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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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?

Return To Question W43-64: Réply To Question, Grade Ten Inclusion

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, Question W43-64. On Monday, February 6th, Mr. Steen asked for further clarification on the question of providing grade ten in Aklavik next year. A complete grade ten can not be added to the Aklavik school without the addition of several teachers and new facilities. The Aklavik education committee was asked to consider and are considering a modified grade ten and discussions are taking place at the present time. If it is the decision of the committee that a limited grade ten is acceptable we are prepared to move a transportable classroom from Inuvik to Aklavik and will provide one extra teacher for the coming year.

Return To Question W44-64: School Bus, Cape Dorset

Question W44-64. Mr. Evaluarjuk received a telephone call from Cape Dorset concerning a school bus for the community. They have been wanting the school bus for some time now and still do. They have asked Mr. Evaluarjuk to ask the administration if they will be getting the school bus or not.

The director of Education met with the community education committee at Cape Dorset on October 12, 1977. It was asked if a 12 passenger school bus could be replaced by a larger vehicle because older children wanted to be transported from the mission valley. After some discussion the principal agreed to organize a better bus schedule so that the school janitor would continue to drive the school bus until other arrangements could be made. The committee agreed to discuss the possibility of some local person or persons obtaining a vehicle which the Department of Education would then contract for transporting students, since a new bus for Cape Dorset was not included in the five year forecast. Nothing further has been heard on this subject from Cape Dorset and it was assumed that the new bus schedule has been satisfactory.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Return To Question W42-64: Water Pump, Clyde River.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 6th, Mr. Kilabuk asked Question W42-64, whether the administration would provide a water pump for Clyde River. I have the following reply: Our Baffin regional office advises that the possibility of the drinking water being contaminated by use of the water delivery truck is remote, but the situation will be investigated as soon as possible to see if improvements are necessary.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further returns? Written questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question W49-64: Garbage Incinerator, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Speaker, I asked about the garbage incinerator for Pangnirtung while I was in Ottawa. The dump in Pangnirtung, the way it is now, will be causing more pollution in the future. I would like to ask the administration if this matter has been looked into.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the question as notice and file a reply at a later date.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lyall.

Question W50-64: Sewage Truck, Spence Bay.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the administration if they are going to fly the sewage truck to Spence Bay as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I again would take the question under notice and file a reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions. Mr. Fraser.

Question W51-64: Status Of Norman Wells.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I have a document that I will be tabling but I would like to ask a question of the administration just for the record. At present, Norman Wells has settlement status and wishes to remain a settlement. Will the administration do anything about pushing them into hamlet status?

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions. Is there a response? Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what the question was, as related to the community and hamlet status. I am not sure if there was a question. If there was I will be happy to reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser, do you want to try again?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, the question is: Is the administration going to push for hamlet status or are they going to let Norman Wells be a community for the time being?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Return To Question W51-64: Status Of Norman Wells

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, although it is the goal of the department and the government to see that various communities take on new and additional responsibilities towards more local and self-government, nevertheless it is not the policy of the department nor the administration, to foist upon any community a status within local government for which that community is neither ready nor is willing to accept.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions. Mr. Nickerson.

Question W52-64: Agricultural Lands Capabilities Study

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, has the administration any information on the agricultural lands capabilities study recently said to have been completed for the federal government? In that, pursuant to the Northwest Territories Act, agriculture is a territorial responsibility could this study be made available to this House as soon as possible?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Peter Ernerk.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether that question is directed to myself but my department has been dealing with the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on this issue and I will take it as notice and reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions.

Item 3, oral questions.

Item 4, petitions.

Item 5, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 6, notices of motion. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 6: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 18-64: Flood Damage Reduction Agreements Ordinance

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker I give notice that on Thursday, February 9th, I will move that Bill 18-64, An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into Agreements Respecting the Reduction of Flood Damage, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Any further notices of motion?

Item 7, motions for the production of papers.

Item 8, motions. Motion 13-64, Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 8: MOTIONS

Motion 13-64: Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association

MR. LYALL: Motion 13-64, Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association.

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: Is there a seconder? Mr. Whitford. Discussion, Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker I would at this time just like to say that if we need a witness I do have a gentleman in town who would like to appear before us. I also tabled a letter that I got from the Inland Commercial Fishermen's Association and if we could discuss that paper, then I would ask this House if I could bring forth the witnesses.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I think that the Honourable Member's request that a witness be made available is an excellent one and of course witnesses are not allowed in the House in formal session. Mr. Speaker, therefore I would move that this matter be referred to committee of the whole.

Motion To Move Motion 13-64 Into Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Moved by Mr. Nickerson. Is there a seconder? Mr. Butters. Discussion on the motion to move Motion 13-64 into committee of the whole. The question being called. All in favour? Down. Contrary? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Clerk, would you put that on the orders of the day? Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker on a point of privilege, may I inquire if in fact there has been notice of motion for new appointments or a recommendation for new appointments to the Workers' Compensation Board?

MR. SPEAKER: No, there has not been notice of motion to my knowledge.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker may I have the indulgence of the House then to return to Item 6, notices of motion?

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent being requested to return back to Item 6, notices of motion. Agreed?

---Agreed

Okay, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

REVERT TO ITEM NO. 6: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 14-64: Appointments To Workers' Compensation Board

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, February 9th, I shall move the following motion:

WHEREAS there are, at present, several vacancies on the Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this Assembly recommend to the Commissioner that the following actions be taken: (a) that Mr. J.D.C. MacLean be reappointed as chairman of the board for a further two year term; (b) that Messrs. W. Berezowski and A.B. Workman be reappointed to the board to serve until next October; (c) that Messrs. A.W.R. Hettrick and Colin Adjun be appointed to the board for terms of two years each.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 9, tabling of documents. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 21-64, An Agreement Respecting Flood Damage, Reduction and Flood Risk Mapping, between the federal government and the government of the Northwest Territories.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I have two documents here I wish to table. Tabled Document 22-64, Telex from Norman Wells Settlement Council and Tabled Document 23-64, Letter from Norman Wells Chamber of Commerce.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Further tabled documents?

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

ITEM NO. 10: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second 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 second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker is to provide additional funding for the public service of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1978.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Lyall. Discussion on the principle of the bill.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called. All in favour? Down. Contrary? Second reading is carried.

---Carried

Gentlemen before going into committee of the whole, may I recognize Mr. Naomi Uemura, who is leading the expedition to the North Pole and whom I understand is in the gallery.

---Applause

Item 11, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters. What is the wish, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, I just have something else to say. These documents that I am tabling are not translated yet but there will be copies for the Inuit in about half an hour.

MR. SPEAKER: 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

What is the wish of the Executive? Bill 11-64?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart is not here. Mr. Fraser, do you want to chair the committee or shall I ask Mr. Lyall? Are you prepared, Mr. Lyall, to take the committee?

MR. LYALL: Yes sir.

MR. SPEAKER: This House will resolve into committee of the whole for continued consideration of Bill 11-64, 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): This House will come to order. What is the wish of the administration at this time, Hon. Arnold McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we would like to do the Department of Public Works at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed?

---Agreed

Department Of Public Works

I would like to direct the attention of this House to page 7.01, Department of Public Works. Comments of a general nature. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a few remarks of a general nature to summarize some of the highlights for this department. In this particular year that we are in and have nearly concluded we have seen a continuation of the trend toward fewer projects but larger projects. The total value of the program of construction undertaken by Public Works has remained fairly constant between \$20 million and \$24 million but the average cost per project has increased from \$92,000 per project in 1975 to \$138,000 in 1976 and \$220,000 in 1977.

Part of the reason for this change is our emphasis on providing higher quality municipal services and oil storage facilities for an increased number of communities as well as the total value of engineering projects which, a few years ago, was only a modest part of our total construction. Now these engineering projects are over 50 per cent of our program. One of the larger engineering projects of this nature is the Pine Point water system with two reservoirs, which are among the largest reservoirs in Canada together with a ten mile water line.

We have changed the organization of Public Works to some extent to reflect the trend toward a larger number of engineering projects by dividing the division of project management into an architectural division and an engineering division. We have accomplished this without adding any more staff but a matter of reassigning responsibilities.

Waste Heat Recovery

On the matter of energy conservation, the department in co-operation with Northern Canada Power Commission completed a heat recovery project in Cambridge Bay which has proven practical application of waste heat recovery in the Arctic. This single installation will save over 40,000 gallons of fuel oil per year and will pay for itself, that is the capital expenditure, in a period of two years. We are in the process of looking at other locations where we can use heat recovery and we are discussing these matters with NCPC.

With regard to highways we have contracted the maintenance on the Dempster highway, which has been completed, at least that part of it that has been completed within the territories from Fort McPherson to Inuvik and the maintenance is being carried out by a local contractor. We initiated service with the motor vessel, McQuesten, at Arctic Red River and we conducted a training program so that the local people could be hired to operate that vessel. A larger vessel is planned for that crossing once the Dempster has been completed through the Yukon. We analyzed the operation of the Merv Hardie ferry at Providence and decided that there were savings to be had if we were to put that out to contract operation and this has been done now, so the contractor will be operating it in this forthcoming season. I am pleased to say that the bids that came in were practically all from northern people, or northern firms and the prices that they bid were well within our estimates for the operation of that vessel.

Those are the only remarks of a general nature I would like to make, Mr. Chairman. I would like to be joined by Mr. Lea Matthews, the director of the department and we will be pleased to field any questions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it agreed by the House that Mr. Lea Matthews will come into the chamber?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Comments of a general nature under Department of Public Works, page 7.01. Mr. Whitford.

Ferry Contract

MR. WHITFORD: Just one question. Who did get that contract to operate the Merv Hardie?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: The contract is being let to the low bidder and the low bidder was Snowshoe Inn Limited of Fort Providence.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, just one more question. Does that mean that they take over the boat as is, the Merv Hardie itself and all facilities with it?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the vessel and whatever related facilities that there are, at least those that he requires.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Now that the Commissioner has finished with his business at the back of the room maybe we could get back to the budget of the Department of Public Works. I understand, Mr. Chairman, that a number of items which were previously in the budget of the Department of Personnel have been transferred now to the Department of Public Works. I wonder if the specific items could be explained to us, we could be told what the specific items were. In comparing the budgets of the two years I find that there has been a reduction in the Department of Personnel budget by an amount of about \$4.25 million, this is O and M, but there has been an increase in the Department of Public Works budget

of the order of some \$13 million. Those figures do not seem to balance out. I wonder what has happened.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Transfers In Budget

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there were two major transfers into Public Works. The first one Mr. Nickerson has mentioned, \$4,025,000 from Personnel now to be administered by Public Works. The second one is a bit over \$6 million from the Department of Finance which consists principally of the cost of heating oil which will be paid for directly by Public Works now.

I should explain that the reason that we have taken these steps is to centralize within Public Works the responsibility for property and management. We have recognized that the territorial government has ownership of a large number of buildings and we felt that it is important that the management of those buildings and the management of leases on leased property be put into one department. We have developed the necessary expertise in Public Works to handle that and we have rearranged the department somewhat to put a real strength into that unit.

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

MR. NICKERSON: No, that is a satisfactory answer, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Comments of a general nature. Mr. Lafferty.

Hand Clearing Of Roads

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the department officials, the Executive, as to the suggestion that had been made and a motion that had been introduced in this House which referred to the committee of the whole to get the people to work on the highways by hand clearing the edge of the roads which are presently being done by equipment. Has the administration given any consideration to the recommendation by the standing committee on finance that reads: "While it is realized that it is more expensive to clear roads by hand, the feasibility should be investigated of transferring welfare funds to the highways division and specifying to contractors that manual labour should be used." In this manner the available funds could conceivably go just as far as would be the case with conventional construction methods while it would help to alleviate the unemployment problem. My question is, is the administration looking at this recommendation?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I understand what the Member is saying. We do use a couple of pieces of equipment that cuts small brush that grows up in ditches and on the roadsides. One is a kind of mowing machine that takes out the very small stuff and then there is a blade attachment or a blade machine that does slightly larger work but that kind of clearing, I think is fairly difficult to get people to work at. It is not like clearing trees, it is just clearing willows.

