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Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.

We will proceed at this time with the morning prayers.

Prayers

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would like to refer all Members to page 38 of the "Debates and Proceedings" of Tuesday, March 7, 1978 and the following question was raised by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie: it states: "Since International Women's Day is tomorrow, March 8th and the United Nations has recognized it, what does this Government plan in recognition of that very important event?"

Mr. Speaker, on a Question of Privilege, I would like to say to Members that we did not want to respond to the questions raised by the Honourable Member yesterday, as we felt that today, on this important day, that International Women's Year should be discussed.

Mr. Speaker, upon reviewing the Legislatures in the western provinces and the number of women represented in each of these jurisdictions, we have come across some very interesting statistics. This House was the first Legislature in Canada to have a woman Clerk and, if one goes through the western provinces, for an example, in British Columbia, where the number of seats are 55 and the number of women in that Legislature are 6. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, there is a percentage of women numbering approximately 10.9 per cent.

In Alberta, Mr. Speaker, the number of seats are 75 in total. Of the 75 Members in the Alberta Legislature, there are two women, which is approximately two per cent.

In Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, there are 61 seats in total and there is one woman. That means less than one per cent, Mr. Speaker.

In Manitoba, there are 57 seats in total and there is one woman, less than one per cent, again, Mr. Speaker.

In our adjoining Territory, there are 15 Members in the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, and there are no women.

In the Yukon, Mr. Speaker, there are twelve seats and, of those twelve seats, three women have representation in this House, for a total of 25 per cent, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to make a general comment, if I may, Mr. Speaker, that if one looks through the "Debates & Proceedings" over the last three years, that the women may only represent 25 per cent membership in this House, but I would suggest that they have contributed about 75 per cent of the debates in this House.

It is also interesting to note, Mr. Speaker, that the electorate that we represent is composed of 7,220 male voters, as opposed to 6,010 female voters eligible to cast a ballot in Yukon elections. It is obvious to me, Mr. Speaker, that the men of the Yukon cast their ballots on merit and do not differentiate by sex.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate a quote made by the late President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who stated on July 4th, 1960: "It is a time for a new generation of leadership to cope with new problems and new opportunities, for there is a new world to be won." The changes in the representation in this House exemplifies the new generation of leadership in Yukon.

Mr. Speaker, in deference to this day, I have taken the opportunity to recognize the women in this Legislature, the Clerk of the Assembly, the two ladies who do such an admirable job in producing our "Hansard", the two Pages who may one day be representatives in this House, and of course the three Honourable Members of the Assembly. I would ask, Mr. Speaker, the Page to come forward and present a flower to each lady in recognition of their valuable contribution in the everyday operation of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Ms Millard: Mr. Speaker, on a Point of Personal Privilege, touche. Thank you very much to the Executive Committee Member for this serious recognition of women's accomplishments in the Yukon. I am honoured that he has done this today.

Further, on that Personal Privilege, I would like to draw Members' attentions to the Public Gallery where, in honour of International Women's Day, we have a Gallery of women who represent many Yukon associations: the Yukon Child Care Association, the Yukon Status of Women Council, the Victoria Lauikner Women's Centre, the Yukon Indian Women's Association, Family Counselling, and the Women's Mini-Bus Society. I think that this represents a very active part of our community. Thank you.

Applause

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I also, on a Point of Personal Privilege, would like to give my thanks to the Minister of Education and the Government of the Territory for the recognition that they have given us today. We have tried desperately with inches of vocal fortitude, to get that recognition and I think it is paying off.

But in recognition of International Women's Day, which was declared in 1910, in response, at that time, to the fight of women for the right to vote, I would like to honour, Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Minister of Education and the Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, with a symbol that recognizes the women of this Territory, who play such a meaningful role in the home, business, the professions, government, and in the political arena.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further points of privilege?

On Monday, March 6th, the Honourable Member from Klondike, following Prayers, rose on a Point of Privilege, involving the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale and, in part, stated as follows:

"I, Mr. Speaker, accuse the Honourable Member of having a direct conflict of interest in proposing an amendment to my motion and even sitting in the House and debating rent control, because property management, as my understanding of it is, is imposing rent on people and everything connected with what we discussed in the Committee of the Whole."

The Chair, at this point stated, as follows:

"In reply to the Honourable Member from Klondike, as the Chair has ascertained it, the grievance arose in Committee of the Whole and Committee of the Whole, having made no report on this matter to the House, it would not be competent for the House to deal with the question."

On Monday evening, of March 6th, the Chairman of Committee of the Whole reported to the House as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, a question of privilege was raised by the Honourable Member from Klondike, concerning the participation of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale in a motion on a green paper on rent stabilization, which took place during the 1977 Second Session.

The Committee of the Whole has agreed to refer this Question of Privilege to Mr. Speaker, for a decision after he has had an opportunity to review the relevant 'Debates and Proceedings'."

Annotation 104, subsection (5) of Beauchesne, makes it clear that it is the duty of the Chair to be satisfied both that there is a *prima facie* case that a breach of privilege has been committed and also that the matter has been raised at the earliest opportunity.

I can advise the House that the Chair is completely satisfied that the Honourable Member claiming a Point of Privilege has indeed raised his point at the earliest opportunity, in keeping with the rule.

It then remains for the Chair to ascertain whether or not a *prima facie* case can be made. In further reviewing the "Debates & Proceedings" of Monday, March 6th, the Honourable

Member from Klondike, in Committee, is quoted as saying:

"On Wednesday, March 1st, we debated rent control in the Committee of the Whole, and I put in a motion in effect asking the Government to establish rent controls. The Honourable Member from Riverdale amended my motion to the effect that it is completely different."

The Honourable Member from Klondike went on to say: "Mr. Chairman, I charge the Honourable Member from Riverdale with a direct conflict of interest. On March 1st, I purchased the Yukon News and in its advertising section, in the particular section of the Yukon News, 'Buy & Sell', of March 1st to March 3rd, the ad says Williams, Yamada & Gosse Limited, Real Estate Agents, Appraisals and Property Management. Listed also is the Honourable Member from Riverdale with his telephone number. Mr. Chairman, I say that it is a direct conflict of interest. To me property management is imposing a levying of rents on people. Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a ruling from the Chair, and if necessary, a ruling from Mr. Speaker on it."

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale in part replied:

"I certainly did consider my position at the time, at the situation, and I would just like to explain to the Chair that yes, my name does appear in the ad of Williams, Yamada. I have an association with them. I am involved in the sales, but mainly my prime function with them is through via the Pulse North Group, and this is in the area of feasibility studies and transportation studies that we have been involved in in the resource management studies. My involvement is a little further away than the direct field of real estate."

On page 10 the Honourable Member also states:

"Mr. Chairman, I would just like to further advise that just to make it more clear that I have no direct interest in rental properties whatsoever."

In offering this ruling, the Chair would like to point out to Members the difficulty of making such a decision under the present rules governing this House. The existing authorities for conflict of interest guidelines to govern Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, I have found to be quite limited.

Rule 9.(1), of our Standing Orders, say: "No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest and the vote of any Member so interested will be disallowed."

In addition, the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections, and Privileges, has been directed by this House to examine and develop proper conflict of interest guidelines which, when applied, will enable a Member to determine his position on any such question, which may come before this House for consideration.

The Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges of the last Session, has committed themselves to bring forward to this Assembly for our consideration, legislation which will outline definite guidelines respecting conflict of interest.

I carefully examined the point raised by the Honourable Member from Klondike and the question I have put to myself is, What is a direct conflict of interest? It can be answered that a direct conflict of interest prevails when an individual enjoys a direct financial benefit as a result of an action.

The information and data presented by the Honourable Member from Klondike is insufficient evidence for me to determine whether or not the Honourable Member from Riverdale has, in fact, benefited financially as a consequence of the resolution passed by the Committee of the Whole, in relation to establishing rent controls.

The Honourable Member from Klondike has accused the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale of, and I will quote: "...having a direct conflict of interest in proposing an

amendment to my motion and even sitting in the House and debating rent control".

Annotation 67.(3) of Beauchesne, tells us: "that although a Member interested is disqualified from voting, he is not restrained by any existing rule of the House from proposing a motion or an amendment".

As I have earlier stated, under Beauchesne, sub-paragraph 5, Annotation 104, it must be made absolutely clear to the Chair that adequate evidence is presented for me to determine a *prima facie* case, with direct pecuniary interest.

I must conclude that the Honourable Member from Klondike has not presented to this House sufficient evidence or information for the Chair to rule in favour of a claim to a Point of Privilege.

I would also draw to the attention of Honourable Members Annotation 113, of Beauchesne, which, in part states: "...that a dispute arising between two Members as to allegations of fact, does not fulfill the condition of Parliamentary Privilege".

In view of the considerations I have just outlined, I have no alternative but to rule that the Honourable Member from Klondike has failed to make a *prima facie* case of direct pecuniary interest, in respect to the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, and, accordingly, has not established a Point of Parliamentary Privilege.

