was an agreement reached between that organization that we would provide \$75,000 a year as a contribution grant, but this is, as I understand it, to a certain period of time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Minister, I would like to also ask, is Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation still owing money to the Eskimo Loan Fund?

HON. PETER ERNERK: I will make a note of that question and provide a reply later.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$445,000, business services and tourism. Mr. Nickerson.

Services To Credit Union Central

MR. NICKERSON: I wonder if we could be given some explanation as to why we are giving contributions to the Credit Union Central? I thought that that was supposed to be a body capable of standing on its own feet.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk. You could comment on the first one too, if you like.

HON. PETER ERNERK: You got me there. With regard to Credit Union Central we provide audit services as well as administrative services with the particular grant of \$40,000. In other words, that is a contribution to Credit Union Central.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I understand what the money is used for but I would like to know the rationale behind this government financing that particular organization. It would seem to me that it is an organization run mainly by businessmen, mainly by people who do or should have a good knowledge of how to manage funds. It

is located mainly in Yellowknife with branches -- the credit union organization has branches also in Hay River and Fort Smith but it would seem to me not to be an organization deserving of special financial consideration.

Now, had it been an organization dealing with people who were not experienced in using money, had the operations been in places like Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven I could have seen some rationale in putting public funds into it. But the type of people for whom this organization provides services surely should be able to look after their own business.

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I will have to take that under advisement as well and provide an answer later on.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is that agreed, Mr. Nickerson?

MR. NICKERSON: I guess I will have to be satisfied with it, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): You can pursue it after you get the answer. Mr. Steen.

Development Of Tourist Accommodation

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, under remote communities for development of tourist accommodation, \$60,000, although they did not have any money in it for last year I am curious as to the intent of the \$60,000. I think that we have to develop the tourist industry in the territories and I find this a little bit low and I would like to know the reason behind the \$60,000, an explanation on it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, the \$60,000 was transferred from capital from last year. It all went in this year. The purpose of the \$60,000 is mainly to assist some hotel establishments in the Northwest Territories especially in smaller communities. I believe there are four communities who do receive \$15,000 each from this funding. There are four grants a year that are provided to four communities here.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I am still not quite clear. This \$15,000 each, is that a grant to a businessman who wants to start up after he has received a loan, or what? I find it very small.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: That is basically correct, Mr. Chairman. The \$15,000 is usually provided for various communities who want to start small hotel establishments in their own communities.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, would you like to follow up on that?

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I wish the Minister would be more specific and answer the question as to whether some businesses have already obtained loans. I want to know if this \$15,000 each is to assist. Is this to assist or is this to start up brand new?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

Establishments In Communities

HON. PETER ERNERK: This is to start up various, as I said, tourist or small hotel establishments in the communities. If you wish to get an answer on as to what communities received this grant they are, Baker Lake for one, Siniktarvik hotel in Rankin Inlet, Fort McPherson lodge this year, and Gjoa Haven this year.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I had a little experience myself in setting up something like that and I find that almost peanuts, you know. You can not develop or build a small even two room hotel for \$15,000. You know I just find that unreasonable.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Well, Mr. Chairman, I agree with Mr. Steen that the amount seems to be quite small. The \$15,000 does not seem to go very far especially when you want to start a hotel or a motel establishment in a community. As a suggestion, perhaps what we should be looking at is to get some kind of direction from this committee in terms of increasing the amount that is usually provided as a contribution to a community. I would personally welcome any type of suggestion from the committee with regard to that matter.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I personally do not believe that it should be any bigger than what it is because I think that most hotels would be established by now that were going to be established. Mr. Whitford.

Grants To Assembly Members

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering out of curiosity if the Minister could tell me this. Mr. Steen had built his I believe, this year, but as a Legislative Assembly Member would he be entitled to apply? I gather this was a start up grant. That is all it is but could he as a Legislative Assembly Member have applied for this grant and be given it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Whitford, I think what we are facing here in front of us is that this House is not entitled to any part of it.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I really can not answer that question. Perhaps the question should be more or less directed to the Legal Advisor.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Whitford, would you repeat your question, please, for the benefit of our Legal Advisor?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. What I was asking is: Mr. Steen is another small businessman trying to make a living in the North, in a place like Tuktoyaktuk. I am wondering if when he was planning on building that motel, as a Member of the Legislature could he have in fact applied for this grant?

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

Applications Made Known To Executive

MR. NICKERSON: I might be able to shed some light on that particular problem, Mr. Chairman. With regard to most of these various loans and grants to people in the territories, there would appear to be no legal impediment to a Member of this Legislature availing himself of the opportunity. However, I think unless the Executive has changed this since I have left, the procedure to be followed when a Member made application for one of these benefits which was laid down by the government at that time when I was involved with it, was that all applications by Members of the Legislature should be made known to the Executive Committee.

The Member applying would be contacted and advised that he might possibly find himself in a conflict of interest situation were he to receive a particular loan or grant. Of course this would not stop him from making such an application but the final say on whether or not that Member was to get a particular loan or grant would be left with the Executive Committee. It was thought at that time that it was very important that these things should be made known to the Executive and be dealt with at that particular level.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Ms. Legal Advisor, would you like to comment on that?

Legal Position

LEGAL ADVISOR (Ms. Flieger): Mr. Chairman, the question of availability of loans and a conflict of interest, I think, is covered in section 16.1 of the Council Ordinance. Subsection (1) requires that a Member disclose his interest if the matter comes before Council and then subsection (3) goes on to say that: "Subsection (1) does not apply to an interest in any matter that a Member may have because he is entitled to receive on terms common to other persons, any service or commodity or any subsidy, loan, or other such benefit." I think that that in conjunction with what Mr. Nickerson has explained is the policy of the government and answers the question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Does that answer your question, Mr. Whitford?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make it clear that I am not interested in any of the loans of this territorial government. I have received my assistance from outside the territories to set up my own business and I would rather that Members would not use my name as an example to ask a question.

What I would like to ask the gentleman from DREE, you know, where a Member of the Legislature in the territories is not eligible to get any assistance from government, from this territorial government why can not he be able to get assistance from DREE? DREE is altogether different where there is no conflict of interest since you do not control the money, you know. DREE has, I believe, in their policy that if you are working for any government agency you are not eligible to apply for a grant or a loan from DREE.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, I think that the person that we had for a witness here from DREE is out in the audience now. Maybe you could get together with him at coffee break and get your answer from him if you are still going to seek an answer, Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I believe there is more Members of this committee would like to know and I feel that we should call him back into the chamber.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Peter Ernerk, could you answer that question, or is it the wish of this committee to call Mr. Wilhelm back in here?

Federal-Territorial Agreement Prohibits Grants

HON. PETER ERNERK: Well, Mr. Chairman, I really can not say why. However the information I have is that there is a joint federal-territorial agreement on Special ARDA that prohibits grants to be made available to Members of the Legislative Assembly, members of the House of Commons as well as the Senate. That is the only thing I can say at this point. As I said, I can not tell you why but that is all I can say at this point.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this committee then, to have Mr. Wilhelm come back in to the witness stand?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Wilhelm, will you come into the House please? Did you get that question?

MR. WILHELM: Yes I did, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the special rural development agreement of which the Special ARDA grants are made, expressly prohibits conferring a benefit under that agreement on a Member of this Assembly, a member of the House of Commons or a member of the Senate. By way of clarification, however, I believe a Member of this Assembly would be eligible to apply under other DREE programs which do not involve the territorial government such as the Regional Development Incentives Act.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Does that answer your question, Mr. Steen? Are there any more questions to be asked of the witness before he goes? Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Policy Should Be Amended

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a statement pertaining to this particular item. If there is such a policy in the Northwest Territories, where it states that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories could not borrow any money grants from DREE, then I would suggest that the Legislative Assembly of the North make some amendments towards this particular policy.

Supposing if I was a civil servant for the Northwest Territories and I wanted to borrow some money from the territorial government, I would not be allowed to borrow any money from the government if I am going to run for election to the Legislative Assembly. I would like very much to have this money borrowing business to be equal to all people in the Northwest Territories and that also involves the Legislative Assembly in the North and I will definitely ask for amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Wilhelm, will you tell this House if that is the legislation or in the agreement?

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, it is covered by an agreement signed between the Commissioner and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Could you then give a little bit more information so that the Member from Foxe Basin would understand?

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, the prohibition against DREE grants being given to a Member of the Legislative Assembly under the Special ARDA agreement is a matter of an agreement between the federal and the territorial governments. It is not the result of legislation and as such if both parties to the agreement decide to do so, it could be amended.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Evaluarjuk, is that a sufficient answer for you?

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, my answer was answered properly, however, therefore I will ask the Commissioner to make adjustments with this agreement with the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more questions of Mr. Wilhelm before he leaves the House? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just one quick question. Would you not think that a member of the city council, if he were applying for the grant and wanted to build something would have just as much influence in trying to get some of these things that he needs to build or make that project viable, the same as a Member of the Legislature, if you think that way?

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

Loans To City Council Members

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, I agree that a member of the city council could have some influence on a decision, however, perhaps not to the same extent as a Member of the Legislature since the city is not represented directly on the advisory committee.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is that a sufficient answer, Mr. Whitford?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The other question that I suppose I have got is that, I for one have applied for DREE and went through the same exercise, going through, you know applying and meeting people, discussing it. I suppose once they realized I got serious about it then they started to go through the paper and found clause, I forget what it is, I think it was clause 24 that said any Member of the territorial Legislature or Member of Parliament could not, in fact, get a loan. What would happen then if a Member had applied for a loan and then said, okay, if I get the loan I will resign my seat. Is that the only guarantee you have got?

