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Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation

The Committee met in Yellowknife on April 18th to review the majority of the legislation being introduced at this Session by the Administration. The MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT was not then available for review but will be reported on later when the Committee has examined it.

The Committee was advised that the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS ORDINANCE, subject to the signing of the agreements provided for, would permit the undertaking in the N.W.T. of DREE and DREE-type programs. A comprehensive explanation of the kinds of financial assistance available, the purposes for which it can be obtained and the means by which the programs will be operated was given to the Committee. No doubt the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism will be prepared to inform Members in detail on these matters.

In examining the details of the Bill the Committee was advised of the manner in which it would provide for cooperation between the N.W.T. Government and various Federal Government departments in matters of economic planning and development.

As the Committee was satisfied with the explanations provided it agreed to recommend the Bill to the Council as presented.

The Committee in examining the SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND GUARANTEES ORDINANCE was informed that it has two main purposes. First, it will establish a Territorial Loan Fund to replace the existing federal ones now operated by the N.W.T. Government as an agent. Second, it will enable Territorial businessmen to borrow from chartered banks with the support of Government guarantees. The

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism will, I am sure, be prepared to provide additional information on the purpose of this Bill to Members who wish it.

During clause by clause consideration the Committee:

- a) agreed with Clauses 1-3 as presented;
- b) was advised in respect to Clause 4 that when it appears appropriate to the Commissioner, a person other than the Director of Economic Development and Tourism (now Chairman) may be appointed Chairman of the Small Business Loans and Guarantees Board;
- c) agreed to retain "may" in line 1 of Clause 5 because it felt that the Commissioner could not be directed by the legislation to appoint a loan director;
- d) agreed to Clause 6 as presented;
- e) agreed to Clause 7 on the understanding that the nature of security to be taken for loans would be covered by the regulations;
- f) agreed to Clauses 8-13 as presented;
- g) Agreed to Clause 14 as presented because the April 1, 1977 effective date is also the date on which the program was transferred to the Territorial Government;

The Committee after their discussions agreed to recommend the Bill to the Council.

The SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, which would authorize the payment of fees and expenses to members of that board for attending meetings, was agreed to by the Committee as presented. It is, therefore, recommended to the Council.

The SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT which the Committee was advised would permit the Director to delegate certain duties and functions to a local authority would also provide for increases in the number of members on Social Assistance Appeal Committees and the Social Assistance Appeal Board. The Minister of Social Development may wish to provide Members with any necessary additional information.

In examining the Bill minor changes of a purely editorial nature were proposed in Clauses 1 and 4.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Bill to Council.

The Committee reviewed the TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES ORDINANCE and agreed to recommend it to the Council as presented. Members will recall that the administration was requested by a motion adopted at a previous session to develop this legislation.

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