Secondly, although we would like to use that money to hire people to do the work it really does cost very considerably more to do it by hand, even paying, you know, sort of minimum wages or the lowest wages that we could offer. It still costs very considerably more to do it by hand than by machine. We are looking to hand clearing on the new right of way for the Liard highway, at least hand clearing to the very greatest extent possible and as a matter of fact Assistant Commissioner Mullins is over there today meeting with the people to get some views on that subject.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. I hope they do not burn all the wood that they cut down like they are doing in Fort Smith. Mr. Lafferty.

Suggestion For Transfer Of Funds

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I do realize and appreciate the reply by the Deputy Commissioner but it is also the suggestion of this House that wherever possible welfare money should be used to engage people in a meaningful employment. My question then raises the point, why could not welfare money which is given to able-bodied persons who can do manual work and is, in fact, the only work that they can do -- could they not be given the opportunity to do this kind of work, thereby transferring funds from welfare to the division of highways for this specific job of hand clearing the edges of roads? They are presently being done by equipment and in most cases leaving a very unsightly scene. The job is not that clean and it can be done much better and perhaps more efficiently in the long run by hand clearing.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think that one thing that has to be borne in mind is that the highways in the North are still relatively new and the regrowth along the sides has not reached much of a size. I think that for the future we will certainly look to the use of hand labour wherever we think we can. It might be possible for us to use the STEP, Subsidized Term Employment Program where we can put together a project for clearing the sides of rights of way and we would be pleased to look at that.

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

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, my question is specific in that I am asking, what is there to prevent the administration from transferring welfare funds from the Department of Health and Social Services? Instead of giving welfare why not transfer some of those funds for the able-bodied people who have no qualifications other than manual work, that is, a lot of Indian people, a lot of native people who are illiterate who can not even read and sign their names and can only do that type of work and to engage these people in the hand clearing of roads that are presently being done by machinery. What is there stopping the administration from transferring these funds to that department to carry on this kind of activity?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

STEP Projects

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: That is what I meant when I referred to the STEP program. You will recall that the STEP program is a program whereby projects can be identified for hand work and money from the Department of Health and Social Services used, money that perhaps would have been spent as welfare money. So I am in agreement with the Member in that this is what we try to do but we would do it through that established program.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Any more comments of a general nature? Mr. Steen. Comments of a general nature. Is it the wish of this House then, that we go to capital? On page 7.10, detail. Agreed? Mr. Whitford.

Access Road To Rae

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, sorry, I thought Mr. Steen was going to speak. Just one last question on comments of a general nature, Mr. Chairman. The access road between the junction and Rae is one of much much concern. Telegrams and letters have been written time and again on this particular road asking that this road be straightened out. At the moment Mr. Chairman, I believe even a snake would break its back trying to get around it or get into the community. The part of the text of the letter here: "Our buses ride on that road quite extensively and we feel that we and the people of Rae deserve a better road. We have written time after time to the director of highways, with no evidence of improvement." This letter has been sent...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Whitford, could you slow down a bit, please? The interpreters can not keep up with you.

MR. WHITFORD: Fine, I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. Anyhow, as I was saying, the letters have been sent time after time, wires, telegrams, etc., and this letter again comes from the secretary-treasurer Mr. Ted Blondin, from the Rae-Edzo school society. There are buses going back and forth there throughout the summertime. Our school year starts very early in the fall and of course goes through till spring. Now, last year they had made an attempt to try to improve the road just by gravelling it in a few areas. This is only a band-aid program. The concern of the residents of the community was that we hoped through these letters and wires, etc., that action would be taken this year.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this House that we go to page 7.10 then, or Deputy Commissioner Parker, are you...

Road Reconstruction Scheduled

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in answer to the question concerning the access road to Rae, that road is scheduled for complete reconstruction in 1980-81. I realize that that is two years away but we have been held down very very tightly in our reconstruction program. It never ever reached the size of a program that we need. We did considerable gravelling, as the Member mentioned, this year and we will do our best to keep the maintenance at a high level until such time as we can reconstruct that road.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Are there any comments of a general nature? If not, is it the wish of this House that we go to page 7.10? Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I wish to place a motion pertaining to clearing of winter roads, I would like some direction as to when I should bring this up, what part of the budget, on the highways?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, winter roads that are constructed by the government are done by or through our Department of Public Works.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, relative to the question, as soon as we get to page 7.10 you could then maybe make your motion under highways.

MR. STEEN: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): You are quite welcome, Mr. Steen. Is it the wish of this House then that we go to page 7.10? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Grants And Contributions - Contributions, Highways

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Department of Public Works, detail of grants and contributions, contributions, highways, amount of \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 7.11, capital, directorate, total \$150,000. Page 7.11.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the total for the directorate is actually \$300,000 and it contains those other items, miscellaneous, energy conservation and replacement of vehicles.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Under total directorate, capital, \$300,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, what page are you on right now?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Steen, we started on page 7.10, that is when I told you you should make your motion. Now we are on page 7.11.

MR. STEEN: Well, Mr. Chairman...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is it the wish of this House that we go back to page 7.10? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, this \$125,000, is that part of moneys used for clearing winter roads?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Some of the tote trail assistance goes to assist in the clearing of winter roads.

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

Clearing Of Winter Roads

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to express some concern here expressed by the communities in my area where the present system of clearing winter roads are contracts that are let or given to one contractor to clear all winter roads in the Inuvik area, between Fort McPherson and Inuvik, between Inuvik and Aklavik and between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk. It is all done by one contractor and it seems that this contractor is unable to keep all roads clear because he does not have enough equipment to keep all places clear at the same time.

We have experienced, especially on the road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, where it blows very frequently and the contractor may be clearing the road between Aklavik and Inuvik. The road is plugged up therefore, with drifting snow between Inuvik and Tuk, so when the equipment is really needed, where it is really needed is usually not at the right place at the right time because he has not got enough equipment.

So the direction I would like here is that the department begin looking at breaking up the contract so that each community has a chance to bid on their portion of the road. For instance, if Aklavik wanted to keep their portion of the road open, they would have a chance and similarly with the community of Tuk. Thereby -- especially in Tuk where you have equipment always stationed right where it blows all the time, and for instance, last year I think they put in a large snow removing machine which can be used by the hamlet of Tuk -- to help them pay for their own machine. If the hamlet was given the contract to open the road say halfway to Inuvik they would be able to recover some moneys, thereby not losing it to the Department of Local Government.

I was going to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, pertaining to direct this administration to break up the contract so each community has a chance to bid. This year Tuktoyaktuk did not even see a tender to open the road.

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

Situation To Be Reviewed

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, it is true that we have had some complaints this year on the snow clearing and it is true that the snow clearing in the Delta and to Tuktoyaktuk was called as one contract. I am impressed with the argument that the Member presents and we will certainly review this situation another year with the likely result that we will break the contracts up into smaller segments.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman. I take it then it is not necessary for this committee to give direction to the administration to carry out my request?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to think that we can meet the Member's request since he has explained it and because of our experience this year where we had expected the contractor to station equipment at different places and I do not think that this has happened. Therefore in another year we most certainly will be looking to breaking the contract up into small quantities.

MR. STEEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Any comments of a general nature? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, in light of the fact that they got the road leading from Edzo to Echo Bay mine and people I gather got blown in again this year, as sometimes happens, is there a sign out there again telling them that they are going at their own risk and that they are not liable by the contractor for...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, that is a private road and it is the responsibility of the contractor to place warning signs. He certainly should and we will make sure that warning signs are placed. People are not supposed to travel on it at all, in fact, without having made arrangements with the contractor.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Mr. Whitford, would you like to follow up?

MR. WHITFORD: Other than to say, Mr. Chairman, that it is getting to be a serious thing that people are going on this road and expecting the contractor to be responsible for them when they get blown in. I am afraid that in the next little while with the amount of traffic going to Rae Lakes that somebody is going to be injured by this, by freezing or whatever.

Grants And Contributions - Contributions, Highways, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Comments of a general nature. Contributions, highways, total contributions, \$125,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Directorate, Agreed

Page 7.11, total directorate, capital, \$300,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Highways, Agreed

Capital, under highways, total highways, \$540,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Agreed

Page 7.12, capital, total repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$392,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Agreed

Page 7.13, operation and repair of equipment, total of \$338,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Accommodation Services, Agreed

Accommodation services, capital, page 7.15, total accommodation services, \$2,275,000. Agreed?

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Revenues, Recoveries, Transfer Payments - Recoveries

Page 7.16, revenues, recoveries, transfer payments. Recoveries, total recoveries, \$690,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Would I be correct in thinking, Mr. Chairman, that rent charged to government employees in staff housing would show up as revenues under the Department of Personnel?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. NICKERSON: That is good. We can deal with that subject then.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 7.16, total recoveries, \$690,000. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Now, Mr. Chairman, I see Wood Buffalo National Park road maintenance in there. Does not Wood Buffalo National Park come under federal funds?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we do the road maintenance for them on a contractual basis as from one government to another and we collect the total cost of doing the work from them.

MR. FRASER: Your total cost does not show up on the recoveries?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That \$90,000 is the total cost and the total recovery.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I see equipment repair services. My concern is that the highway runs half way from Providence right straight through past Powder Point. There is a lot of road. I think we have got the longest road in the whole Mackenzie highway area and my concern is that there is a very great lack of equipment, that is graders I am referring to. Well, I assume that this equipment repair services is going to help them so that they can keep the present graders that they have got. Are they going to get more graders in for this road?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Highway Equipment.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: The recovery of \$40,000 shown as equipment repair services is a recovery for work that we are asked to do in communities and it has not anything to do with highways. The money for maintaining highway equipment is voted under highway operations and maintenance.

Revenues, Recoveries, Transfer Payments - Recoveries, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 7.16, total recoveries, \$690,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Transfer Payments

Transfer payments, total transfer payments, \$5,262,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, what is the exact nature of the relationship between us and the federal government in respect to maintenance of the Mackenzie highway? Are we acting as subcontractors or contractors or are we acting as agents for the federal government?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in the past we carried out the maintenance of the Mackenzie highway system under an engineering services agreement. That is now changing and we will be voting the funds from now on as a normal territorial government expenditure. The sharing formula is 85 per cent federal and 15 per cent territorial.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I take it that the service contract which previously was entered into by the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada has or will expire on the start of the next fiscal year is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We are looking to April 1st as the date for termination of that agreement, at least as regards highways and since the matter is still under negotiation I can not be absolutely certain of that but that is certainly what we are aiming for.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, am I to understand if everything goes according to plans there will no longer be those types of agreements? Now this new system of highway maintenance financing, will that entail a written agreement between the two governments, of any type?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Agreement Anticipated

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we anticipate either an agreement or an exchange of letters which will confirm the federal government's 85 per cent sharing and will confirm what they expect for that 85 per cent.

MR. NICKERSON: One final question on that, Mr. Chairman. To what does the management fee refer, if we are no longer to enter into the service contract? Will there be any such thing as a management fee any more?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: At the present time the management fee is built into the agreement. In the future the management will simply fall into our 15 per cent of the costs and be part of our regular negotiations for deficit financing.

MR. NICKERSON: So then, Mr. Chairman, if everything is to go according to plan and the new system of financing is to be in effect by the first of the next fiscal year, the text here is not quite correct in that normally you would not want a management fee.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, this sounds a little odd I know, but we are just going to start a transitional year. In fact, it probably will be April 1, 1979, before the matter of highway maintenance is handled completely in our regular deficit financing. For this next year commencing April 1, 1978, we will be in a transitional year and we are not exactly clear as to how we will receive the money. We will still get the same amount of money but it is just a matter of how much of the paperwork we will have finished by that time or not.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I was just going to say that the Deputy Commissioner is not entirely clear and neither am I. But we can assume that we can leave it in very good hands with Mr. Lea Matthews and his staff and that this time next year we will be able to get some definite answers on what has transpired and what is to be then, the exact method of highway maintenance financing.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but I can say now that by April 1st, 1979, the method of financing will be that the financing will be done as a regular item in our estimates and not under an engineering agreement but under the regular financial agreement.