We will proceed at this time with the Order Paper. Are there any documents for tabling? Any Reports of Committees? Petitions? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? Notices of Motion or Resolution?

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Ms Millard: Mr. Speaker, moved by myself, and seconded by the Member from Kluane, THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Recreation Branch should do a preliminary study of the costs and benefits of decentralizing the Arctic Winter Games from Whitehorse to the outlying areas, and bring the assessment back to this House by the end of the present Session.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Statements by Ministers?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might revert to tabling of documents this morning? I missed the tabling of a document.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling this morning a Yukon Recreational Outdoor Survey.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any additional Statements by Ministers? This brings us to the Question Period. Have you any questions?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Constitutional Development/CBC Report

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I have a question this morning for, it could be any of the Ministers or Mr. Commissioner I guess, whoever would like to answer this one. It is with respect to the special report that we heard via CBC yesterday around the 5 o'clock hour or a little after, and then again this morning, Mr. Speaker; the special report involving Sally Halliday, I think it is, and Jeff Carruthers. It was certainly a discussion pertaining to the constitutional development of Yukon, a consultative type of, Drury type if you like, of inquiry, and I am wondering if any of the Ministers could tell me how accurate that report is, or the Commissioner?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will have to apologize to the House, I just heard a portion of the report that was broadcast this morning. You will recall, I believe the day before yesterday, questions were raised in respect to the possibility of some sort of a process being implemented in the Yukon in respect to the constitutional development of our Territory. At that time we said that we had only heard an oral proposal by the Minister and that we were going to receive something in writing and we were going to be looking at it and giving our remarks to the Minister, because he asked us specifically to keep it confidential until which time we could come to some conclusion between the Federal Government and ourselves.

At that time also, Mr. Speaker, it was pointed out that we felt it was the responsibility of the Constitutional Development. So I would say, Mr. Speaker, that this question is going to be raised in the Executive Committee on Friday and I would like to think that if we can come to some conclusions in this area that possibly a statement could be made to this House on Monday, but I cannot comment on the reports of this morning as I did not hear the full broadcast.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary to that, it is directed to you or the Commissioner again or any of the Ministers. I understand that in fact you do have something in writing on that.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, I do not believe that is the question stated.

Mr. Lengerke: Is that correct?

Mr. Speaker: To whom is the question directed?

Mr. Lengerke: I will address this to the Commissioner, Mr. Speaker. Is there something in writing with respect to the report and to the type of proposal the Minister has made, to the Executive Committee?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, we have received terms of reference for our consideration, which are simply putting on paper what was verbally or orally given to us at the meeting with the Minister.

These are the things that we will discuss at Executive Committee, yes.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Question re: Terms of Reference/Availability

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, my question goes to the Minister of Education: is there any doubt in the Executive Committee Members' minds whether they should make this material, the terms of reference, available to the Members of this House?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, it always seems that the Yukon Territorial Government seems to be caught in the middle where something is given in confidence to be considered and then, subsequently, various elements are leaked to the press and I do not know how accurate the report was, because I never heard it, but all I can say, this is going to be taken into account in the Executive Committee, as I personally, as a Member of the Executive Committee, I am getting very tired of attempting to work out solutions with various parties when we are negotiating various things and then we read it in the newspaper.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I might also add that I think the Members are quite right. This is much too important an issue to be discussed behind closed doors. Certainly, such major issues that are involved here should be discussed in the floor of this House and I am sure they will be when the time arises.

I would also add, Mr. Speaker, that the report that I heard went farther than the information we had been given.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member asking a supplementary?

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: This will be the final supplementary.

Mr. Lengerke: To the Minister of Consumer Affairs, do you not think then that it would be in the interest of the entire

House, the Assembly, all Members, to be involved in the negotiation? This is something that not just the Executive Committee should be negotiating and considering and the points that are being made should be considered by all Members.

Is this not correct?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more with the Honourable Member. I am sure this is what is the primary consideration that it should be on the floor of this House.

But we all know of the situation, where we are presented with a document, in a closed session, and then asked to keep it confidential. We are in a difficult situation. We will have to get out of that thing, but give us the chance to look at it and discuss it and then we will do what we can.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Question re: Constitutional Development/Open Discussions

Ms Millard: Mr. Speaker, a question to Mr. Commissioner, on the same vein: will Mr. Commissioner be telephoning the Department in Ottawa to find out if we can discuss this openly, perhaps this afternoon or tomorrow morning?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, no, I will not, because I believe that, given to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee would like to make that decision and you have already heard the views of the Members. I will be speaking to Ottawa as to why or how the information was leaked out, but it has never been our intention to keep this thing hidden and certainly, I know from private discussions with Members of the Executive, that that is their view, to get it to the House, to get it to all of the people of the Yukon.

I must make that clear. It is not just the consideration of the Legislature, it is for all of the Yukon, constitutional development, and I think that that we must have a chance, as a Government, as the Executive Committee, to discuss that.

As you know, two of our Members are away, so it is pretty difficult for us to preclude them from any discussion on this.

Ms Millard: Yes, would Mr. Commissioner give us a time limit on how long we are going to be standing here in limbo wondering why we should not discuss something that was made public over the radio? Is there a time limit on how long we are going to have to wait before the Minister allows us to discuss something that is given to the "Globe & Mail"?

Mr. Speaker: I would have to rule that question out of order. I do not believe that Mr. Commissioner can speak for what the Minister may or may not do.

Ms Millard: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I was asking Mr. Commissioner if he has a time limit set for himself on whether or not there will be an okay from Ottawa, not whether the Minister has.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, no, I do not have a time limit. That is not for me to decide. Executive Committee will consider this and I must return again to the concept of what this Government is all about. Decisions of that nature are not made by the Commissioner, they are made by the Executive Committee and we have not had a chance to even review this document. So I cannot say we have a time limit.

Question re: Constitutional Development/Special Meeting of Ex-Com

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Education. Will the Executive Committee consider a special meeting on the return of the two other Members prior to Friday to discuss this matter?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I do believe it is fairly urgent, and I would like to think that at least the elected Members of the Executive Committee will be getting together as soon as they return and possibly we could have a formal Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions. We will then

proceed to the Order Paper to Orders of the Day under Motions and Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Madam Clerk: Item 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Member Ms Millard.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to proceed with Item 1?

Ms Millard: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable Member from Kluane, THAT the Green Paper on Decentralization at YTG Government offices be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Ms Millard: I would just call question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Question has been called.

Motion agreed to

Madam Clerk: Item Number 2, standing in the name of the Honourable Member Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 2?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Kluane, THAT the paper entitled Memorandum on Electrical Rate Equalization be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Mr. Lengerke: I would call question, Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to

Madam Clerk: Item Number 3, standing in the name of the Honourable Member Mrs. Watson.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 3?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to defer it until all Members are present on next sitting day.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered. We will now proceed to Public Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

Madam Clerk: Second reading, Bill 1, Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Next sitting day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Madam Clerk: Second reading, Bill 5, Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Next sitting day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Madam Clerk: Second reading, Bill 6, Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Next sitting day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Madam Clerk: Second reading, Bill 7, Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Next sitting day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: Would the Committee of the Whole please come to order.

We will continue with our discussion of the Main Estimate after a recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: We are on page 73. We are dealing with Vote 4, Consumer and Corporate Affairs and we were just about to approve some of these things, but it was brought to the attention of the House that Mr. Fleming was not here and we thought we should give the Honourable Member an opportunity to engage in the discussion.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, may I refer to the chart on the overall?

Mr. Chairman: I note in your chart that you are retaining the same director of the Department, Mr. Spray, and what you call the, what do you have the Executive Secretary, Mr. Booth, the Consumer Affairs, Mr. Hackman. What position would Mr. Hackman, Mr. Lawson, Brackenbury, McLaughlin have within the structure of the Department? Has their classification been changed as a result of the re-organization?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the Deputy Head is Mr. Spray, as Mrs. Watson mentioned. There is a Deputy Registrar of Companies and Securities, the Chief Field Inspector, Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Deputy Superintendent of Insurance.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, has their classification been changed as a result of the re-organization? Not Mr. Spray, because he is called the Deputy Head, but the other gentlemen on the chart?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if the Minister could give us a short, brief outline on the *Medical Profession Ordinance* and the *Legal Profession Ordinance* and see how they work and if we can anticipate any changes in either one of those Ordinance this year.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, these Establishments 410 and 420, perhaps we could defer discussion of them until we reach that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one more question. As the result of the reorganization, have any of the Assistant Deputy, they have not had their classifications changed, have any of them received a promotion as a result of the reorganization?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I do not believe so, Mr. Chairman, but I will find out for sure.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on 400?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I might point out on page 74, in the breakdown of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, it is noted that generally there is a decrease because of the transferring out of the various areas that I mentioned yesterday.

