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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
CONCERNING CERTAIN BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE RE-CONVENED
THIRD SESSION OF THE 9TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker; the Standing Committee on Legislation met on October 9 and October 28 to examine the legislation being introduced by the Administration at this Session.

The Committee wishes to make the following recommendations with regard to the Bills put forth.

THAT Bill 3-80(2) An Ordinance to Incorporate the Baffin Regional Council be deferred until the Government of the N.W.T. makes known its policies with respect to regional government, the devolution of authority and the division of the N.W.T. (Nunavut).

The Committee agreed that if the Government does make its policies known with regard to these matters during the Frobisher Bay Session then the Bill could be proceeded with at that Session. The Committee further recommended that when the Bill is considered representatives of B.R.C. and I.T.C. be invited to appear as witnesses before Committee of the Whole.

THAT the following Bills be referred as presented to Committee of the Whole for presentation:-

THAT Bill 4-80(2) An Ordinance Respecting Ophthalmic Medical Assistants which would provide for the registration of Ophthalmic medical assistants and would regulate their practice as such.

Bill 5-80(2) The Legal Questions Ordinance which would provide a means to obtain legal opinions from the Supreme Court of the N.W.T. which would have the force of judgements.

Bill 6-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance which would facilitate the procedure by which property within the territories of deceased persons resident outside the territories may be administered.

Bill 7-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Maintenance Orders (facilities for enforcement) Ordinance which would provide a means whereby maintenance orders made by a reciprocating state can be registered in a designated territorial court by means of a general procedure.

Bill 8-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Conditional Sales Ordinance. This Bill and the three following ones would extend to sixty days the periods provided for the registration of various legal documents.

Bill 9-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Bills of Sale Ordinance.

Bill 10-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Assignment of Book Debts Ordinance.

Bill 12-80(2) An Ordinance To Amend the Corporation Securities Registration Ordinance.

Bill 11-80(2) An Ordinance To Amend the Corrections Ordinance which would eliminate statutory authority for the Justice and Corrections Advisory Committee.

Bill 13-80(2) An Ordinance To Amend the Council Retiring Allowances Ordinance which would extend from one to two years the time limit within which an MLA may elect to contribute under the Ordinance for previous service.

Bill 14-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Securities Ordinance which would require all persons (including companies) trading in a security to file a prospectus prior to trading in that security.

Bill 15-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Fair Practices Ordinance which would alter the exemption already provided for certain institutions to practice discrimination in relation to employment, to limit that discrimination in respect to the special objects for which the organization was established.

Bill 16-80(2) An Ordinance to Appeal the Agisters and Livery Stable Keepers Ordinance.

Bill 17-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Co-operatives Associations Ordinance which would remove the restriction on Co-operatives preventing them from granting credit to members and customers beyond half of their working capital and would instead permit the establishment of credit restrictions by by-law.

THAT Bill 18-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance which would permit municipalities to operate public bus transportation systems and would ensure that accidents arising out of the operation of such systems would be subject to ordinary limitations be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration as presented subject to the recommendation that paragraph 177.1(1)(a) which would permit operation of a monopoly system be deleted.

THAT Bill 19-80(2) An Ordinance to Amend the Workers Compensation Ordinance which would increase the "Years Maximum Assessable Remuneration" from \$16,800 to \$20,400 be referred as presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The Committee noted in its deliberations that its examination of Bills referred to it was made more difficult by the absence of explanatory notes on the draft Bills presented.

The Committee discussed at length the need to make draft legislation available to all MLAs and more readily available to the public prior to its introduction. In conclusion of this discussion, the Committee recommended that draft legislation be made available to all MLAs at the earliest possible opportunity prior to the Sessions at which it is to be introduced.

The Committee received representations by Mr. Appaqaq describing the concerns of the Drug Abuse Committee in Sanikiluaq over the practice of some residents of sniffing solvents, gasoline, etc... and the inability of the R.C.M.P. to deal with this problem in the absence of any relevant legislation; and the concerns in that community over the bringing in by mail of drugs, marijuana, hashish, etc... and the limited ability of the R.C.M.P. to deal with this problem.

Original Signed by Dennis Patterson, Chairman

October 28, 1980.

