

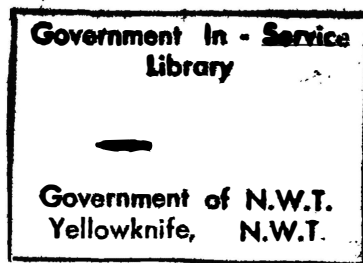


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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1978

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Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pudluk,
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ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. David Searle): Item 2, replies to Commissioner's Address.

Item 3, questions and returns. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Return To Question W31-66: Fire Truck, Clyde River

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, on October 19th, Mr. Kilabuk asked Question W31-66 concerning a new fire truck for Clyde River. I have the following reply: A new fire vehicle is scheduled for Clyde River in 1981. The present vehicle has been completely overhauled including a new pumping unit and should provide adequate protection until the new vehicle arrives.

Return To Question W47-66: Application For Lots, Rae-Edzo

Mr. Speaker, on October 23rd, 1978, Mr. Nickerson asked Question W47-66 concerning the outstanding applications for the purchase of land at Rae-Edzo. I have the following reply: The hamlet of Rae-Edzo does not have any general development plan. This has resulted in several land applications being deferred. Despite continual pressure over the past year from this department, the Department of Local Government, it is only within the last ten days that the hamlet council has been prepared to discuss a general development plan. Hopefully this will now progress very rapidly and if so, numerous water and sewer and land problems can be resolved. Currently we have 12 land applications outstanding, five of these applications are for leases. The majority of the applications for purchase and lease are from individuals who already occupy land but for which the legal boundaries can not be determined due to road allowances, municipal services etc., not known or surveyed. These will be cleared immediately after the hamlet has determined how they want their community to develop.

Return To Question W48-66: Lights For Airstrip, Spence Bay

On October 23rd, Mr. Lyall asked Question W48-66 concerning airstrip lights at Spence Bay. I have the following reply: Permanent runway lights will be installed when the airstrip construction is completed. A temporary lighting kit from Eskimo Point is, however, currently en route to Spence Bay. Earlier this week it was known that this kit had reached Pelly Bay and it should be transported to Spence Bay on the next available aircraft.

MR. SPEAKER: Further returns. Hon. Tom Butters.

Further Return To Question W35-66: Pangnirtung, Quota For Polar Bears

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, Question W35-66 was asked by Mr. Kilabuk on October 19th, 1978, in regard to polar bear quotas. On November 30th, 1976, the Commissioner increased the annual polar bear quota at Pangnirtung from eight to 14 bears. This decision was based upon the agreement reached with the Pangnirtung Hunters' and Trappers' Association that they would delay their polar bear hunting until January 1st to protect pregnant females.

Currently there is concern that the hunters of southwest Baffin Island may be taking too many polar bears. For example, in 1976-77 the kill returns for Pangnirtung were as follows: two 6 year old bears were killed, one 5 year old bear, two 4 year old bears, two 3 year old bears, three 2 year old bears and two 1 year old bears for a total of 12 animals. Note that all bears killed were either cubs or young bears. No old bears were killed. Polar bears live 25 to 30 years. Proper hunter kill should include a much higher proportion of old bears. The kill returns from the other settlements in southeastern Baffin Island are similar to those from Pangnirtung. This disproportionately large number of young bears being killed indicates that either the hunters are hunting mainly family groups near denning areas or that the polar bear population in southeastern Baffin Island is declining. Neither situation is desirable.

We hope that the present uncertainties about the health of the southeast Baffin Island polar bear population will be clarified by the current Canadian Wildlife Service studies going in this area. Until the studies are completed within one or two years the Northwest Territorial wildlife service feels that caution is advisable. Therefore, no quota increases are anticipated.

MR. SPEAKER: Further returns. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W15-66: Gymnasium, Clyde River

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, on October 18th, 1978, Mr. Kilabuk asked Question W15-66 concerning a gymnasium at Clyde River. A gymnasium is planned for Clyde River with construction scheduled to start in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Return To Question W24-66: Police Officer, Broughton Island

On October 18th, Mr. Kilabuk asked Question W24-66 concerning the establishment of a police officer in Broughton Island. Chief Superintendent A.H. Buttler advised that the establishment of a permanent detachment at Broughton Island is not supportable on operational or economic grounds. A modern patrol cabin is now being installed at Broughton Island and will provide adequate living and cell space for RCMP personnel who will serve Broughton Island on a rotational basis from Pangnirtung. The establishment of the Pangnirtung detachment has been increased by one regular member for the purpose of providing more coverage at Broughton Island as well as covering off additional workload in Pangnirtung. Chief Superintendent Buttler is prepared to accompany Commissioner Hodgson on his next tour to Broughton Island. However, he would prefer that Inspector Maxwell, officer commanding, Frobisher Bay sub-division, and Corporal Harris, NCO in charge Pangnirtung detachment accompany Commissioner Hodgson since they are directly and closely related to the scene. Inspector Maxwell is currently arranging a meeting with the Broughton Island settlement council to clarify and discuss the policing situation at Broughton.

Return To Question W42-66: Escheats And Bona Vacantia

On October 20th, Mr. Nickerson asked Question W42-66 concerning escheats and bona vacantia. An information item is now being prepared but it will not be completed until after this session is over. However, I will give a draft copy to Mr. Nickerson for his early study. The answer from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is positive.

Return To Question W46-66: Highway Approach, Enterprise Sewage Lagoon

On October 23rd, Mr. Stewart asked Question W46-66 concerning the highway approach at the Enterprise sewage lagoon. The reported dangerous condition of the highway approach and the unloading dock servicing the Enterprise sewage lagoon has been investigated. The highway approach to the access road has been widened and levelled in conjunction with clean up work involved in the reconstruction of highway number 2. The unloading dock vicinity has been cleared to allow a greater turnaround area for trucks and a berm has been constructed to act as a truck bumper.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any written questions? Mr. Kilabuk.

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to Economic Development that I would ask and I understand the Economic Development Minister is not here.

MR. SPEAKER: Certainly you may ask it. I am sure there are other Members of the Executive who would convey your question to him.

Question W56-66: Sale Of Muktuk, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Department of Economic Development for their assistance in this matter. Usually, the local co-op in Pangnirtung buys and sells muktuk. This past summer, the local hunters' and trappers' association stopped whale hunting for the purpose of sale to the co-op. It has asked the co-op to stop buying and selling muktuk for a period of at least two years. The hunters' and trappers' association would like to see better use made of the whale meat and muktuk. They would like to know if there is a possibility of marketing the meat and muktuk in southern markets. The local hunters' and trappers' association is seriously thinking of this possibility. Could we have the support of the administration on this matter? Also, could we have advice on how this could best be done?

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and file a reply for the Member.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, if I might first of all speak on a point of privilege. I am sorry that I neglected to say this as I had promised at the start of the session but the Honourable Member for Mackenzie Liard, Mr. William Lafferty, asked me to apologize to the House on his behalf and explained that he will not be able to be here this afternoon because of a death in his immediate family.

Question W57-66: Department Of Public Works, Lumber Specifications

I have, Mr. Speaker, a question concerning the Department of Public Works lumber specifications. Is the administration aware that lumber to be used in government construction projects is often specified by the Department of Public Works to be kiln dried. Since the operative factor is the percentage of moisture in the lumber and not the method of drying and since sawmills in the territories such as the Fort Resolution mill do not produce kiln dried lumber but do produce lumber with a percentage moisture as low as or lower than kiln dried lumber, could the government review its tendering specifications so as to maximize the use of locally produced lumber?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W57-66: Department Of Public Works, Lumber Specifications.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I am surprised to hear that the territorial Department of Public Works has on occasion continued that specification. However, I will seek to ensure that that specification is used only where it is deemed to be absolutely essential and I would think that those times would be very, very few indeed. In other words, we will be pleased to comply with the recommendations from the Member.

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

Question W58-66: Liquor Control Board Wine List.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, could the administration provide a list of wines that have been removed from the Liquor Control Board list and those which have been added since the last session of the Legislature?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W58-66: Liquor Control Board Wine List.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, yes. Just by way of amplification, I believe that we have a booklet containing information on wines available in the system that should be ready for distribution very shortly if it has not already been distributed, but in answer to the direct question the information will be made available as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions.

Item 4, oral questions.

Item 5, petitions.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 7, notices of motion. Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 18-66: Appointments To N.W.T. Housing Corporation.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October the 26th, I will move a motion concerning appointments to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion. Mr. Steen.

Notice Of Motion 19-66: Funds For Air Travel To Outpost Camps.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 26th, I will be moving a motion to discontinue providing funds for travel to outpost camps.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion.

Item 8, motions for the production of papers.

Item 9, motions. There are no motions in the book, gentlemen, that are outstanding, that is.

Item 10, tabling of documents.

Item 11, first reading of bills.

Item 12, second reading of bills.

Item 13, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 13: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

With respect to those matters listed under Item 13, Hon. Arnold McCallum, what is the wish of the Executive?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, we would like to take the second item, that is the item concerning the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association because I think the ladies are here and following that we would deal with Bills 12-66 and 13-66 in that order.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a paper or something concerning the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association or is that a presentation they wish to make?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I think it was moved by a Member to have the group come in so that Members of the Assembly could carry on a dialogue with them. I think they made representation to Members. I do not have any particular piece of paper for them.

MR. SPEAKER: My recollection, gentlemen, is that this may have arisen as a result of a motion moved by some Member. Does anyone have any idea which motion it was?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, Motion 2-66. I think Mr. Nickerson moved the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Gentlemen, this item arises as a result of Motion 2-66 moved by Mr. Nickerson which was as follows: I move that this House extends to the Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories an invitation to appear before the committee of the whole of this House, at a suitable time to be determined by the Speaker, for the purpose of informing Members of the activities of that organization. The purpose then is to inform Members of the activities of that organization. This Assembly will therefore resolve into committee of the whole for consideration of the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association, with Mr. Stewart in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association, with Mr. Stewart in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Gentlemen, it will be just a few moments before I call this committee meeting to order. I am now acquiring the names of the group that will be appearing before us. This committee will come to order to receive a group from the Native Women's Association. Have I your permission to call the witnesses at this time?

---Agreed

Could I then call Mrs. Bertha Allen, president, Ms. Nancy Heron, vice-president and Mrs. Eliza Lawrence, resource person? Will you join us at the table, please? Mr. Nickerson, inasmuch as this committee is meeting at your request I wonder if you have any opening remarks to make at this time.

MR. NICKERSON: It was my assumption, Mr. Chairman, that the committee is meeting at the request of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, not just my request. However, I would be very pleased to start off. It is very nice to have some ladies with us once in a while. We do not very often have that pleasure. Hon. Peter Ernerk was referring to that the other night. I am personally associated with some of the work or personally knowledgeable of some of the work that the Native Women's Association in the Northwest Territories do and I guess you would have to call me a supporter of that organization. I understand that the ladies we have before us today have a written presentation that they might like to give before answering any questions that Members might have.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Which of the group would like to make the presentation?

MRS. ALLEN: I would.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Would you proceed then?

Explanation Of N.W.T. Native Women's Association Program

MRS. ALLEN: Ladies and gentlemen, we wish to thank you for providing us with time to explain the primary purpose of our organization and the ways in which you can help us to help the native people in the Northwest Territories to help themselves. First, we would like to emphasize that we are not a political group. We are preparing ourselves to deal with political issues which affect our homes and our families but our primary purpose is to motivate education and training for women, that is those of Dene, Inuit or native ancestry. We are mothers or grandmothers or future mothers and we are concerned with the quality of life in the Northwest Territories, especially in the western region. We are concerned about economic, education and health conditions in our communities. We are aware that regardless of how many legislative laws are made that the changes have to come from the people themselves. They have to be concerned about their own welfare. As women we know we can force some changes.