There is one, however, fairly notable increase as far as Joint Stock Companies is concerned. That primarily, Mr. Chairman, is because of the industry of this House in enacting legislation in real estate, insurance and in credit unions, which has imposed a further load on this Department.

Mrs. Watson: Has there been an increase in man years. I note that in 77-78 there were four for that, and now we have five. Is that all the increase?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: No, Mr. Chairman, there has not been an increase. You might note that there was one individual who was working in the Department, but who was working totally for the Compensation Board and therefore was transferred to the Compensation Board and therefore no longer appears in the estimate for the Department.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe we are still under general discussion. I am wondering in respect of the new responsibilities of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs if he could tell me at this early date, of course, in his new responsibilities, as to whether provision has been made to

separate in the outlying districts the function of Territorial Agent, perhaps under the Motor Vehicles Section, and all those related duties from that of the Liquor Vendors? I know this is a subject that I have raised constantly for many, many years in this House at budget time. I am thinking particularly in the community of Watson Lake where some very, very grave difficulties are occurring by having your Motor Vehicles Branch closed down at times to coincide with the operation of the Liquor Store and the fact that the duties ought now to be split, in view of the heavy responsibilities on both sides of the fence.

Could the Minister tell me if consideration is given in this budget to make this split, and if not, when we may expect to have this considered?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, that has not been considered at the present time.

I might mention that there is tentative provision to have an individual travelling, as far as Motor Vehicles is concerned, but there is no provision for separation in the individual communities.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would have very much appreciated it if the Administration, before the final passage of this Budget, would give consideration to the suggestions that I have raised.

Inasmuch as Watson Lake is the entrance point to the Yukon Territory and, in terms of its responsibility for Motor Vehicles and licencing and this sort of thing, it is rather important, we feel in the community, that the office of the Registrar or whatever we call him, the Territorial Agent, who acts as a Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles, I suppose, is available to the public at times, for instance, on Monday the liquor store is closed down. So, anyone arriving in Watson Lake on a Friday, has to sit Saturday, Sunday, Monday, until Tuesday to get work done, related to the acquisition of licencing and other things that the Territorial Government normally provide in other centres, perhaps in Whitehorse.

This is too long a period, I think, for the public to be expected to wait in hotels and this type of thing to get proper licencing and documentation, as required by the laws of this Territory.

I would ask if the Honourable Minister would give this matter urgent consideration, in order that, if the Government feels that they, as we do in Watson Lake, that this situation needs an immediate remedy, they may be able to do it within the confines of this budget.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I will look into it for the Member, Mr. Chairman.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, the Minister could correct me if I am wrong, but it seems to me that in Dawson, with the liquor store closed on Monday, that on Saturday, you can do Territorial business because that is when the liquor store is open so the Territorial Agent is there. I may be wrong, because they do want to stay open five days a week, so it is Saturday instead of Monday.

What I would like to point out is that I think Territorial Agents are really in a confusing sort of position and I found, in discussing things with them, that they have such a myriad of responsibilities, that they have to have particular consideration in the system and I think there is a large turn-over because people are not respecting the responsibilities that they have, either financially or even in just, perhaps, having a conference once a year where they all get together and compare notes on expedient ways to do things and this type of thing.

I brought this up once before with Mr. Gillespie and he said that he would be doing a kind of management survey of this position and I am wondering if it is still the intent of the Minister to do something like that.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I am not aware of it, Mr. Chairman. If Mr. Gillespie did anything, I will look and see if I can find anything, but I am not aware of anything being done on this at all.

Ms Millard: Does the Minister feel that it could be important and valuable to the system?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: As I mentioned, I will look into it, Ms Millard.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has brought up a good point and I have an area within my constituency that is not too dissimilar from what he is talking about, since Watson Lake is at a border point, BC, you can certainly understand the necessity because of the licencing and the documentation for people to have that service available to them. I can certainly understand why the Territorial Agent could become two separate positions. But, I would also like to stress that I have a border point in my riding at Beaver Creek, and there is not a Territorial Agent or Liquor Vendor there at all. The situation is getting worse and worse as time goes by.

As the activity in the area increases and it will start to increase this summer, I really feel that the Territory has a responsibility to provide some service such as this in Beaver Creek and not wait until it becomes a crucial type of situation. If the funding is provided, if we can have another look at our budget as the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has said, to review and see whether Watson Lake can, in fact, have someone who deals only with motor vehicles because they serve a large area there. If we could have someone at Beaver Creek as a Territorial Agent so that you could begin to do it now. At Beaver Creek, it would take you several months at least to get it established there.

I do not know what the situation at Watson Lake would be, how long it would take to get it there. Probably it would be just a matter of putting in partitions and hiring a man year. But I would really request that the Minister of Consumer Affairs review this with the thought of giving that Territorial Agent at least a Territorial Agent, I would hope a Liquor Vendor. When you think these people have to buy their liquor at a price higher than anyone else where there is a liquor vendor, it is not right. But the Agent, the service that they need, they are 300 miles from Whitehorse, they are at a border crossing, and yet the Territorial Government has no official state in that community.

Another point I would like to bring up that the Honourable Member from Ogilvie sort of touched, that the Territorial Agents who serve a dual function, as agents and liquor vendors, do have some problems. Just being a Territorial Agent, they have to be knowledgeable in so many areas and so many licences that you almost look at them as a quiz kid, but they are as close as the telephone to Whitehorse.

I know, from having gone to a Territorial Agent, and from having people go to a Territorial Agent to get information or some action, the Agent phones in to Whitehorse, some of the departments, and they are not given the co-operation that they should be given.

In fact, some of the departments won't even accept a collect call from the Territorial agent and the Territorial agents just, you know, what are we supposed to do.

And yet, they are performing a function on behalf of that department, in that community and I would hope that the Minister makes sure that his Department and the people that the Territorial agent report to, would somehow or other get the message across to all Territorial Government departments that they, in fact, must co-operate with these Territorial agents.

They feel pretty lonely sometimes, when the guy at the other end says no, I am sorry, I am not going to take a collect call. That is ridiculous.

Mr. Chairman, I would wonder if the Minister could tell me who the Territorial agents report to, within your Department?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know. I will have to find out.

I could also suggest to the Member that perhaps that now that they have a post office out at Beaver Creek, we could

perhaps put the agent in the post office.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if there isn't room, they can use the school. It is needed.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to rise in support of the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, because I know of the difficulties that have been had by some people in the Territory that have gone to Watson Lake, on a Monday, and have had to stay there. The actual fact that they have.

I wonder if maybe the Minister would take a good look at the situation, if it is absolutely necessary to have the agent and the liquor vendor one and the same, whether we need liquor on Saturday, more than we need business done on Monday. You know, possibly, it might be the other day it would be open.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Just one final comment before we pass on from this subject. I do thank the Honourable Minister for his consideration and the fact that he will be looking into this.

I do believe the Territorial agents report to Mr. Brackenbury, under Motor Vehicles, but they do fulfill many other functions and this is where we pay our taxes and our fines and our different things, and I really hope that a solution can be found and a policy, which is very, very flexible can be found to deal with these situations, where they have merit.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I did not want to rise on this debate, but I find it puzzling. I mean, the Territorial Agent only reports to Mr. Brackenbury in the Motor Vehicles, because they fulfill other functions than motor vehicles.

My question would be, Mr. Chairman, who else do the Territorial Agents report to, because there are other departments than Consumer Affairs and Corporate Affairs?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know.

Mr. Chairman: They report to Mr. Spray.

Mr. Berger: Well, Mr. Chairman, that is not quite true, because, I mean, Territorial agents also collect monies for the Health Care payments and so, I mean, in other words, this Department is not even under the Consumer and Corporate Affairs. So, in other words, they have to report to somebody else, too.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would certainly appreciate it if the Minister would review the situation with Beaver Creek before we, in fact, adopt this budget.

Mr. Lengerke: It is fine, Mr. Chairman, that is the point I want to make.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Sherlock, did you have something to say?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to add that, in connection with this, it is a question raised by Mr. Berger. Where finances are involved, the Territorial agents do, in fact, consult through Mr. Spray. So there are joint consultations between departments, worked through Mr. Spray.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one more question: how long will we keep the metrication officer within the Consumer and Corporate Affairs? This is not, it is going to be a permanent program, metrication, so we do not want to set up a little sub-department for metrication, because, surely to goodness, one of these days, people are going to become familiar with the system, not too long down the road.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I think we all had a circular from Metrication Canada, a month or so ago, which outlined the process of metrication in Canada, and it really is at its peak about now and it will be slowing down and it should be gone in about three years. I believe that is what the target date is.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion? Is it the wish of the Committee to stand 400 over?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Primary 410, *Medical Professions Ordinance*, \$100. Discussion?