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

MR. WILHELM: Mr. Chairman, we have referred that question to our legal advisers and we are awaiting a reply on it. I am not in a position to comment on it at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Well, I would say, Mr. Chairman, that I strongly favour the principle that a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories should not be eligible for these forms of assistance. It is my understanding that a number of these loans such as the Indian Economic Development Fund and the Eskimo Loan Fund, these moneys are made available to Members. As I have said before, these applications are supposed to be reviewed by the Executive Committee but as a matter of principle I would strongly support not having Members of this Assembly being eligible for loans or grants administered by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Have you any more questions of Mr. Wilhelm before we continue? Mr. Lafferty.

Other Loans Available

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make a brief comment and make my views known on that subject. I would be of the same opinion as Mr. Nickerson. I feel that there are a lot of loans available to Members of this House, through the Eskimo loan fund and the Indian loan funds. Maybe if we made other forms of government assistance available to Members of the Legislature it may just result in interfering with our general policy directed at all people of the Northwest Territories. This is something that we should be very careful about and exercise caution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more questions to be directed to Mr. Wilhelm while he is in the chamber? It seems Mr. Wilhelm that we have no more questions. Thank you very much for again coming back into the chamber.

MR. WILHELM: Thank you.

MR. WHITFORD: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make it clear that although I can understand Mr. Nickerson's view on that, mine is different only because I feel that I was aware of all these things before and have been in business before and felt that I wanted to start something else in Yellowknife. I still do not feel that it is wrong to do this because I was totally aware of these things before I came to the Legislature.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Wilhelm, thank you very much, although I thought I explained it very well before; this House, when we have a witness, would everyone have your questions when we first bring him into the House so we do not have people jumping in and out of the room all the time to the witness table.

Any more comments of a general nature?

Contributions - Business Services And Tourism, Agreed

Business services and tourism, total \$445,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, there is a small error in typing under Small Business Loan and Guarantee Fund. The word you see "guarantee" should be "contributions" not guarantee.

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

Contributions - Employment And Training, Agreed

On page 12.09, detail of grants and contributions continued. Contributions, employment and training, total of \$1,036,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, what happened to the \$500,000 which was formerly voted for apprenticeship theory training? Is that now shown somewhere else in the estimates?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, this particular amount of \$500,000 is now under O and M. It used to be a contribution as a tuition fee and we have transferred it over to O and M.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson, does that answer your question?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, we claim this amount back from Manpower, at least a certain amount of it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson, would you like to follow up on your question? Are there any more comments of a general nature, \$1,036,000? Agreed?

---Agreed

Total Contributions, Agreed

Total contributions, \$1,876,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 12.10, directorate and administration, mobile equipment, \$18,000. Agreed?
Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, just a clarification question. What do they mean by mobile equipment in various places?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, this is broken down into two categories, \$18,000 under directorate and administration. There is a vehicle for Hay River, a vehicle for Norman Wells and Fort Simpson, which totals up to \$18,000. As well, office equipment replacement for \$6000, totalling up to \$24,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, does that answer your question?

MR. STEEN: Roger.

Capital - Directorate And Administration, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more comments of a general nature? Total directorate administration, \$24,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Projects, project equipment, the amount of \$374,000. There is, Mr. Minister, I would like to ask for the Fort Smith region, could you give us a breakdown on the various, \$174,000?

HON. PETER ERNERK: The total of \$174,000 for Fort Smith region includes upgrading of the fish plant in Cambridge Bay for \$20,000; cannery equipment in Fort Smith for \$20,000; craft tools and equipment in Gjoa Haven for \$11,000; furniture plant equipment in Hay River for \$25,000; store fixtures at Nahannie Butte, \$15,000, that includes shelves and cases; store fixtures in Rae Lakes, \$15,000 which are the same as Nahannie Butte; motel furnishings and equipment at Spence Bay for \$25,000; display fixtures at YK Centre, this is now under headquarters. If I could just go on briefly, display fixtures at the YK Centre at \$10,000; arts and crafts equipment at headquarters at \$13,000; soapstone equipment at various places, to get new equipment such as saws rather than dynamite, that totals up to \$10,000; soapstone harvesting equipment also for \$10,000 for a total of \$174,000.

Capital - Projects, Project Equipment, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Total, project equipment, \$374,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Mr. Butters, please.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, it looks as if for once the Fort Smith region has done quite well on project equipment. I wonder if we could have a similar breakdown on the Inuvik region for an item which appears to be rather low for what could be a depressed area.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thanks, Mr. Butters. Mr. Minister.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, there is a total of \$55,000 for Inuvik region and that includes garment production equipment at Fort McPherson for \$20,000; sewing machines at Inuvik at \$20,000; fur garment equipment at Tuktoyaktuk at \$15,000 for a total of \$55,000. If you wish any further clarification on other regions I have the information with me.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$374,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Project buildings, \$70,000. Fort Smith region, again various \$40,000. Mr. Minister, the question is what is the breakdown on the various, \$40,000 on Fort Smith region, please?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, under Fort Smith region at Fort Resolution, this is to extend the craft shop for \$20,000 and also at Rae-Edzo to extend craft shop as well for \$20,000, for a total of \$40,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Project buildings, \$70,000.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Apparently, Fort Resolution is lacking some space so we have to expand the present building.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$70,000, project buildings. Agreed? Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say, there is \$30,000 for Keewatin region. I would like to know, this \$30,000 is directed to which community and what for.

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Baker Lake.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$70,000?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Excuse me, \$30,000 is for Baker Lake.

Capital - Projects, Project Buildings, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$70,000, project buildings. Agreed?

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Capital - Total Projects, Agreed

Page 12.11, summary of capital estimates, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, total projects, \$444,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Business Services And Tourism, Site Development, Agreed

Same page, business services and tourism site development, of \$107,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, just another point of clarification required here. What does this mean by site development, Inuvik region?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: That is for site renovations of campgrounds in various picnic areas. That includes picnic areas in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The amount of \$107,000, business services and tourism, site development. Agreed?

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Capital - Business Services And Tourism, Agreed

Total business services and tourism, amount of \$112,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

On page 12.01, dollar summary, total capital \$580,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

I recognize the hour being 2:30 o'clock. We will stop for 15 minutes for a cup of coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

O And M - Directorate And Administration, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The Chair recognizes a quorum, and on page 12.02, under the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, directorate and administration, total O and M, \$1,567,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

O And M - Planning And Development, Agreed

Page 12.03, planning and development, total O and M, \$608,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Hon. Arnold McCallum, the Chair recognizes a quorum.

Page 12.04, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, projects administration, total O and M, \$1,421,000. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, did we do pages 12.02 and 12.03?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, we did.

MR. BUTTERS: When was this? This is just fantastic.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): You should be watching your book, sir.

MR. BUTTERS: No, but was it done just since coffee break ended?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, we did it just as soon as we had a quorum.

MR. BUTTERS: Well, I thought you and Hon. Arnold McCallum were still talking about forming a quorum just a few minutes ago.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Well, I counted a quorum when Mr. Lafferty walked in and you were still not in, Mr. Butters. Page 12.04, projects administration, total O and M, \$1,421,000. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: I am surprised at the speed at which some Members are agreeing to these sections of a very important portfolio.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): So am I, Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: I wonder if Members would allow a couple of questions on the previous pages 12.02 and 12.03?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Appointment Of An Assistant Director

MR. BUTTERS: On page 12.02, directorate and administration, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me there was some suggestion that because of the onerous burden of this department that there might be an assistant director appointed or named. Is there anything in this?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Butters, I would like to let the House know that we agreed with that already, but you asked permission and we got back to page 12.03, amount of \$608,000.

MR. BUTTERS: Well, Mr. Chairman, with all respect, I feel that to cover the number of millions of dollars we have in two minutes really makes our trip here to Yellowknife almost worthless if we go through most of the budget at this speed. Then the House does not permit, or the committee does not permit pertinent questions.

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Butters made a reference here to the fact that there seems to be a plan to appoint an assistant director. The Executive has agreed to appoint an assistant director for the department for a number of reasons which I believe are quite justifiable. You may recall the department was reorganized about a year and a half ago and during the reorganization the position of an assistant director was taken away which left the department with no assistant director. However, with the arrival of Mr. Ivor Stewart to Yellowknife and experiencing some difficulties in terms of meeting the demands of the people in the settlements, the director himself was put into a very difficult position, finding himself working on various day to day operations of the department itself which we felt were not necessary.

Our objective is to make sure that the director himself works at the policy level of the department, whether making sure that present policies are in line with the thinking of the people in the settlements or making an attempt to implement new policies. So this is why we felt there was a need for an assistant director within the department and as I said earlier the Executive has agreed to put the position back to the department.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Butters, does that answer your question?

MR. BUTTERS: Yes sir, on that section. I have two on planning and development as well, but that is fine after that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 12.04 then. O and M.

Projects Losing Money

MR. BUTTERS: Page 12.03, sir. I would like to inquire relative to the description of this section's function where it says, "this activity prepares economic statistics in the Northwest Territories, conducts economic analysis of existing and proposed projects..." Now, it appears to me that a number of projects presently being carried on by the department are projects one might say are losing money, if you examine the balance sheet in the strict sense. It would seem to me that where there is a large amount of the money being paid going to wages or to the wage element of the project that the government would recognize this as being valuable and be willing to spend a dollar and a half to make a dollar. I am wondering what yardstick is being used by the government to evaluate in the cost benefit analysis sense, projects which are not making money. Are you establishing a criterion that you will spend three dollars to make a dollar or will you spend a dollar and a half to make a dollar or at what point in time do you say this project is losing so much money that it will have to be discontinued?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, we have decided to set up some kind of a meeting to look into this particular problem. I realize that there are some of the projects that we carry out within the department itself that do not make money. One of the reasons we made a decision to close down one or two of them, the Rankin Inlet fish cannery, for example, and the other is the ceramic shop, is mainly because the cannery itself was making a dollar out of every three dollars we were spending. I stand to be somewhat corrected on this issue but I do not feel those kinds of programs should carry on especially when you are losing money. So as a result of this criteria which we are setting up, which is in a draft form right now, we hope to be able to see whether or not the projects we carry out are viable to continue in the future. Hopefully, that will tell us as to where we might wish to go with regard to some of the projects we have.