We do not wish to become involved in the political issues of land claims and other such problems. Instead, we want to effect a change in each small community by encouraging community members to become involved. Already we are motivating women in several communities and giving them our support. Approximately one year ago we organized our association. It was a small beginning but within a year we have organized and received financial assistance for several projects which have provided employment for a number of women throughout five regional areas. Our biggest project was the foster care program. This program was designed to find suitable foster care homes in co-operation with the Department of Social Services. We have had tremendous response from the communities. Our people have been opening their homes as foster parents as well as expressing a desire to adopt native children. However, we have also become aware of the grave and sometimes desperate need for family and marital counselling. Our field workers have frequently been asked to help in family counselling. They are not trained for this and sometimes it has been extremely difficult for them to find someone to refer their family to. This is a serious area that we would like to draw your attention to with the hope of getting some immediate involvement.

Foster Care Program

In our foster care program we have six full time positions at the present time. These women travel to communities in the areas. We have a co-ordinator located in the Yellowknife office; in the Delta we have two part time, one Inuit and one Dene and in the Norman Wells area we are presently looking for another woman on part time. In the Fort Simpson area we have one; Hay River, one; Fort Smith and Fort Resolution we have one and in Yellowknife we have one. Over 150 foster homes have been recruited and upon request many potential parents have been advised regarding adoption. This project will be completed within the next two months.

During the summer we employed several students for one month with the help of a grant from the Secretary of State to help us organize our first annual workshop. They were involved in contacting women to act as delegates, contacting resource people, preparing the materials, transcribing taped minutes and distributing these. One of our objectives in this project was to impress young native women with the need to become involved in the community and to provide some skills for this involvement. The workshop was so successful that we feel we achieved our objectives.

In the spring we were successful in persuading the Department of Indian Affairs to sponsor 15 women at a two week leadership training course at the centre at Rivers, Manitoba. You would not believe the change in these women. Without exception every one of them was able to get up and speak and all are involved at this time in the communities. Some of them had been so shy before they would not even lift their heads to say their names. Now they are actively involved in the communities. Many of them expressed how this course helped them in their family lives and the change it had on their children and husbands. One woman was able to cope with a family crisis with her teen-agers that had defeated her before and I guess it is workshops like this which would scare some of the women because the leadership ability is coming from us. There is a joke saying that Indian chiefs said at one time, "Well, what is the biggest problem?" and everybody said "Of course, alcohol is the biggest problem with the people across Canada" and the chief said "That is not so, the biggest problem nowadays are the women. At one time they used to be one step behind us and now they are three steps ahead of us."

---Applause

These might not look like much to some of you but when you are totally overwhelmed by problems every little success makes our organization look a little brighter. In order to be more specific we will name several places and projects now under way by association members.

Projects Involving Women In Various Communities

In Fort Providence the native women have a contract with the territorial government to clean offices, also operate handicraft sales, getting sewers, bookkeepers and managers for the foster care program. They are involved in the school advisory committee and there are six women on these projects. They have encouraged the school programs, moosehair tufting, quill weaving and trapping and members of the housing association are native women. In Snowdrift the native women are involved in the youth offender council and it was organized with their help and they are involved in the school advisory committee. In Yellowknife we tried to include many and varied women in projects and training opportunities. They are currently organizing a work project with the help of a grant and they are becoming more and more active in the community. If you have time I suggest you go down to the Old Town and there you will see a town within a town and that was sort of motivated by two native women. They have a project centre that is coming up in there which will include a craft shop, a bathhouse and a little grocery store, I think. This was not started by men, do not get that mixed up, it was started by the native women.

Our current project on a small grant of \$6000 is to research the feasibility of cottage industries. We have at least one woman in each village to help with this and one of our own members will head the project. It is our hope to be able to establish a workable and self-supporting system of cottage industry within the next two to three years, as well as providing a small income to women at home. It will also help native people to improve their skills in the native crafts and arts. It will encourage native women to maintain high standards and it will allow skills to be passed on to the children. Our hope is to provide a catalogue system of ordering, but more study will be done to help us to determine the best way of sales promotion.

Training Effective Leaders

We have organized a Northwest Territories arts and crafts society board and executive. These women are already at work learning skills that will make them effective leaders. If we do not have well trained leaders our efforts will not be as successful as they should be. It is our hope to be able to train women to operate both collectively and independently. This is a goal we have set for this year. We have noticed that often only a few, sometimes just a person in a community has leadership skills and then when they leave everything drops. We hope to get several involved so that there will still be continuity if somebody leaves a project. The women of Fort Simpson have produced some high quality items which they will display and sell in Toronto later this year at the national Native Women's conference.

The motivation for this effort came from our workshop in Fort Smith in July of this year where over 45 women representing even very small communities participated in discussion on education, youth offenders, arts and crafts, nutrition and health. The Fort Smith women have initiated contact with adult education in the hope of organizing a home management type of program to be offered at Roaring Rapids hall and they have had several meetings and hope to get things under way in November. All of this has happened in just one year and with an effort of just a few people. If we are able to activate even a few more in each community many more goals should be realized. The previous list of projects has been organized and managed under our association especially by volunteer members. Now we would like to become more actively involved in the delivery of programs and the planning and designing of programs that currently come under the direction of this government. There are several agencies delivering programs that should be combined and delivered more effectively through trained native personnel.

We are speaking about the whole home management program, consumer education and there are some family support services now under Social Development. We are concerned about the lack of home management educators and other para-professionals in that field. We have some good ideas for the development and delivery of an effective program which would combine many aspects of other programs, all of which could be delivered locally. We are concerned about child abuse and training for handicapped people in their daily living activities. It was recently brought to our attention about one woman who is almost totally blind. Although she speaks some English, she is reluctant to leave her children and go south for some training. She has asked that someone come here to train her. She is extremely apprehensive and it is affecting her whole life. Another old man who was blind in one eye and had very little sight in the other was sent south for some training. He could not speak much English so socially he was withdrawn. He did not like the food so after a few days the southern novelty of his food wore off. Finally, he decided to get drunk. It did not solve his problem but it was an activity he could relate to.

It is not enough for us to brush these situations aside. Locally trained personnel could recognize these situations and specially trained people could be called in for assistance. We are requesting that the Assembly consider our association as an agency to which it would provide the funding for the delivery of these programs. We would be prepared to meet with the Assembly or a committee within the next three weeks to present a more detailed proposal providing for the planning, delivery and personnel training for these programs.

Programs Affecting Health And Children

We have been working on such a proposal since Spetember but we have tried to limit our meetings. However, with a positive reaction from this government we would endeavour to finalize our proposal immediately. We definitely wish to be actively involved in a preventative health care program. We want to help as we have workable ideas, some of which can be reviewed in an address delivered by one of our members at a northern nurses' conference in Edmonton. Copies may

be had from Mrs. Greta Baetz and this was a topic delivered by Mrs. Eliza Lawrence. We are prepared to be actively involved in programs affecting us and our children. We are currently preparing a proposal for the International Year of the Child. Consultations are in progress within the various communities. We have an education committee made up of representatives from eight communities. These women are examining territorial programs and they will represent the Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories with these recommendations. We have already made some recommendations to the superintendent and the principals earlier this month and I am sure you all heard how their feathers were ruffled. A detailed outline is available upon request and that speech is available too. Some of these include a better language program using language masters in both English and native languages; native language taught at an earlier age; summer school sessions for teachers new to the North which would include some native language for the community in which they will teach; university credit for the above proposed survival skills and land skills and those taught earlier and given school credit for it; develop skills for local employment; a proper program for supervision of all Adult Vocational Training Centre courses; further research into a northern university; revision of the hostel system for students; a better system of student housing, both at the Adult Vocational Training Centre and secondary schools. We are endeavouring to have more participation in problems relating to juveniles but facilities for family counselling are a must in almost every community.

Funding Necessary For Programs

It is not in this paper but presently the national Native Women's Association is going through consultation for a native women's program and we will be holding a regional consultation with our regional representative from Edmonton within the next few weeks. This is where we would like the moral support from this government for long-term funding. The government does not like the words "core funding" so we used the term long-term funding. We would like to use this money for a full time co-ordinator to co-ordinate our programs and to hold an office here. It is hard to do programs on a voluntary basis, so if you are approached make sure you give us your moral support. We have done our share of voluntary work and we will continue to do so at the executive level. However, it is unjust for us to ask our field workers to work without some monetary compensation. They need more training and more consistent direction. Will the Assembly consider recommending us for funding as an agency to carry out these programs? That is the presentation from the Native Women's Association and we would be willing to answer questions. I know you might have some tough questions to ask but we will do the best we can.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mrs. Allen.

---Applause

Questions from the floor. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I do not know that I am going to ask any questions but if I could just comment, I would like to say that I am very impressed with what Mrs. Allen has said and I think that her organization has shown a tremendous example of how to get things done and get out and help yourself. I am impressed with the emphasis that is given to the family and family matters, health care to children and education. I think that this organization should be congratulated very, very much on their program. For my part I would certainly support any move that might be made by this Assembly to recommend financial assistance. I do not want, since I am just the first speaker, to prematurely move any motion but I would like to suggest that Members consider after they have satisfied themselves with questions, directing their attention to what we might do in a very positive way. I get from what has been said that although everything to date has been done on a voluntary basis and although the ladies will continue to provide a tremendous amount of volunteer help, what is really required is, and I notice Mrs. Allen did not like to use the words "core funding", but that is really what it amounts to as I understand it, some long-term assistance by way of a program co-ordinator or at least

money to pay a program co-ordinator. That is the message, at least, that I got and I will be corrected if I am in error. So I would therefore conclude simply, Mr. Chairman, by saying that at the conclusion of this discussion I would support, indeed I would move if no one else does but I for myself would surely support any motion that might come from this Assembly that would recommend such financial assistance to this very worthwhile extremely active group of women who in my opinion are showing a tremendous leadership in the territories which might well provide a good example for the other sex.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Maybe, Mr. Chairman, I could ask questions concerning the financing of this organization. First of all I would like to congratulate the ladies on an excellent presentation. It is probably one of the best presentations we have ever had made to us. I wonder if we could be told, Mr. Chairman, approximately what the annual budget of the organization might be and from where those funds are derived and what are the major items of expenditure?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mrs. Allen.

Funding And Budget

MRS. ALLEN: I will answer that to the best of my ability. In the first year of our operation we had a budget of \$40,000; \$20,000 from the Secretary of State and \$20,000 from Indian Affairs. We operated on that for the first year and this year we have very little money after we finish paying off our bills for our annual conference. I think we have a budget of roughly say \$7000 and that would be used for our board meeting and a few travels in the communities and that is all we have right now. Our foster care program will be folding up in December. The way we are operating our office is a combination of projects from communities. Luckily the local Yellowknife Native Women's group operate and have some grants to do projects so they are helping us pay. We are paying our office two ways; with foster care, according to the money we have, plus what the local women's group have and we are trying to scratch our heads to see where that money is going to come from after December when foster care no longer operates.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Following up on that, Mr. Chairman, in order for the Native Women's Association to do what in their opinion would be an adequate job, maybe not everything that they would like to do but the majority of things, what would in the opinion of the witnesses, Mr. Chairman, be an adequate budget with which to work assuming and hoping that you still relied to a great extent on the volunteer labour that appears to be what you rely on to a great extent at the present time?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: Well, for us to operate effectively we need a good co-ordinator and an office and secretarial assistance. We are very sticky about how our financial books are kept so therefore we would like a good bookkeeper and you know better than I do right now -- we are sort of stuck with that question -- roughly what would you pay?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Nickerson, you have got yourself into this. Try to get yourself out now.

MRS. ALLEN: We have not got our budget right now. We just came rushing over. We do not even have a constitution so I hope nobody asks about our constitution.