Revenues, Recoveries, Transfer Payments - Transfer Payments, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Transfer payments, total transfer payments \$5,262,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Directorate, Agreed

I will direct this House to go back to page 7.02, directorate, Department of Public Works, total 0 and M, \$478,000. Agreed?

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Directorate, Expenditures, Agreed

Total expenditures, directorate, \$778,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Operations, Agreed

Page 7.03, operations, total 0 and M, \$1,616,000. Agreed?

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Mr. Nickerson, please.

MR. NICKERSON: I must apologize, Mr. Chairman, but I am not clear as to which page you are on.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 7.03.

MR. NICKERSON: Would I not be correct in assuming then, Mr. Chairman, that the amount we have to vote is \$1,616,000?

0 And M - Project Management, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed. Page 7.04, total 0 and M under project management, \$1,487,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Highways

Page 7.05, total O and M on highways, \$6,437,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I have a number of questions on this particular activity, Mr. Chairman. The first one is what is going to happen to the old camp at Stagg River? I was driving by there a few days ago and I saw this rather derelict collection of buildings with the window frames providing targets for people with rifles and rocks. I wonder what is the plan to do with these buildings? They are in a very bad state of disrepair.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we replaced that facility and when we moved out of it we advertised it for sale and we received no takers. The metal building there, so long as it is there, would be sort of marginally useful but the people that looked after moving it and among them were the community of Rae, found that to dismantle it and then re-erect it would cost more than a new building. We have an expression of interest in one or two of the buildings from a new party now so we may be able to realize something from those buildings. If not, we will simply have to make a decision to clean up the site.

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

Turnaround On Highway

MR. NICKERSON: Some of my constituents who are in the trucking business have asked me whether or not it might be possible to widen the road at the end of the Mackenzie highway a few miles from Wrigley so that they can turn a large vehicle around there. I guess at the moment you have to back up about 200 miles before you can turn a truck around.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: If we can get -- no, I will not say that. It seems that the highway just comes to a blunt end. I do not know if it is possible to construct a turnaround there or not. We certainly should do. I guess the only defence I have on that one is that the engineering and management for that highway belong to the federal Department of Public Works.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I wonder whether we could be advised how the ice crossing is maintained at Fort Providence. There appears to have been a number of complaints about the Fort Providence ice crossing this year. Again people who say that they are knowledgeable of these matters said that had the government plowed it out much wider and allowed the ice to freeze in the middle we might have had a better ice crossing. I wonder if the administration is fully satisfied that the ice crossing at Fort Providence has been operated and maintained as best as is possible.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Ice Crossing At Fort Providence

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we have had a bad year for the ice crossing. Even though we had cold weather early in the season it did not produce very good ice. It produced a great deal of overflow, with the sharp frosts we got overflow and we got white ice. We kept clearing the road and keeping it as wide as possible only to have the bad ice give way in places and it has just been a very difficult thing all round.

I can not fault our people though. I think they have worked day and night to do the best job they possibly can. We have one or two instances of unauthorized overloads that is, going over and cracking the ice up and that is generally beyond our control. But, I think that our highway people have made the very best attempt they could, considering it is a bad ice year.

MR. NICKERSON: Well, Deputy Commissioner Parker's reply, Mr. Chairman, leads me into the next question to do with overloads. Now some of these overloads that cause the damage to the ice crossing I have been told were loads coming out of Hay River. They were loads of petroleum products from Hay River going into Yellowknife. Now, one of the reasons why these unauthorized overloads are occurring is presumably because the weigh scale at Enterprise has been relocated so that it only catches traffic between Enterprise and the border. It does not catch anything coming north out of Hay River. I wonder exactly why that location was chosen and why the weigh scale could not be located in such a way that it can catch both northbound and southbound traffic.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Location Of Weigh Station

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the weigh scale was located at its present location because there was not space enough to provide a proper weigh scale station at the junction of those roads. It is with some regret that it could not be located at that corner but whichever way we looked at it, I am advised that it could not be fitted in properly to handle the long loads that we are getting these days. We try to patrol the road and within the limits of staff and the amount of checking, that we think is valuable, we are able to catch most of the people. But there is the odd one slips by. I am not sure whether the overloads really resulted in causing problems on the ice crossing or not. I know though that there were some overloads that went by.

MR. NICKERSON: Is there any long-term plan, Mr. Chairman, for a better set-up at Enterprise where you can weigh the large tractor-trailer units and that you will be able to catch everybody, so to speak? I would not recommend spending a lot of money on it at the present time but maybe if we ever get things going in the Mackenzie Valley again at some point in the future you might need to look at this. I wonder if there is any long-term contingency plan?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the majority of the big loads still come out of the South and not out of Hay River so we do catch most of them. About the only other way would be the establishment of an additional station or or more patrols by an officer in a vehicle. If the tempo of activity picked up again substantially we would have to find some way, I am sure, to regulate the traffic.

MR. NICKERSON: One last question, Mr. Chairman. I understand that the Hay River to Enterprise road is to be paved this coming fiscal year. I wonder if that is correct. Also do we have a plan over a number of years for paving other sections of the highway system and if so, what sections?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Priorities For Paving

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the money for paving comes pretty hard and I can not predict the speed with which we will be able to carry out other projects. Except for paving projects of highways within municipalities and by that I mean in Hay River and at Inuvik, the next highest priority, I believe, is the stretch that nearly everyone has to travel and that is from the border up to Enterprise.

MR. NICKERSON: If you would just confirm, Mr. Chairman, that they will be this coming fiscal year, paving the Enterprise to Hay River section, is that correct?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We are continuing with the widening program in preparation for paving but I think the actual paving starts in 1979. Mr. Chairman, in addition we are looking as strongly as we can at the program of upgrading community roads which will fall, I suppose, under Local Government, but we are looking to some kind of asphalt treatment for community roads to cut down the very high level of maintenance that we must now pay.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I guess I was out of order the last time but I was asking about these graders. With the long part of the road, is there going to be more equipment added for the Yellowknife area so that the machines would be able to keep up with the particular areas that they are doing and not periodically just, you know, do a stretch of road, is one question.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we will be increasing the total number of graders in the highway system -- that is the part of the highway system that we maintain with our own forces -- by one or two, but we are also redeploying the graders that we have. There was a major study done by consultants, I guess it was completed less than a year ago or about a year ago and we got a lot of advice from people that were experts in the field on the deployment of graders and the length of run that one grader should handle. So by redeploying them somewhat we think that we will be able to give a higher level of maintenance.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The Chair recognizes the hour and we will stop for coffee for 15 minutes.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The Chair recognizes a quorum. I will direct your attention to page 7.05 under highways. I have Mr. Fraser next, here on the list. Oh, Mr. Whitford, would you like to pursue what you were saying before we broke for coffee?

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was just waiting for Deputy Commissioner Parker. I have got two more questions and that would be it, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker, please.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: You can go ahead if you like, we will see if we can answer them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Whitford, go ahead.

Dust Control Program On The Mackenzie Highway

MR. WHITFORD: The other question that I have, Mr. Chairman, last year the Mackenzie highway was very well maintained. There were a lot of tourists that I talked to and they were very pleased with the dust control that was done and in the way in which the highway had been maintained for passing zones, these kinds of things. So Mr. Bentley has to be commended, he and his department in that area. But I am just wondering if the department is going to again this summer proceed with the watering of the Mackenzie highway and are they again going to use private contractors to do this? This was good last year in that it stimulated a bit, I suppose, the sagging economy.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the department appreciates very much the comments of the Member and would wish to assure him that indeed the department would continue with the wet blading and with the program that has been established over the years in an effort to keep the highways well maintained and to make sure that there are passing zones and that there is a dust control program.

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

Providing Permanent Jobs For Trainees

MR. WHITFORD: The last question I have, Mr. Chairman, is in regard to the trainees on the job. They have presently in the Yellowknife area, I believe, one or two trainees and as well in other areas, people that are working on the big trucks driving them or in fact operating graders. I am just wondering if through this training process, is it the intent of the highways division to keep these people on now, hopefully after all the training, keep them on permanently?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as with any program in which the government and the administration are concerned, with regard to apprenticeship and on-the-job training, the end result of acquiring or taking on apprentices would be in fact to ensure that eventually these apprentices would in fact take on permanent positions. We believe the natural attrition of personnel that goes within the government would ensure that apprentices would in all departments -- we would not isolate one department but in all departments of government -- that in fact these people would be taken on permanent staff.

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

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, a while back Mr. Nickerson mentioned a road to Wrigley. I was unaware that the highway to Wrigley was open. In fact I still do not know. I wonder if the administration could tell me if the winter road to Wrigley is open and if somebody drove in there 200 miles they should have to back out 200 miles.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Fraser, could you get a little closer to your mike please when you speak?

MR. FRASER: Did you get the question, Hon. Arnold McCallum?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum, did you get the question?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think the question is, is in fact the highway open? And the answer of course is that it is not.

MR. FRASER: Thank you.

0 And M - Highways, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I direct your attention back to page 7.05, total 0 and M, \$6,437,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Agreed

I direct your attention now to page 7.06, total 0 and M, repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$11,106,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Agreed

I direct your attention to page 7.07, total 0 and M, under operation and repair of equipment, \$3,581,000. Agreed?

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I direct your attention to page 7.08, under Department of Public Works, utilities, total 0 and M, \$11,076,000. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, these utilities concern me in terms of the heating. Is it the intent of the government to put out more of this repairing of furnaces as contracts rather than doing all that maintenance themselves, so that other people can be able to have some of the bread I suppose, on the table?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum. Hold the phone for one minute he says.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the responsibility for maintenance as regards the activities within this division of the department is a regional office responsibility and the policy has been to contract out the services where there are in fact contractors available. Now, we see no reduction in this policy. It will continue.

0 And M - Utilities, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Hon. Arnold McCallum. I direct your attention to page 7.08, total 0 and M, utilities, \$11,076,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Accommodation Services, Agreed

I direct your attention to page 7.09, accommodation services, total O and M, \$7,314,000. Agreed?

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Total O And M, Capital, Revenues, Agreed

I would like to direct your attention back to page 7.01, dollar summary, Department of Public Works, total O and M, \$43,095,000; capital, total \$3,845,000; revenues, total \$5,952,000. Agreed?

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Could the administration tell me what they would like to do next?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I believe I do not have the schedule but I believe it is the Housing Corporation that we would like to deal with now.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Under my list the Department of Finance is next. I would like to thank Mr. Lea Matthews for coming up as a witness. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that the Department of Finance is on the proposed agenda. However we would like to delay that particular department because Assistant Commissioner Mullins is not back in town and we would like to have him here, so with the committee's indulgence could we then go on to the Housing Corporation?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Hon. Arnold McCallum, could I ask you if this is the correct page that I am looking at, page 1.07?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I believe that that is correct. Page 1.07. Mr. Chairman, this comes under the Executive and you could maybe address Deputy Commissioner Parker who is now in the House.

N.W.T. Housing Corporation

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 1.07, Department of the Executive, Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, comments of a general nature. No comments. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I have taken the liberty of sitting over here with Mr. Lowing because in my role as chairman of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation I feel I should appear before you more as a witness than in my role as Deputy Commissioner. We have prepared the budget details and I thought that they had been distributed but I am afraid that they are still upstairs and they are on their way down, I hope. Very shortly we will be passing out a blue covered book which has the details of the Housing Corporation in it. In the meantime perhaps I could make a few remarks of a general nature just touching on the program that has been under way during the past year in the corporation.

The Housing Corporation had a very active year. The completion of housing units in 1977 consisted of 208 single detached houses and in the Western Arctic 112 single detached and 16 multiple units as well as four duplexes. We have eight units in Frobisher Bay being rehabilitated and ten units in Inuvik being rehabilitated. Of the total amount of money spent by the corporation on erection contracts just under 60 per cent was awarded to territorial companies. We have extended the small settlement home assistance grant program which was

originally a \$5000 grant program to assist people to build log houses. We have extended that program into all parts of the Northwest Territories and the amount of money available has been increased somewhat so that people could buy simple materials or simple housing packages to construct their own homes.