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

MR. BUTTERS: That satisfies me on that point. I have one further question on this section though Mr. Chairman and that is...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): What section, Mr. Butters?

Planning And Development Responsibility

MR. BUTTERS: Page 12.03 and it is referring to the planning and development responsibility of this section, "Planning and development researches and plans new economic development projects..." Justice Thomas Berger on November the 30th, turned over to the Minister a document which said, in part and I quote, and he is referring here to renewable resources and the development of renewable resources, "First I am not assuming that such development..." and this is the renewable resources, "...that such development should be the sole form of economic development in the North. Large scale industrial development is obviously going to occur in parts of the North and all northerners would become involved in some way with such development. It is the prior development of renewable resources that is of central importance and unless that option exists and unless it is able to offer real opportunities to native people in the North the undue dependence on the non-renewable sector that I discussed in Volume One will occur."

Now, I see there has been quite a significant increase in the amount of money allocated to this function. Am I correct in believing that these additional funds will allow planning and development to research the viability of the renewable resource area of the territories and specifically of the Mackenzie district?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Butters, next time you are reading out of that book would you slow down a bit so that the interpreters can keep up to you? Mr. Minister.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, to a certain extent that is not totally true but the amounts of money here you see from 1977-78, or 1978-79, will somewhat help to assist the department in research, things of that nature and hopefully we will be able to get a bit further ahead in this aspect. As I said it is not going to help all that much but it is going to mean a certain amount of increase in terms of planning and research.

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

MR. BUTTERS: Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Then, turning to page 12.04, total O and M, projects administration, \$1,421,000. Mr. Butters.

Management Of Projects

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct some questions to the Minister relative to the management of projects and especially of projects that are approaching a condition in which they might be termed economically viable. Economically viable projects, one expects would require freedom of management, an entrepreneurial decision-making ability and responsibility. I am wondering whether such exists in these embryonic business enterprises which are still operating under the aegis of this government. For example, I believe that a provision of that nature is required because government money is being spent requiring that one go to tender when wishing to buy raw materials. While tendering is a fair process and can be justified in some respects, I tend to feel that a private business person might be able to make a better deal if he were able to approach and select his own supplier, providing there are no quality concerns attached to the decision.

Marketing

The second area is in marketing. My understanding is that the marketing section of this project administration group derives a certain amount of its financing from projects that are almost economically viable. Now, I think that I will ask a specific question to underline that statement. The garment centre at Inuvik, a centre whose product is recognized with favour and praise across Canada in desiring to sell a garment to, say the local clothing outlet, is required to pay a 15 per cent mark-up on the goods even if only taking it out of the store and down the stairs. What I am trying to say is there is a mark-up element on these goods which is paid into the marketing services section of this department? I am suggesting that for projects that are approaching economic viability, such restrictions and government regulations may prevent them from making the jump to the status of a private business or industry.

This is very important in the particular project I am thinking of because at the present time the Inuvik garment factory employs almost as many local people as Imperial Oil. The Inuvik garment factory, and I will repeat, employs almost as many local people as Imperial Oil's exploration group. Clothing production, garment production, with the disappearance of the pipeline development and exploration is and has the possibility of becoming big business in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you for your editorial comment, Mr. Butters. Hon. Peter Ernerk, are you going to be able to answer that? Or did you get the question? I did not.

Contribution Funding

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure whether I will be able to answer all of the remarks made by Mr. Butters. However, with regard to certain businesses and projects in the Northwest Territories, there are a certain number of them which have spoken for themselves as viable businesses. One of them, of course is the Inuvik sewing centre and as Mr. Butters says, employs almost as many people as Imperial Oil. One of the things which we hope to get into is more contribution funding to various projects in the communities. I think in order to get local people to get more involved in various projects than we have, we are looking at the setting up of advisory boards where they could take on more responsibilities and through expanded contribution funding we feel they will be able to get into more administration levels of a project in a community.

With regard to marketing it is now the department's thinking that we set up a new system in which we could look at what we call individual salesmen in southern Canada. These would be people who we would contract in various centres in southern Canada where they might be able to assist us in marketing fields. What has been done in the past of course is that we sent various members of this particular division to various parts of southern Canada trying to find new markets. This has proved to be somewhat successful, not as much as we have expected it to be. So with this new system which we hope to get into I think we might be able to do much more than we have in the past.

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

MR. PUDLUK: I would like to tell you about Arctic Bay which came up just a little while ago.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Go ahead, Mr. Pudluk, we are on that page so you could go ahead.

Sewing Centre In Arctic Bay

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I phoned Arctic Bay a little while ago and talked to the chairman of the sewing group. They had asked for the money that would be used for the house they are renting for a long period of time. When I was there in September they had asked for \$60,000 that would be used for construction of the sewing centre and they could not get it. At the moment they have a sewing centre but it is very small. The house is too small, that is the reason they are asking for a bigger one.

The white ladies who are teaching the people there to sew, visit the settlement through the federal government. After they start up the program, some times they do not know whether to keep going or stop. That is one of the reasons the people have been asking the territorial government instead of the federal government to continue what they started with. That is a big problem we face in the settlement.

I would like the Department of Economic Development to look into this problem. We know for sure they will be making some profit through that centre because the people in Nanisivik have been buying a lot of their sewing. I do not think my constituency has been getting very much. They are helping out Keewatin people a lot more than my constituency. I think one of the reasons the Minister is not helping very much is that he has not been there too much and more down in Keewatin because that is where he is from. I would like the Department of Economic Development to consider this very closely. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much, Mr. Pudluk. Hon. Peter Ernerk, could you give him an answer?

Projects In The Keewatin And High Arctic

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I want to take first crack at the comment that was made by the Honourable Member from the High Arctic, that it is because I am the Minister of that department that I am doing much more for the Keewatin region. The total O and M budget that is for the High Arctic under projects and projects alone is \$972,000 and for Keewatin it is only \$799,000, so how can the Honourable Member say that I am doing more for the Keewatin than I am doing for the High Arctic? I am doing a big favour for the Member of the High Arctic, Mr. Chairman.

---Laughter

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

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I was talking about the previous years and you have not gone up since. It is about time he realized about the High Arctic. In 1975 the women's groups started asking about the buildings. I believe then that they received the form from headquarters. Yet they are receiving it now, right now, the requirement about that program. But I sure would like to see

more than \$60,000 to be continued in that program. I am sure that the plan has been given to the regional office. I do not know why it never got down to the headquarters yet. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Pudluk, I would suggest it is more likely lost in Rankin Inlet. That is what happened to the regional office. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back to an interesting remark or plan that the Department of Economic Development is planning for communities. I believe the Minister mentioned a little while ago that he is planning to have a community advisory group to -- I am not too sure just how this group is going to be working with these...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, I would suggest that we are finished with that. We are on page 12.04.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, just before Mr. Pudluk was speaking the Minister was talking about this. He was talking in reply to Mr. Butters and the plan of setting up advisory groups so I think we are still on the subject.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, we were on page 12.03, just before Mr. Pudluk spoke.

MR. STEEN: Did you change to another page when Mr. Pudluk spoke?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, we are now on page 12.04, projects administration.

MR. STEEN: I would like indulgence of the committee to allow me to speak.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Okay, go ahead Mr. Steen.

Community Advisory Groups

MR. STEEN: Well, what I was getting at is that the Minister mentioned they were planning to set up community advisory groups. I wanted to know just what advice were they looking for. Is it a similar group which may conflict with a local Chamber of Commerce? I find sometimes, when setting up groups, these people really do not know the economic problems in the community. Maybe the Minister could explain just what these groups would be.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I did not get the point of your question, Mr. Steen. Did you get it Mr. Minister? Could you answer it?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I understand the question to be: what advice would the various advisory boards give to the community especially since there is no economic future for the community? Is that the way I copy the statement?

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I was just asking what kind of advice the Department of Economic Development would be looking for. Would it be advice from a local Chamber of Commerce or would they set up this group in place of a Chamber of Commerce, or what?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, these would be for various projects which we have in various communities. As you well know the Aklavik Fur Garment Co-op has a board of directors who advise what the operation should be of that particular establishment. We have a similar situation, I believe it still exists, in Fort McPherson in which the canvas shop has an advisory body and that particular group advises their project management as to where it should be going in terms of direction, these kinds of things. So this is merely what I was getting at when I said that we are now thinking within the department to establish various advisory boards in various communities where some of the government operated projects are being carried out.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, would you like to go further on that?

MR. STEEN: Thank you for your consideration, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Back to page 12.04, projects administration, \$1,421,000. 0 and M, Mr. Butters.

Government Tendering System

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that my remarks a few moments ago were so much an editorial as a testimonial. I have a parka from the Inuvik sewing centre in the lobby and for any Members who wish to place orders with me I will see that the Inuvik sewing centre gets them. Seriously, questions with regard to tendering required by projects which are almost economically viable. Yes or no, is it true that such a project is required to tender using the government tendering system and that the management of that project is not able to buy their own raw materials directly from the supplier, yes or no?

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, at the present time, yes.

MR. BUTTERS: At the present time, yes; does that suggest that you are going to be changing that system?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, to answer the latter part of Mr. Butters' question, some time ago we talked to our own people in Inuvik with regard to that particular matter and -- Mr. Chairman, I find that question relatively complicated. I wonder if you would allow Mr. Ivor Stewart to answer that question?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this House?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Responsibility For Purchasing

MR. IVOR STEWART: Mr. Chairman, over the past few years we have had some problems with the Inuvik staff in the matter of ordering materials and their desire to become much more independent. It is not our desire to prevent them from moving in this direction. In fact, when we move into contribution funding and setting up advisory committees this would be one of the intents that this advisory committee together with management would recommend, that they take on certain responsibilities for example, such as purchasing. However, in accordance with the regulations, the regional authorities have only so much signing authority. In Inuvik, the supplies to be ordered at any one time, far exceed their signing authority. For example in fur alone, one...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Stewart, you are going too fast for the interpreters.