On Establishment 410

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if, at some point in time, the Honourable Minister could bring forward to the Committee, the information relating to how much money has now been spent on the prosecution of Dr. Wigby, within the *Medical Professions Ordinance*, to this day, and in what areas were they spent.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I have some of this information with me this morning. The cost is by no means complete and it is very difficult to give an overall view of how much the inquiry is going to cost.

First of all, as far as the fiscal year that we are now in, that we are just completing, the cost to date has been just over \$21,000, but we have not received the billing for more than half of the money.

It is anticipated the cost of the second inquiry will be in the range of \$49,000 - \$50,000. That, of course, does not include the money voted previously for the first inquiry, which, I think, was in the range of \$30,000.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I asked a question before and was referred to 410 and 420. I wonder if the Minister could give us a report on how both Ordinances actually work, if they work properly, if we can anticipate any changes in the Ordinance, if any changes are necessary?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, as was referred to in the budget speech, it is the intention of the Government to bring in a new *Medical Professions Ordinance*. It is a very short time ago that we went through the exercise of introducing a new *Medical Professions Ordinance*, but it has been found to have been inadequate and caused several difficulties, as far as licensing, et cetera. These inquiries have exposed areas of weakness in the Ordinance, and so, after considerable consultation with other agencies, we have drawn up another Ordinance to replace it, which will function quite differently and will remove some of the direct responsibility from the Government, on to an independent board, so that we won't be getting into the political arena with every problem, as far as licensing is concerned or of, in the case of an inquiry. It could be dealt with on a more objective basis.

There will be more of that, of course, when the bill is introduced.

As far as the *Legal Professions Ordinance*, there has been nothing to my knowledge. As you know, the *Legal Professions Ordinance* has not been in place for very long and I have no knowledge of any inadequacies that have turned up in it as yet.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if we can anticipate the changes in the *Medical Professions Ordinance* in this Session or are we going to call a special Session early this summer or are we going to wait until after the next election?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: There is no plan to introduce it during this Session, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in relation to the question I asked respecting the Wigby Inquiry, I would also like to know how much money of the portion, whenever the figure is known, Mr. Chairman, of how much of the amount of money spent under the *Medical Professions Ordinance* has been paid out to a lawyer, John Steeves of Vancouver. I would very much appreciate knowing, also under the *Legal Professions Ordinance* or any other Ordinance of the Territory, how much money has been paid out in this last fiscal year to this lawyer, John Steeves, under any Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Steeves has not yet submitted a bill to this Government for either Inquiry.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the *Legal Professions Ordinance*, there might be a bit of an association here but I wonder if the Minister could tell us now, the costs to date of the Stratton Inquiry. I think he is probably knowledgeable of that.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the costs, as far as the Stratton Inquiry are concerned, are estimated only as we have not yet received full billing by any means.

As of March 6th, \$17,000 had been paid out towards the Stratton Inquiry. In the figures that are quoted as far as the costs are concerned, there is of course, only consideration here to the Territorial costs and therefore, there are no legal fees involved for the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.

It is estimated approximately \$18,000 in legal fees, \$15,000 in reporting fees for Allwest and miscellaneous expenses bringing the total to \$41,000 to date but I must emphasize that this is an estimate only. I would also submit that there has been no submissions or agreement on behalf of the Government or the Inquiry to consider paying the legal fees for Mr. Lueck's lawyer or CYI's lawyer.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to add to the request that was made by the Member from Watson Lake, I would like to know what the costs of the Wigby Inquiry have been but I would like, not just only to have John Steeves' fees listed, but, I would also like to have the other fees of other people involved within the Inquiry to be made available to this House.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, most of the bills have not been submitted and it is very difficult, therefore, at this precise moment to say what they are going to be. I can tell you that I think that Dr. Lehman is the only member of the Board that has submitted his fees so far, and the other two have not. So it is very difficult to get a hold of what the actual cost is. I cannot give you the figures you are asking for until Mr. Steves submits his bill and the other members do.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we will wait until then.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, maybe the Minister could tell me, is there any time limit when they have to submit their bills on these things? Really, you know, it could go on forever.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: That is a good point, and they have received messages from this Government stating that we would certainly like to have their bills in before this fiscal year ends, which, as you know, has got less than a month to run now. But that is the request that has gone out to them.

Mr. Lengerke: Have you got a rider on that that if it is not done by the end of the month or whatever that it is null and void or something? I think that might be good.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, this Government does not wish to get into any more inquiries, no.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion on 410 or 420.

Establishment 410, *Medical Profession Ordinance*, \$100.

Establishment 410 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 420, *Legal Profession Ordinance*, \$100.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this Ordinance actually will be more expensive to operate under because of the fact that you have referral boards here, and you have your referral boards in Alberta, I believe it is, and then it can even go to the courts and is not the Government of the Territory responsible for those costs?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we could ask the Treasurer this. We are discussing this whole inquiry under the *Legal Profession Ordinance*. Does it come here? I would think it comes under the *Public Inquiries Ordinance*, does it not?

Mr. Sherlock: That is right.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I probably did not phrase my question too well. I am comparing the costs under the operation under the old *Legal Profession Ordinance* and the cost to the Government to operate the new *Legal Profession Ordinance*. The new *Legal Profession Ordinance* will be quite a bit more costly than the old one because of the

three steps that have to be gone through which the Government of the Territory will likely have to bear the cost for.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Yes, I agree with the Member, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, under the *Legal Profession Ordinance* I believe there is another case before the Court, and are there any costs that are attributed to the Territorial Government for that case that the Honourable Member has at the present time?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I have no knowledge of that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we were given an estimate figure of \$15,000 to put into the budget and that is the figure that appears in the Supplementary Estimates. That refers to the Christensen case.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, why did you not estimate more than just the \$100 in the 78-79?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, because they really did not have a figure to estimate on. In cases like that, we use the \$100 or \$1 concept. In other words, recognizing that there will be an expenditure coming through Supplementary Estimates. That is all that 410 and 420 does, it simply recognizes that there will be expenses coming through Supplementary Estimates when the expenditure is known.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 420, *Legal Profession Ordinance*, \$100. Shall this Establishment carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Establishment 420 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang, it is my understanding that the next Estimate would be the Public Service Commission, is that correct?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I gather that would be correct, Mr. Chairman. I would suggest that possibly the Commissioner be in on this Vote.

Mr. Chairman: Is the Commissioner available to appear at this time?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I could see whether or not he is.

Mr. Chairman: We will just have a brief recess for a few minutes until we find out if the Commissioner can be here. There is no need to leave the Chamber.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Committee please come to order.

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On Establishment 1000

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner or any of the Members of the witnesses have a chart, an organizational chart of this Department?

Mr. Commissioner: No, Mr. Chairman, we do not have one handy, but it can easily be arranged for the Honourable Member. This is a Department which has not changed for many years and is the organizational chart that was in existence for the past six years of so.

Mr. Lengerke: It is not a very significant change, Mr. Chairman, but I believe there is a change in the man years, is there not? Is there one added over last year?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, one was added during the past year. A personnel officer was required because of the increased load in the Department, just a straight growth factor, to handle the recruitment of new personnel.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, could we have an explanation of the tremendous increase in Primary 29, Interviews?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, that simply reflects an accurate breakdown of the expenditures. The year before, under Primary 34, Removal, there was a \$226,000 estimate and only \$23,000 in interview. Really, that is one component. It is

handled as one central unit and in 1978-'79, the Public Service Commissioner's Office tried to more accurately reflect the actual expenditures under, first of all, interviewing people and, secondly, removal or bringing people to the Territory or away from the Territory.

So as you add 29 and 34 together, you get a more accurate reflection of the actual expenditures for that process.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner stated that you increased one man year during the year, and one man year was transferred to the Department of Education, I believe, or the Department of Education took over some of the functions of recruitment and also the funding for the costs of recruiting teachers, which used to be within this Vote. I wonder if the Commissioner has any statistics or anything to justify the increase in expenditure, the increase in one man year, when we are transferring some of the functions from this Vote to the Department of Education? What statistics do we have to justify this increase in costs? Do we recruit more people? Do we move more of them in or are more people leaving, or what is the reasoning?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we do not have the statistics with us. I am sure the Department could provide them if they are asked.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder, if they are preparing some statistics for us, they could indicate to us the number of local hires that were done within the Yukon. It is hiring people from outside of the Yukon that is very costly, to the Yukon and is a lot of the money that is in this Vote.

Another question I would like to ask, is that if you look at outside papers, you see some very large ads advertising for people to work for the Territorial Government. When you know the costs of some of those ads, you wonder whether in fact it is worthwhile going to that expense. I wonder if the Government has some figures on how much that actual advertising does cost us, and how do we choose what papers to put it in? Do we work through a separate agency?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I do not have at my fingertips the actual rationale of it, but I will certainly get that information for the Honorable Member.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I might be able to help out a bit there. The advertising costs, of course, are shown in Primary 40. The Public Service Commission does go through an agency for advertising Outside. It is on a competitive basis, as I understand it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it should be pointed out that there is another added responsibility that has come to the Public Service Commission which was not there a couple of years ago. That is the negotiations for collective agreements with the various union organizations within the Civil Service. It is on an annual basis, as all Members know now, in view of the fact that the AIB came into existence here approximately, I believe, it was two years ago now. Subsequently, rather than a two or three year agreement now you are looking at annual negotiations in each of these areas, so the workload in that area has increased, probably tripled or quadrupled in the last couple of years due to the fact that we have to conform to the AIB and all the forms that have to be done.

