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Report of Standing Committee on Legislation  
Concerning Certain Bills Introduced at the  
64th Session of Council

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Legislation has met to review the Bills introduced at this Session by the Administration and makes the following recommendations:-

- That Bill 1-64 An Ordinance respecting Wildlife not be introduced at this Session. A Motion to this effect was adopted as a first item of business by the Committee when it met.
  
- That Bill 2-64 An Ordinance authorizing the imposition and collection of a tax on public accommodation in the Northwest Territories be introduced for consideration by Committee of the Whole. The Committee requested during consideration of this Bill that information be obtained by the Administration concerning the effect which the original accommodation tax had had on the travel industry in other Canadian jurisdictions. The Committee recommended that Mr. Bugdeon, President of the Travel Industry Association of Northwest Territories be requested to appear before the Committee of the Whole when the Bill is discussed.

- That Bill 3-64 An Ordinance respecting Senior Citizens Benefits be returned to the Administration for policy re-examination and for redrafting as appropriate. The Committee would not accept the Bill as presented by the Administration because it made provision for payment of an old age benefit subject to a means test rather than a universal Senior Citizens Benefit as recommended by the Legislative Assembly. In discussion of the Bill the Committee was advised that the Federal Government disagreed strongly with the Assembly's position in support of a universal old age benefit.
  
- That Bill 4-64 An Ordinance to amend the Nursing Profession Ordinance to provide for the issue of temporary certificates of exemption from registration which would enable persons to work as registered nurses prior to receiving their formal qualifications be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.
  
- That Bill 5-64 An Ordinance to amend the Taxation Ordinance be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration subject to the following considerations, -
  - (a) that the Bill be amended to specify a range within which the Administration could allow the rates of interest and discounts
  - (b) that the schedule referred to in clause 9 which was not made available to the Standing Committee be provided with the Bill when it is introduced into the Legislature

(c) that the provision of this Ordinance relative to tax exemption for church property be amended to bring it into conformity with section 211 of the Municipal Ordinance, and

(d) that the Legal Advisor review sections 15, 16 and 17 of this Ordinance to ensure that they are adequate to carry out the intention of this Ordinance.

- That Bill 6-64 An Ordinance to amend the Corrections Ordinance which would bring the Ordinance into conformity with the Prisons and Reformatories Act be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. When examining this Ordinance the Committee requested that copies of the Federal amendments be made available to Members when the Bill is considered.

- That Bill 7-64 The Summary Convictions Procedures Ordinance which would provide for a system of uniform traffic tickets be referred as presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration. The Committee determined while considering this Bill that the proposed procedures copied general southern Canadian practice.

- That Bill 8-64 An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles Ordinance which would -

(a) provide for automatic suspension or driving prohibitions in respect of persons convicted of offenses against the Criminal Code committed by means of a motor vehicle to enable further classifications of driving licenses and

- (b) enable further classifications of driving licenses and vehicles and different driving examinations for each class of license
- (c) enable Municipal Councils to make bylaws on traffic matters irrespective of whether or not such provisions are enacted in the Vehicles Ordinance, and
- (d) to increase certain fines and to correct certain legislative errors

be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. In considering this Bill the Standing Committee made the following comments and/or recommendations:

- (a) the Committee agreed that proposed sub-section 44(3) be redrafted to provide for oral and sign tests where required
- (b) the Committee agreed that the various classes of operator's licenses and certificates be incorporated in a schedule to the Ordinance
- (c) The Committee recommended by motion that the requirement for a holder of a motorcycle learner's license to be accompanied by a licensed operator be deleted, and
- (d) The Committee requested that a representative of the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council be present when the Ordinance is considered.

- That Bill 9-64 Constitutional Questions Ordinance which would authorize the Commissioner to refer to the Court for resolution questions of Law be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration as amended. In reviewing the draft legislation the Committee questioned the desirability of including in

the Ordinance authority to refer to a Court dispute not relating to the Income Tax Collection Agreement and strongly favoured restricting the Ordinance to deal only with the referral of disputes respecting the Income Tax Collection Agreement to the Court. The Committee notes that the Ordinance introduced is entitled Collection Agreement (Income Tax) Questions Ordinance and relates only to this class of question.

- That Bill 10-64 Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Ordinance be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. In considering this legislation certain Members of the Committee expressed some concern about problems which could arise relating to the designation of beneficiaries and the possibility of conflict between wills and other instruments by which beneficiaries are designated.

The Standing Committee on Legislation will report further to the Assembly when it has completed examination of Bill 13-64 - An Ordinance Respecting Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists and Bill 17-64 - The Judicature Ordinance.