MR. IVOR STEWART: Sorry, sir. In Inuvik alone, as an example, a single fur purchase might run to \$190,000 and to purchase this requires Executive authority. Now what we do not want to do is to start moving off in all directions at the present time. We would prefer to put something in place which can in fact, serve their purpose and at the same time not cause any real problems in the present systems. We have talked with the Inuvik group and with the regional director and the superintendent up there and I believe there have been some discussions on higher levels and our point is that if the system does not meet their requirements then they should advise us and advise changes so that they can be discussed and considered at the Executive level. Specifically in the area of the Inuvik sewing centre, we are hoping that through contribution funding and through the advisory board working together with management and the expertise up there that we can develop something in this area.

In so far as Mr. Butters' question concerning the project becoming viable, yes, we are very interested in that and we believe that this year with any degree of luck at all Inuvik sewing centre should become viable. And in accordance with of course, our beliefs, once it becomes viable we should be looking at means of getting it out of government project areas. This has been discussed in some detail, not in a great deal of detail, with the people in Inuvik and we are waiting to see what the coming year brings forth.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Butters, does that answer your question for you?

Percentage Mark-up By The Marketing Section

MR. BUTTERS: The last question, yes sir. I have one more relative to that type of project. If I may, the second question deals with; is it or is it not true that the marketing section of this branch adds 15 per cent to every product made in these projects and sold through the marketing agency of this government?

MR. IVOR STEWART: Mr. Chairman, no, we charge ten per cent where the item is brought into this headquarters and held in the warehouse. Where there are direct sales there is no marketing mark-up. The purpose in charging the ten per cent is merely a means of placing the proper price on the item because if we go to a system, or if at any time they go to a system where they are going to use another agency, there will be a mark-up on it. Therefore this is merely a mark-up to indicate this to them, that they will have to pay it eventually in the long run and by doing it this way there will be no serious increase in the product if they moved in this direction.

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

MR. BUTTERS: A question sir, relative to the revolving fund, the amount that is allocated for the purchases by such project operations. While \$109,000 sounds like a lot of money and it is a lot of money, really with some fur prices today it is not that much. It is only a little over 200 wolfskins as far as I understand. So that when we are dealing with an industry such as the craft industry and the fur industry, \$100,000 in the revolving fund is not very much, certainly, if that is the ceiling.

Would not the Minister feel that that ceiling should be raised so that no delays would occur in the manufacture of the garments and the crafts, especially fur garments and fur crafts?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I did not hear the last part of Mr. Butters' question, what I feel about something; but...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Butters, we would like you to look into your Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 3, 1977-78. It is in there. You have not read it yet, I guess.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We feel at the present time if we go to contribution funding, the revolving fund should not increase quite that much.

0 And M - Projects Administration, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Any further discussion, Mr. Butters? Page 12.04, total 0 and M, \$1,421,000. Agreed?

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Page 12.05, projects, total 0 and M, \$3,944,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it was indicated to me previously by yourself I believe, that this was the opportune time to bring up the matter of fisheries policy. I would like to be able to do that at the present time and I would like to move the following motion, Mr. Chairman.

Motion To Support Rejection Of Amendments To The N.W.T. Fisheries Regulations

I move that this committee fully support the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation in its rejection of the proposed amendments to the Northwest Territories fisheries regulations.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson, I wonder if that is going to conflict with my motion that I was going to introduce tomorrow?

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe your motion tomorrow is dealing with the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and mine deals with the regulatory agency that enforces fishery regulations.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): That is the motion on the floor, gentlemen: Moved that this committee fully support the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation in its rejection of the proposed amendments to the Northwest Territories fisheries regulations. To the motion, Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am afraid I will probably use all my ten minutes on this one, but here goes. On the 1st of November, a letter was sent to the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation outlining changes which the federal agency enforcing fisheries regulations would like to see. In brief, these changes include an increase in the fee structure and the rationale for this is that they want to keep out part timers. They do not like part timers on the lake. The part timers would generally come from places like Fort Resolution, Snowdrift and Detah. They also want to introduce a system of units, units of some 20,000 pounds apiece and these units would be allocated to the fishermen. A large boat would get three units. The idea of this is eventually to limit the total catch taken by any one fisherman. There are other restrictions based on who should or should not get these various classes of fishing licences and on the transferability of such licences. These licences go with the outfit, with the boats or the bombardiers.

In addition to this, individual fishermen still have to be licensed themselves and they intend to bring in a new category called helpers licences. The Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation studied these proposals and I quote from a letter sent to Dr. G.H. Lawler, the regional director general of Fisheries and Marine Service, northern and western region. It says:

Letter To Regional Director General Of Fisheries And Marine Service

"At the recent general meeting of the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation the fishermen discussed the proposed changes to the regulations for Great Slave Lake commercial fishing at great length. The conclusion was reached that these proposed changes are totally unacceptable in any form by the commercial fishermen of Great Slave Lake and that the regulations should remain as they are at present.

"I have studied the proposed regulations and it seems to me that what the federal government or the federal fisheries people are trying to do is to have full bureaucratic control of the fishery and they would like to see eventually just a few people on the lake making a moderate income and being entirely dependent on government for their continued ability to make a livelihood."

I wrote a letter of support to the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation. I will quote from that briefly. My letter states as follows:

Letter To The N.W.T. Fishermen's Federation

"I agree completely with the stand taken by the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation. Last years reduction in quota and net size, again done in contravention to the wishes of the fishermen was the thin end of the wedge. This year it is being driven in considerably deeper. I can only assume the ultimate goal of the Winnipeg bureaucrats to be the destruction of the Great Slave Lake fishery. In my opinion the proposed licensing system does nothing for the proper management of our resources and is completely unnecessary. I guess the real reason is to justify the hiring of yet more civil servants so as to enhance somebody's little empire.

"The limiting of the maximum catch for any boat to 60,000 pounds seems designed solely to prevent anyone in the business from making a decent living. Although it may not be the intent to impose this limit immediately, I can see it being put into effect within a year or so. Somehow you have to make your views known personally to the Hon. Romeo LeBlanc, federal Minister of Fisheries. It is no use talking to the people sent up to Hay River as it appears that they are bound and determined to force their own policies upon you regardless of your wishes and can not be relied upon to advise the Minister of the true feelings of the people who will see their livelihood suffer.

"Although inland fisheries are outside the jurisdiction of the Government of the Northwest Territories, I will try in co-operation with Mr. Don Stewart to bring this matter up at the next session of the Legislature although sometimes I think the Department of Fisheries is completely impervious to any indication of public opinion."

Transfer Of Responsibilities Of Inland Fisheries

In summary, Mr. Chairman, I would like to see us go slow on any major changes made with respect to these traditional-type industries. It seems to me that people are really affected some times very detrimentally when we start making these major changes. We should attempt to keep out overregulations, regulations that would restrict people. This is something we have to fight against continuously. Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate a stance that on many occasions has been taken by this committee and that is the transfer of the responsibilities of inland fisheries should as soon as possible take place. That should come under the jurisdiction of the territorial government and not the federal government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Thank you very much, Mr. Nickerson. Hon. David Searle. To the motion, please.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a very important, very serious and very far reaching motion for which I immediately have some sympathy. I guess the question that I have in my mind is: What is the protection of the resource, that is the fish themselves? I assume these two regulations are drawn with some view to fish population and what should be the appropriate fish take. In other words there has to be some logic behind this. I am certainly in no position and indeed unwilling to put forward suggestions of what might be behind it. I would be interested to know if there was some scientific basis behind it and to that end would propose at some appropriate time to suggest we defer voting on this motion until we have the fisheries officers here if we can get them. We can ask them to come.

The Possibility Of Having A Witness From Fisheries

There must be someone around Yellowknife here with the fisheries service who could explain why they seem to feel they should take such, what I think is

drastic action. I would like to use the opportunity of this motion to inquire into that and to inquire as well what has happened with respect to other suggestions that have been made from time to time. I am not going to go into these in any detail because that would be straying from the motion but such as when are they going to start putting quotas of fishing by the lake? In other words, rather than a general quota of so many fish throughout the territory; I do not think the present basis is too terribly scientific that is the current quota system and for those who like to eat fish it makes it almost impossible to live within the law and still have any fish on hand for a meal. I am not talking about native people who may be living off the land but certainly that is so with others. So without any further ado that is my initial reaction to the motion, Mr. Chairman. However, I am not going to move that amendment at this point until I see if other Members think well of the idea.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Hon. David Searle. What is the wish of this House? Shall we discuss this motion or shall we wait until we get a witness from fisheries to give us some information? Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I think that if a witness from the Department of Fisheries is nearby in Yellowknife then it would be advantageous to those Members of the committee who do not live around or near Great Slave Lake, it would allow them to understand the problem in greater detail and in-depth. I think that Hon. David Searle's suggestion that such a witness be invited to attend would be beneficial to the debate.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I think that Mr. Butters has said it. I agree with Hon. David Searle in calling a witness in that is here in Yellowknife and asking him these kinds of questions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson, seeing that you are the mover of that motion, could you give us your opinion on this?

Witnesses Would Be Beneficial

MR. NICKERSON: I would certainly welcome the opportunity to have the benefit of the advice of somebody who is expert in the matter of determining fish populations and that type of thing. I understand that there is one such gentleman on the staff of the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs with the Government of the Northwest Territories and maybe we could avail ourselves of his advice. I would also welcome the opportunity to have somebody here from the federal Department of Fisheries, preferably somebody with a scientific background. I understand that Mr. D. Dowler is engaged in the enforcement of regulations. I do not think that he could himself present us with the evidence regarding the scientific rationale behind these regulations he enforces, not at first hand.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this House then to call a witness? Mr. Lafferty.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I had to attend to other business here and I missed that motion. Can you read that motion to me, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, Mr. Lafferty. The motion reads: I move that this committee fully support the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation in its rejection of the proposed amendments to the Northwest Territories fisheries regulations. What is the wish of this House? Hon. David Searle.