Senior Citizens' Accommodation

We have taken a special look at senior citizens' accommodation and in a nutshell we have arrived at the conclusion that senior citizens' accommodation should always be planned in the future, with added facilities available. In other words, plain apartments or bed-sitting rooms are not generally adequate but we must have a provision for a certain amount of home care or nursing care to be made available to these people. We have under construction the first of these kinds of units in Aklavik where we are building what we call a multi-use senior citizens' accommodation with part of the building suitable for people who require a certain amount of nursing or other care. We instituted an insurance plan to cover tenants' contents of up to \$1000. We found that people living in the rental houses were very often not able to take out their own insurance and in the case of a fire were left with nothing and so we have a program now where we insure the contents for up to \$1000.

We have made one very major change in the rental structure to put an upper limit on public housing rent to coincide with territorial government rents and as the staff rents are increased then the public housing rents may be increased. But through this change it has resulted in I think satisfying quite a number of people who were being placed in the position of paying what seemed to them to be very very high rent and the more money they earned the higher rent they paid. We have signed an agreement with the territorial government, that is the Housing Corporation has come to an agreement with the territorial government on methods of financing, that is, the details of how money should be passed back and forth and how financial management should take place. This is something that the Auditor General has been recommending for some time.

A Look At Greenland Housing Conditions.

The board of directors of the corporation made a week long trip to Greenland to look at housing and housing conditions over there and I think that each of us found that trip to be very very valuable in giving us some insight into the type of construction that the people were using there. Very solid construction, also quite expensive. The direction that the board has taken at all times is in the direction of an increasing amount of local involvement in housing and we, to that extent, are seeking to build a number of stick-built units in the future. That is to decrease the number of packaged units and to increase the number of stick-built units. The corporation remains dedicated to home ownership but that remains a difficult goal so long as the cost of utilities including fuel oil and electricity remain as high as they are now.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that that is enough comment from me and I would look forward to answering any questions together with Mr. Lowing. I perhaps should remind Members of the committee that Mr. Richard Whitford, Mr. John Steen and Mr. Bryan Pearson are members of the board of directors of the Housing Corporation.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Comments of a general nature to be directed to Deputy Commissioner Parker and Mr. Lowing. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I have got a couple of questions. The Deputy Commissioner mentioned that Mr. Pearson was on the board. I wonder how many meetings he attended? Another thing he mentioned that this grant was going to all communities, does that include settlements in the valley? Last year it excluded some of the settlements and I do not know for what reason, but are all the settlements in the valley included in this grant?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, all settlements are now included in that program and applications may be received from any settlement.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, he mentioned Mr. Pearson. How many meetings has Mr. Bryan Pearson attended?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I think that Mr. Pearson attended three out of five meetings if memory serves me correctly. We have a policy in the corporation whereby a member can only remain a member by attending a certain number of the board meetings, without a valid excuse or an explanation you know, due to sickness or something beyond the member's control, and certainly Mr. Pearson has not broken that rule.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that they are having better luck with him than we are having trying to get him on committee meetings.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Comments of a general nature? No comments. Mr. Nickerson.

The Policy On Home Ownership

MR. NICKERSON: The chairman of the Housing Corporation in his initial presentation said that it still remains the policy of the Housing Corporation to encourage home ownership. But he said at the same time that this policy has not been implemented to any great degree. I wonder if he can foresee the circumstances under which he would be able to proceed with his stated policy. It seems that while the government, that is us, or the Housing Corporation or

the federal government insists on spoon-feeding people when it comes to the matter of accommodation and providing at very very low cost things such as fuel and electricity, there never will be a time at which people are able to own their own homes. It is correct to say now that in practically all the settlements, maybe except for those right on the highway system, it just does not make sense for a person to try to be self-sufficient when it comes to housing. If somebody tries to do that he is discriminated against. Every effort is made to accommodate people who want to get the most out of the government but nothing is given or nothing is made easy for the person who wants to be self-sufficient.

I am very concerned with this and I would like to see the policies laid down by the Housing Corporation and by this body, time and time again over many years, that we want to encourage private ownership of housing. I would like to see that put into effect and I am just wondering if any serious consideration is being given to this and what would be necessary to make it possible.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Subsidy On Utilities

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there is a great deal of serious consideration being given but I suppose that due to the very high cost of operating homes in so many parts of the North and due to the relatively low levels of employment available this remains a very very difficult goal to reach. It would probably be a major step in the right direction if we were to apply the subsidies, and there are very substantial subsidies in housing, if we could apply the subsidies as they were envisaged under the housing task force report. That is put the subsidies on the utilities and bring the utilities not down to a very low level but down to a level that perhaps would be about the same as for this area or a little bit above this area and then to tie consumption of those utilities or tie rent or expenditures to consumption of those utilities so that by being careful, a person could save more money or spend less money. By doing that I think we could move home ownership much closer.

MR. NICKERSON: So Mr. Chairman, we know the problem, we apparently know the solution. Now what is the impediment to putting the solution to the problem and seeing it thereby disappear?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I think that the solution was put to officers of the federal government and minister of the day at the time of the housing task force report and that approach of broader subsidization of the utilities was not accepted. Now it has implications for other parts of the country which undoubtedly caused ministers grave problems. Perhaps that matter has to be looked at again and gone into again very very carefully. On the Housing Corporation side, we are taking small steps but we are taking steps toward resolving the rent into its different components, that is a regular rent component and then having the consumption of electricity and heating oil paid for directly by the residents even at a subsidized rate. That is one of the things that we are hoping to do toward energy conservation and toward a recognition of the true cost of housing in the North.

We are starting a campaign for instance to advise people that they must turn off their lights when they are not needed and they must reduce their heat when it is not needed. One of the ways that we have thought of doing this is to post lists in the smaller communities of electricity consumption and heating oil consumption so that people can get some idea of what constitutes the average.

MR. NICKERSON: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, if that was done people with minimum consumption would figure that they had to get at least up to average. But I guess the answer to my first question was, as is very often the case, a case of those nasty feds striking again.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker. Comments of a general nature, Mr. Evaluarjuk.

Housing In The Baffin Region

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, do you listen to channel one, ladies and gentlemen of the audience? I have about four questions. I am going to ask them all at once and maybe somebody could answer back.

In 1975 I said that we could now bring prefab houses to the settlements. Like we just have to build them up, they make them down South, when they get up to the settlements then they have to be put up and that is an opportunity for the settlement people. They will be a lot more useful in the long run. In 1976 I was told that it was going to be done and it has not yet happened. In October I made a motion concerning the Housing Corporation and the director of the housing association in Baffin Island, asking if they could go and visit the Baffin region to talk to the people in the community so they could find out what the problems in the community on housing were and the houses that are provided now are unfurnished. Before the Housing Corporation was established the houses were furnished. How is this going to be now? Are the houses going to be unfurnished all the time? The people who are incapable of working get social assistance. It is being established by the Department of Health and Social Services that these people can be provided with houses.

A Gradual Change From Panelized To Stick-built Buildings

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the problem of using panelized or partially prefabricated buildings as against stick-built buildings is one that the board of directors discuss at every meeting and the decision that we have come to is that we want to gradually get away from using the panelized buildings into either precut or stick-built buildings but that it is not possible for us to do that all at once. It has to be a gradual change. We have therefore reduced the number of panelized units that we are contracting for this year and we hope to increase the number of stick-built units. In Igloolik it has not been possible for us to go to the stick-built construction yet and I think that we will probably have one more round of eight panelized units there. Admittedly the people understand how to construct the panelized units and if they are placed

on a good foundation, and that applies of course to any building, then we feel that they are very solid buildings. However, it is still our intention to go more and more in the direction of stick-built buildings.

Some members of the board and officers of the corporation are planning a visit to Baffin in March. We have had the problem of furniture with us for a long time and frankly, we are trying to more and more put the responsibility for supplying furniture on the shoulders of the owners because again, frankly, people do not take as much care of their furniture as they should and if they own it themselves we feel that they will be much more inclined to really look after it. We have looked into the purchasing and marketing of furniture and I am afraid we have not made any real advances there, carrying a stock of furniture to make it available for sale or arranging it. I missed the last question that Mr. Evaluarjuk asked.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Evaluarjuk, I kind of missed your last question too, so could you repeat your last question, please?

Social Assitance For Rent And Furnishings.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, the last question I asked was some people get assistance from welfare to pay the rent. I would like to know, for example, if I get a house would I get assistance from the social worker to pay for the furniture?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Evaluarjuk has asked us a question that I am not sure we can answer. We may have to ask Hon. Arnold McCallum if he can do some research into it to determine whether or not Health and Social Services can help out with the purchase of furniture. As has been pointed out to us they assist with rent. Obviously there has to be some way of helping people who are moving into new homes and who have no income to get furnishings and that is something we have not solved but I will be pleased to get together with Hon. Arnold McCallum and see what solutions we can find.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is that okay with you, Mr. Evaluarjuk? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, that I would put emphasis on different things from my colleague, Mr. Evaluarjuk. I think that we are already possibly too generous with people in providing housing. I do not really think that it is a proper function of government to provide socialized housing for everybody and this is what we appear to be doing in most of the Northwest Territories. To do such can have a detrimental effect, in my opinion, on people's continued ability to fend for themselves. I would take objection to the size of housing that the Housing Corporation is building. I do not think it is necessary for everybody to have 1200 or 1500 square foot houses. I think that if someone is dependent upon the taxpayers, upon the public for housing, they can not provide it themselves.

The type of housing that is to be provided for them should be of a minimum acceptable standard. I do not think it is necessary to provide private bedrooms for everybody in the family and all this type of thing. I would much prefer to see a small but well built structure preferably designed so that the person who has the occupancy thereof could construct additions at his own expense at a later time. And, I agree with the Housing Corporation when they say that they are most reluctant to provide furniture for people in this type of accommodation. Surely there is something that people should be able to do for themselves.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: I do not think there is really an answer coming to that, just a comment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I would like the indulgence of this House so I may say something to that same thing.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

An Incentive To Work

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Personally, I have the same kind of feelings that Mr. Nickerson has towards people getting that kind of housing, getting assistance to pay for their rent and stuff. I, myself, live in a rented house that you pay so much a month for and I try and work to pay my own way and a lot of other people do the same thing. Then you look at your next-door neighbour who is on social assistance and has better clothing than you and your kids have. At the same time I feel that the incentive for people to go on their own should be towards a person that is working. Working hard and trying to make a living. I think that incentive should be for that person. But this way it seems to me that the person that is on welfare is given a disincentive to go out and work because of the fact that he is getting assistance to pay his rent and all his food is paid by social services anyway. So really I think if I personally wanted to go on welfare, I would be much better off. I completely disagree with that kind of thing going on, the same as Mr. Nickerson because I think people should be given an incentive to go out and work and find a job. The people like I say who are trying hard, they are the ones who are really getting it at the end. Thank you very much. Mr. Lafferty.

MR. LAFFERTY: Well, Mr. Chairman, at the risk of getting another outhouse, I would make a few comments and I would agree entirely with Mr. Nickerson. My comments are directed in a general way at the Housing Corporation policy. From the viewpoint of the moneys that are expended at more or less a social program rather than a program which will encourage home ownership as we have heard the chairman of the Housing Corporation express that the policy of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is to encourage home ownership, it appears to me that this is not true. It appears that the encouragement is to socialize housing throughout the Northwest Territories at the expense of those people who are courageous and industrious enough, persistent enough to work hard, save a nickel to acquire their own home. There is nothing I could see, in the last three or four years that I have been involved, that encourages an individual who wants to buy a lot or who wants to purchase a house and who wants to do this through his own earnings.