MR. NICKERSON: But I would imagine with a budget of somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year you would be able to operate, in your own words, effectively. Is that the type of funds that you are looking for?

MRS. ALLEN: That was what was being whispered in my ear but I did not want to say it.

MR. NICKERSON: I am not suggesting, Mr. Chairman, that all that funding might necessarily come from the territorial government. I do not think it probably would but that is the type of total funding that you might be looking for?

MRS. ALLEN: This is one way, sitting down now and talking to the Secretary of State for this sort of funding but I do not know if it is going to come. They are giving us a tough time, giving us some tough questions to answer and we will have to convince them and this is where we said we wanted your support.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Are there any further questions?
Hon. Tom Butters.

Congratulations To Mrs. Allen

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to join my colleagues in their congratulations to Mrs. Allen and members of her executive for their presentation here before us today. I would also like to personally congratulate her too on the manner in which she has represented the Northwest Territories as president of the Native Women's Association of Canada. I believe that she has found herself relatively busy not only with the Northwest Territories organization but the national one as well and I think the people of the North are proud of the very important work she is doing across the country and the work that she is doing to make the name of the Northwest Territories and the people of the Northwest Territories known to the rest of Canada.

On one point I would ask her, I was interested in the aspect of her association's work which is looking at enlarging and improving the areas of cottage industry in the North. She mentioned that she would be looking at securing southern markets for the goods produced by native women in the North. I think that we all agree with her that it is so very, very important to secure these markets for northern goods and I would be very interested to hear of her success in this area and some of the things she is looking at to increase the production and improve the quality of the handicrafts presently produced.

MRS. ALLEN: Do you want to know what we are doing?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: And what you are looking forward to. I realize you are just making projections now but what do you see your organization doing to assist in the handicraft programs in the North both in production and marketing because I believe that your association would like to become a lot more active in the production of crafts and the marketing of crafts than you are at the present time.

Marketing Of Handicrafts

MRS. ALLEN: Well, we have a proposal in to DREE, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and it will be coming up to the committee some time in November and we are still sleeping on that. We do not want to rush with that because this is an important decision for us to make. Our main goal is that in the past that the native women have not been satisfied with their returns for their handicrafts and this has sort of got us going. We want to be able to get that money in the hands of the producers. What we would like to do and in order for us to do that we are looking at a catalogue system. I do not know if this is feasible but we are really looking very closely at a catalogue system and getting locals organized. I know the women are always saying we want a craft shop and I keep telling them that a craft shop is not feasible. It is too expensive and we have to find other ways of selling our handicrafts. This is how it all sprung up, even as large as the territorial government is and you have top-notch bookkeepers, you still foul up the arts and crafts division so I do not see why we should not have a crack at it and make a few mistakes of our own before we get on our own two feet. I have not got the proposal right here in front of me, but these are some of the ideas that we are throwing around. It is not completed yet and you will hear more about it when it is finished in the next few weeks, hopefully.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Hon. Tom Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just a supplementary question, Mr. Chairman. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, in Mrs. Allen's travels across the country has she found what she would feel to be a good potential market for northern crafts and does she feel that there is a good market in the South for northern crafts which at the present time is not being tapped or not being satisfied?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mrs. Allen.

MRS. ALLEN: Well, that is just one of the small parts that I do, is I look at the markets for our crafts. I could see where it could be feasible if we could start buying in bulk and nobody likes to pay a high price for anything. These are just some of the things, could prices go down? Of course, you could find our prices could go down and when we travel down south with our northern clothing, they want to buy it off us so I guess there must be a market for things like this down south.

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

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I too would join my colleagues in congratulating the native women for a very attractive presentation. It seems to me that in their first year of operation it was very successful with the total budget of \$40,000. Maybe I should mention that the territorial government should look at some of these native women as economic development officers. I think they would do a better job than some of the ones we already have.

---Applause

However, Mr. Chairman, they are a worthwhile group and for the work that they are doing and the funds that they are working with I definitely will move a motion later on when the rest of the Members have had a chance to ask questions. I do not myself have any particular questions I would like to ask them. I had a couple of questions which have already been answered, but after the rest of the Members have had a chance to speak I would so move a motion that we recommend to the Commissioner that the Native Women's Association be recommended for funding. That is all that I have at this time, Mr. Chairman.

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

Motion To Support N.W.T. Native Women's Association In Request For Funding From Secretary Of State

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, the reason I put my hand up was to make a motion and I would like to make a motion that this Assembly strongly support the Native Women's Association in the funding that they are asking for from the Secretary of State, that a letter be drafted as soon as possible.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. To the motion. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I received a letter from the Secretary of State just about a week ago saying that some requested funding had indeed been made available. I understand that for a time the Secretary of State was of two minds, whether he should proceed with certain funding or whether he should not. Perhaps before we discuss this motion further it might be advisable to ask the witnesses if their money has now come through and if it is still needed. It might be that the motion is redundant at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: I will answer to that. We had applied for \$34,000 to hold a workshop in Fort Smith. We were led to believe that money was approved from the region right to the minister's office in Ottawa, so we went ahead and had our workshop and three weeks after our workshop that money was rejected. Our money was rejected and we had already spent over \$15,000, so we got help from Indian Affairs of \$9000. We wrote a letter again asking them to reconsider

opening our file and with the support from Hon. Tom Butters and Mr. Nickerson we had \$15,000 approved and that money came in only about three weeks ago. That money is already spent because we had the ladies in from the communities. So, that money is all spent and all we had was \$15,000 for our workshop. I think that answers some of your questions.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. I understand then that at the present time there is no request for funding before the Secretary of State for your organization.

MRS. ALLEN: There is no such thing. They do not consider long-term funding. All they would consider was funding our annual workshop and projects, but the regional office is responsible to Saskatchewan, Alberta and here and we do not move fast enough and the other very active women in southern Canada use up all the money.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. In view of this, Mr. Lyall, do you want to proceed with your motion or do you wish to withdraw it?

MRS. ALLEN: I think Mr. Lyall's motion is of great help because this is the type of assistance, moral support, that we want.

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

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, the reason I made that motion and the way I understood Mrs. Allen when she was talking to us was that this was the kind of moral support that she needed. This was why I made the motion and I think we should deal with it right now.

Motion To Support N.W.T. Native Women's Association In Request For Funding From Secretary Of State, Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): To the motion? The question being called. All those in favour? The motion is passed unanimously.

---Carried

Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I have some questions relating to the transfer of certain programs which were referred to in the initial address. I think it was stated that some of the areas of delivery of various services such as those relating to home management, consumer education and family support which are presently carried out in their entirety by the Government of the Northwest Territories could perhaps be transferred, either in their entirety or partially to the organization which is represented here before us today. This, in a way, fits in with the position adopted by the Legislature on several occasions where we have said that we wanted to see this process of devolution taking place. I think it would also fit in, Mr. Chairman, with what the Hon. C.M. Drury was saying to us last Friday. It is the type of thing which we could undoubtedly support and when it comes down to practicalities there might be some practical difficulties which will obviously have to be worked out. I wonder if we could be advised how this group would like to go about taking over some of the responsibilities for areas such as home management and family support.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: We would like to take over the home management program and there is enough professional help around and I am sure we can do the program quite well ourselves. We do not have the proposals handy right now but we will submit a proposal to the Executive in a few weeks or maybe another two weeks or so requesting to take over the home management program. Right now there is no one doing home management in the Yellowknife area, there are only two in the Inuvik area and that is all and with the cutbacks from the federal government, medical services are not going to do it all and we are very concerned with this problem. So if they would consider us taking over the home management program

combined with health and education we would like support in this area.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mr. Nickerson.

Possibility Of Contractual Arrangement For Delivery Of Certain Services.

MR. NICKERSON: The type of arrangement which you would have to have with the territorial government which in some of these areas has a legal obligation to see that they are carried out, if you understand what I say, maybe under the Child Welfare Ordinance there is a legal responsibility placed on the Government of the Northwest Territories to do certain things or to see that they get done. Now, in many instances there may be nothing to prevent the Government of the Northwest Territories from contracting with a third party which might be yourselves to undertake some of those things for which they have a statutory responsibility. I wonder if that is the type of arrangement that the people here envisage where they enter into a contractual arrangement with the Government of the Northwest Territories to deliver certain services.

THE CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Stewart): Mrs. Lawrence.

MRS. LAWRENCE: I strongly believe we could do the job very well as a team working with medical services and the territorial government and the Native Women's group. I am sure we can do the job quite well. There is enough professional help around that we can utilize.

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

MR. NICKERSON: When you addressed this particular question in your initial presentation you suggested that you would like to meet with a committee of this Assembly within a period of three weeks. An alternative might be that you would like to meet with the Executive Committee of the Government of the Northwest Territories. As you are probably aware the people seated around this table do not control the purse strings for instance and we do not make executive decisions. We give policy direction which we are doing at the present time and this policy direction is acted upon by the Members of the Executive, sometimes. Three elected Members are represented on that body. So it might be more practical if arrangements were to be made for you to meet with the Executive Committee of the Government of the Northwest Territories and speak with them at some point in the near future, within the three weeks if that is what you would like. Once you get past that stumbling block you will be faced with another one and that is undoubtedly, since most of these matters relate to Social Development or Education, you might have to work with people in those particular departments. I can see, for instance, and the Hon. Arnold McCallum might agree with me that once you have a sort of general agreement with the Executive it might be necessary for you to meet again with Hon. Arnold McCallum and certain of his staff to thrash out in detail contractual arrangements or something like that in order to have it spelled out just what it is you are going to take over. So it is a long and torturous road you have to travel, but I hope we can help to put things in motion today.

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

Support From The Department Of Social Services

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, as the Executive Member of the government responsible for two of the departments that have had and will have a special interest with the Native Women's Association, namely, the Departments of Social Services and Health, I know that the association has been in contact, they have established communications and have carried on dialogue

with members of both departments, I believe. The dialogue has been good. Mrs. Allen in her remarks talked about the foster parent recruitment project that the Department of Social Services worked very closely with and has funded over the past while. I think originally the funding was \$75,000 for that program and I understand from the comments made by the witnesses that this program is running down about December and my Department of Social Services are prepared to continue the funding for the remainder of that period so the project can be completed. I think that the project both in the opinions not only of the Department of Social Services but, I think, of the Native Women's Association has been very worthwhile and the results have been very impressive. We would, as a department and I think as a government, be open to seriously considering further projects and we would welcome input, suggestions, recommendations to the government and to the Department of Social Services from the Native Women's Association.

In the area of the Department of Health again the association has been in communication with members of that department. We have initiated discussions and are anxious to arrange for ongoing input from the Native Women's group. We would hope that the lines of communication would be kept open between our Department of Health which has just recently been set up as a distinct department and with the association. We believe that there are many opportunities to work together in the words of Mrs. Lawrence as a team to bring about better delivery of various particular programs that we in fact can arrange.

Delivery System For Preventive Health Care

Preventive health is of course a concern of the fledgling Department of Health in the territorial government. We are now in initial discussions with the federal Department of Health for the complete transfer of health responsibilities and services in the Northwest Territories to this government and obviously with the kind of success that the Native Women's Association has had over the past while we would be very much interested as a department and again as a government in attempting to arrange some kind of delivery system, or look at some of the recommendations that they would put forth and we would like to be able to carry on discussions along these lines. We have been considering very seriously the appointment to the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, THIS, of a representative of the Native Women's Association and if they at this time would indicate that they would be interested in that, I am prepared today to initiate action to have an appointment from the Native Women's Association to the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that those two departments and the department I used to be concerned with, the Department of Education, I can not speak for that but I am sure that things can be arranged as well. I believe that the association has asked for a meeting with the Executive Committee and I think I am correct in saying that that request has been replied to and I think that the reply has been in the affirmative. As an Executive Committee we are prepared to sit down and meet with the Native Women's Association and I want to assure the members, the witnesses here from the Native Women's Association that the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health will always be available for discussions so that we can arrange for projects such as the foster parent project and similar ones. I know they have a great concern and since this is the International Year of the Child I would take it from the remarks that were made by Mrs. Allen that they have an interest in that as well and that is something that we as a government and we as a department are concerned with and I would again simply reiterate and give assurance to the witnesses that both those departments and indeed the government would be open to various discussions, suggestions and recommendations from them.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mrs. Allen.