Amendment To Motion

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to add by way of an amendment to that motion the following words, to appear just at the end of that motion. In other words the motion would read the same except I would add these words: "And that this matter would be discussed later in committee of the whole when the attendance of appropriate federal and territorial witnesses can be secured."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): To the amendment? Question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Amendment To Motion, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The question is being called, all in favour to the amendment please? Contrary? Nine. The amendment is carried.

---Carried

Motion To Support Rejection Of Amendments To The N.W.T. Fisheries Regulations, Carried

To the motion as amended. Question, those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

---Carried

Page 12.05, the amount of \$3,944,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: You will perhaps recall, Mr. Chairman, that when we first started the budget I requested that a financial history of the Fort Resolution sawmill be made available to us, that I gave a similar reminder when we started the budget of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. I wonder if this information is now available?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, a summary of funding of logging and lumbering operations in Fort Resolution from 1964 to 1978 is available. What I might do is to make extra copies of this and distribute it among the Members. I understand it is not translated at this point. We would have it translated as well and pass it on to Members this afternoon if you wish.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would be most pleased if the Hon. Peter Ernerk could do this, if he could circulate this material this afternoon, in order not to delay us in our consideration of the main estimates. I would be personally prepared to go ahead at the present point in time without this material and maybe we could have a full scale debate on that particular subject when we deal with the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance because I believe a substantial sum of money is to be voted in respect to Fort Resolution in the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance.

O And M - Projects, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 12.05, projects, \$3,944,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Business Services And Tourism, Agreed

Page 12.06, Department of Economic Development, business services and tourism, total O and M, \$1,490,000. Agreed?

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Mr. Steen please.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask, probably this information is pertaining to tourism: Is the department working on any pamphlets at all for the communities in the Northwest Territories? Are they starting to work on something?

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, when we were discussing tourism, or detail of grants and contributions I made a mention of the fact that we have a contribution of \$23,000 to community tourism promotion. That deals with pamphlets and things of that nature.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, in other words, the community can apply for these funds to develop their own tourism information? It seems to me that we are waiting too much for the communities to develop these pamphlets. I think perhaps that Travel Arctic should encourage or ask communities to begin suggestions, pictures and so forth to begin developing information for tourists.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you. Mr. Minister. While we are waiting, the Department of Information does a very good job.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, one of the systems we follow in the department is that with regard to this community tourism promotion is that the community puts up so much money and the government puts up so much money. I am not sure exactly how it works but basically Mr. Chairman, if the community has about one to 500 people, the community provides one dollar, and the government provides three dollars and this goes on up to about 10,000 population. If the community has 501 to 1000 people, the community provides one dollar and then the government provides two dollars. So, basically, that is the system we follow with regard to this community tourism promotion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, would you like to follow up on that?

MR. STEEN: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to know where we are going to get our money from to put up our dollar, you know. In most communities there is very little money to even begin putting up their share. Most communities are broke. Maybe the large communities can do it but not the little ones. I feel that you should take some positive steps and begin working on this.

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

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I agree, of course, \$23,000 is not a hell of a lot of money, but again when you consider the facts, it is really not all that much actually but it has to be prepared so that it meets certain requirements and one of things that we do within the department is to have the community regional development officers work along with the communities to determine as to what should happen in a community.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Steen, is that satisfactory?

MR. STEEN: Well, I hope they get off their butts and do something.

O And M - Business Services And Tourism, Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Page 12.06, total O and M, business services and tourism, \$1,490,000. Agreed?

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Page 12.07, budget summary, employment and training, total O and M, \$5,748,000. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, when the executive for the legislative assembly of the Yukon appeared before the Lysyk Inquiry, the Hon. Dan Lang presented a schedule of those individuals to receive preferential employment with the pipeline project and I was a little alarmed in hearing of that schedule to note that the residents of the Northwest Territories appeared quite far down. I am wondering if the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has subsequently made approaches to the Yukon to at least have residents in the Northwest Territories given the same preference for pipeline employment as that currently developed for residents of the Yukon?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Minister.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I can recall discussing this matter in a form of a correspondence with Mr. Lang in the Yukon. I can not recall exactly what the contents of my letters were and his letters. But, I think we made an attempt to define as to who exactly was a northern resident and who should get a preferential for the pipeline jobs in that territory. I recall we came to some kind of a conclusion or an agreement but I can not say just offhand exactly what it was.

At this point, Mr. Chairman, since the committee has agreed to have Mr. Jack Witty, chief of employment and training division within the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to appear before us, his people went to Alaska some months ago also to talk about various jobs or employment opportunities and other related matters. I wonder if I could invite Mr. Witty to appear before this committee to talk about this particular issue since we have agreed that we could have him here.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): What is the committee's wish? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Witty. You have first kick at the cat, Mr. Butters.

Equal Hiring Preference.

MR. BUTTERS: Possibly, Mr. Chairman, the witness heard my question relative to negotiations with the Yukon to obtain equal hiring preference to those being granted Yukon residents and that that preference be extended to Northwest Territories residents. The reason being obviously is because there have been many training programs over the past four and five years which ostensibly were developed and funded to develop, to train residents of the Northwest Territories for employment on pipelines and it would appear to be a great shame to me if they were to be treated as third class northerners when it came to employment on the Alcan route.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Witty?

MR. WITTY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, when the decision was made that the pipeline would be built in the Yukon we bundled up all of the material that we had developed over the last several years toward a manpower delivery system in the Western Arctic and took it to the Yukon to give them a start on their development. At the same time we were...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Witty, would you slow down for the benefit of the interpreters, please.

MR. WITTY: I am sorry. But at the same time we took the material to the Yukon we were informed of the priority system that they were setting up and that residents of the Northwest Territories would be third priority. The indication at that time, and this was in October was that the Yukon would be establishing an advisory group on manpower delivery and we offered at that time to work with them on this and at the same time had planned that we would work with them on developing any new criteria. As far as we know that advisory group has not gone ahead and we have not heard anything since our initial contacts in October/November.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Fraser.

Placing Trainees In Different Settlements

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the witness if he ever thought about taking some of these trainees out of Fort Smith and putting them in different settlements. I mentioned this once before in one of our talks with the trainees and I think I got an answer back saying that they had the program going for a year now but I do not know where the trainees were stationed. In all the communities in the valley we have plenty of equipment and if they could pass some of these students around to these different contractors and then train on the job, I think it is just as good as training in Fort Smith.

I agree that maybe in some places it might be a little tough for accommodation but I do not think that is any serious problem. So, I would just like to ask the witness if he ever thought of a program away from Fort Smith and into some of the other settlements?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Witty.

MR. WITTY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe that the question refers only to heavy equipment operation or is it a general question about all training programs?

MR. FRASER: All training programs, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WITTY: Well, in that case I will have to answer it in just a general way but I am going to preface the remark by saying that the question would probably be better directed to the Department of Education in that the Department of Economic Development, through the employment division, requests training of the Department of Education and they deliver the training for us on our behalf and with that preface I could answer part of the question for Mr. Fraser.

The first one is that in certain programs the training can take place in the communities. A number of communities have received heavy equipment training programs by requesting through the department, the regional offices of the Department of Education for instructors to go into communities. A very recent example, or not all that recent, was Holman Island when the men were trained for the building of the airstrip there. There have been a number of these. The present business training program is also moving around the territory.

Certain Programs Can Not Be Decentralized

But there are some programs that I think you would have to accept can not be any place except centralized. My prime concern obviously, is programs such as apprenticeship training. What we have to really strive for is the quality of training. Theory training is a highly capitalized program which means very heavy investment in material and although we try every method we can for training people we do attempt to maintain a Canadian standard. I think what would have to be decided is whether the Assembly would be prepared to have less than a national standard if you start talking about decentralizing training programs where there are limited numbers involved. An electrician, for instance, if you are going to have your house wired you want to know that that journeyman is a journeyman and not only a partially trained person. I am not sure, Mr. Chairman, whether that answers the question or not but certain programs are being bicycled around. Some programs lend themselves to that but some very definitely do not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Witty. Mr. Fraser. Are there any more questions? Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: A couple of questions, sir. I guess I am correct in believing that Mr. Witty is probably our territorial authority on employment and manpower and as such would I be correct in believing that Mr. Witty appeared before the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry?

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

MR. WITTY: Yes, that is correct, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BUTTERS: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether Mr. Witty indicated to the commissioner of that inquiry some of the concerns of this House with regard to our large population and especially our large population among the young and the projected possibilities for employment and jobs.

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

Tremendous Gap Between Opportunity And Population

MR. WITTY: Mr. Chairman, yes, I did. I am not sure that I should say that I reflected the views of this House, because as everyone knows we appear before the inquiry as individual witnesses. I certainly made an attempt at bringing to the attention of the inquiry the speed with which the population of the Northwest Territories is developing and by population I mean the local population. I am not really talking about in-migration of people. I also attempted to indicate what I saw at that time and still see today as a tremendous gap between opportunity and population.

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

MR. BUTTERS: I am just wondering if the witness might know where in the report those concerns appear in either Volume One or Volume Two and were they given the emphasis which the witness might think they deserved?

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

MR. WITTY: The information that I shared with or testified to in the inquiry is not contained in either Volume One or Volume Two. It is to be found only in the daily transcript for October 14, 1976.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Witty. Is there any other questions or comments to be made while Mr. Witty is here? Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I suppose this is a question that can not be answered because of the lack of statistics and where you put people who live a hunting and trapping existence. However, I expect that that is the answer I am going to get. I just thought I would try it on anyways. We hear a lot about what the national unemployment rate is, weekly and of course the fortunes of government seem to rise or fall depending on whether it is up or whether it is down. What I am wondering is what would the estimate be in our current regional territorial unemployment rate, again appreciating that it is difficult to be very exact on that because of where you put certain classes of workers or of people. I am wondering if Mr. Witty has any guesstimate-type of response to that?