Equalization Of Rates

I personally believe as I have indicated on previous occasions, that there should be an equalization of rates whereby anyone who is living in territorial housing should pay according to the wages that he is earning, not because he belongs to a special elite group or because he belongs to a special class of people but because he has the means to pay his way. If he has not then he should be given assistance. Presently in the Mackenzie area the greater numbers of our people are living in subsidized housing. The greater numbers of people are in the employment of government thus they get housing subsidy and utility subsidies. We have many people that are in employment of government both federal and

territorial government, who are living in low cost housing and who are earning substantial money to pay their way. Yet their maximum rent rates are only \$30 a month including power, water and other services for which I, as an independent individual person who is attempting to be a private owner of a house, must pay in the neighbourhood of about \$600 a month before I begin to eat. I can not see any justice in that. I could understand that kind of policy...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Lafferty, is there something wrong with the sound system? Could you hear me? Mr. Lafferty, go ahead.

Discouragement For Home Ownership

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, you can hear me all right now? Mr. Chairman, as I was going to say I can understand the Honourable Member's position, the Member from the Central Arctic, the people up in that district must get many many different types of help, no doubt. I think that there is certain justification for this type of request looking at the harsh conditions up there. For those of us in the Mackenzie area and particularly those of us in the south Mackenzie area it puts undue hardships on people who wish to obtain their own homes and there is a discouragement for home ownership. I see this policy from a viewpoint of caution because it is beginning to create a lot of resentment and jealousy in some communities already. I think that we are going to have to rethink much of what is happening and look at regional or area requirements of housing. I would like to hear many comments before I conclude some of my thoughts on the Housing Corporation. Mind you, there are lots of things that are good that I agree with but there are things that I am truly concerned about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not have comments of a general nature but I have three or four direct questions that I would wish to ask at this time with your indulgence.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Go ahead, Hon. Arnold McCallum, go ahead.

Insulating Of Houses

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask of the corporation if they have explored the possibility of initiating a program similar to that of the federal government as regards insulation in homes?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the Housing Corporation of course, has under its control the houses which it owns, the rental houses and we have substantial funds for upgrading those houses and adding to insulation values and so forth. Now, I know that is not what the Member is asking. The federal program which was announced some time ago originally called for houses to be older than some time in the 1940's before a grant or assistance could be given for additional insulation. That requirement has now been removed and I believe that in the Northwest Territories assistance for insulation can be received for almost any age of house under that federal program. For that reason we would not duplicate the federal program.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I guess that I had a supplementary question to that. If the answer had been different -- that supplementary question, Mr. Chairman, of course dealt with the local housing authorities in various communities. I wonder if they have in fact, embarked on a program of insulation, further insulation of their units. I take it from the answer of the corporation chairman that in fact funds are available within their entire budget for this specific purpose.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, first of all that change in the federal program just came about a week ago Monday and so it is very very recent. It was announced at a housing conference in Edmonton. In fact it was more recent than a week ago Monday. With regard to our own efforts on insulation we have been putting in a high level of insulation in the Housing Corporation houses now for some time but there are houses which are a few years old which will require and should have more insulation. I do not think that we have done any reinsulation yet but it is certainly something that we will be turning our attention to whenever we are upgrading or maintaining our houses.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Housing Corporation chairman for indicating that information. I think in one of the communities in my own riding, of course, there are in fact homes of a considerable age that I think could participate in this program and would like very much to. I know the home owners would like to. May I continue, Mr. Chairman, with further questions?

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

Mortgage Programs

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I may be told what amount of mortgage money is available from the Housing Corporation as of now? Mr. Chairman, that is to an individual.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we used to have a second mortgage program. The money for that program has run out and we have not continued it. There seemed to be a declining interest in that program and it seems to us that the federal government is filling in through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation with adequate funding. Now, I could be wrong on that but we do not have a second mortgage program that is funded at the present time.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as a supplementary question to that does the chairman of the Housing Corporation know the total amount of money for an individual that is available to an individual for a federal CMHC mortgage?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: It is \$57,000. Mr. Chairman.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, do the same percentages apply as used to, for example, when it was \$25,000? I think a person wanting to get a first mortgage had to pay five per cent of the first \$20,000 and 20 per cent of the next \$5000. Does that kind of ratio or proportion still exist?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the federal government through CMHC, will loan individuals 95 per cent of the first \$52,000 to \$55,000 of cost. I do not know which figure it is and then from whatever that figure, up to a total of \$57,000, they will loan 75 per cent.

Low Rental Homes

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if I may continue? Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if local housing authorities have the authority to purchase low rental homes. Now, my concern in this, Mr. Chairman, is that in a municipality the price of homes privately owned may be inflated because a local housing authority is purchasing homes at a very high price. I can only give you the concern that I have within the town of Fort Smith, that in fact there seems to be this trend under way now.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Housing associations can not nor do they buy any houses themselves but under the rural and remote program existing houses can be purchased for an individual. In that case the assessments are done by CMHC and not by the Housing Corporation and they presumably assess the building on its value and its current market value.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, there is a native housing authority in Fort Smith. Do they come under the authority of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation? Because Mr. Chairman, I know that the native housing authority has purchased homes in the town of Fort Smith.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we do not know the answer to that one. The Fort Smith housing authority which we deal with has not bought any houses and we do not know what group the Member is referring to.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, has in fact the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation purchased housing units in the town of Fort Smith?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the Housing Corporation has purchased some houses in Fort Smith under the rural and remote program in conjunction with CMHC and it was to those houses to which I referred that CMHC does the assessments or the appraisals.

Purchasing Without Benefit Of A Mortgage

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I have but one remaining question. Is there a program under the Housing Corporation either from headquarters or the local housing authority whereby an individual may lease purchase a unit without benefit of a mortgage?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the original program, the northern rental program houses can be purchased and as I understand it, in fact the Housing Corporation acts as the mortgagor.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would have to ask one supplementary then.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Go ahead, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: This would be for units already in existence and not for new units?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, that is for units that are in existence.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): You are quite welcome, Hon. Arnold McCallum. Comments of a general nature, Mr. Evaluarjuk. Mr. Whitford.

Shortage Of Building Materials

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I have got just three questions that are important to me and one of them is that I had asked, I believe at the last session of the Legislative Assembly, what the cost was to the Housing Corporation or what in fact was the total cost of shortages of building material in communities. I had explained as an example that in the Rae area where we were building houses there were shortages of plywood and insulation, nails, these kinds of things. My concern is that there must be communities not only in that particular area but other areas of the Northwest Territories including the Arctic that are short. So what is the total cost of the shortage as well as what is it costing the Housing Corporation, because the contractor who bids on these houses seems to be the lower bidder, but in the end we may find ourselves accepting something that we are paying for to wind up being the highest bidder?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, no, the Housing Corporation does not end up picking up any substantial sum. The total shortages in last years program, for instance, due to either damage en route or short shipping or any of those causes was just over \$175,000. Now practically all of that money will be recovered from the supplier or from the transportation companies.

MR. WHITFORD: The second question, Mr. Chairman, is that there have been a lot of native people hired in the last while and I am pleased to see this but is there more intent of hiring more of them in senior jobs?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lya11): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: The direction of the board was to continue to hire northern residents wherever possible and that direction is continuing.

Manager Of The Housing Corporation

MR. WHITFORD: Good. The last question I have got for the chairman is that it seems to appear in Yellowknife at the moment, people on the street that I talked to, are concerned as to the position of the manager. It seems that people are of the understanding that the Housing Corporation has lost a manager and now the Department of Public Works has taken over the whole organization having Mr. Lea Matthews there. Perhaps the chairman could explain exactly what is going on.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, there have been some changes in the staffing of the Housing Corporation commencing early in January. I asked Mr. Matthews to help out from some time early in December until some time in the latter part of January, to assist in strengthening the Housing Corporation in its construction arm and that work is well under way now. We have taken a number of steps to strengthen that part of the Housing Corporation. The Housing Corporation grew very rapidly and took on considerable amount of work in a very short period of time due to our close relationship with CMHC and the availability of CMHC money for capital construction. Undoubtedly there will be a lot of hard work to be done to carry out all of the projects that we anticipate but we think that the staff changes and staff upgrading that has taken place will prove adequate for the job.

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

MR. WHITFORD: No, I am pleased, Mr. Chairman, this answer is satisfactory to me so that everybody knows.

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

Rental Limits

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Chairman, could you hear me now? Mr. Chairman, I think that my statements a little earlier were not clearly understood and now I do not want to state that we are constantly asking for help. I do not want to keep asking for help. Where I stated earlier, I think it was misunderstood what I said earlier that some people, even those who are not sick do require some assistance. I think that is the way you understood me. I asked a while ago, the old age or else if the sick people could be assisted in this particular matter and there was a particular statement where it stated that we must wholly work hard towards this. We should work if we do not have any sicknesses we should work. I would like to clarify this as maybe you understood me as asking for constant help. And someone a little while ago made some statement that we must pay our rent according to the money we get and all of my colleagues stated that personally. If somebody asked me a question, how much do you make per year and if I do not want to declare how much I make per year what would happen to me if I do not clarify because I am not in favour of people asking me how much I am getting per year? So, you do not have to ask me how much I am getting per year. However, I am very much in favour of the new policy that the Housing Corporation just made where \$250 would be the limit in paying rent.

I know for a fact that when you are paying 25 per cent of your salary some of the Inuit can not afford to get proper housing. Some of them because they can not keep up with the 25 per cent have to evacuate their houses and go into other houses because they can not keep up with their rent. Now, I have received a letter and I am wondering now if the Housing Corporation will stick to their policy right now or does this Legislature have to come to agreement with that, I would like to have more clarification on that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker, did you understand the question? Could you give an answer please?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in the first part of Mr. Evaluarjuk's remarks, he explained more clearly that he was not looking for help for everybody all the time but that particularly for some of the older people who needed some help and we understand that. Now, in the last part his question as I understand it was, would the rental structure that we have now established of putting a ceiling or a top on the rents, would that stay in force? Our answer to that is yes, we certainly intend that to stay with the one explanation though that when the government staff rents are raised from time to time then the upper limit on public housing rents would also go up the same amount. Presumably, the people who are able to pay these higher rents are also the ones who are employed as often as not by government.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is that clear, Mr. Evaluarjuk? Mr. Fraser.

Housing In Norman Wells.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if the administration could give me a breakdown of what the maintenance costs for the public housing at Norman Wells and if they have a proper housing association set up at Norman Wells or is housing decided from Inuvik. We have people who own their own houses or trailers and they are moving into those houses because it is cheaper to rent one of those houses than it is to live in your own house. So, if I could get a breakdown from the administration as to the maintenance costs and if they have a proper housing association set up in Norman Wells. I do not have to get it right now but I can get it at a later date.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, there is no housing association set up yet. We are trying to get one set up. We will get the breakdown on housing costs, maintenance costs for Mr. Fraser.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Is that satisfactory, Mr. Fraser?

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, another thing, when those log houses were built in Norman Wells I was of the understanding that CMHC would not fund them unless they insulated the inside, stripped the inside with two by twos and insulated. But this was not done and those houses must be costing them a pile of money for fuel because you could see through the house in a lot of places, you could see outside and when the wind blows you could pretty near fly a flag in the house. I was of the understanding that they were to be insulated but I do not know what happened to that. Maybe they ran out of money. I wonder if the administration could find out for me what part of those houses were insulated to cut down on the heat cost.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, we will find out which way the flag is flying. I have been advised that the housing association in Norman Wells has been organized now for two months.

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

Utilization Of Local Businesses

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, another concern we have down there is a letter I have here, it is not addressed to the administration it is addressed to the federal Department of Public Works. The federal Department of Public Works has come out with a new policy and I hope it is not the favour of the territorial government to take the same policy. We have, let us say a surplus of housing in Norman Wells. The federal government has come up with a policy that any personnel travelling through Norman Wells have to stay in the surplus housing

or in the apartment that they have built and they do not recognize the local businesses. This is quite a concern to the two motels we have in Norman Wells especially with the economy as low as it has been. I just wanted to make sure that the administration knows that the federal government is taking this step and using the surplus housing that they have there rather than utilizing the commercial businesses. I do not know what we can do about this. The letter is directed to me but it is addressed to the public relations officer, Public Works Canada in Edmonton. I do not know if there is anything we can do about it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We do not have any plans of letting our public housing units be used for those kind of purposes.