Involvement In Planning

MRS. ALLEN: I would like to thank the Minister for inviting us to sit on this committee and this is what we want. We have asked that we be involved in planning this program. For your interest and information this is exactly what is happening now. We have held a few meetings. I was involved in one. I stood them up for a few meetings and I was involved in one and it is getting along quite well and a recommendation from our annual meeting mentioned that we do not want to see the Northwest Territories government take over the health program until we had some input into the planning and the delivery of those programs. I am very happy to hear the Minister say that he would like a member from our organization to sit on this committee and right now I could name one but I had better sit down and talk to her first before I commit myself to her services to sit on this committee. We have sat down with the education committee, with the principals and the superintendent and we asked that they combine their resources, health and if we take this home management over, all these services could be combined because home management includes health as well as education. It is up to us now, I guess, to call a day for that meeting with the Executive as they have replied back to us and we will sit down and give them a more detailed program of the proposal to take over the home management service.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mrs. Allen. Mr. Fraser.

Motion To Offer Financial Assistance To N.W.T. Native Women's Association.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact of what the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Services has said to the native women I would like at this time to move a motion that this House recommend to the Commissioner that financial assistance be offered to the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association to be provided after the Executive has met with them to negotiate the terms thereof.

Motion Carried

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): I have a motion on the floor. To the motion. The question being called. All in favour? The motion is carried unanimously.

---Carried

If there is no further business on this item -- Mr. Nickerson?

MR. NICKERSON: Just one question, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if a Member of the Executive here could tell us whether or not it is indeed their intention to meet with these ladies at the earliest possible convenience and whether they can give that undertaking.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I thought I had indicated that we have received, or the Executive Committee has received, a request from the Native Women's Association to meet with us. They have been replied to and I said I thought that the reply was a positive one. Mrs. Allen has reconfirmed that and now it comes down to a particular date that is suitable for both of us to meet. So, we are going to meet with the Native Women's Association as the Executive Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mr. Minister. On behalf of this committee then I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Allen, the president and Ms. Heron, the vice-president and Mrs. Lawrence, the resource person for your attendance here today and the quality of your presentation and the information you have given us. Thank you.

---Applause

Is it the committee's wish that I report this matter completed?

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of The Northwest Territories Native Women's Association

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, your committee has had a discussion with the Native Women's Association and from this meeting two motions which read as follows were passed: That this Assembly strongly support the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association in the funds they are asking for from the Secretary of State and that a letter be drafted as soon as possible. This motion was carried unanimously. The second motion: That this House recommend to the Commissioner that the financial assistance be offered to the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association be provided after the Executive has met with them to negotiate the terms of the offer. This motion was also carried unanimously.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, yesterday a question was asked regarding the consequences of the Nordair strike and I had promised to provide the information today. I did not have the information at the time of the question period. Could I have unanimous consent to return to that item to provide that information?

---Agreed

ITEM NO. 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Please proceed.

Return To Question 055-66: Nordair Strike

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, the last Nordair jet landed in Frobisher Bay on Monday night and no flights from the South have taken place yesterday or today. Nordair has chartered a Northwest Territorial Airways DC-6 to provide daily service to Frobisher and Nanisivik from Montreal starting Thursday, tomorrow. The Northwest Territorial Airways DC-6 is now on its way to Frobisher from Yellowknife and will pick up Frobisher passengers and continue on to Montreal tonight, leaving Frobisher at 8:00 p.m. A regular DC-6 service will commence Thursday morning Montreal to Frobisher and Nanisivik. Priority is being given to food, medical supplies and passengers. Air service to Resolute Bay is being provided by Pacific Western Airlines. Air service to Hall Beach and other smaller communities is being provided by Bradley Air Service. Our regional officials believe that these actions will fill the gap and look after the situation for the time being. They further advise that the officials of Nordair have been most helpful and have kept us well informed. That is the report that I have, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. This House stands adjourned for 15 minutes for coffee and if we lose any more Members we will not have a quorum.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes a quorum. The House will come to order, please. Item 13, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters. Bill 13-66 and Bill 12-66.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I wonder so that there is not too much confusion moving in and out if we could move into committee of the whole for both the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance and the Financial Agreement Ordinance?

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any objection to that suggestion of putting both of those bills, Bill 12-66 and Bill 13-66 into committee at the same time? They are both financial matters.

---Agreed

This House will resolve into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 12-66 and Bill 13-66, the first being the Financial Agreement Ordinance and the second one being the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 12-66, Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1978 and Bill 13-66, Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1978-79, with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 12-66, FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE, 1978 AND BILL 13-66, SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, NO. 2, 1978-79

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The committee will come to order now to deal with Bill 12-66, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1978. I call for comments of a general nature. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, with regard to Bill 12-66 the reason that this bill is being brought before the Legislature is that at the session last January this Legislature passed an ordinance to permit the Commissioner to sign the financial agreement for this current fiscal year. During this current fiscal year we have had to agree to accept less money than had been negotiated for originally. We accepted this in the spirit in which it was put to us, namely, that governments right across the country were being forced to restrict their spending and tighten their belts and, therefore, we have agreed to a reduction in our total amount of money available of \$1,820,000. We propose to apply this in the area of capital spending. It is for this reason that we are bringing this bill before you to amend the original financial agreement and reduce it by that amount of money so that the agreement that the Commissioner has with the federal government will reflect the proper amount of money.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I have a question of a technical nature, Mr. Chairman. When we enter into this Financial Agreement Ordinance we specify the maximum amount of money that the Commissioner is authorized to enter into agreement on on our behalf. Surely if the Commissioner chooses to negotiate for less than this amount that would still be within the confines of the ordinance and he would not be doing anything illegal. Therefore, why do we need pass another ordinance to effect this reduction? Surely it is simply an administrative matter and is not required by legislation and I can see the need for legislation if there was to be an increase but certainly not for a decrease.

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

Reasons For Amending The Ordinance

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, much of what Mr. Nickerson says is true. However, we think that it is important that a certain visibility be given to the actual amount that is entered into the agreement and we would rather have a piece of legislation standing on the books that reflects the amended figure than one that reflects an inflated figure. From a technical standpoint I believe that we could amend the agreement under the existing ordinance but our feeling was that this would be the preferable route to go.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. FRASER): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Any further comments? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: The next question obviously is why do they need this high visibility? That presumably is a political thing. We have been told it is not legally necessary first to pass this ordinance and the only reason is because somebody wants this high visibility. Who is it that wants this high visibility and why do they want it? There must be some kind of political motivation there somewhere.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, first of all I said that I was not certain that we could get along without this bill, but I said I thought it was a possibility. Secondly, let me assure the Member that the high visibility that I referred to is for the protection of this territorial government and it most assuredly is not at the behest of anyone other than our Executive Committee.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, that is a very reassuring comment.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Any further comments? Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: No, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Is it agreed then that we go clause by clause on Bill 12-66?

---Agreed

Clause 1. Agreed?

---Agreed

The bill as a whole. Agreed?

---Agreed

Bill 12-66 I take it is now ready for third reading.

---Agreed

Bill 13-66, Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1978-79. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, these supplementary estimates are presented to cover off expenditures which either have been made or are anticipated to be made by this administration during this current fiscal year. They are expenditures which were either not firm or anticipated when we voted the main estimates last January. We provided for these supplementaries in our total fiscal

planning, that is, within our fiscal framework we had made provision for an estimated amount of money which would be required for supplementaries of this nature. There are contained within these supplementaries a number of items which are simply revotes, that is, voting the money which we had negotiated for and budgeted last year but due to slower progress than anticipated we are actually carrying out the projects this year. The standing committee on finance has reviewed this set of supplementary appropriations and although you may wish to consult directly with the committee, the committee has approved these estimates. There was one matter left open and when we come to that matter in these estimates I will speak to it. It was within the operating budget of the Department of Natural and Cultural Affairs.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Comments of a general nature. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: We were told, Mr. Chairman, when studying Bill 13-66 that the government wished to give high visibility to a reduction of the amount specified in the financial agreement of approximately two million dollars. I wonder if the same people would like the same amount of visibility given to the \$8,618,400 increase contained in this bill. Where is the restraint?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: The restraint is there but it is not as visible.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Or conversely the restraint is visibly visible but it is not there.

---Laughter

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Any further comments? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions. In that the total amount specified in the Financial Agreement Ordinance has been reduced and in that it is unlikely that the revenue of this government is increasing to any great extent, the revenue which we collect by way of taxation etc., how is it possible for us to increase our total appropriations by some eight and a half million dollars and at the same time not break the law as laid down by the Financial Agreement Ordinance?

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

Programs Do Not Match Spending

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, as I explained earlier we anticipated supplementary appropriations of approximately this level when we designed our total fiscal framework and the reason we are not exceeding the amounts that we have voted or approved, rather, in the financial agreement, the reason is that these supplementaries and any others that we pass are funded to a great extent from lapsing money; in other words, our desires to carry out programs historically are never quite matched with spending and we have a lapse of approximately two per cent, for instance, in operations each year.

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

MR. NICKERSON: So, Mr. Chairman, what really happened with the reduction in moneys under Bill 13-66, the two million dollars is that there was not any real restraint shown in that employees of the government were laid off, lesser services were delivered, capital projects were put aside but that two million

dollars is money which probably would have lapsed anyway and that the government would not have spent this year and therefore the restraint is to a great extent fictitious. It gives you high visibility to something that was not really material. Is that a fair assessment?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, no, that really is not the case. I can see why the Member could look at it that way, but as part of our fiscal framework each year and on a continuing basis there is a lapsing amount of money and therefore we can in fact vote spending authority somewhat beyond the actual money that we are receiving either through taxes, transfers or deficit grant and so that is a normal approach to our spending. With regard to the matter of restraint, that is still absolutely essential. It is absolutely essential that we take the steps that we have been taking internally to reduce our spending because in fact we must protect these lapsing amounts of money since they form a real and integral part of our financial structure each year. Now, we have issued instructions to each of our program managers to make whatever reductions can be made while still maintaining the programs in their best possible form and these economies for this year are not as difficult as will be the economies that we will have to practise for the next fiscal year. That indeed will be the year in which we will have to restrain and restrict ourselves very substantially but the restraint for this year I can assure the Member is indeed real.

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

Financial Restraints Carried Out By Government.