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: And particularly where we stand in comparison to the national average?

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

Current Unemployment Rate

MR. WITTY: Mr. Chairman, accepting what Hon. David Searle has said as a limitation I would just preface what I have to say by explaining how we attempt to arrive at our information. Our approach is to the community, we ask community contacts the number of people who are seeking employment, that is, actively asking for help to find employment and then taking that figure in comparison with those jobs available in the community and assuming that as our percentage of unemployment. The reason we attempt to do it this way is to eliminate people who consider themselves as trappers or living a land based life where they do not want employment. We also think that this would eliminate people involved in cottage industries or as housewives. Now accepting that our work is very imprecise, it is not Statistics Canada, our estimate is that the lowest unemployment percentage is about 26 per cent and the highest is probably 80 per cent.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. David Searle, would you like to have a...

HON. DAVID SEARLE: When Mr. Witty says the lowest is 26 per cent and the highest is 80 per cent does he mean at any particular season or are we in that range at any point in time? I mean I assume this is not seasonally adjusted.

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

MR. WITTY: Mr. Chairman, no, it is not seasonally adjusted and I have not the foggiest notion how you would go about seasonally adjusting anything. But the figures that I have just given you are the most accurate we have and they are effective for last November. Our estimate is -- and I am only talking now, I should use the term guesstimate -- is that the percentage on the average has increased to this period as we are in the lowest period for any kind of industrial activity in the midwinter doldrums. I can not really be definitive when I say the percentage will change over time. Obviously it does. Summer construction changes it very dramatically. When construction tapers off then the unemployment picks up.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Witty, would you slow down again, please.

MR. WITTY: I think that is about all I could add to Hon. David Searle's question, in any case.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is there any more questions or comments of a general nature? Hon. David Searle.

The National Average

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, I just have one other so that I can make a comparison and that is that am I correct in assuming that the national average shows somewhere between eight and ten per cent?

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

MR. WITTY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The national average runs around eight per cent. The high is in the Maritimes, specifically in Newfoundland which is just over 20 per cent.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any other comments or questions?
Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, no more questions, just a comment and that is obviously we and Newfoundland have a great deal in common at a time when our unemployment is the lowest. Should we be, however, in the 80 per cent bracket then we have a problem that staggers the imagination. I guess the thing that I wonder about is if you read what Justice Berger said his answer would be that we should develop our renewable resources, we should fish more, hunt more, live off the land more. In the examination of what you see going on in the communities from a labour point of view is there any evidence that this is either happening or that people particularly want this to happen? Or is this just one of those suggestions that are made by someone who does not appreciate the facts of life?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more comments or questions?

HON. DAVID SEARLE: That was a question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): A question? I thought it was a comment. Mr. Witty.

Moving Away From A Land Based Economy

MR. WITTY: Well, Mr. Chairman, I guess what I am going to say right now would have to be taken as being a value judgment being made on my part. Obviously because of the position I am in now I am not in settlements all the time and I take a lot of my information from staff who are in the settlements. Our observation is that there is not a rush to get into a totally land based economy, that the population under the age of 21, which is just over 50 per cent of our total population in the territories is moving in directions different from a totally land based economy. We have just finished doing some projections that may be of interest. We projected populations through to the year 2000 and some areas of Baffin and the High Arctic the population in the working age group, that is we arbitrarily picked ages 20 to 59, between now and the year 2001 the population in some areas will grow by 147 per cent and there is no area that will be less than double. So our observation is that the problem that we see today is like the tip of the iceberg, it is only what is so obvious to us and it is the problems of tomorrow that are going to be very difficult to work with. I do not know if I answered Hon. David Searle's question. I am just sharing with you what we see as being the long-range problems.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more comments or questions of a general nature? Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, it just seems to me from what Mr. Witty says that you will have to wonder about all of those people and all of those things that result in a lack of development, a lack of job opportunities. You have to wonder what world those people are living in and why it is so prevalent today that that type of attitude is the one that so many people rush to and it is just a real tragedy that they do not have to stay around and live with those sorts of things.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Witty. Are there any questions or comments of a general nature? Mr. Lafferty.

Renewable Resource Development Policy

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if Mr. Witty's remarks are to be taken as general policy applied throughout the Northwest Territories with disregard to regional differences within the Northwest Territories. I wonder if Mr. Witty can tell this House that if they are looking at our studying or carrying out research in relation to the differences of the Northwest Territories, that is the Eastern Arctic, the High Arctic, the Western Arctic, and South Mackenzie block. Climatically these places are so different and culturally these places are different and I feel that these things should be considered in the policy development. I do not think that realistically we could develop one single policy and apply that. I do not think we will ever ever get anything done over the years to come.

In my general remarks and thoughts on these in relation to the question it arises in my mind that I think that the time has come that we can not wait any longer. We have to damn well move, period. We have people graduating out of high school in the southern Mackenzie block that have no place to go. This is where the bulk of the population is concentrated and the renewable resource development potential is probably at its peak at the present time. So I would like to know what has developed up to date in economic or renewable resource development policy?

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

MR. WITTY: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not able to speak on renewable resource development policy. Our particular mandate is to take advantage of every opportunity that comes along, whether it is renewable or non-renewable, in helping people find employment. If the question really refers to the projections we have done in terms of population and I would caution you that I would not give the work we have done the term research, I do not think we are quite good enough to deserve that, we have done our best with the figures we have and the people we have to work with but we have done these settlement by settlement. So that if any of you are interested in knowing, well, what does it look like in your settlement in the year 2001, we can give you that. But on the renewable resource policy our division has no involvement at all with that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any more questions on employment and training? If there is not, I would like to thank Mr. Witty for coming before this House and in doing so I would like to recess for coffee for 15 minutes.

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O And M - Employment And Training, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The Chair recognizes a quorum. Employment and training, page 12.07, total O and M, \$5,748,000. Agreed?

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Total O And M, Capital, Revenues, Agreed

Could we go back to page 12.01, dollar summary, total O and M, \$14,778,000; capital, \$580,000; revenues, \$3,010,000. Agreed?

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Is it the wish of this House that we have next on the list the Department of Public Works? Would you have them come in, Deputy Commissioner Parker?

Department Of Health And Social Services

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think that Hon. Arnold McCallum has a couple of his items ready to finish up; Department of Health and Social Services, if that is agreeable with the committee?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum, could you start it off then?

Female Sterilization Statistics

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think that when we were discussing Health and Social Services there were two requests from Members for further information. One of these dealt with a question that was raised in committee of the whole concerning information relating to female sterilization within the territories. I would like at this point, Mr. Chairman, to indicate to this committee the information that I have relating to the question. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, Mr. Chairman, I think we should be aware of the following factors. The statistics for this government are for 1976 and they are the most recent complete set for which we have specific information available. To use a comparison the statistics used for the nation as a whole are based on 1974 statistics and that is the most recent complete year for these kind of statistics. The reference for rate of sterilization by province is from Statistics Canada catalogue, the annual publication of surgical procedures, October issue and they relate to 1974 statistics. So that, we are in fact comparing 1976 Northwest Territories figures with 1974 Canadian statistics. The actual total figures for tubal ligations and hysterectomies for the Northwest Territories for 1976 was 185. However, many of the hysterectomies would have been undertaken for pathological reasons other than sterilization, for malignancies and serious infectious diseases. If we were to determine the reasons for these hysterectomies, Mr. Chairman, it would be necessary for them to review individual cases and I do not think that that is the intent of the question.

N.W.T. Lower Than Any Province

The comparative figures that I will give you are based on 100,000 female population. The total female population in the Northwest Territories based on the particular year, 1976 is 20,160 and that is the Statistics Canada population statistics, 1976. Our rate using those figures of 185 sterilizations and a total female population in the Northwest Territories of 20,160 would then be 917 per 100,000 total female population. Mr. Chairman, that is lower than

every other jurisdiction, every other province in Canada. I do not have the information related to the other territories. In the provinces, the rate of sterilization, hysterectomies and tubal ligations range from 995 per 100,000 in Prince Edward Island to 1474 per 100,000 population in the province of Alberta. The female sterilizations completed in the Northwest Territories in 1976, there were three under 20 years. There were 21 between the ages of 20 to 24; 53 between the ages of 25 to 29; 50 in the ages between 30 to 34; 24 in the age bracket 35 to 39; 24 at the age 40 years plus. There were ten others not specified by age. That, Mr. Chairman, is a total of 185. Mr. Chairman, I am not sure whether the Members would want further information on this question. I can only give a rough idea as to how to evaluate the trend across the country that is as regards a higher or lower trend but I am advised that across the country there is an increase, especially in tubal ligations. I would as well, if I have not said prior, Mr. Chairman, that in the Northwest Territories the majority of hysterectomies, tubal ligations are for pathological reasons rather than sterilization.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, if there are no further questions on that answer to the request for that information and there may well be, I would as well like to indicate to Members or to pass around, if I may, Mr. Chairman, a copy of the proposed Subsidization of Air Travel for Medical Reasons that was requested. So if I may have these passed around I would make comment on these, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, Hon. Arnold McCallum. The ones that you were explaining just now were on page 10.03.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Could we get that, Mr. Chairman, related to page 10.03?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 10.03, right. Could we then get Mr. Nickerson?