I know from the experience in the Department of Education that this has really put a lot more responsibility on the Public Service Commission, because it is a case of going through each individual's classification and doing the necessary figuring and this kind of thing that has to be sent to the AIB, then sent back. It is a procedure that really takes a lot of time, and in order to do that, you have to have the people to be able to process the work that has to be done.

Now now to what extent that takes their time, I could not say right now, but I do know that it must be three or four months' work, in the final analysis in each collective agreement that is negotiated.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, just to follow-up on the Member from Klunene, the question of advertising, that is quite an increase over last year and is that just due to increase in advertising rates or does that indicate that we are getting a greater turn-over of people and we are having to go out and advertise a little more and try and get those positions filled or just what is that?

Also, the other question that I wanted to ask, Mr. Chairman, is with respect to recoveries, expenditure recoveries, as to recovering \$20,000. Is that strictly in EMO recoveries? I think last year, if I recall, it indicates \$15,000. I know that is EMO. Is there something new that we are recovering?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, in connection with recoveries, yes, that is EMO recoveries. In connection with the increase in the advertising, there is a supplemental increase of \$11,000, which makes the relationship between \$62,000 and \$93,000, as opposed to \$51,000 and \$93,000.

I might add that the additional man year was a classifying officer and not a recruitment officer. The position in Education was a new position. The position in Public Service is a new position.

Mr. Lengerke: Just to follow-up on that recovery, just in interest, why is it \$20,000 now? Is there a new formula or is the EMO contribution based on a per capita?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is based on expenditures and the estimate for this year is \$20,000.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, just pursuing the advertising a little further, what agency does the Territorial Government work through? Do they go to competitive bid and is it the same agency this year that we had last year?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is the same agency we had last year. I do not know whether I can answer the question whether they go to competitive bid correctly. I think we should ask the Department the question.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we will have to speak to the Public Service Commissioner with regard to that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there is a great deal of money, \$203,000, almost a quarter of a million dollars for removal costs. Is that the costs of bringing employees in, taking them out again and for moving them within the Territory? What is the policy of the Territorial Government? Do they pay all of these costs when there is a new hire and do they have to stay here a certain length of time before we pay their removal costs out again?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the removal costs of \$203,000 are, in fact, related to new hires. There is a policy which indicates the amount of reimbursement that a new hire may get and that is laid down in policy and regulations, and policy and regulations, I do not know the numbers off the top of my head.

There is also, in the same policy, provision for the length of time that a person must stay before they can be assessed back, or recovered, some of the cost of the removal, if they should leave before that, but I believe that is at option of the Public Service Commission.

Mrs. Watson: Where would we see the costs of the professional negotiators?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, those are in Primary 20.

Mrs. Watson: Which one though, is it the \$48,000 or the \$24,000?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman,

Mr. Lengerke: What is the breakdown of that \$24,700 if you have it there? **Mr. Sherlock:** Mr. Chairman, the breakdown is YPSSR Board is \$10,700; the YTSR Board is \$6,800; and the Consultant Classification Chairman is \$9,200.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my question relates to Primary 20, and the Emergency Measures Organization. I am puzzled that in the development of this Organization that there

is no increase over last year in expenditures in this department. I see last year we estimated \$26,000 and this year we are down to \$25,800. It seems to me that we would be wise, as a Government, to strengthen wherever possible, the development of the Emergency Measures Organization per se. The increase of probability of incidents in everything from forest fire, aircraft movements, winter power failures, I think that is coming to our attention, and this type of thing where EMO Organization are going to be primarily counted upon to cope. I am wondering if I could be told, Mr. Chairman, as to why the Emergency Measures Organization budget is not higher so that this group could be strengthened, and also if I could have some information as to the \$13,700 in Professional and Special Services in Primary 20. What is this forecast for?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I can answer the last question. That relates to public training funds, \$11,500 and instructor costs of \$2,225, for a total of \$13,725. Concerning the policy aspect of it, perhaps I could refer to the Commissioner or we would have to go back to the Department and get an answer for that.

Mr. Commissioner: I suggest we will have to contact the Emergency Measures Officer to determine the reason.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, on the EMO, my question would be, in the recent event of the Russian Satellite coming down in the Northwest Territories, and the possibility exists that it could possibly have landed on part of the Yukon. Could the EMO in the Yukon be informed by the Federal Government of these possible events?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, not to my knowledge. The only thing I would like to add to that is that I think that maybe if it happens in the Yukon, maybe we would be better off financial if we had the Russians come in and clean it up.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, then I question the function of the EMO. I mean, here we have one Member standing up and requesting more funding, and it is a Federal Government subsidized organization, and I question really the function of an organization like this. What is an emergency? What is considered an emergency by the Federal Government, or by this Government, besides a forest fire and some other things, flooding or something?

I really question the seriousness of an organization like this.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think that it is clearly obvious that someone in our Government and within our communities, with the guidance of Government, must be prepared for disasters that occur beyond the normal. Traffic accidents, perhaps, can be coped with. We have ambulances, we have fire trucks. Some small forest fires can be handled by our forestry groups and so forth but there comes a time, and I think that everyone ought to appreciate, there comes a time when you have an aircraft disaster, with logistics so great that you need to bring into action, shall we call it, you emergency measures people of that area. There are times, in fact, that through the Emergency Measures Legislation, this House or the House prior to this has passed, that we have to call for assistance from the military, for instance, to deal with situations as raised by the Honourable Member from Klondike, I believe, should a satellite fail and such a situation occur.

There are situations where we have to call out for the emergency hospital units which can be flown in here by the military to cope with certain emergencies. There are situations, for instance the City of Whitehorse, if it were denied power at forty degrees below zero for a period of two days, it is that same emergency measures organization that go to work and try to resolve the problems, look after the population and try and get the thing going again, back in a functional position.

I could go on and on and on but I think I will leave the rest of the imagination to the Members but I say to the Honourable Members, Mr. Chairman, do not take this one too lightly and it is nice to smile here but when things happen and we have an

aircraft disaster or we have one of these like disasters, power failures or whatever, it is pretty nice to know that the Government of the Yukon Territory had the foresight, through its Emergency Measures Organization to have somebody working while everybody is laughing and sleeping.

Mr. Sherlock: I might be able to answer part of the question asked earlier on why there was not a substantial increase in this particular establishment, it relates to the function of EMO, it is primarily a co-ordinating function here and the costs that appear in the budget are only for this co-ordinating function so that if there was an emergency anywhere, this office would simply contact someone else and draw in the assistance necessary and there would be cost associated with those other people or what have you or equipment.

At that point in time, there would be other recoveries, and, of course, we do not budget for those kinds of contingencies. This budget only reflects a co-ordinating function for EMO.

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a number of questions I would like to get some clarifications on.

The first one is dealing with benefits, under the Public Service Commissioner, in reference to the Government employees, I am curious, I believe in the last round of negotiations, there was a commitment made by this Government to go into classification reviews. So my first question is, Mr. Chairman, has the Government of Yukon budgeted for a classification review officer? If so, is it in the budget. This is my first question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that was the answer that I gave a little while ago, that the additional person was, in fact, a classification officer.

Mr. McCall: My next question, Mr. Chairman, I believe, and I stand to be corrected, that there was a classification review conducted in Haines Junction, on contract. Just where are the funds in the budget for the contract that was let to an individual to conduct the classification reviews during the winter months, at Haines Junction, with the Highway Maintenance crews.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, that of course is in the current fiscal year, and that would appear under Supplementary Estimates.

Mr. McCall: My last question, Mr. Chairman, when was this Classification Review Officer hired by the Government, and what work has been done up until now by this Officer?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the position has not been filled with a permanent person yet. I believe the Public Service Commission was using contact people at this point in time. It probably should be further clarified by the Public Service Commission.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, just one final question, I would like to have the information provided to Committee as to what this contract cost, and what were the results of the contract after it was given out? I would like to know the total amount of the contract that was let prior to the consideration being given for a Classification Review Officer, and I would like to know the exact amount, and what were the results of the individual that was hired to do this specific assignment of work?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we will undertake to answer that through the Department.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, I understood that this was going to be a Supplementary Estimate. Is that right?

We will find out at that time when we deal with the Supplementary Estimates.

Mr. McCall: Yes, with all due respect, Mr. Chairman, it is very relevant to Vote 10.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, to go back to the EMO once again. My question would be, was there any protest launched by the EMO office and by this Government to Ottawa for not

being notified of the possible disaster that could have occurred in the Territory?