MR. NICKERSON: I am very pleased to see that real and actual restraint is being carried out by the government. The Deputy Commissioner referred to the fact that departmental managers had been instructed to cut down on unnecessary expenditure and try to live well within the budgets; a lot of them. I wonder if we could be given some examples as to how this has been put into effect. Has it been able to reduce the civil service somewhat and still maintain reasonable levels of service? Is that one of the ways that money has been saved or what exact measures or could we be given examples of actual measures that have been taken to reduce government expenditures?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, one of the methods that we have used is to restrict hiring, that is, filling of vacant positions. So where positions become vacant, people move or relocate, then we examine each and every position before we permit competition to go ahead to fill that position. In fact, we have applied a freeze on filling positions but having said that, the way that is applied is that each position is assessed because we will then make a judgment as to the priority that that position enjoys. However, we are able to restrict hiring and thereby save a substantial amount of money through that system.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I am very pleased to hear that, Mr. Chairman. I remember approximately three and a half years ago a motion was put before the Assembly by the Honourable Member for South Baffin asking the administration to do precisely that and I remember being a supporter of that motion, one of the few times that I ever have had the occasion to support the Honourable Member from South Baffin. I remember the great consternation that that attempt, which unfortunately was unsuccessful at that time, generated on the part of the administration and the administration spoke at great length on the subject and managed to convince the Members of the Legislature that they should not be subject to such a freeze on hiring men. I am very pleased to see that in the

course of three years their whole attitude has turned around. Maybe proposition 13 had something to do with it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Deputy Commissioner Parker. Proper Approach To Hiring And Priorities.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, it all depends on how that approach is applied, I suppose. A freeze really can not be handled if it is applied in a completely arbitrary fashion because that leaves some absolutely vital positions unfilled and perhaps it leaves some filled that if priorities must be set could be reduced. So the recommendation that was put before us some years ago is in fact one that we have followed for many, many years and certainly that is the situation today. Another action that we have taken is to impose upon our departments an over-all two per cent reduction on their spending. This is a proper management approach in our view because it permits the program managers themselves to set priorities, given Executive direction, of course, but it permits them to manage as they must while still protecting sums of money which are necessary to be protected.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Comments of a general nature. If there are no further comments, is it your wish that we go through the bill starting at page one?

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Executive, O And M - Regional Administration, Agreed

Page one, Executive, regional administration. A reduction \$13,500. Agreed?

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O And M - Executive, Agreed

Executive, \$130,000. Agreed?

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Planning And Program Evaluation, O And M - Science Advisory Board, Agreed

Planning and Program Evaluation, Science Advisory Board, \$45,000. Agreed?

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Personnel, O And M - Finance And Benefits Administration, Agreed

Page three, Personnel, finance and benefits administration, \$738,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Removal And Travel Assistance, Agreed

Removal and travel assistance, a reduction of \$27,800. Agreed?

---Agreed

Public Services, O And M - Safety, Agreed

Page four, Public Services, safety, \$49,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

O And M - Labour And Consumer Affairs, Agreed

Labour and consumer affairs, \$58,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page five, Finance. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: It was my understanding, Mr. Chairman, and I will not try and pronounce this word, it is some kind of office in Frobisher Bay and it was my understanding when we debated this matter at the last session that the administration had planned at that time to bring forward at this session legislation dealing with legal aid and other matters in the Northwest Territories. I wonder if that has now been delayed or deleted or what has happened to that proposal?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, in answer to Mr. Nickerson's question in order to put that legislation forward on legal aid we required certain agreements to be reached with the federal Department of Justice. These agreements were just reached on the 19th of this month and, therefore, it left us with insufficient time to bring the legislation forward. However, we will expect to present the legislation at the January session.

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

MR. NICKERSON: And at the same time as we dealt with the paper that was put forward to us on legal aid in the Northwest Territories at the last session, I believe there was something in that document regarding relief for poor starving lawyers in the Northwest Territories and they would get an increase in the legal aid rates, much against my better judgment I must say. I do not see any estimate in here for increases in legal aid resulting from those increases in legal rates, in the legal aid fee structure to lawyers and I wonder if that is an oversight.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we had anticipated some increases when we put the estimates together and, therefore, the increases that have been agreed to can be accommodated within the main estimates voted amounts.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: The Rules of this House require me of course to bite my tongue, so I am going to beat Mr. Nickerson up after we conclude this evening.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Obviously then one of the solutions or one of the alternatives to the increased rates is increased crime.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Page four, \$58,000, labour and consumer affairs.

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Finance, O And M - Transportation, Agreed

Page five, Finance, transportation. A reduction of \$18,100. Agreed?

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MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have some explanation on that \$18,100 for the transfer of funds from the Department of Local Government. We see that on page five and on page six there is some more for Clyde River and Hall Beach, \$8300 and \$9800 and can I have some explanation as to why so much money is in the appropriations for those two places?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, throughout the supplementary appropriation you will see these kinds of transfers and the reason for them is that the hamlets of Hall Beach and Clyde River were created after the start of the fiscal year and, therefore, certain moneys and functions that were spent and carried out by different departments of the government are now carried out by the hamlets themselves and in order to finance the hamlet operations we transfer money from the departments in which it was voted to Local Government and Local Government makes the money available to the hamlets as a regular transfer or grant for hamlet operations.

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

MR. STEEN: Fairly.

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

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Public Works, O And M - Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Agreed

Page six, Public Works, repair and upkeep of buildings and works. A reduction of \$52,600. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I am having some difficulty understanding this one which I would like to speak on again in a minute, but some of the initial difficulties I find here are certain sums of money transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Local Government and then when I look on page eight under the Department of Local Government you do not see the same figures appearing.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Is there a balance there somewhere?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the money is transferred to the Department of Local Government but as it is an internal transfer there is no need to go to additional spending authorities to make the money available to the hamlets, to the two hamlets involved.

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

MR. NICKERSON: My problem is, Mr. Chairman, that I see sums of money transferred to the Department of Local Government on page six, sums of money involved are \$52,600, \$147,900 and \$22,000 and \$27,400 and my arithmetic might not be that correct but I estimate that as a total of \$218,900 and yet on page eight I see transfers from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Local Government there listed at \$249,900 and is it just that my arithmetic is incorrect or...

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I am advised that Mr. Nickerson's arithmetic is wrong.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Does somebody want to get a calculator?

MR. NICKERSON: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, it is my mistake, my arithmetic was wrong and the figures do balance. I must apologize.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Page six, Public Works, repair and upkeep of buildings and works. A reduction of \$52,600. Agreed?

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O And M - Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Agreed

Operation and repair of equipment. A reduction of \$147,900. Agreed?

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O And M - Utilities, Agreed

Utilities, \$644,400. Agreed?

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O And M - Accommodation Services, Agreed

Accommodation services, \$1,661,600. Agreed? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Whereabouts was the alteration, renovation and relocation of government offices at a cost of nearly \$400,000? Where did that take place?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: That consists of portions of office moves and in fact I think it is all in Yellowknife mostly with the establishment of the new courthouse building. A part of it is for the furnishing and the move into that building and then part of it is for the renovation and slight redesign to accommodate units that filled in the space that was left when that department moved.

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

MR. NICKERSON: That appears to be a very expensive game of musical chairs, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Accommodation Services, \$1,661,600. Agreed?

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Natural And Cultural Affairs, O And M - Recreation And Cultural Programs, Agreed

Page seven, Natural and Cultural Affairs, recreation and cultural programs, \$197,000.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, this is the one that I said required to be amended and we have reviewed the matter of the territorial support for the Arctic Winter Games and would ask you to change the top figure which now reads \$146,000 to -- perhaps that is already in your book. I beg your pardon then. Is it proper for me to mention that that change was made as a result of the committee meeting?

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

Recreation and cultural programs, \$197,000. Agreed?

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MR. NICKERSON: What I want to do here, Mr. Chairman, is draw a comparison to the cost of man years and here the cost of one man year is given as \$13,500 and if you will compare this to page one where two man years in the land claims secretariat are figured out at \$130,000 which would be \$65,000 for each man year. I wonder if we could be given some explanation for these huge discrepancies?

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

Operation Of Land Claim Secretariat

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, that is an oversimplification, of course. Back on the \$130,000 one, that does consist of two man years plus a very considerable amount of additional expenditures which Hon. Tom Butters could detail for you if you wished, but it has to do with the operation of that total land claim secretariat and the need to get additional assistance.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the budget is for a partial year only. Not only does it reflect the salary of staff members on the secretariat but it also reflects the very heavy travelling requirements of witnesses to go back and forth to Ottawa. The territorial employees in this group can be called at very short notice and must travel frequently because the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement claim is now under negotiation, as you all know. The other aspect of this fiscal requirement of the secretariat is that in between the signing of the agreement in principle, which should be relatively soon and the final agreement though there will be a great deal of research to be done and certain aspects of the claim, the detail of the claims will now be examined, so this figure also reflects that research need. It is not just salaries for a couple of people; it covers the total operation for the secretariat to serve the Executive Committee and to serve this Assembly.

O And M - Fish And Wildlife

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Tom Butters. Fish and wildlife, \$355,500. Is that all, Mr. Steen?

MR. STEEN: Not yet, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, under fish and wildlife there is a paragraph in there which says, "provide additional funding for contribution payments under the outpost camp program, \$75,000". Can I have some explanation as to that?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I beg your pardon, Mr. Chairman, I was not paying attention.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Mr. Steen, could you repeat that question, please?

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, under fish and wildlife there is a paragraph in there which says "provide additional funding for contribution payments under the outpost camp program, \$75,000". Can I have a little explanation on that allotment?

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

Increased Interest In Outpost Camp Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, the outpost camp program carried on by the territorial government has been in effect for about three or four years. The annual budget which has been approved by this Assembly I think over the last three budgetary sessions has been in the order of \$250,000. The program which started very small would appear to have become of much interest to a number of people in the territories, both in the Eastern Arctic and in the Mackenzie. While our budget estimate for this year was again \$250,000, the applications that were received by the wildlife service amounted to some \$535,000 which meant that we had to reject and turn down a very large proportion of those applications received by people who wanted assistance to establish themselves on the land. I took the request to the Executive Committee to attempt to get some further assistance and the \$75,000 was the amount that they felt would meet all specific needs for this year but it does reflect the very keen interest in this program and I would say an annual increase in the program's budget will be required.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I guess I will be speaking extensively on that particular subject tomorrow morning on that motion I gave notice of today. It will show or will attempt to show where the government is providing high cost welfare programs. The outpost programs in the Western Arctic are becoming a welfare program and I will not speak any further on it today because I do not want to defeat the purpose of my motion tomorrow.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just to add to what I said earlier, when I was in Pond Inlet a month ago I was invited by the Baffin regional council delegates to attend with them and sit in the vacant chair reserved for Mr. Bryan Pearson. Apparently he does not attend the Baffin regional council sessions either. While sitting in that chair this was the one point that was driven home to me, the need, the value of the outpost camp program and the need for more money to allow people to live in a traditional way. I got this for half an hour straight, as my honourable colleagues across the way will attest.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Tom Butters. Fish and wildlife, \$355,500. Mr. Nickerson.

Expanded Management Studies

MR. NICKERSON: I was going to direct the committee's attention to the last item there. The additional two man years for expanded management studies. I wonder if we could be advised what exactly that entails? Is this for raven studies perchance?

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Not exactly, sir. The wildlife service in carrying out its mandate and its responsibility is desirous of putting into each region a biologist to carry out management responsibilities and practical research in the regions and on the ground and the service would be hopeful that some day each region would have its own resident biologist operating in the field situation. This item I believe just reflects two positions.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Where will these two positions be located? In keeping with the process of devolution and decentralization I presume they are to be outside of Yellowknife, is that in fact correct?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, that is correct. I can not advise the Honourable Member as to which region they will be going into at this time, but I would expect, and I suppose I am merely guessing, that it would be Keewatin and the Western Arctic.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Tom Butters. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: I had my hand up to advise the administration on what to do with this outpost camp program. We seem to be creating more settlements out on the land. I think it would be a hell of a lot cheaper for maybe the Minister to to out and build an igloo in the wintertime instead of building a 60 by 60 nice house that should be in town anyway.

0 And M - Fish And Wildlife, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Fish and wildlife for the fourth time, \$355,500. Agreed?

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Local Government, 0 And M - Directorate, Agreed

Page eight, Local Government, directorate, \$35,000. Agreed?

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0 And M - Development And Training, Agreed

Development and training, \$69,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Municipal Affairs, Agreed

Municipal affairs, a reduction of \$333,300. Agreed?