Female Operations Comparable To Canadian Average

MR. NICKERSON: If I may be permitted to make some comments as it was my request for the figures that have just been given, these figures would seem to indicate to me that we are not out of line at all with the provinces. Our figures being lower, the rate per 100,000 female population is lower but female population age distribution is different. We have a much higher number of low age, both women and men. A lot of our population is under 15 years so taking that into account I would imagine the rate at which this particular operation has been done in the territories is very comparable to the Canadian average. I think I am reassured by these figures that there is not an undue amount of these operations taking place in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Nickerson is absolutely correct that our rate, that the make up of our female population of that particular group was at a lower age level. Our rate to about the year 25 is higher. I do not mean it is significantly higher but it is higher than across other areas in the country and it is lower for the age 25 up. Mr. Nickerson is absolutely correct in his comments.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any other comments on that? Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: I would like...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Could you, Mr. Pudluk, pull your mike a little closer to you, please?

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, I have here between 1970-74 abortion figures, 172,265. I wonder if that is happening in the North too?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I did not quite get the relevance of the figures. From 1970-74...

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, in the whole of Canada, abortion has been given at 172,265. I wonder if that includes the Northwest Territories too?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, is the Member talking abortion? I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I do not have background material in terms of that. I think the question that I addressed myself to or the response I gave was in relation to the request of Mr. Nickerson dealing with sterilization of various kinds. I do not have the statistics dealing with the abortion rate in the Northwest Territories during those years and how it relates to the national average, I am sorry.

O And M - Medicare, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Could we then agree on page 10.06 if there are no more comments of a general nature? Agreed?

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Now we go to page 10.03 on subsidized medical travel. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Individual's Responsibility For Payment

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think I indicated earlier during the debate on this particular department that under the old policy the individual's responsibility for payment was always tied to the current Yellowknife to Edmonton cost, the cost of a flight. They had to pay the equivalent of two return fares from Yellowknife to Edmonton before subsidized medical travel would apply and that was a total expenditure of \$370 before the policy would come into operation. The present policy is at best confusing and at most times impossible. The new policy states a flat fee. The individual is responsible for the first \$50 on a one way ticket or \$100 on a return fare. Subsidized medical travel would pay the remainder for necessary medical travel which has been approved. Therefore starting in with the first approved necessary medical travel some assistance will be provided. We anticipate because we have been publicizing the accessibility of this program or policy, even under the old rate a further increase in the cost of providing this subsidy. We expect that it will necessitate roughly a 50 per cent increase in expenditure by the department. I would as well, Mr. Chairman, like to indicate that we now under the proposed policy would pay ambulance transportation to and from the aircraft. These ambulance charges will be included in total travel expenses. I should indicate as well, Mr. Chairman, on page two of the proposed policy under Note B, non-allowable expenses, item 1, dental, cosmetic orthodontal and cosmetic plastic surgery are only examples. There are other examples, so in reality I guess if you want to be technical that should not be, to use the Latin phrase, i.e. but e.g. for example.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Seeing that was Mr. Stewart's question, I guess he will have that material at home at his desk. So shall we go ahead then or is there any more debate on it? Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, when does this policy come into effect? The first of April, I assume?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we would like the policy to come into effect after proper publicizing of the policy. We would like to see it come in at that particular date.

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

Ground Transportation And Accommodation Not Subsidized

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, the policy as I understand it, used to be that we would have to be required to pay in excess of a return trip from Yellowknife to Edmonton, in other words you had to live north of Yellowknife and the government would pick up your air fare, that difference between Yellowknife, Edmonton, whatever it was. What it looks like here is that since I think air fare return is over \$200 nowadays, the government would be paying probably a hundred and a quarter of a return trip so that is indeed some assistance. I must say that I am surprised to see that ground transportation and accommodation are not included in that they are just as much out of pocket expenses as is an air fare. Possibly, Hon. Arnold McCallum could give me the logic behind not paying ground transportation and living expenses.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not know whether I could satisfy the request to provide logical information for the Member. This is to provide subsidy for the exorbitant cost of air travel by the company involved in the Northwest Territories and that is basically what it is for, not to provide accommodation, notwithstanding the fact that accommodation and ground transportation to and from the Edmonton International airport to a hotel is as well quite high and I do not mean that to be facetious. Mr. Chairman, I think it is simply a means by which we would subsidize the air travel.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Very funny, Mr. Chairman, very funny. I like the Minister's sense of humour. The truth of the matter is that a \$50 room in a hotel nowadays is expensive, and so, too is travel from that hideous airport, Edmonton International to downtown. They are as realistic in terms of expenses as any other expense. Let us be sure gentlemen, what we are talking about here. We are not talking about a civil servant or his family because that is covered in their contract with the government. It does not also, I do not think, cover most other residents in the territories because that is picked up by National Health and Welfare. What it really does cover are the few people who fall into that class of free enterprisers, the service station attendant and the person who does not have through his employment some contract. There are not very many people that this applies to but it is a program to which I have spoken for the last ten years. Notwithstanding the fact that it does not cover all of the expenses incurred by persons in the private as opposed to the public sector, it is a good beginning and I think if the authorities will keep their eye on it to see what the costs are we can maybe beef up the benefits a little later and ultimately in the hope of having people in the private sector on somewhat the same basis as those who work for the government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson. I would just like to remind the committee that when you have got your mike on do not tap on the stand because you just about rip the ears off of our switchboard operator. Mr. Nickerson.

In The Case Of Repeated Trips

MR. NICKERSON: Two queries, Mr. Chairman. The first one, what would happen in the case of somebody who had to say make six trips from Yellowknife to Edmonton at monthly intervals or something like that, would he be required to pay \$100 for each trip?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the cost to the individual on a return trip would be \$100 return, or \$100 deductible on each and every trip to wherever the patient has been referred to by a medical practitioner.

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

MR. NICKERSON: So, I understand the answer is to be yes, the person is responsible for \$100 out of each trip he makes. Therefore for somebody in those circumstances he would probably be worse off under these regulations than he was under the old ones when he was required to pay for two trips Yellowknife to Edmonton per year and any excess over that would be borne by the government. So, such a person now that he has to pay \$100 each time he goes would be worse off.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yes to the question of the Member, but, let me qualify that if in fact, successive trips are required they are generally required for a medical reason that would be covered under another...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Could we have a little quiet, please, in the House? Sorry, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the only qualification I would make to the Member's comment is that if, there are successive or a number of trips required to go outside for medical reasons they are usually for medical attention to a disease or a condition that would be covered under other reasons or other particular areas. I can not give the Member a background as to the number or the average for a particular case that would normally require one or two trips. But if it were for cancer or cobalt treatments, some such disease as this where successive attention is required, these people are then looked after and it does not cost them as much. I think that what this particular proposal does, it gives to an individual who must go out even once some kind of subsidy. I very much understand the concern that has been raised by other Members in terms of it is expensive to exist while one is out there and certainly when we recognize that expenses continue to increase we would hope to be able to take that into consideration and come back to the House with possibly further proposals.

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

Medical Expense Claim Approval

MR. NICKERSON: I am not objecting to that. I just want to have the matter clarified. Now, with respect to the certification or approval of the zone director before someone is able to claim these expenses, would his delegate normally be a medical practitioner? I am thinking of a community such as Yellowknife where you do not deal directly with the medical services branch, you usually deal with a practitioner in private practice. Now would he be able to do that or would you have to hobble out of your doctor's office down to the Professional building to get the certificate?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, a medical practitioner would satisfy the requirements for referral or in fact a nurse in some instances in some communities. But no, one would not have to go directly to the zone director, if you like, of medical services, National Health and Welfare, or his delegate. A medical practitioner would do that.

MR. NICKERSON: One last question, Mr. Chairman. Does this new policy put to right the problem previously experienced by people in places such as Fort Norman? Maybe Mr. Fraser should have spoken to this. They seem to have a particular problem about the matter of certification of the proper expenses. If somebody falls down and breaks his neck in Fort Norman how does he get approval to charter an aircraft to Inuvik or somehow get to the nearest hospital?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it does not as yet. I indicated to the Member or the committee when we were discussing this that we would raise this with the Northwest Territories co-ordinating council in relationship to the federal department and we would hope to be able to reconcile that.

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

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I was not prepared at this time to ask the Minister the question that was asked by my Honourable Member. However, I think there was a motion on the floor requesting the presence of National Health and Welfare staff to appear before this House. I wonder if we could get an answer if they are coming or they are not coming?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I did not know there was a question Mr. Fraser, a motion on the floor. Was there a motion on the floor, do you recall, Hon. Arnold McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as I recall it, there was some discussion about taking a National Health and Welfare official in but I think the actual motion was to have a meeting with the federal Minister, Hon. Monique Begin to meet with this body but not federal officials. We have not received anything in terms of acceptance of an invitation from the federal Minister to meet with this body.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, Hon. Arnold McCallum, there was a motion February 1st, I moved that an invitation be presented to the Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare to appear before this House during the May session, Mr. Fraser. Mr. Fraser, would like to pursue?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I do not think there is much use pursuing it until we can get together with Northern Health, that is their regulations as set down and I do not think this House is going to change them unless we can get a meeting with the proper people. I think I will just hold off until the May session.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Yes, then I direct your attention back to page 10.03. Mr. Steen.

Medical Claim Certified By Welfare Officer.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask one question of the Minister pertaining to travel. Say a person gets sick and has not got any money. How can he buy his ticket? What I mean to say is that I understand you were talking about a claim before you can claim back your travel expenses. What happens if somebody has not got any money to go to the hospital?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, residents of the Northwest Territories certified by a welfare officer as being unable to pay the \$50 for one way or \$100 return would not be required to pay that amount.

0 And M - Supplementary Health Programs, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Thank you, Hon. Arnold McCallum. I direct your attention back to page 10.03, supplementary health programs, \$471,000. Do you agree on that?

---Agreed

What is the wish of the administration here? Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could we then have the total for the Department of Health and Social Services agreed to in 0 and M? I think we agreed to the capital and the revenues but not the 0 and M because of two outstanding queries.

Total 0 And M - Department Of Health And Social Services, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Yes, I direct you to page 10.01, total 0 and M, \$22,490,000. Revenues, \$12,756,000. Is that agreed?