The other question I have, Mr. Chairman, is on Removal of Primary 34. I would like to know what department mostly concerned with it, what services in the Public Services are mostly concerned with \$203,000 that we are talking about here?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I think we probably would best answer that by when we provide the statistics on the hirings, or already anticipated hirings, for next year.

Mr. Commissioner: Regarding the way the EMO functions, I had an opportunity to review that particular incident that the Honourable Member talks about when I was in Yellowknife, and there was never any doubt from the time it started into its orbit around the earth, where it was going to land. They started tracking it well out over the Pacific Ocean, following it every inch of the way and it was well known that it would miss the Yukon by some thousand miles.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I disagree with that particular statement, because I think the real path of the Satellite was just about on the southeastern corner of the Yukon, and that is not a thousand miles away from the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: We will recess until 1:30, and I trust that the witness from the Public Service Commission that could provide us with some definite answers will be here at that time.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would the Committee please come to order.

We are dealing with Public Service Commission, Vote 10 and Establishment 1000.

You each have received an organization chart for the Public Service Commission, as requested this morning.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, just a question to the chart that we have been provided. Under Recruitment and Training, we have got, apparently, three man years. I have not got anything to refer to here, probably I have got the answer if I was looking for it, but is there a reduction in those man years, under Recruitment and Training, as a result of now, I believe, under the manpower and then there is an area there for Recruitment and Training? That area has been taken away, so has there been a reduction under this Establishment?

Mr. Sherlock: No, Mr. Chairman, there has not been a reduction. As I understand it, the increased number of Government people, besides the school teaching staff, have increased to a point where the three man years are just sufficient to look after them.

In addition to that, the recruitment of teachers, even in prior years, did in fact involve the superintendent, so there was a shared responsibility there before.

Mr. Chairman, if I may mention, the Public Service Commissioner is on his way down. He should be here in a minute.

Mr. Chairman: Okay.

Mr. McPhail is appearing as a witness.

Now I think we could have some of the questions that were raised this morning that were not answered because Mr. McPhail was not here.

Mrs. Watson: Okay, Mr. Chairman, possibly Mr. McPhail, I am sure, can handle this question without having to take it as a written question and there was the undertaking this morning that it would be a written answer. My question was that the budget this year reflects \$100,000, or about an \$80,000 increase over last year. There is only one more man year, that is a classification officer. Some of the functions of the Public Service Commission have been transferred to the Department of Education. They will now be responsible for recruitment of teachers.

I am wondering what the justification is for this type of an increase? Is there a significant workload increase caused by a greater turnover of staff and is there an additional workload

increase because a great deal of that staff that has to be now recruited is recruited from outside the Territory?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, in answer to the Honourable Member's questions, in terms of workload, there has been a heavy increase in workload. This has resulted partly because of the Anti-Inflation Board. As you know, at one time we used to have two year collective agreements, altering the years between the teacher's and the PSAC. Once we got ourselves into the Anti-Inflation Board, of course the unions are going to go for nothing more than a one year contract.

As a result of that, I do not have to tell the Members in this Chamber that we have just forwarded the AIB forms for the teachers. We have yet to receive a reply, and as you know, will soon be in negotiations with the teachers. Notwithstanding that we are waiting momentarily for the demands from the PSAC.

So, in terms of workload itself on the Public Service Commission, in terms of collective bargaining, preparation, we have frankly been snowed under. For that reason, we requested the new man year, we advertised, and we were unsuccessful. We advertised in October hopefully to get that individual to help us with the Health transfer. Notwithstanding that we did not get the individual, we worked on the Health transfer and of course that has fallen through at the moment.

But, we anticipated, as a Public Service Commission, that we would receive six positions transferring from the Federal Health to the Public Service Commission. Of course that did not occur, and if it does occur, again, positions would be transferred over because we have guaranteed, automatically, job offers of employment.

Secondly, to refer to the increase in expenditures, increases have occurred in the interviewing area. The fact that we find more candidates in to take a look at Whitehorse, more candidates including their wives. At one time in the late sixties, early seventies, it was my impression that we would often bring a male or female candidate in, but now most candidates are asking for both husband and wife to come in. They like to take a look at Whitehorse, they want to look at the housing situation, so we are now in a situation that we are flying more candidates in because they are requesting to take a look at the community, i.e. Whitehorse in most cases, before they accept employment. Those expenses have skyrocketed because of volume.

I should also tell you that right at the moment, if you look at our recruitment board, you will see that we have got roughly 21 advertisements, which could be considered outside hires, and they are in the area of Social Workers, Supervisors, Probation Officers, Economic Research and Planning Officers, Director of Purchasing, Pipeline Co-ordinator, on and on. I would say that at the moment, the number of ads we have got are fairly heavy. It is just circumstances.

In terms of turnover, our turnover dropped last year to slightly below 30 per cent. Our average has been between 30 and 35. I anticipate that it will go up slightly.

I should also indicate that it is our experience with the advent of the pipeline, applicants from outside the Yukon are asking questions about it, questions concerning inflation and costs and they would like to see Whitehorse. They want to see Whitehorse now, and that is understandable.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this raises another question. Are you considering some sort of policy that you could implement whereby applicants would not use the Territorial Government as a stepping stone to get into the Territory? How long do they have to work with us, and then leave the Territorial Government and go with either the pipeline or the Shaktak Project. I think this is a big concern.

Mr. McPhail: Obviously it is a concern to us, but there is nothing that we can really do except, hopefully, if we have got promotional avenues to ensure that these people apply on jobs and if they are promotable, they are, in fact, promoted in the service.

I think, frankly, that our Government has got a good record, if you take a look at the senior level positions in our Government and see who has come through the ranks.

In terms of the Shikwak Project and the pipeline, obviously the Yukon Government has to maintain itself in a competitive position and whatever that means, we are going to have to do it.

So, I honestly do not know. It depends on the kinds of employment they have on both those projects, but, obviously, we are going to have to compete for the same labour.

I might tell the Honourable Member, as a matter of interest, that my own experience is that we recruited locally in the Public Service Commission and we have recruited once outside. In terms of tenure, it can go either way. I do not see local candidates who get trained in the Government, they move to a certain level and you are quite right, in some cases they use those skills to go outside, but, we are still fairly small and if they leave, they usually leave because they have been offered a promotion. There is room to move in a larger organization, simply because of size.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, regarding some of the mid-management and top-management positions within the various departments of the Territory, most of these you recruit outside or you have people coming up into them.

In the past, you have had problems recruiting some of these people because of the fact that they are leaving the benefits in the province where they have had some seniority. Has the Territorial Government made any arrangements with any of the Governments to have reciprocal benefits. If they leave Alberta and come to Yukon to work within the Department of Education, say, for five years, that will count as five years, they will get a credit for five years in Alberta. Have you worked on these arrangements.

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, the only area that we have done any work on and it really rests with the Federal Government, is Superannuation.

The fact that pensions are now practically reciprocal in all areas in Canada, helps to a great extent in the mobility of people. In terms of sick leave, special leave, those things are not transferable between jurisdictions.

Mrs. Watson: But pension benefits will be?

Mr. McPhail: Yes, pension benefits are. At one time, for example, the City of Whitehorse was not reciprocal in terms of a pension and most people are willing to forego other benefits, but, obviously, they would like to transfer their pension.

We made an application to the Federal Government and you will notice now that the City of Whitehorse is a reciprocal employer.

So, we are very careful to ensure that, where possible, we have reciprocal agreements in terms of pensions.

Mrs. Watson: One more question: when you are recruiting, do you find it difficult to recruit people to serve in the communities outside of Whitehorse?

Mr. McPhail: Yes and no. It partly depends on the job and whether the individual wants a challenge in that particular area.

I would say that, truthfully, we have been successful, but you are looking for a special candidate. You are looking for a candidate who wants to live in that kind of environment and that kind of community and likes those kinds of tasks and responsibilities.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that we have the Public Service Commissioner here, I would just like to possibly hear his comments, if he could further elaborate on the transfer of the recruitment of teachers to the Department of Education.

I should explain, Mr. Chairman, to the witness that I explained to Members that we had transferred the recruitment for teachers to the Department of Education, partly on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner that you would have to

increase by a man year, and possibly a Personnel Officer in view of the fact with our transfer to the Department of Education we could do with a Clerk Typist working with the various regional superintendents. Possibly the Commissioner could elaborate on that.

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, as you know, when the *Public Service Commission Ordinance* was tabled in the House, it provided for delegated authority to departments. We proceeded along those lines where it is economic as well as a sound principle. With respect to teachers, there is only department that recruits professional teachers and that is the Department of Education, so they have a homogenous unit, and in terms of their own organization, and because of the changes in the sort of common denominator for an Easter break, we discovered that having a very small staff, a Recruitment Officer in the Public Service Commission was totally inappropriate for us to attempt for us to try and go out and certify candidates. It made economic sense to have the Department of Education officials, particularly at the regional superintendency level, because they are accountable for their superintendencies to be involved in recruitment. Consequently, we put a recommendation forward that it be transferred, and if you will recall, prior to, I think, 1971 or 1973, the Department of Education did their own recruitment at that time.