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O And M - Airports

Airports, \$40,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity in this section under airports to ask the administration one particular question and that is I understand at Sachs Harbour the Ministry of Transport will be moving out very soon and that the territorial government will be taking over the airport there. Does the administration intend to bring in airport facilities and board up the Ministry of Transport facilities which are already there? Has the administration negotiated with the Ministry of Transport to take over their facilities at Sachs Harbour?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No, we do not intend to bring in other facilities. I am not sure just how far discussions are along with the Ministry of Transport to utilize existing facilities but we are not going to start the construction of new facilities for there. It would obviously be more logical to come to some agreement with the federal government for the present facilities.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I heard from your field people that the territorial government had no intentions of making any deals with the Ministry of Transport. While I am on the subject of Sachs Harbour, I was there just a couple of weeks ago and there is no place at that airport to plug in your aircraft to keep it warm overnight. It is too far to taxi the aircraft up the road to the Ministry of Transport facilities. What I am saying is that there should be a place on the airstrip apron to plug it in and keep your aircraft warm. Your people there have a small power plant which they provide services to, in cases when an aircraft comes in but do you think we could get hold of the right person who was in charge? He was out hunting some place. So, when we had to stay there an extra night and when he did come we asked him for the power plant and he said "Come see me in the morning at 8:30". So, we went and saw him or tried to see him at 8:30 and we finally got the power plant at 10:00 o'clock. Now, you know that is pretty poor service.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I hesitate to comment. I would agree that that is pretty poor service. I will take note and consideration of what the Member has said regarding plug-in services and see if something better can not be set up so that services can be improved in that regard. As regarding airports, of course, we have a joint usage agreement with the Ministry of Transport, that is, the federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories. I can not comment on what Mr. Steen hears from field personnel but whether that person likes it or not we are in agreement with the federal government on behalf of this government as regards airports.

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

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, may I ask Mr. Steen how far away that building is from the apron?

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

MR. STEEN: Approximately half a mile. You have to taxi the plane from the airstrip to the Ministry of Transport camp.

O And M - Airports, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Airports, \$40,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Town Planning And Lands

Town planning and lands, \$33,000. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question, what is meant by a land agency contract?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, land agency contracts and agents; instead of hiring part time land agents within communities in the territories we enter into contracts with municipal councils to provide this kind of service for residents of the communities. In other words, so that people may purchase land within the municipality. The contracts average about \$1500 per year and in the past we handled this kind of budgetary item under our professional services but we have identified it this year as a separate item and we had advance spending authority to do it and this supplementary amount confirms the appropriation.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering what this department is doing with respect to developing what I would call a meaningful policy respecting the disposition of lands, either through lease or preferably through sale, outside of settlements such that an agricultural policy might develop? Are we in this government doing anything to put together a meaningful agricultural policy that might go forward to the federal government?

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

Agricultural Policy And Acquisition Of Lands

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would like to respond, if I may, in two ways. The Department of Local Government and hence, the Government of the Northwest Territories is putting together a position, or attempting to put together a position, with regard to acquisition of lands outside of municipalities. Now, when I say that I fully recognize that that may provoke some curiosity and some apprehension on the part of various municipalities but we are attempting to come to grips with the situation where people can acquire land. It is a very difficult problem because not all lands are held by the Government of the Northwest Territories and hence, with municipalities. But we are attempting to come together with a reasonable policy regarding acquisition of lands outside of municipalities.

In respect of the question regarding are we doing anything about an agricultural policy, I can not comment on that; not within my knowledge in the Department of Local Government, there may be within others but I do not think we have done very much. It may well be that within the Department of Economic Development they may be doing something on it. The Department of Local Government is not looking at developing a policy with regard to agricultural use of land but we are regarding acquisition of lands outside municipalities.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: I do not propose to vote against this allotment, Mr. Chairman, but I think that I would just like to repeat the comment that I have often made and that is simply that I do not think there is any other jurisdiction in the world that has as much land as we have and I do not think there is any other jurisdiction in the world where it is more difficult to acquire land. I have never been able to reconcile this and I would hope that we would appreciate that if you want any kind of development, whether it is agricultural or whether it is farming, ranching, it does not matter, we have to come to grips ultimately with the problem of how do we let people have title to land. I think that there are large acreages in this territory, particularly south of here, and whether we go back to the old idea of opening up land just for settlement or whatever and I appreciate that we do not control that land, but certainly we do have the responsibility to start recommending to the federal government that this is the sort of thing to happen.

Philosophy On Acquiring Title To Land

Again I appreciate the other situation of land claims settlements not being settled and I am sure we are going to be forced to mark time and sit on our hands until that issue is solved, but it is just incredible to me and I have been saying the same things for 11 years, that we in this jurisdiction have so much of that single commodity and yet it is so difficult to acquire it, outside of the municipality. We seem, and I know the philosophy is rampant in the Department of Local Government, I know the belief there is firmly held by administrators that land should not be sold, that people should not be permitted to acquire title. We had an Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Sid Hancock, who firmly was of the belief and I know he planted the seed in many good public servants' minds and I know it thrives there well today that land should never be sold and that is the reason for the policy in Frobisher Bay, that you should only lease land, that never give anybody title for fear that they would do something meaningful with it. We must, as an Executive Committee, and we must as a policy body, as a Legislature, destroy that thinking forever and tell them to stop thinking that way. It is contrary to our view. Insist that they stop thinking that way and if they insist on thinking that way that they leave and go somewhere else and Saskatchewan is a good place. Go there and that is the sort of philosophy that is rampant in Saskatchewan, but gentlemen, seriously we have to insist that this Executive and the public service behind it stop thinking that way or this country will forever stand idle because title to land, ownership to land, availability of land, is critical, is absolutely critical. Now, Mr. Minister, what are you doing to stamp out that thinking, to erase that sort of thinking from the minds of dozens of your public servants? I know them and I will give you their names if you want them, get them back into -- what do you call what they were doing in Viet Nam -- brainwash them, rebrainwash them to remove that thinking from their minds and what are you doing to brainwash them, that is the question?

New Land Policy

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the Member from South Baffin lives on in another form. Mr. Chairman, I would simply respond that because I have a great dislike for an increase in the New Democratic Party that we are proposing a new NLP. I do not like the NDP within the territories and I think they shirk responsibility and I would not for the life of me want to send somebody to Saskatchewan to increase them but we are, as I have indicated, attempting a new NLP, a New Land Policy within the government.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Well, as our term finishes in March and as I am not seeking re-election it would be a tremendous favour to me if before March we could see this new land policy as I have been waiting breathlessly or will have by then waiting 12 years and have said the same things consistently for 12 years but sadly to no avail. So, I am indeed looking forward to this new land policy and hopefully, before I meet my political death, untimely as it is.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, it would do my heart really good I know if I could breathe some more life into Hon. David Searle's career and take away his breathless condition. I would certainly hope I would be able to do so.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon Arnold McCallum. I recognize the clock as 4:00 o'clock. We will recess for 15 minutes.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): The Chair recognizes a quorum. Call the meeting back to order. We are on page eight, town planning and lands, \$33,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: This gives me a good opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to say something about the matter of lots in Rae and lots in general very much along the same lines as my colleague, Hon. David Searle, was just speaking of although of course I can not put it anyway near as eloquently.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Is that a hope?

MR. NICKERSON: I certainly concur with Hon. David Searle that we must start getting land into private ownership within the Northwest Territories. It is absolutely essential that we start to do this. I think the present policy of the federal government in not giving people title to federal land is a terrible policy. They should be prepared to sell land, there is lots of land available, and they should not hold on to it. Right now it is very difficult to get anything other than a very short-term lease and these are very difficult to come by. I too have been saying the same thing, not quite for 11 years but at least for four or five years and it is my opinion that more and more people in the Northwest Territories are starting to agree with that position now and this is one of the reasons why earlier on in the session I asked the question pertaining to Rae.

Outstanding Land Applications

We heard today in reply to that question that some 12 residents of Rae have land applications outstanding and these are all long-term residents of Rae. They are not people from Yellowknife or any place else wanting to buy land in Rae. It is the Rae people themselves and it is my information that the majority of those outstanding land applications are from fairly elderly people there. They have come to realize that unless they have some kind of certificate of ownership, unless they can say they actually own this piece of land which is delineated by four pegs in the ground, unless they have that absolute ownership of that particular piece of ground then they do not really have anything. A number of people there and in other places in the territories are desiring this ownership, they want to own something, they want to have the pride of ownership in it. What is surprising is the number of elderly people who have made applications for land and these people want something to hand down to their children. They want to say "This is something I can pass on to my children" and that is probably something that would not have occurred to these people a few years ago. In many ways they are no longer waiting for the panacea of land claims to happen. They want to do something themselves and they want to do something individually in the meantime.

I think the same situation exists in Fort Resolution which I visited a few weeks ago. The contrast of course between Rae and Resolution is that in Resolution these matters have been dealt with in a very expeditious manner and land is getting into the ownership and hands of the local citizens. I think this is a good move and I hope that we as a government can facilitate this move. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

0 And M - Town Planning And Lands, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson. Page eight, \$33,000, town planning and lands. Agreed?

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Health Services, O And M - Administration, Agreed

Page nine, health services, administration, \$100,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Supplementary Health Programs, Agreed

Supplementary health programs, \$26,000. Agreed?

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Social Services, O And M - Child Welfare, Agreed

Social Services, page ten, child welfare, \$105,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Does this additional expenditure mean that many more children are coming into our care and custody in Fort Smith and Hay River? Is that what it means?

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, not necessarily. Both facilities required fixing up, and I realize that deals with primarily capital. I think the cost of the operation with regard to personnel, like anything else has increased dramatically. There may be an increase in the one at Fort Smith but I am not so sure that I could say the same thing about the one in Hay River. The Hay River one, of course, required new operation and maintenance. I realize that the item indicates expansion but expansion was done to them and I think to a great extent, I do not think it is sufficient to simply say that there is an increase in the number of individuals being looked after here. I think as well to a great degree some of these costs may have been omitted within the main estimates by mistake and that is our particular fault in not making sure that they were there but I do not think there is a particular pattern being established that would indicate that there would be more occupants, if you like. I hesitate in describing the children who would go into these homes in any other way.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Hon. Arnold McCallum. Child welfare, \$105,000. Agreed?

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Economic Development And Tourism, O And M - Projects Administration, Agreed

Page 11, Economic Development and Tourism, projects administration, \$120,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Where and how much soapstone is to be quarried?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid I can not supply all the details. However, we have in the last two years conducted a careful search for proper stone for carving and quite a number of locations have been found in the Keewatin and the Baffin. These are being mined by the people of various communities. I would have to get any additional information and pass it to the Member if he would like to have it.

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

MR. NICKERSON: I presume, Mr. Chairman, were we to be honoured with the presence of the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism it may be that he would have those figures at his fingertips.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Projects administration, \$120,000. Agreed?

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Education, O And M - Administration

Page 12, Education, administration, \$320,000. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, what is this education programs and evaluation section for \$292,000?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, this is one of the divisions of the headquarters unit of Education and this is the unit that does all of the curriculum work, for instance, for all of the territories. Last year we went through an exercise of re-examining the base funding for each of our departments and in fact we found that we had not left sufficient funds in this department to fund this unit. It is not an expansion or a change, but I have to admit that it was basically an error, an underestimation in the funding of the unit.

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

Civics Program

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, while we are on the subject of curriculum development probably Members of the committee are aware that the Department of Education have put out this civics program which I believe is being taught in the schools of the Northwest Territories at the present time. This is something that we had specifically asked for on a number of occasions. I believe the Commissioner was also of the opinion that it was absolutely essential that this subject be taught in the schools in the Northwest Territories and I think that we owe our congratulations to the Department of Education for doing as we wished in putting out such excellent material. I would like to go on record and I am sure most Members of this committee would also in awarding the Department of Education the accolades that are their due for carrying out this task.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Nickerson, that is a switch. Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I am naturally delighted to hear Mr. Nickerson's words and I will be pleased to pass along his congratulations to the people who have produced this material. We think that it is an excellent course outline. Just while we are on this subject we have available the binders such as Mr. Nickerson is displaying. If any Members wish to see this material, rather than just make a distribution of it and it not be used, I would like to take this occasion to invite you to advise me if you would like a copy of the civics program. It is immediately available and can be given out. So could I ask at some appropriate time if Members would advise if they would wish to have their own copy of the program?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. I guess the Members can approach the Deputy Commissioner if they so wish a copy of this material. Thank you. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Just so the Minister of Education does not get completely carried away, I would convey to him my criticisms of this course privately.