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

Supplying Of Furniture

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, I have a number of questions. This particular part was already stated. Firstly, I would like to ask if the Housing Corporation which has indicated to us in the past when they were going to build new houses that the furniture, they stated that they were going to provide us with furniture and they were going to give us \$100 to get some furniture and I am wondering now if this does exist in the Northwest Territories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the furniture used to be supplied under the northern rental housing program. The last houses we built under that program were built in 1974. Since we have been building public housing we have not been supplying furniture although we did spend some money on furniture since 1974, I know that, but at the present time we are just not in the furniture business. I am not sure that that is the final answer to the problem but it is something that we would like to try and avoid.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Kilabuk. What you used to provide before, Deputy Commissioner Parker, was \$200 per house. They used to provide \$200 for each house, it was not for furniture, all you could get for that was maybe a table and chairs in the kitchen and some dishes and stuff like that. There was actually no furniture. Mr. Kilabuk, could you go on with your questions?

Insulating Older Houses

MR. KILABUK: Yes, thank you. I can recall when I made a statement in 1975 about the old houses, I mentioned at that time the possibility about getting insulation for the older houses and I am wondering now as to what kind of procedures have been done in the past after I made those statements. I think about those people who have to buy some paint and other things. I think older houses should be insulated and if that does happen it would definitely improve the housing situation. There are a lot of people in the Northwest Territories who have houses that do not have proper insulation and I am wondering now what procedures have been taken towards this. I definitely want to see the older houses getting insulated and properly repaired. In this way they would save money on fuel if they are properly insulated. Also they would use less paint if they are properly insulated and I am wondering now what kind of action has been taken. I am definitely in favour of those things happening.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the housing association can request money for extraordinary work like insulating and we have had quite a substantial budget for the last two years for extra maintenance and that can include additional insulation. The budget is running for total maintenance around \$850,000 per year so we are more and more stressing the need for more insulation in the older houses.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Mr. Nickerson. Mr. Kilabuk, are you finished?

Cost Of Houses

MR. KILABUK: I have another question where somebody made some statements about the possibility of owning your own house or buying your own house and I do not know anything about the older house, how much the older houses cost right now. I am wondering now if it might be almost impossible to purchase a house, especially if you do not have a permanent income and there are hardly any jobs up there now. Now, I am wondering how can we purchase a house, that is my question and I am wondering now how much the older houses cost right now. If you tell me that they do not cost too much I might be able to purchase one and I would like you to tell me how much they cost.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Owning your own house in Cambridge Bay, for instance, I checked it out over two years ago. I would have to pay over \$600 a month in utilities if I owned my own house. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the houses that were built before 1974 under the northern rental housing program are for sale to the tenants and the price is set by examining each house, the Housing Corporation would examine each house and set a price that would be related to the original cost less depreciation, that is less an amount of money taking into consideration the age and the condition of the house.

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

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Chairman, thanks very much for clarifying this and I also have one more question. I am going to ask a question something about the rent. The old age pensioners are paying a different amount of rent and some of the people who do not work are also paying a lower rent. I am wondering now how much the old age pensioners are paying for rents. It is just as a matter of fact that they are paying a different rate. I am wondering now if this particular rent is made by the Housing Corporation that old age pensioners pay?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, people who are receiving the old age pension are assessed their rent on the same basis as other people in public housing at least, that is they could pay up to 25 per cent of their income and if their only income is the old age pension then they could pay up to 25 per cent of that, up to one quarter of it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you Deputy Commissioner Parker. Go ahead, Mr. Kilabuk.

Housing In Broughton Island

MR. KILABUK: Yes, that is the reason why I am somewhat confused that some people have to pay over \$100 and the others have to pay \$50 per month. For this reason I am somewhat confused as to how this particular rate is adjusted. Maybe the Housing Corporation in Frobisher Bay is making some kind of an error. There were a number of times we requested the Housing Corporation to go into the communities but they never somewhat respond to our request. And there was an incident where

in Broughton Island, the Broughton Island people requested to have one of the Housing Corporation people go to Broughton Island. Now, therefore I would like to know what his reasons were for not wanting to go to Broughton Island.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, responding to the last part, I do not know why the Housing Corporation staff from the region did not make the visit to Broughton Island and certainly will talk to them about keeping up with their promises. When they promise to visit someone we will try and make sure that they do visit them.

With regard to the rent for older people, it is computed on the basis of their income and therefore if they are only receiving an old age pension then their rent should be quite low and it should be about the same for couples that are in the same circumstances. I can not really say anything more than that without having individual cases looked into. If Mr. Kilabuk would like us to look at any individual cases then Mr. Lowing would be glad to get together with him to do that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. The Chair recognizes the hour and I break for 17 minutes.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): The Chair recognizes a quorum. Comments of a general nature, Mr. Nickerson.

Vocal Critics Of The Housing Corporation

MR. NICKERSON: Well, my comment, I would have really liked to have made it some time ago but I must confess, Mr. Chairman, that I am somewhat perplexed. When it comes to housing it seems that some of the most vocal critics of housing in general and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation in particular are the Honourable Members from South Baffin and Great Slave Lake, who of course serve on the board of directors of the Housing Corporation. Now I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, this could be due to one of two things: first of all, it could be that the Housing Corporation is operating in a manner remote from its board of directors and not answering their questions at board meetings and not taking direction from the board. Or secondly, it could be because the directors of the board are not really cognizant of the part they are supposed to play in it and the proper responsibilities and the proper manner of acting as a board member. I wonder which of those two reasons it really is?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, neither.

---Laughter

I of course would prefer after I have said maybe a word or two to hear from the other two directors that are here but I would say that we have a very good board of directors. We have lively discussions. There is a certain amount of eastern wisdom that is not always accepted but certainly we are swayed and certainly there is a lot of excellent advice given. I think that the course of direction of the Housing Corporation is most definitely in the hands of the board of directors. There are certain realities as to how fast programs can be changed that have to be faced. In other words we try to go in a certain direction and we can not change those directions overnight. But I think that we have a very good and very active board and I am pleased to be part of that operation.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Comments of a general nature, under the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, page 1.07, Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It is all right, Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Hon. Arnold McCallum. I am glad. Mr. Pudluk.

Complaints Of Public Housing Construction

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I do not have much to say. Where I am from it was the coldest area in the North last year. A year before that I moved into a new house, into public housing. Due to the windy weather the house is not very stable and because of that the beams are coming apart. I would like the board of directors of Housing Corporation to look into this further -- how they have been constructed. These houses are constructed and designed down South where the weather is a lot warmer and the weather conditions are completely different down South. If they are going to be designed to suit the northern climate maybe it will be best if they can be investigated up in the North, not down South. Where I am from most of the time the weather conditions are harsh, rather than calm. At present the house that I live in, when I first moved into it it was okay. Right now around the window beams the snow is coming in all the time.

Also those people who are trained to do the maintenance on the housing and the secretaries in the settlements, I think personally it would be better if they can be further trained and be visited not just by telephone communication. Sometimes the secretary is not the only one who is having problems. There are many who live in public houses who are complaining about their housing. The housing committee in the settlements do not have enough power. They may try to solve the problems but it is impossible sometimes. One time Mr. Evaluarjuk made a motion which I was really happy about but I still have not seen anything done concerning the motion he made up in the North. I do not have very much to say except if these people could be recognized more in the settlements and do their study more in the settlements of our housing conditions, thank you.

---Applause

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Public Housing Improvements In The North

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the design of the public housing units really is a northern design even though the materials are bought in the South. In some instances they are bought as panelized units but the designs really are northern and we set the specifications as northern specifications that is we call for very high levels of insulation and so forth. Now, those specifications have been improving over the years. A few years ago, of course, the specifications were not as good as they are now. There is no doubt but what there is a problem with some of the houses leaking air and tending to twist and open at some of the seams but we believe that is more of a problem caused by the foundations than by the houses themselves and we readily admit that we have a problem with the construction of foundations for our houses. The houses are built in permafrost areas, mostly on gravel pads and all too often we have not taken enough time to pack and to consolidate those gravel pads before putting up the houses.

Another thing that I have mentioned to the board of directors and am trying to get the officers of the Housing Corporation to explain to the residents of every community that each of the residents have a responsibility to try and maintain the foundations of their homes in good shape. It often turns around some very simple maintenance like hauling some rocks to prevent the gravel foundation from simply sliding away, to tapping tight the wedges that adjust the levels of the footings. Some of those things come naturally to many of us and to others they are not used to that kind of maintenance. Even though the houses belong to the Housing Corporation we are trying to get the people to understand that they themselves have to do a lot of those sort of routine maintenance things.

We do have a problem with the foundations and we are trying to find ways of improving the foundations by putting gravel pads down a year ahead of time if at all possible. We have also changed the panelized houses from simply putting the panels together, to a type of construction whereby we actually put siding on the outside which covers all of the joins. The system is not perfect. It is being improved from year to year but the board of directors see the solution in the direction of more on-site construction, that is more and more stick-building. Various engineers and architects do not necessarily agree with us. Many of them defend very strongly prefabrication but I must say that the direction from the board is more and more toward stick-building.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. I would like to say a few words if the committee would allow me.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Differences In Housing Construction

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker, just to add a little bit of something that I think that you should be aware of. We get exactly the same type of house that a government employee lives in with one difference only; that the government employee's house, when you look at the foundation underneath, you have the joists or whatever you call them that are at the bottom of the house before you go onto the pad. They have something like five going across the house. In low cost housing that we live in there is only three; one in the middle, two on the outside, which is the biggest problem causing that shifting of the foundation. They should not be going lengthways they should be going sideways instead of lengthways and for others you need some going lengthways and some sideways. The biggest reason for the kind of thing that Mr. Pudluk was talking about is the ones that are going lengthways, there is only three pieces underneath, there should be more. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on what Mr. Nickerson had to say earlier pertaining to the board of directors, our input into the Housing Corporation and so forth. It is true what Deputy Commissioner Parker has said, that some of the board members are impatient to see some of the motions carried out or to see some results, I guess is the proper word, to some of the things that we have been asking. I think the Housing Corporation acts very similar to the rest of the government in the Northwest Territories; it takes a long time to get it in their heads that they have to do something when we ask them to do something. It is really a frustrating job. I think that we experience that as Members and it takes about two years after you say something before you start seeing the results. I have been impatient. I have yet to see some of the things I have suggested in the board of directors' meetings happen.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Steen. Mr. Whitford.

Board Of Directors Of The Housing Corporation

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if the Honourable Member from Yellowknife North wanted to be presented with an outhouse to put in his trophy room and that is why he said something like this. Anyhow, being a board member of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to me thus far has been a pleasure and working with people from other parts of the Northwest Territories who relate more of the feelings of the people in the communities than perhaps the engineering or the constructional end of it. That seems to me where I enjoy hearing these kind of things, that they feel a change in taking the views of the people in their communities back to the board or to the Housing Corporation.

You yourself, Mr. Chairman, asked if Mr. David Kanayok would be appointed, he was and he has done an excellent job. I am sure the chairman will agree with me and we have also got others in other parts of the North. I will fullheartedly

admit while I myself do not understand perhaps some parts of construction, in terms of looking at blueprints and reading them thoroughly, I still carry the views of the people in this particular area that have housing needs and concerns. I think this is good. I think that the Butters report when it was first made official had in fact asked that the people of the North would be able to express views and concerns in the building of the houses to accommodate the people in the North -- or should I say best suited to the different areas in the North. I also have to agree with Mr. John Steen that it does take time.

I know we had the insurance policy that Deputy Commissioner Parker has just announced today and that took a period of two years. Even though it is asked by the Housing Corporation board of directors it also has to be approved by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Ottawa and that takes quite a bit of time. It is easy to give Mr. Lowing a direction but he has still got to have changes made within the network of the CMHC in Ottawa. So I hope that the Honourable Member from Yellowknife North does not feel that we are sitting on our butts or refer to us as just being dragged along. We are certainly doing our best to respond not only to the needs of the communities but the Assembly as well.