We got involved in discussing procedures and recruitment techniques with them, and when we were satisfied, we delegated it down.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will the Department of Education be responsible for recruiting Vocational School Instructors?

Mr. McPhail: No, Mr. Chairman, they are within the Civil Service proper.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McPhail said that we had to be competitive in the Territorial Government, competitive with pipeline and with the Shikwak Valley Project. My question would be competitive in what way? Monetary benefits, fringe benefits? Does he expect a dramatic rise in wage demands from the public employees? Would it also be carried on over to what I would call the non-existing employees, the casuals in there, which I expect are the most problems with the Territorial Government?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, we have to be competitive within our own market fields, and in terms of, for example, heavy equipment operators, as you know we recruit them locally, tradesmen we recruit them locally, consequently we have to be competitive with local industry and if the pipeline comes in and recruits locally, we have to be competitive with the pipeline. In terms of those kinds of positions we recruit from outside Yukon, we must be competitive within those markets. For example Social Workers, by and large, we have a market outside Yukon, we must maintain a competitive position with those.

In terms of union demands, I would rather not speculate, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Berger: Mr. McPhail stated definitely that there would be competitiveness. Competitiveness in what? The thing is going to be monetary gains, obviously, because of lots of overtime work on the two major construction projects in the Territory. Is the Territorial Government anticipating a major increase in the salary structure of the Public Service?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, when I referred to competitive, I mean competitive in terms of salaries, fringe benefits to the point where the Yukon Government can attract and retain competent staff.

What precise benefits or precise salary increases, I cannot comment upon.

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back to the comments I made this morning, while Mr. McPhail is here, dealing with classification reviews.

I have just received a document dealing with the supposedly classification review that took place in the months of November and December, 1977 and my concern here is that the commitment was made by the representative of the Government to conduct a proper classification review and the information that it received back by the union in question was totally inadequate and totally unacceptable.

My question, first of all, is dealing with the establishment of a classification review officer, which was pointed out this morning, an extra man year that is in this particular budget. The witness made a statement a moment ago, dealing with the competitive market, dealing with various job opportunities that may arise in various categories.

My first question is: how is this Government expected to compete in an open market to recruit a classifications review officer, when, in fact, you are paying a level of \$29,000, as opposed to the normal level, classification level of \$32,000, in most provinces like Saskatchewan? I would like to know how are we going to be competitive in giving the person, as a classification review officer, an opportunity to do a worthwhile job when his salary is considerably lower than the average salaries in the provinces, dealing with the same subject matter?

Mr. McPhail: It is very difficult, Mr. Chairman. The comments by the Honourable Member refer to comparisons. Frankly, I think, in that particular position, the Government is low on salary, so, consequently, because of the Anti-Inflation Board, we have difficulty recruiting.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I should also add that because of our commitment experience, we now can make a case before the Anti-Inflation Board and we are reviewing those applications now.

We have also been in discussion with some of the provincial governments about it.

Mr. McCall: I do not think that is quite accurate, Mr. Chairman, where you make reference to the Anti-Inflation Board. The Anti-Inflation Board is not the regulatory body that regulates the establishment of any salary dealing with any job opportunity or classification of a company or a government may establish.

To hide behind the cloak of the Anti-Inflation Board, I am a little concerned.

My next point, Mr. Chairman, is that, in looking at the salary that was estimated in this particular budget, dealing with this particular job, my next point would be with the total lack of employees in the Public Service Commission, how are we to expect to see Government employees receive the service from the Public Service Commission, when, in fact, they do not have the total proper staff support?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, I think it is obvious that we attempted to recruit for this position because we knew that with our commitments, we would require additional staff. We have attempted, we have been unsuccessful and we are going to attempt to recruit again. I am in agreement that the Public Service Commission does need additional staff.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, before lunch I asked if Primary 34, Removal, if we could possibly have a breakdown on the \$203,000. I wonder if Mr. McPhail could provide this to us?

Mr. McPhail: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I did not hear the question, a breakdown of—?

Mr. Berger: Primary 34, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McPhail: The Removal expenditures budgeted in the 1978-79 Estimates of approximately \$200,000 are anticipated for approximately 45 civil service moves. The cost of a Civil Service move is averaging slightly below \$5,000, or \$4,500 on the average per move, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Berger: Could it be possible, Mr. Chairman, to have the departments where those moves are anticipated?

Mr. McPhail: Those moves are made, they are individual

moves based on competition, basically from outside the Yukon to Whitehorse from Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg for all departments, Mr. Chairman, except for teachers in the 1978-79 budget.

Mr. Lengerke: I think the witness has answered. I think the point Mr. Berger was trying to make was he wanted to know just if there was any significant departments that are involved. For instance would the majority of moves be within one department, or is it throughout the Service, and I think that is what you have said?

Mr. McPhail: Throughout the Service, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, regarding the extra duties the Commissioner was referring to with the negotiations, the annual negotiations, you just nicely finish one set and then you are into another set or you are not even finished the first and are into the second. Now that the Anti-Inflation Board is to be programmed out, about how many years do you think it will take before you are back to a more normal type of negotiations, where you are not under this great pressure?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, my personal opinion is that because of the advent of the Pipeline and Shaktwak Projects, that we will be looking at one year collective agreements for a considerable time to come.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, to change the subject on a little different structure but it is still in the Public Service Commission, on the anticipated closure of the Boundary Camp on the Sixty Mile Road in the Dawson area, I presume that some of those employees and permanent structures are going to be offered transfers to other areas, particularly the Dempster Highway. Will there be family quotas made available to those people, and what kind of move and assistance can those people expect?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, we are just in the process of delivering lay-off notices to the employees in Boundary Camp, effective June 16th. They have yet to receive them. They should be receiving them at the end of this week.

In the lay-off letters, we have offered transfers to other vacant positions in other highway maintenance camps. We have indicated that we would pay removal expenses to the new locations.

But I should caution the Chairman that, frankly, the employees have yet to receive them. At the earliest, they would receive them today.

Mr. Berger: Just one question that Mr. McPhail did not answer, would there be possible family housing available, say, on the Dempster Highway for those people?

Mr. McPhail: No, Mr. Chairman. Boundary Camp is a single man's camp and those vacancies and some of the other camps along the Dempster Highway were single men camps. Those vacant positions in some of the communities, we did include housing where housing was located, Mr. Chairman. We pointed out what houses were available and the cost involved.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, just a point of interest, I would like to know how many people employed in Boundary Camp and along the Dempster Highway and along the Dawson Road are single and how many are married?

Mr. McPhail: I cannot answer all of the questions, Mr. Chairman, but in terms of the Boundary Camp, there are four permanent employees affected.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to get into debate with the witness in this particular thing, but I think we had the argument once before. My question is really, when will the Government, in this aspect of Public Service Commission, going to change the policy to take under consideration that most of those positions are filled by married people and right now we are thinking about possibly, establishing a camp at Mile 236, on Eagle River, another camp, which is already estab-

lished, at 123, at the Ogilvie River, and there is absolutely no facility made available for those people for married facilities. This is what my objection is and my question really is, when will this Government change their policy to accommodate those people who are married and possibly restructure the whole policy of employment in far out reaching areas?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger, I do not think that that is a proper question for this particular witness. Perhaps some Member of the Government would care to comment.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make one point and I think it is in reference to the resolution that will probably be discussed tomorrow or Monday, about the land situation in Yukon and I think it is fair to say on the areas that the Honourable Member has touched upon, that if there were to be any major housing developments in this area, family homes of any kind, it would entail land being made available to the YTGI, which is not presently available to us.

So, therefore, I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that it would be sometime in the future that even any consideration could be given to it, because at the present time we are trying to get land in the other communities that need it immediately.

Mr. Berger: With all due respect to what the Minister just told us, it has absolutely nothing to do with land, because the land is available right now along the Dempster Highway for the Territorial Government to establish road maintenance camps.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I beg to differ with the Member from Klondike. The land is not available. We have been refused land to build the camp at Eagle River, we have re-applied for it on several occasions. It has simply not been forthcoming.

Mr. Berger: I was just wondering if the Honourable Minister could answer the question, on what particular ground is the Camp at 123 Mile on the Dempster Highway established, or is it suspended in air?

Mr. Chairman: I think we are getting off the subject matter. We are dealing with the Public Service Commission Vote and this is quite remote from the subject that we have just been discussing.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, my question is about the classification review officer and I would like to know, we do not have one yet, I understand, but if we do get one or if somebody has that job already in the Public Service Commission, when will there be a review of the two positions of Corrections Matron and Corrections Officer in the correction system so that there will be an equalization of pay, as asked for in our motion at least a year ago.