Education, O And M - Administration, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Education, administration, \$320,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Schools, Agreed

Schools, \$15,000. Agreed?

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O And M - Vocational And Higher Education Programs, Agreed

Vocational and higher education programs, \$33,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the administration is aware of certain complaints that are being made by one Mr. Joe Mercredi, a resident of Fort Smith and a publisher of certain newspapers and journals throughout the Northwest Territories of the facilities of the Adult Vocational Training Centre. I wonder if they are aware that he has now chosen a new crusade and whether they think there might be any substance to the allegations that he is making.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I have not seen the paper referred to, however, I will see if I can find any back issues and examine the matter.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask on that particular allotment, I would take the opportunity rather, to ask the Minister pertaining to the AVTC in Fort Smith and the town that he loves so well, I see here he has carpentry instruction, the cost of carpentry instruction at AVTC. I am wondering do you have any students or people who are trying to learn the trade of plumbing, and electrical work in Fort Smith since I only see people coming from the South to do all of the electrical work and plumbing.

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I can only respond to one part of what the Member mentioned and that is to my firmly held belief that I do love Fort Smith and I will have to let the Deputy Commissioner answer for Education, that is not mine any more.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, yes, some courses are offered in electricity and plumbing. I can not speak authoritatively of how far the courses go, but I can say that we have a substantial number of apprentices who are northern residents apprenticing in those two fields, sponsored by the government and some of them being employed by the government and some of them being employed by private industry.

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

MR. STEEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I was just wondering, there must be a reason why there is not enough interest or not very much interest and this is

what I gathered from the Deputy Commissioner's response, that ne does not feel that there are very many people trying to pick up a trade in the North and it must be a problem. I was just wondering what it could be? Are the people aware that you have this? I do not believe they are.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I did not mean to imply that the students were not interested or that there were not enough students. I just do not have the information myself as to how far along the courses progress in those two trades. It may well be that there is not enough information available on what is being offered. I think that is the case for quite a few of the courses that are offered at AVTC and we will perhaps have to do a better job of advertising them.

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

MR. STEEN: A second question of a different nature. On the bottom of that paragraph: "Provide additional funding for clerical assistance at AVTC, Fort Smith." Is that one man year or are you just hiring someone?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: That represents an additional man year.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Vocational and higher education programs, \$33,000. Agreed?

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Executive, Capital - Regional Administration, Agreed

Page 13, Executive, regional administration, \$10,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Clerk Of The Council, Agreed

Clerk of the Council, that is a good one, \$1900. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, funds are required for the acquisition of office and translation equipment and where is this office?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is office equipment and it is not an office. It is office equipment.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, it says "acquisition of office".

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

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: You are welcome.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Clerk of the Council, \$1900. Agreed?

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Capital - Audit Bureau, Agreed

Audit bureau, \$1600. Agreed?

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Planning And Program Evaluation, Capital - Special Projects.

Page 14, Planning and Program Evaluation, special projects, \$1,979,000.
Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, it seems that every time we deal with budgets in the January session and every time we deal with supplementary appropriations later on in the year we keep finding that we are pouring more and more money into the hole in the ground in Nanisivik. Every time we ask we are given the answer that pretty soon the project will be completed and no more funds will be required and then sure enough the next time the estimates come before us there is another million dollars going into Strathcona Sound. When is it all going to end, Mr. Chairman?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we have not varied our program in the last two years for Nanisivik. We are, in fact, working together with the company and elements of the federal government to build a townsite where a very good level of employment is being offered to northern residents. Mr. Nickerson shakes his head but I insist that that is the case. He is a technical man himself and he knows that people can not just leap into employment and take all of the senior jobs very quickly, but there is an important number of people working there and that number is growing and I submit to you that that is a very substantial improvement over not having any employment. Now, of course, the obvious question is at what price and as I say we are not changing our program, we are simply completing the townsite. The money that we are asking for here, the \$1,300,000 is simply to advance the project since the contractor happens to be the mining company and they are getting the work done very much more rapidly than the usual practice when we have to hire other kinds of contractors and so rather than spend the budget next year we are going to spend the majority of it this year. We do not anticipate expenditures of any major amounts for capital for Nanisivik for next year.

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

Against Public Funds For Nanisivik

MR. NICKERSON: I am very pleased to hear, Mr. Chairman, that when we deal with the budget in January that there will not be more than \$5000 budgeted for Nanisivik. I would tend to disagree with the Deputy Commissioner in that respect. I do not think that all of this expenditure of public funds in Nanisivik has generated any substantial amount of jobs other than what would have been generated were it to have been done completely privately. Maybe there is a difference of philosophy between myself and Deputy Commissioner Parker. I do not really think that the public funds should be used for this type of purpose. You can make a very good case for putting public funds into a necessary town or townsite to service certain mines or other projects, but in the case of Nanisivik I do not really think that it was necessary or really sound judgment to develop such an elaborate townsite in that particular area. However, that is water under the bridge now and those decisions were made mainly in Ottawa and they were not made in Baffin Island and they were not made in Yellowknife and I guess we will have to live with it. I am very pleased to see that we are now quickly coming to the end of these expenditures respecting Strathcona Sound and I look forward to the day when we will not have to put any more money into that place.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I have permitted myself the odd time in the past to let Ottawa be pinned with certain decisions that are indeed made there, but the decision to proceed with a townsite was one that was fully supported by the territorial Executive and in fact it was promoted by us because of the express desire of the residents of that area to live close beside their work and that is why we went ahead. It is not an elaborate townsite, it is just a townsite. It is a good townsite, but it is not particularly elaborate. It is a modern townsite.

Snare Lake Community Hall

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, what is this Snare Lake community hall, \$87,000, "Design and construct a multipurpose log building. All labour by residents of Snare Lake". That is a trap, I think. I wonder how many people are in Snare Lake and what gives the administration direction or need to spend \$87,000 on this log house?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the building is a multipurpose log building and it is the only building of any consequence in that community. The people have decided to live there. They can look after themselves there with a certain amount of help but it was less help than if they were for instance staying in Rae where there was no form of employment and very poor game resources. As least the number of people there seemed to exceed the game resources so this is the kind of help that we judged should be necessary for these people to live in that area where they can to a great extent look after themselves.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, the Deputy Commissioner did not answer part of my question which was: I was wondering how many people are in Snare Lake and does he feel that \$87,000 is justified because of the very few people in there. Mr. Chairman, I see the Deputy Commissioner counting his fingers. Please give me an answer.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I believe that there are between 60 and 80 people there, maybe even more.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Deputy Commissioner Parker, I talked to an old time resident of Rae the other day and I asked him how many people were at Rae Lakes and Snare Lake and he said they are all back in Rae on welfare. So I do not know if he knows what he is talking about or not but he is a good friend of mine.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We will have to assume that he does not know what he was talking about.

MR. STEEN: I would like to pursue this a little bit more, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if since the building is not going to serve very much of a purpose other than labour and \$87,000 would not give the people there that much help, the Deputy Commissioner would agree with me that he transfer this fund over to Tuktoyaktuk for the radio station there where it would serve a lot more people?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the problem is that the building is already built and therefore it would be very difficult to achieve what the Member seeks.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): I take it the building is already built and the money is spent. Mr. Nickerson.

Subsidizing Local Employment

MR. NICKERSON: There seem to be a number of cases where the government has funded similar types of construction, Mr. Chairman, and it would seem to me that it might be a lot cheaper to build an equivalent building by different methods, maybe some kind of prefabricated structure. I can understand the reason why that is not done. I guess part of the purpose of building such buildings is to create employment in a place where no real employment exists and people are paid money to go out and cut logs etc. I just wondered to what extent are we engaging in these construction projects in order to subsidize the local people. Just for instance in this \$87,000 log building what could the same building have been built for using standard techniques or buying a prefabricated building? What is the extent to which we are subsidizing local employment?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, I think that a normal frame building or a prefabricated building to be built at Snare Lake would have cost more than \$87,000. I am absolutely confident of that because the only means of transportation to Snare Lake is by small aircraft. We do not have the means of providing even a winter airstrip of a size that could handle large aircraft because there is no machinery for clearing such a strip and therefore the use of logs is a natural in that area. But in any event a frame or prefabricated building would have cost more than \$87,000.

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

MR. NICKERSON: If there is no machinery with which it was capable to build a winter airstrip how did they skid the logs?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: They drew the logs in by boat.

MR. NICKERSON: Oh, I see.

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

A Community Desiring Improvement

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, it is regrettable that the Honourable Member for Great Slave North is absent. The project is taking place in his constituency. I was fortunate to be invited to travel with him to Snare Lake at the time this project was discussed and talked out, not only with Mr. Whitford but also with the Commissioner. It was a very interesting experience in that here was a group of people on the fringes of the settled area who were seeking to improve their small community and to put together a community hall, a school building with their own efforts and with the materials native to the country. We sat for a period of about three hours during which plans were discussed and the people of the community suggested what they would contribute in their work and involvement to put this building up. I think that if the full cost of the building were to be made known it would be considerably higher than the figure that is before us, but as I say I saw a community desiring an improvement in their small outpost, approaching the Commissioner and their Member and asking that this be done and taking the initiative themselves, just as we applauded a few moments ago the Northwest Territories Native Women's Association for their initiative and their willingness to take over and move into projects of their own with a little bit of help from their friends.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I guess this is one place in all the appropriations, especially the supplements, that annoys me, almost a little bit too much, where the administration decides to build something and they get it set, already built and then they hit us with the bill to pass it. What is the point of passing it if they have already built it?

Planning And Program Evaluation, Capital - Special Projects, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Steen. We are on page 14, special projects, Snare Lake community hall, any comments? Agreed?

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Public Services, Capital - Directorate, Agreed

Page 15, Public Services, directorate, \$24,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Just a question. Is that money in that item already passed or is that money already spent?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. STEEN: Yes.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, this occupational health unit is of interest I am sure to Members. I think it came about as a recommendation of the task force on arsenic. I was wondering where we stand in the process of setting up this occupational health unit.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the occupational health unit is partially established but not yet in full operation. I would think that it could be said to be fully operational perhaps early in the new year. The head of it has been appointed and in fact there are meetings today of the arsenic committee in which the occupational health unit is taking part.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Has it yet been fully determined where the occupational health unit will fit in the government structure? Will it come under the Department of Health or the Workers' Compensation Board, or where is it to fit into the general scheme of things?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, it has been decided to place it in the Department of Public Services to work in conjunction with similar services offered in our safety division.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Page 15, directorate, \$24,000. Agreed?

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Finance, Capital - Supply Services, Agreed

Page 16, Finance, supply services, \$1,170,000. Agreed?

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Public Works, Capital - Directorate, Agreed

Page 17, Public Works, directorate, \$35,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Highways, Agreed

Highways, \$27,000. Mr. Steen do you want to go back to directorate?

MR. STEEN: I would like to go back to supply and services on Page 16. It says here "Provide additional funding for acquisition of POL equipment". Can I ask for what place and where?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, this is a vehicle for Arctic Bay and it will serve both Arctic Bay and Nanisivik.