---Agreed

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could we then continue with Bill 11-64, and move to the Department of Public Works?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Is that the wish of this House? Hold the phone, hold the phone, he says.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess I moved in haste. Before we get into that particular department, maybe I should raise the point of a piece of ordinance in the direction that was given to the administration in relation to bringing in a bill dealing with the tobacco tax and of course the relationship that would have with the -- I forget the bill number -- the supplementary benefits to senior citizens. I wonder if it would meet with the committee's approval that the administration are given time to review our estimates on this tax, ascertain our year-end figures and all the ensuing material we would have to have and to then bring in for consideration of the House in the spring session an amendment that would in fact indicate to Members that we have taken the direction they wanted as it relates to a tobacco tax.

Supplementary Benefits For Senior Citizens Delayed.

As a consequence we would then bring in with it an ordinance dealing with supplementary senior citizens' benefits at the same session and implement them when that session is over. In other words, Mr. Chairman, I am concerned that the administration may not at this particular session be able to come in with a properly put together piece of legislation although the actual writing of the legislation is the difficulty but in making sure we do not run into a situation where we are in fact, as has maybe been the case in the past, giving you

information that may be erroneous. So just to deal with that proposed piece of legislation that we have now, the supplementary benefits to senior citizens, if we would have the indulgence of the House to bring that in as an accompanying piece of legislation to the tobacco tax, the amendment to the tobacco tax both in the spring session in anticipation that we would then be able to be in a position to instigate a start to begin a supplementary benefit to our senior citizens some time in the late spring.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): What is the wish of this House? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: As I understand it, the reason the administration is requesting this delay or advising us that they might delay, because money bills obviously can not be brought in by anybody else except the government, is that they are unsure of the figures. They are unsure of the number of cigarettes sold in the Northwest Territories. Am I correct in that assumption, Mr. Chairman?

Reason For Delay

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I do not want to indicate that that is the only particular answer. We would not want to come in to the House with the kind of information that we had in past sessions as regards the accommodation tax where there was some dispute as to the figures quoted by the administration and by the territorial travel industry, or travel association or whatever it is. There was some dispute at that time, if Members will recall, as to the validity of the figures that we put forth and there was some discussion as to the discrepancy in the amounts put forward. I do not know whether it is difficult to ascertain the number of cigarettes or tobacco that is in fact sold in the territories. I think what we would like to do is to take a look at our total year-end figures in all respects of the sale of all tobacco and we do not want to come forth with a piece of legislation unless we really are giving Members a total picture.

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

MR. NICKERSON: The Hon. Arnold McCallum's answer is very long, it was beating around the bush leading me to suspect ulterior motives somewhere.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Not I, I would not.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Well, that was my comment Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. STEEN: Just to probably advise the Minister to take Mr. Nickerson's comments with a grain of arsenic.

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

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, if this delay in tobacco tax or cigarette tax, I do not know if it is going to apply to -- I suppose it would be tobacco tax. I would include cigarettes, I assume it would be. Would this legislation coming back in the spring session delay the payment of this assistance to our senior citizens or could that legislation be introduced retroactively?

Difficulty In Providing Retroactive Payments

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in order to provide supplementary benefits to senior citizens this government would have to derive, obtain the money from some source. That source, of course, has to be the means of taxation. To provide a retroactive payment to senior citizens would quite probably increase a proposed level of taxation more than the kinds of figures, I think that Deputy Commissioner Parker provided this committee with last week. So that in order to make it retroactive it may, in fact, do more than what this committee wants. I forget really the amount of taxation that would determine. I think it was an increase of seven cents a package would bring about approximately \$400,000, or \$350,000 and then start that benefit to people as soon as the ordinance has received the approval of this House. To go back then to a number of months regardless of how many months, would quite possibly necessitate an increase of more than seven cents per package. It would be, Mr. Chairman, our hope that upon approval of the tobacco tax that we would then be able to very quickly institute supplementary benefits to our senior citizens. And when I say quickly I am not indicating any long delay.

Actual Addition To Old Age Pension

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister a question. If the cigarette tax or the tobacco tax is to be set at seven per cent, the total income from that seven per cent would be in the figure of \$350,000. How much would be added to the old age pension? Just a minute, I had another question similar to that one. The increase would be, I think they figured around \$25. Is this correct?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think the Member gave the answer to his first question, and I would say yes.

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

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, at one time when they first introduced this supplementary for the aged, they had some kind of a scale set down as to the cost of living in different settlements. Is that going to be carried out, or is it going to be a flat \$25 right across the board for everybody?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the supplementary allowance or assistance to senior citizens was not to be tied to a particular area or region. It was to be applied, as I understand quite well from the comments that have been made in this committee, to all senior citizens regardless of where they lived.

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

Possibility Of A Means Test

MR. FRASER: I do not remember how this especially came out, but there was something that came up about the possibility of having a means test. Is it still in effect?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think it has been pretty well stated by the administration the difficulties that we face in determining to whom this would apply. We have no difficulty, let me repeat that, we have no difficulty understanding the direction and the advice, in fact we have no difficulty understanding what we have been told by this House, as to whom it should apply. Maybe I should backtrack a moment and I would have to have this verified by Mr. Nickerson, but it may very well have been his intent or he very well may have indicated it should be allied to the social assistance given to people. Now I am not sure whether that is correct but it is my understanding that it was to go to all senior citizens in the Northwest Territories. I get a nod of approval from my colleague, Mr. Nickerson, and I can only then answer Mr. Chairman, by indicating that it would go to everybody. There is no need, I think, of my going into the situation dealing with a means test. As I indicated to you, you Members know very well the difficulty that we have in dealing with the federal government on this particular part.

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

Old Age Pensioners In Fort Smith

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, just a follow-up question here to the Minister. If this increase in the old age supplement is increased, how is that going to affect the old age pensioners in Fort Smith? Are they going to be set back to \$25, or what are they getting now?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the senior citizens in Fort Smith do not get any increase in social assistance. The senior citizens in the municipality of Fort Smith get assistance from the Department of Local Government in paying their municipal taxes and that is available, as I have indicated before, to other municipalities. They do not receive an increase in social assistance from the Department of Health and Social Services.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any further comments? Mr. Lafferty.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister can tell me if we get the legislation to allow tobacco tax, and that some way that there is a means test of some form, would this affect those senior citizens of ours who are in possession of a small dwindling savings account, who may be a property owner? What would happen to these people and also the native people who are presently in the process of negotiating land claims? What effect will this means test, in the event there is such a thing, have on these settlements?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum, the committee, I think, has forgotten that the recommendation of the legislation committee was that there be no means test.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I did not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Well, I am just...

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HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, I realize, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I guess, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I can tell the Member as well, there should be no difficulty, Mr. Chairman, in this Legislature passing a tobacco tax. We have that particular right. That is a very responsible action on the part, in my estimation and I think in the estimation of others, of this particular House, in order to provide programs of our own. We have that particular right to do that. A means test, hypothetical again, you know the difficulties and they have been stated to Members of the committee as regards the means test. But I know full well what this committee and this House has indicated to the administration in that respect. How this would affect senior citizens' saving accounts or if they are property owners, again, it was to be given to every senior citizen in the Northwest Territories. It does not matter if he owned all kinds of property, if he was a taxpayer, a municipal taxpayer, or if he was living in any other kind of facility, and how it would affect native peoples who are now negotiating land claims, I have no idea.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much, Hon. Arnold McCallum. The request by Hon. Arnold McCallum is that this House give him permission to go ahead with advice, advice that this House should give him what to do. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I was going to say, Mr. Chairman, the administration does not need permission from us, they can do precisely as they feel in that respect. I take it that this has been a process of consultation where the Hon. Arnold McCallum has been kind and gracious enough to advise us in advance that he does not intend to bring this piece of legislation forth at this particular session. I do not think that we are called upon to give him our permission or approval, or anything else. All we should do is thank him for being so kind.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): What is the wish of this House?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Is silence consent?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I say consent and let us go ahead. Is it agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed. Does the administration want to go on to Department of Public Works or shall I report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: What was the answer to that?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed to report progress, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lyall.

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

MR. LYALL: Your committee has been studying Bill 11-64. I would at this time like to report progress. There was one motion in the committee of the whole: I move that this committee fully supports the Northwest Territories Fishermen's Federation in its rejection of the proposed amendments to the Northwest

Territories fisheries regulations. And there was an amendment to that motion, and that this matter be discussed in committee of the whole when the attendance of the appropriate federal and territorial witnesses can be secured. That motion was made by Mr. Nickerson, amended by Hon. David Searle.

MR. SPEAKER: Gentlemen, I understand there are two committee meetings for tomorrow morning. Would the chairmen so indicate? Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to inform Members that there has been a last minute change in the meeting time and place of the elections committee. It will be at 11:30 a.m. in the room next door, the coffee room and it will be a luncheon meeting. All Members are expected to attend, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Hon. Peter Ernerk, Mr. Steen, yourself sir, and myself. One Member has asked to be present, Mr. Lyall, and we are accommodating that request.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I certainly hope you are not serving a cold plate again tomorrow?

MR. SPEAKER: You can certainly take that up with your committee chairman at your leisure. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Yes, I hope there is no change in this one, the standing committee on legislation will meet at 12:00 noon, in room 303.

MR. SPEAKER: What you are saying is that the standing committee is sitting, is it? Oh, that is bad. Orders of the day, Mr. Clerk.

ITEM NO. 12: ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, February 8, 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. Second Reading of Bills: Bill 12-64
11. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bills 8-64, 7-64, 11-64 and 12-64, Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Motion 9-64, Motion 12-64, Recommendation to the Legislature 1-64, Information Items 5-64 and 7-64, Motion Relative to Proposed Amendments to Northwest Territories Fisheries Regulations
12. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., February 8, 1978, at the Explorer Hotel.

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