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

Foundation Construction In Pond Inlet.

MR. PUDLUK: I just want to go over what I said before concerning some of the people who are involved in construction of houses. They would like to build the foundations themselves the way they want because Pond Inlet where they are from it is mostly sand and it is very difficult to build a house there. They would like to use cement for the foundation. I am asking if the people in Pond Inlet would be able to do the foundation themselves the way they want to build. I would like to comment on the other one too, what I have said. When native people come into a new house, after two years it is in bad shape. I was in a southern place and I had to do that and pay for the house at the same time, if I was a white man. I would give a lot of complaints to the contractors. It is not like up North here, in southern places when they get old houses they do not fall apart. The foundation is built well. That is about all, thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Does that require an answer? There is only one question, I think. Could the people of Pond Inlet build their own pads? Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I am very interested to hear that the people of Pond Inlet would like to construct their own foundations and I think that is a step in the right direction. I would like to say that we will meet with them and we will see what we can do, see what we can arrange in that regard. I think that we would like to have them do as much of it as we can and that if they have some ideas that may seem to be experimental in nature that we would at least try those ideas out in one or two locations; but in any event I will give a commitment that we will meet with the people of Pond Inlet housing association and discuss this subject of the foundations with them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you very much, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Comments of a general nature, under Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Mr. Nickerson.

Problems Of The N.W.T. Housing Corporation

MR. NICKERSON: I do not know if my comment is opportune now but it is a very pleasant surprise and pleasant change to see the board of directors of the Housing Corporation supporting that organization rather than tearing it down. I have one last question, Mr. Chairman. It seems that every time you have occasion to visit the officers of the Housing Corporation you have to fight your way through several dozen lawyers all standing there, writs in hand, serving various notices and other legal documents on the people involved. I wonder, are there any amount of outstanding lawsuits against the Housing Corporation at the present time or have these things been now rectified?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we are aware of one case where the Housing Corporation together with another party is being sued by a third party. We know of no other cases where we are in any legal entanglement or illegal entanglement.

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

Role Of The Department Of Public Works

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I guess the two gentlemen in the seat over there realize there is a dark cloud hovering over their heads. I would like to ask the two witnesses what really is the problem, especially between the construction department and the administration, why the Department of Public Works took over? I think it was Mr. Lea Matthews in there and he has told me today that he has resigned because he could not make any headway with the administration there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think perhaps the Member missed the reply that I gave on this subject earlier this afternoon. Mr. Matthews did some excellent work for the Housing Corporation for about a month on loan from our Department of Public Works. He concluded that the work that he was doing was finished or that under the manner in which it was set up, it was not necessarily going to be that productive. I do not see that as any great problem because Mr. Matthews is still part of a total structure and I know that his good advice will still be available to me as required. I explained that we had taken some steps to strengthen the Housing Corporation, the construction division, the corporation had grown and had assumed a very heavy load of capital work and that it was necessary to strengthen it and that is what we have been doing.

I do not foresee any particular difficulties in that area. It is certainly not a takeover by Public Works by any means but under Mr. Lowing's direction we have established very good working relationships with a number of territorial departments and that, I think, is an achievement because after all the Housing Corporation is a corporation of the government. It makes little sense for the Housing Corporation to not act in co-ordination with the government and to draw on the government if there is some services that it can offer and vice versa.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Mr. Lafferty.
Land Property Financing For Low Income People

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I only have one more question that arises in my mind as a result of listening to the Honourable Members' comments. Over the last several years there has been an increase in land property values, or lots of lands in the communities are so high they are practically out of the reach of most low income people, I wonder if there are any moneys available to finance land purchases by individuals on low income who may want to build his own, or acquire his own home?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, under the rural and remote program, funds are available.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Comments of a general nature. Mr. Fraser. Mr. Lafferty, let us finish it.

MR. LAFFERTY: Supplementary to that question and reply I would like to get an explanation as to the rural and remote housing program. Is that program available within the municipality or is that outside of municipalities, where this kind of financing is available to people where there are utility services?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker. Mr. Lowing.

Rural And Remote Program

MR. LOWING: The rural and remote program is available in all communities in the Northwest Territories with the exception of Yellowknife. An officer from the Housing Corporation has been in Fort Simpson recently discussing the program with interested people and we will continue to do that as the program expands in 1978. We just started to get involved with it in 1977 and we were looking forward to much more activity in 1978.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Thank you, Mr. Lowing. Mr. Lowing, next time you go on the mike could you go a little bit slower. I was getting signals from the booth. Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, are we on page 1.08?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): I am calling page 1.07, under the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

MR. FRASER: I will hold my question back until we get to page 1.08.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): We are not going to page 1.08, Mr. Fraser, unless the Executive want us to go to that. This is one page of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

MR. FRASER: On the bottom of page 1.08 it says Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and the amount as well.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Yes, this is right on page 1.07 on total O and M.

MR. FRASER: Okay.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the details on...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker, I was just going to explain that the details are in this book, Mr. Fraser. Page 1.07, total O and M, \$12,307,000; total capital, \$5,900,000; total expenditures, \$18,207,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, just before you call the page by page of the detail, could I have your permission to make a very short statement that is appropriate at this time?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed.

Certificate Of Appreciation To Mr. Butters

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: The board of directors of the Housing Corporation has set up a system very recently which I believe has been announced in the press of recognizing the assistance and achievements of individuals in the housing field in the Northwest Territories. We think that through the issuance of certificates of achievement it gives us an appropriate way of recognizing people who have done particularly good things in the housing field. The intention of the board of directors is to present one of these certificates to each of the five districts within the Housing Corporation's field structure each year if an appropriate individual is so recommended for the award. I would like very much to have the opportunity to present one of those awards today. The award, the certificate of appreciation that I would like to present today is to Mr. Tom Butters.

Mr. Butters was the chairman of the Northwest Territories housing task force and it was that task force which recommended the formation of the Housing Corporation and laid the groundwork for the corporation. The board of directors felt that it was particularly appropriate that Mr. Butters be one of the first people to receive one of these certificates of appreciation. If I have your permission I would like to give Mr. Butters his certificate which we have here today, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Agreed.

---Applause

Mr. Butters, please.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, this comes as a shock and a very pleasant surprise. In accepting this mark of appreciation I accept it on behalf of all members of the committee that formed that task force and I will advise them by letter of this honour that has been bestowed upon us, and I emphasize that any value that resulted from that work evolves to a very great extent from the work of all the members of the committee. I thank Deputy Commissioner Parker and the Housing Corporation for this honour, sir.

---Applause

Total O And M - N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Agreed_

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Page 1.07, total O and M, Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, \$12,307,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Total capital, \$5,900,000. Agreed? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Have we yet had some explanation as to what this capital grant to Yellowknife is? What is it for?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker or Mr. Lowing?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, could Mr. Nickerson identify the grant for us, please?

MR. NICKERSON: I am referring to the \$5,900,000 that the chairman has just referred to. That is on page 1.07, the page we are dealing with now. But the explanation for this is on page 1.09 at the bottom, where the explanation is capital grant, Yellowknife.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Oh, I understand the problem now. Yes, I finally found it. I am sorry. The reference to Yellowknife there is simply a reference to the Housing Corporation as having its headquarters in Yellowknife. It just means that the total grant of \$5,900,000 is the grant from the government to the Housing Corporation for its total capital construction. The location Yellowknife should not have been put in there. It should have been listed as "various".

Capital - N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): Total capital, \$5,900,000. Agreed?

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Total Expenditures - N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Agreed

Total expenditures, \$18,207,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Now, what is the wish of this House? Hon. Arnold McCallum, have you -- report progress. Report progress has been called. Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lyall): We are reporting progress.

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 and they would now like to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Gentlemen, I notice that the advisers for the Vehicles Ordinance are here. The Chair is at your pleasure. I do not think that is very long.

We could go back into that or as I suspect, you may wish not to do any more this afternoon. Whichever you wish to do I am at your pleasure. Do you want to do the Vehicles Ordinance, gentlemen? Ayes or nays.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I detected only one nay there so as it is brief maybe we could go into committee of the whole and do the Vehicles Ordinance. As the chairman, Mr. Fraser, would you give Mr. Lyall a break? This House will resolve into committee of the whole for completion hopefully of Bill 8-64, Vehicles Ordinance, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 8-64, Vehicles Ordinance, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 8-64, VEHICLES ORDINANCE

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): We have studied this bill and we have completed the comments of a general nature. Is it the wish of the House that we go through this bill clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed. Clause 1, learner's licence, section 2 of the Vehicles Ordinance, amended by adding thereto, learner's licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman I think if we could just have someone indicate to us where we are at in terms of how this was left. We had it before in the committee and I can not recall what it was or why it was we sent it back and I wonder if we could just start with the few words to refresh our memories.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Hon. David Searle, I wonder if it is the wish of the House if we call in the witnesses to the stand, and maybe they could review the changes that were made? Mr. Irving.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, could we have Mr. Irving and the draftsman?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish of the House, then, that we call Mr. Irving to the stand?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Irving and Mr. Singer as witnesses. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I wonder if the witnesses would just recognize the motion that was made January 23rd on Bill 8-64, I move that this Bill 8-64 be put aside until a report from the standing committee on finance be ready for reading in committee of the whole. There is another motion made, I move that clause 6 of Bill 8-64 be redrafted to permit courts' discretion as to whether or not there will be a suspension. That motion was made by Hon. David Searle and carried. I wonder if there is a witness in the House and that the witness would just explain the changes that were made and then we can carry on.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser); Mr. MacLean or Mr. Irving. Mr. Singer.

MR. SINGER: Mr. Chairman, if I may explain the position as it was left at the last meeting, the position was that the original concept or at least part of the original concept of the bill was taken out at the request of the Legislature, namely the part dealing with automatic suspension of licences. Since a number of provisions hinged upon the particular section that was being put into the Bill 8-64 a certain amount of redrafting was necessitated and I was consequently asked to do the requisite redrafting.

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

MR. SINGER: Now, as far as changes are concerned, Mr. Chairman, clause 1 has no change whatsoever.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is that clause 1 dealing with section 2 that you are talking about?

MR. SINGER: Yes. Clause 1 dealing with section 2 of the Vehicles Ordinance is unchanged. Clause 2 now incorporates the previous clause which included the new section 44. Now this, as compared with last time, is unchanged Mr. Chairman. Clause 3 dealing with -- I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I should perhaps ask if you wish to deal with it on a clause by clause basis.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): What is the wish of the House? Should he go through the changes and then go back to clauses or do you want to go through it now? Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: If I may be so bold as to suggest, Mr. Chairman that maybe as Mr. Singer deals with each one, why do you not call the clause and we will just have to go through the bill once.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): There was an agreement on clause 1 before, I am told by the Legal Advisor, so we will deal with clause 2, licence required, and Mr. Singer has explained the changes so if you have any comments. Agreed?

---Agreed

Were there any changes in clause 3, learner's licence, Mr. Singer?

MR. SINGER: No changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 4. Changes in clause 4?

MR. SINGER: No changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 4, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 5, fee. Any changes?

MR. SINGER: No changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 5, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 6, order prohibiting driving. Any changes in clause 6?

MR. SINGER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Paragraph 6(a) is unchanged. Paragraph 6(b) formerly read: "subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7)," at the beginning. This has now been changed to: "subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6)." The new subsections (3) and (4) are somewhat changed. Do you wish me...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I wish you could explain the substance of the change. Maybe it would help the House.

MR. SINGER: Mr. Chairman, the words "as a result of a conviction" which I think are in the Vehicles Ordinance at the moment, are taken out. The word "driving" has been changed to "operating" that is just a drafting change; and the period has been changed from, I think it was 12 months if I remember correctly, to five years. In the new section (4) the words "or operator's licence" have been changed to "operator's or learner's licence" and then the words towards the end "a chauffeur's or operator's licence" have been changed to "such a licence". These are changes really of a drafting nature and the period at the end which I think, if I remember correctly, was two years has been changed to five years.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Singer. Hon. David Searle, I think that was your motion. Do you want to comment on it?