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

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, where is the tank farm going?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, as Members realize we have had over the past two or three years and will continue for another year or two very extensive tank farm programs in which we are upgrading the tankage. We are switching from bolted steel tanks to welded tanks gradually and we are raising the capacity of the tankage consistent with the increase in demand through increased population. We have for this year accelerated that program somewhat and we have major work under way at Arctic Bay, Broughton Island, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Lake Harbour, Pond Inlet, Baker Lake and Eskimo Point.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you. We are on page 17, Public Works, highways, \$27,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Repair And Upkeep Of Buildings And Works, Agreed

Repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$600,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: When did this fire loss occur, Mr. Chairman?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the fire occurred about April, I believe.

MR. NICKERSON: And was the building, or the trades complex, covered by insurance?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We do not carry insurance in the normal sense of the word other than public liability. We act together with the federal government as self-insurers. The federal government guarantees us funds necessary in the current year but in fact it just means that we take the funds out of our budget in subsequent years or, pardon me, we schedule the spending of the funds in subsequent years.

MR. NICKERSON: When is work to commence on the Rankin Inlet trades complex?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: It is practically completed. Mr. Chairman, I really have no intention of misleading Members. I should have said, if I did not right at the start of this debate, that traditionally for supplementary appropriations we have found it necessary to proceed with some of them because they are of an emergency nature and we are not trying to hide the fact that some of these are for buildings that have already been constructed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. Repair and upkeep of buildings and works, \$600,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Operation And Repair Of Equipment, Agreed

Operation and repair of equipment, \$149,400. Agreed?

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Capital - Project Management, Agreed

Project management, \$70,000. Agreed?

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Capital - Accommodation Services

Accommodation services, \$951,600. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: This seems to be a fantastic amount of money, Mr. Chairman, especially when you realize that there was an additional \$1.6 million supplementary estimate in the operation and maintenance part of Public Works. There seems to be something rather funny about the Department of Public Works here and out of the \$8.5 million in supplementary estimates, about half of that is for the Department of Public Works. I wonder why all of the departments have managed to estimate their requirements fairly well and yet the Department of Public Works are away, away out of line.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, of course, the Department of Public Works although being very competent could not anticipate the fire. As for the accommodation services, in fact, it was not their underestimation but the funds had been provided in previous years in the budget of the Department of Personnel and we have this year moved them to Public Works. Frankly, there was an underestimation or the amount that was placed under Personnel was insufficient to do the work. The accommodation services vote, which indeed is a high supplementary, consists of a revote, that is money carried forward of \$316,000 and the remainder of it is mostly due to the fact that we are completing work that has been started in previous years and not finished. In other words, we are being penalized to a certain extent by our own success this year in getting the work done up to date.

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

MR. NICKERSON: Where is most of this staff housing being constructed?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the construction programs for this year consist of 23 units and the majority of the funds obviously then are for the completion of units from earlier years. For this year we are building in Pelly Bay, Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay, Holman Island, Inuvik, Arctic Bay, Broughton Island, Lake Harbour and Rankin Inlet.

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

Staff Housing Policies

MR. NICKERSON: I am pleased to see that those areas where construction is taking place are in what you might call the more remote areas where you can make a very good case for government construction programs which you could not probably make in Hay River or Yellowknife. I might be accused of digressing a little but I wonder if there is any information on the staff housing policies that are supposed to be put into effect in the communities along the Mackenzie highway whereby the idea is that government employees buy their own houses so that the government can gradually get out of the housing business in areas except for places like those we just mentioned.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, that policy is working rather well. We have made a number of sales of staff houses to our employees and that is the trend along the Mackenzie highway. The policy is in place and it is working. We have not built any new units along the highway of any consequence for some time and we do not intend to.

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

MR. NICKERSON: But although the government has not built units along the highway which I am very pleased to see, they have bought some existing houses for their own employees, have they not?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: We may have bought two or three. For instance, in Hay River recently we bought a house to accommodate the head of the liquor system who was transferred there. In most cases though where necessary we have gone to leasing arrangements.

Capital - Accommodation Services, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Accommodation services, \$951,600. Agreed?

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Natural And Cultural Affairs, Capital - Museums And Historic Program, Agreed

Page 18, Natural and Cultural Affairs, activity, museums and historic program, \$782,000. Agreed?

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Local Government, Capital - Municipal Affairs, Agreed

Page 19, Local Government, municipal affairs, \$616,200. Agreed?

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Capital - Airports, Agreed

Airports, \$140,000. Agreed?

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Health Services, Capital - Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Agreed

Page 20, Health Services, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$800,000. Agreed?

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Economic Development And Tourism, Capital - Business Services And Tourism

Page 21, Economic Development and Tourism, business services and tourism, \$38,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I will take this opportunity now to criticize, I guess, the administration for allowing the fur shops in Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik to disappear and with an attempt to get them back into operation, the government has allotted I believe \$30,000 apiece to keep them going for the rest of the year. I see so much money being spent in a year and one of them being the territorial museum and I do not know just what justifies spending in one area and cutting in the other. I believe that the Inuvik Sewing Centre was the real failure of the three projects, but I notice that Inuvik was the first one to get back in operation and I will say this again, that it must be good to be on the Executive when you can at least do something for your constituency.

---Laughter

Mr. Chairman, that is what I wanted Hon. Tom Butters to hear. I do not feel that just because Inuvik fell down that they should shut down the other two places

and with an attempt to put it back in they put \$30,000 in its place but that is only a drop in the bucket. I was told that they could hire half of the labour force that was working in there before until Christmas on \$30,000 and after that there are no more funds again. I am wondering whether the department is planning to increase the amount allotted to Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik to allow them to work until the end of the fiscal year at least?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Mr. Steen. I think you were out of order there but I could not get my mike on here.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I did not say anything bad, did I?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): If you look at page 23 it says something about fur advance revolving fund.

MR. LYALL: Might I go back? When they built a building in Holman Island a contractor from Cambridge Bay did that job and he did a very good job but I think if Spence Bay had been done by a private contractor it would have been finished by now.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, although Mr. Steen may not have been strictly on the subject I think having said what he said I would like to have an opportunity just to respond very briefly to his remarks.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Proceed.

Reopening Of Fur Shops

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: First of all, in fact Hon. Tom Butters fought more strenuously within the Executive Committee for the two fur shops perhaps than he did for the one in Inuvik, but the facts of the matter are that the products of the two fur shops have proven to be very difficult to sell. People are not buying furs but they are buying cloth parkas. Now, we are reopening the fur shops as I understand it -- and I am speaking on behalf of my colleague on the Executive Committee who is absent today -- that we are reopening the fur shops to do a limited amount of work, to fill some specific orders that we have received and to complete some product lines. We have a major campaign on for selling fur coats and if that campaign proves to be as successful as we hope it will be then we will be able to continue their operation, but if that campaign is not successful then we are going to have to take some very hard decisions on fur garments.

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

Economic Development And Tourism, Capital - Business Services And Tourism,
Agreed

Page 21, Economic Development and Tourism, business services and tourism,
\$38,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Education, Capital - Schools

Page 22, Education, schools. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: "Provide additional funding for grant payment to School District No. 1 for gymnasium facilities, \$123,000." I assume that is Yellowknife School District No. 1 and I am wondering what gymnasium facilities you are talking about there.

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, when the Mildred Hall school was built it was constructed with a very small gym or I should say a relatively small gym. Since that gym and the original school were built the school has been doubled in size and they simply can not accommodate their students for any sort of a normal gymnasium program in the existing facility. Therefore they have negotiated with us for money for additional gymnasium space. That contract was called just recently and I suspect that construction will be under way very shortly. It has been designed as a general purpose space where it can be used for gym purposes and that sort of gathering and as far as we can see it is being done at a minimum cost.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Is it an extension to the existing gym then or a new gymnasium?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, it is not an extension because after they called in their architect and had a look at that problem they decided that that was not a suitable solution so it is additional gym space on the opposite corner of the building.

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

New Junior High School For Yellowknife

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, arising from this I am wondering when the new junior high school for the Yellowknife School District No. 1 is planned. For what year is that planned?

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

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, the Treasury Board submission for that school is just today being finalized and it appears in our budget commencing next year. The payment will be extended over three fiscal years, but most of the physical construction will be carried out over a period of two years and completion is for the fall of 1981.

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

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Chairman, I presume that school will appear, will it, in our January budget?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: That is correct.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Is a swimming pool planned to be part of it?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, we examined the possibility of a pool for school and public use but at the present time due to fiscal restraints under which we are operating we do not see any likelihood of us being able to achieve that goal.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fraser): Thank you, Deputy Commissioner Parker. I would like to sympathize with you on the enlarged gymnasium. If I might just say something here, we in Norman Wells do not have a gymnasium at all. We were utilizing the recreation community hall at a small cost and I was guaranteed that it would go through but unfortunately we are not getting what we asked for. The community is still paying for the cost.

Education, Capital - Schools, Agreed

Page 22, schools, \$1,222,700. Agreed?

---Agreed

Natural And Cultural Affairs, Fur Advance Revolving Fund, Agreed

Page 23, Natural and Cultural Affairs, fur advance revolving fund. Agreed?

---Agreed

Total Operation And Maintenance, Agreed

We will go to the schedule on Bill 13-66, page three, amount operation and maintenance, \$4,181,300. Agreed?

---Agreed

Total Capital And Supplementary Appropriation, Agreed

Capital, \$8,618,400, total Supplementary Appropriation, \$12,799,700. Agreed?

---Agreed

Is it your wish then that we go clause by clause?

---Agreed

Total Revolving Funds, Agreed

Sorry, revolving funds, \$100,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 2, definitions. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 3, amount granted. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 4, purpose and effect of each item. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 5, lapsing of appropriations. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 6, transfer of money and accountable advances. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 7, coming into force. Agreed?

---Agreed

Clause 1, short title. Agreed?

---Agreed

The bill as a whole. Agreed?

---Agreed

Is it the wish of the committee that I report the bills ready for third reading, Bills 12-66 and 13-66?

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Fraser.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of Bill 12-66, Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1978 And Bill 13-66, Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1978-79

MR. FRASER: Mr. Speaker, your committee has considered Bill 12-66, Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1978 and Bill 13-66, Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, No. 2, 1978-79. The estimates were approved and I wish to report both these bills ready for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Fraser. In view of the hour, gentlemen, is there a wish to start Bill 3-66 or do you want to leave that? Hon. Tom Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I think that in view of the hour and the long hours of work we have been putting in in the past few days that possibly Members could be informed that in their purple books there are all of the amendments that have been recommended and have been stood down. If they examine those tonight carefully and I believe both English and Inuktitut amendments are in the book then possibly we could go at this again tomorrow in a fresh and positive manner.

Likewise, sir, I have been in touch with Mr. Sam Raddi this afternoon and I am expecting a phone call from him to indicate if they will join us tomorrow and there is a possibility either Mr. Raddi or some representative of the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement will be able to meet with us tomorrow to discuss this in general.

MR. SPEAKER: The message I take it from that, gentlemen, is the suggestion that we recognize the clock.

---Agreed

Announcements. At 9:00 a.m. briefing at the Department of National Defence headquarters for those Members who have indicated, which do include Hon. Arnold McCallum I am told, who wish that briefing. The briefing is at DND headquarters. Are there any further announcements?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It is too late now.

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

ITEM NO. 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, October 26, 1978, 1:00 o'clock p.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Address
3. Questions and Returns
4. Oral Questions
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motion
8. Motions for the Production of Papers
9. Motions
10. Tabling of Documents
11. First Reading of Bills
12. Second Reading of Bills
13. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bill 3-66, COPE Land Claims Settlement, Tabled Document 2-66 and Tabled Document 8-66
14. Third Reading of Bills
15. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Gentlemen, as a last order of business before we adjourn, I would like to recognize in the gallery a distinguished Canadian, Dr. Solandt, the chairman of the Science Advisory Board.

---Applause

This House stands adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m., October 26, 1978, at the Explorer Hotel.

---ADJOURNMENT

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