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, the bill as it originally read had three paragraphs which dealt with minimum punishments, whether it be a first, second, or a subsequent conviction and set out mandatory minimum suspensions depending which of those you fell within. What has been done here is they have all been taken out and in (3) and (4) you see that the very maximum period of five years is what is put in, that is the maximum period for which you can suspend operators' privileges but the minimums that were previously in there have been taken out. That is the effect of three and four in there. It is misleading to look to the other page that is in there because that deals with the legislation as it now stands, not as it was recommended and so there is a change. In other words, what this reflects is what my motion achieved, not what is on the page on your right if you follow me?

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

MR. NICKERSON: Bill 8-64 as originally brought before this committee, Mr. Chairman, dealt with mandatory suspensions for persons convicted of certain Criminal Code offences. It was my understanding that redrafting was to take place so that a maximum period of suspension of five years with no minimum could be given to people convicted of those Criminal Code offences. Now it would appear changes have been made in this new draft which would allow suspensions up to a period of five years, not only for those specific Criminal Code offences but also for a number of other offences presently listed under subsection 53(1). Some of these offences are of a fairly minor nature, such as operating a vehicle without lights. I wonder whether it was the intention of this committee for the maximum suspension to be raised from two to five years with respect to those minor offences against the Vehicles Ordinance or whether it was the intention of this committee just to allow for a suspension of five years in respect to Criminal Code offences.

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

MR. SINGER: I would remind the House that an amendment was actually put up to this House previously and I think circulated. It was with this that I was making the comparison, perhaps I should have brought this to the House's attention, and not with the bill as it originally stood. I think that what is in the bill now reflects that amendment as I think it was put up to the House before.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: I have no further comment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it the wish of the House then that we continue with Bill 8-64 or recognize the clock? I do not hear any comments from the floor. You recognize the clock or do you want to finish the bill? Is it agreed then that we carry on with Bill 8-64 and finish it?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 6, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 7, single licence. Are there any changes in clause 7? Mr. Singer.

MR. SINGER: Clause 7 was the previous clause 9, Mr. Chairman and this, sir, has no changes in it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 7, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 8, unauthorized operation by persons prohibited. Any changes in clause 8?

MR. SINGER: Mr. Chairman, clause 8 is new.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Any comments on clause 8? Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 9, licence not transferable. Any changes in clause 9?

MR. SINGER: Mr. Chairman, clause 9 was the previous clause 10 and there are no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 9, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 10, any changes in clause 10?

MR. SINGER: Clause 10, Mr. Chairman, was the previous clause 11 and there were no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 10, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 11, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 11, Mr. Chairman, was the previous clause 12 and there were no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 11, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 12, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 12, Mr. Chairman, was the previous clause 13 and there are no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 12, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 13, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 13, Mr. Chairman, was the previous clause 14, no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 13, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 14, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 14, Mr. Chairman, was the previous clause 15, no changes.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 14, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 15, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 15 was previously 16, no changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 15, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 16, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause 16 was previously clause 17, no changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 16, agreed?

--Agreed

Clause 17, any changes?

MR. SINGER: Clause...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 16, Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I notice in paragraph 16(c) that we have for each subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding \$300 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days and not less than 15 days. I guess the words that bother me are "not less than 15 days," that minimum there. What it says, that you have to fine someone a fine not exceeding \$300 or to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days and not less than 15 days. So if you are sending someone to jail you have to send them to jail for at least 15 days and that if you read on the next page is a third offence for speeding. It seems to me that if we leave that in, we are regarding speeding as a more serious crime than impaired driving. I wonder if...

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

MR. MacLEAN: Yes, that is correct. The only change that we have made has been an increase from \$200 to \$300, but Hon. David Searle is quite correct on a third offence for speeding. The magistrate could either fine a person or sentence them to imprisonment and if he sentenced him to imprisonment it would have to be for at least 15 days. But the only change that we have made has been in relation to the fine.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Any more comments on clause 16? Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, Mr. Fraser, I guess I would, if I had my way I would remove the words, "and not less than 15 days" so it would then read: "for each subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding \$300, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both."

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is anything wrong with that change, Mr. MacLean?

MR. MacLEAN: No, not at all. I would think taking into consideration the type of offence that the penalty wishes to cover, if the magistrate is going to sentence someone to imprisonment, I think the amount of time of imprisonment should be left up to the magistrate. So taking out the minimum I do not think would hamper the cause of justice.

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

Motion To Amend Paragraph 16(c)

HON. DAVID SEARLE: May I therefore move that the words in clause 16, paragraph (c), the words "and not less than 15 days" which appear in the last line, be removed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Agreed? Contrary? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: We are going through this very very quickly, Mr. Chairman, maybe we should not do it quite as quickly because we might regret it afterwards. I wonder if we could be advised which type of offences these fines or imprisonments would be handed out for? Where is the list of offences?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. MacLean. Mr. Nickerson, I wonder on page, opposite page ten, section 2(1) now reads...

MR. NICKERSON: Now, with respect to Hon. David Searle's motion, in his initial suggestion I think that he requested the wording to a fine not exceeding \$300 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both. I wonder whether the words "or both" were included in his motion?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Yes, they were, Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: No, they were not.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: I would leave the words "or both" in the clause.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): So then your motion reads that you leave the section, paragraph 16(c) to read; for each subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding \$300 or to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 30 days or both. To the motion. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Well, this is not strictly to the motion, I am sorry. I will bring it up after.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion To Amend Paragraph 16(c), Carried

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

---Carried

Clause 17. Clause 16.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, I am wondering here, Mr. Chairman, I see that the dollar amounts which we have changed in clauses 14, 16, have generally been doubled with the exception of the subsequent speeding offence where it has been raised from \$200 to \$300. I wonder why this has been treated differently from other fines?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Does one of the witnesses want to answer that? Mr. Irving.

MR. IRVING: Mr. Speaker, can we have that question again? We are not quite sure what Mr. Nickerson is getting at.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson, I wonder if you could repeat that question?

MR. NICKERSON: In clause 14 the fine, the fine specified there has been raised from \$100 to \$200, which is an increase of 100 per cent; in clause 16 in paragraph (a) the fine has been raised from \$50 to \$100, which is again an increase of 100 per cent. In paragraph (b) again an increase of 100 per cent has been put into effect, but in paragraph (c) the increase in the fine is only 50 per cent, raised from \$200 to \$300. I wonder why different treatment has been awarded in this case.

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

MR. MacLEAN: Most, or all of the increases in the fines were done in accordance with discussions with the magistrates and it was their feeling that the fine, the increases as indicated here would be sufficient. Now, whether or not they should

be raised more or less is really a question of discretion as far as what maximum fine can you levy that will make it a deterrent to whoever the offender is. And all of the increases in relation to the amounts of the fines were done in accordance with, you might say, direction from the bench, and that is about the best I can tell you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 16.

Motion To Further Amend Paragraph 16(c).

MR. NICKERSON: Personally, Mr. Chairman, I think that in the case of paragraph 16(c), the fine here should have been doubled. I think that certain speeding offences could very well warrant a fine in excess of \$300 and I think we should be consistent here with the increases made in the other sections. So I would move, Mr. Chairman, that the word "three" be stricken out and the word "four" be placed in its stead.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson, the motion was on the floor and I did not hear any contraries to the motion.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I think I am correct in saying that Hon. David Searle's motion passed, passed with flying colours and we are now discussing a different aspect of the same clause and I have moved a different motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): So your motion will read then that the paragraph 16(c) will stay the same except you change \$300 to \$400, is this your motion?

MR. NICKERSON: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson, to the motion.

MR. NICKERSON: I have already debated the motion, Mr. Fraser.

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

SOME HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Further Amend Paragraph 16(c), Carried.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Question has been called. The paragraph will now read \$400 instead of \$300. All in favour? Contrary? Motion carried.

---Carried

All right, clause 16.

MR. NICKERSON: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, but with the rapid rate of progress there was a query I would have liked to have made with respect to clause 15. Could you ascertain whether I have the permission of this committee to go back and ask a question appertaining to clause 15?

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. NICKERSON: What is the reason for clause 15? Why are we no longer going to allow a municipal council to stipulate a fixed sum of money to be paid in lieu of a fine under the subsections of the Vehicles Ordinance?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson, I think the Legal Advisor has the answer for you. If you want to give it to him, Ms. Flieger, or maybe Mr. Irving or Mr. Singer can give it to him.

LEGAL ADVISOR (Ms. Flieger): Mr. Chairman, I think that section is deleted from the Vehicles Ordinance on the hope that the Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance is going to cover that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is that right, Mr. Singer? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I was under the assumption, Mr. Chairman, that the changes which we anticipate making to the Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance would not affect what goes on within a municipality. It was my understanding that this would only apply or it would not apply to offences in which a municipality were involved and were collecting the fines in respect of. It is my understanding that the Municipal Ordinance delegates to the municipalities powers to issue tickets similar to those which we would be issuing under the Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance.

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

LEGAL ADVISOR (Ms. Flieger): Mr. Chairman, if you look at clause 3 of the Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance it indicates that the municipal bylaws may be treated by means of that ticket procedure set out in the Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): It is under tab seven, I think, Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: In that case, Mr. Chairman, who would specify the amount payable, would it be the municipality or would it be some other body?

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

MR. SINGER: It would be the municipality, Mr. Chairman.

MR. NICKERSON: Okay, I am satisfied, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 15, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 16, as amended, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 17, any changes, Mr. Singer?

MR. SINGER: Clause 17, previously clause 18, no changes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clause 17, agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 18, Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Clause 17, Mr. Chairman, in my copy of the draft the whole thing seems to be left up in the air. The final word in paragraph 17(b) is "and", and then nothing follows.

MR. SINGER: There is a change in paragraphs (a) and (b), Mr. Chairman.

MR. NICKERSON: I see.

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

MR. SINGER: Mr. Chairman, the Vehicles Ordinance section 213 has a paragraph (c) and we are only dealing with paragraphs (a) and (b) here, so the draft is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Nickerson. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I was going to raise the question but since this is Bill 8-64 we are discussing, should it not be in fact included? In clause 17 is a change to section 213, it does contain three.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Hon. Arnold McCallum, if you go to the opposite page...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I have gone to the opposite page and I am back on the other one now, on page ten. I have been there and back and it still seems to me that all three parts of the clause should be there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Well, we will ask the Legal Advisor. Ms. Flieger.

LEGAL ADVISOR (Ms. Flieger): Mr. Chairman, the enacting words in clause 17 are that paragraphs (a) and (b) are repealed only. There is no change in paragraph (c). The question may be, should there be a change in paragraph (c)?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I was not trying to promote a change in 17(c), Mr. Chairman. It would seem to me that if we are passing a new bill it should contain -- or amend, I guess we are, I beg your pardon.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I think that certainly one of my problems which may be shared by many other Members of the committee, is that I am getting tired and I am finding it very difficult to try and read this and rush right through it. Therefore, I would wish if you could find out whether the committee might wish to report progress at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): All you have got to do is recognize the clock. Is it the wish of the House then that we call progress and let Mr. Nickerson look at this paper overnight?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of Bill 8-64, Vehicles Ordinance

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, the committee has been studying Bill 8-64 with the following changes were made in clause 16: One, I therefore move that in Bill 8-64, paragraph 16(c) the words "and not less than 15 days" be removed and that motion was carried.

Motion number two, I move that in Bill 8-64, paragraph 16(c) the word "three" be stricken and the word "four" be put in its place and that motion was carried. I wish at this time to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. Announcements, gentlemen, with respect to meetings for tomorrow. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, we have a caucus meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m., sixth floor, the board room of the Laing building.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM NO. 12: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, February 9, 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. First Reading of Bills: Bill 18-64
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, Motions 9-64, 12-64 and 13-64, Motion Relative to Proposed Amendments to the Northwest Territories Fisheries Regulations, Recommendation to the Legislature 1-64, Information Items 5-63 and 7-63
12. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, p.m., February 9, 1978, at the Explorer Hotel.

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