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, I thought I tabled an answer to that question. I certainly prepared one. I do not know if it has been tabled.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, that is news to me. I would really like to see the answer.

Mr. McPhail: I am quite prepared to recall exactly what I wrote.

We did a classification study and it was my recommendation that based on the present assigned duties and responsibilities of the Corrections Matrons and Corrections Officers that the positions are appropriately allocated to their existing class levels. In discussions with the Department, the new Director of Corrections has indicated to me that he is going to work on an experiment. We are going to take Corrections Matrons, put them on acting pay as Corrections Officers and, this is at his discretion, and if it works out well, we will conduct another review much as we did in the Youth Service Organization, it would probably all end up in one class of employment.

So the Department is prepared to carry out an experiment, but based on the present assignment of duties, the allocations are correct in the opinion of the Public Service Commission. Now that information was conveyed to the Minister in question.

Ms Millard: That is very good news, Mr. Chairman, I am really glad to see such a response. How long does the witness think this will take?

Mr. McPhail: Frankly, Mr. Chairman, it will depend on the new Director of Corrections. It will be his opinion, which will be forwarded to our office, after he has conducted whatever examinations he thinks are appropriate.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions? It seems to me that Mr. Taylor had brought something up regarding EMO that he had not had an answer to.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Not really. I thought that there might be some information forthcoming. I have availed myself at the noon hour to talk with the Director of EMO who has satisfied many of the questions that I was asking this morning.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back to that other point that had been brought up. I would like to go back to this Classification Review Officer because I am not really totally satisfied with. I would just like to read, for the record, Mr. Chairman, from a letter to all road foremen from Mr. McPhail. I quote: this is dealing with a so-called classification review, Mr. Chairman.

"This review was performed during November and December, 1977 by two members of my staff. Approximately one half of all the Heavy Equipment Operator II positions in the Yukon were audited. While they audited the position in the field, a representative number of road foremen position audits were also conducted."

My concern here, and question, Mr. Chairman, is this: from my information I received there was a contract let out for individuals to go to Haines Junction road maintenance in the months of November and December to conduct what was suggested as a so-called review.

I would like to know just what happened to that. The witness this morning advised us that he would bring information in on it. I want to know what the cost was. I would like an explanation as to why two members of the staff of the Public Service Commission were instructed to conduct a classification review, when they do not have the qualifications, because right now in this budget, we are advertising, or, I should say at this point in time, we are advertising for a Classification Review Officer.

I would like some explanation, Mr. Chairman, from the witness, as to why two members of the Public Service Commission were used for classification reviews, when they do not have the qualifications to conduct that sort of work?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, I take exception that they were not qualified to carry out their responsibilities. The Public Service Commission made some commitments at the last session of negotiations and, in order to carry out those commitments, because of the sudden movement of the health turnover, and a resignation of one of my staff members, I was left without a qualified personnel officer with enough free time to conduct a class series review of the heavy equipment operator positions.

As a result, I hired a former personnel officer who had been recruited in the Yukon, trained in the personnel department in classification, a Mrs. Laura Miller.

In the intervening year or year and a half since she left our organization, she also did classification work for External Affairs in Great Britain, in Canada House.

I asked her to come back as a casual for two purposes: to conduct the class series reviews in the Wildlife Branch, class series reviews in Highways and Public Works, at the same time to train a recently hired local candidate who just got employed in the Public Service Commission.

For that reason, two officers went on various road trips, to various maintenance camps to actually conduct field audit positions, and they did so.

Mr. Chairman: I should warn Mr. McCall not to attack the witness.

Mr. McCall: I assure you, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to get violent.

Mr. Chairman: Well, just a short while ago, you said you were unnerved.

Mr. McCall: I am not going to touch that.

My next point, Mr. Chairman, is in reference to the so-called survey that was conducted. I would like to know, and I would like an explanation, Mr. Chairman, as to why this survey for the review was conducted in the dead of winter, when, at the time, from my information is that a lot of the equipment was down because of the low temperature and does the witness feel that was a fair assessment or a fair audit for the proper classification review.

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, we would have preferred to do the review in September, but, because of the difficulties of getting a qualified individual to conduct the survey, it could not commence until October.

Notwithstanding that fact, when you do actual job audits, the employees certainly tell you what pieces of equipment they operate. In fact, they were operating, most of the pieces of equipment. Notwithstanding that, if all the equipment was down, when you do actual face-to-face audits with employees, they certainly tell you what equipment they operate and that is further verified by the road foreman and the superintendents.

Mr. McCall: In accepting those remarks with reservations, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering would the witness be prepared to provide this Committee with the documentation dealing with where and when the assessments were conducted, or audits were conducted through the Territory in order to come up with a firm audited assessment or classification review purposes?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. Chairman, I am quite prepared to prepare a written answer to that reply. Off the top of my head, I cannot remember all of the locations that were visited and when and number of positions, but I am prepared to table that information.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further discussion on the Establishment? Establishment 1000, Public Service Commission, \$833,200.

Establishment 1000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang, we have completed the Public Service Commission. Are you prepared on the Government side to proceed with the Department of Finance?

Mr. Sherlock: I understood that we were to go to Vote 8 and Mr. Bell was going to come as a witness.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think we should proceed with Vote 8. Could we have a short recess, Mr. Chairman, while Mr. Bell can be recruited to come and attend as witness.

Mr. Chairman: We will break for recess for ten minutes.
Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would the Committee please come to order.

We were going to do Justice, but, at the request of Mrs. Watson, who has to go up to her constituency for a Shakwak Valley thing, we are going to do Renewable Resources, Vote 14, page 217, Establishment 1420, Wildlife.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: What Establishment are you on, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Pardon me?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Which Establishment?

Mr. Chairman: Page 217, Vote 14, Wildlife, 1420.

Well, I was told we were going to do Wildlife. There is only one item here called Wildlife.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I think we are going to do Renewable Resources.

Mr. Chairman: You are going to do Renewable Resources, the whole thing?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Vote 14, yes.

Mr. Chairman: Okay, we will do 1401, then.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Unless you would like to skip the others.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1401, Parks, \$531,000.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, can we have a general discussion first, before we go into it item by item?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, certainly.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Feel free, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I am waiting for the Minister's remarks before I shoot him.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, we are endeavoring to get a little graph drawn up for the Member from Klondike, but it still is nothing at this particular moment.

Mr. Chairman, the Parks Branch, essentially, represents an inflationary increase only. Perhaps I could give you a rundown of the function of the division at the present time.

The staff consists of seventeen, seven permanent positions. There are approximately 65 campgrounds in operation in the Territory and if one had to describe the state of condition of these campgrounds, one would have to use such words as deplorable, or well-polluted, et cetera. The reason, Mr. Chairman, is because since we have inherited the parks system, we have not had the financing, as yet, to develop the parks to the point where we should.

I am sure the time will be coming shortly when we will have to put a good deal more money into the parks, for them to be servicable, particularly for residents, but also for tourists.

At the present time, there is no legislation covering the campgrounds and there is, in preparation, a green paper which I would hope will be available during this Session.

It was not mentioned in the Budget Speech because it may not be ready at that time, but the endeavor is to get it here during this time.

One of the most disturbing features about the Parks Division, is their lack of ability to plan, particularly in view of all the developments that are going on as far as our highways are concerned, and I think that I will be coming back, or at least someone will be coming back with the necessity to approve Supplementary budgeting to improve the lot of our Parks. I am appealing to you, for the future.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if there is a separation in the description. It says: "To provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the parks and historic sites programs." Is there a certain amount set aside for historic sites program, or is that just lumped in with the whole thing? I do not see anything specific.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is in fact lumped in throughout. There is not a very definite split out.

Ms Millard: Then Mr. Chairman, is there a separation in philosophy? Is there an emphasis in one over the other, or is historic sites just lost in the shuffle, which is what I am inclined to believe?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister a number of questions. First of all I would like a clarification—

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I asked a question.

Mr. Chairman: Oh, I did not realize you had a question.

Ms Millard: A policy question of the Minister. I think he understood what it was.

Mr. Chairman: I just thought you were talking.

Ms Millard: It was an opinion expressed as well.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McCall being ()

parks, and Ms Millard being historic sites, they are quite different entities I assure you.

Ms Millard: I am really quite serious, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: What is the question?

Ms Millard: The question is: what is the emphasis on historic sites in this budget? Sure we make all kinds of mouthings about historic sites and how the Territorial Government should be involved in them and everything else, but in reality where is the money that says we are involved in historic sites, or are we ignoring that responsibility? I think it could be stated right in dollars and cents.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I will not make the same remarks again. I will just remind you that that is exactly what I have just gone through. Admittedly I did not break them out, as you are suggesting we should, but I think I lay the blame on this Government actually for not supporting their parks and historic sites as much as they should be. We require a good deal more funding in order to accomplish what we have to. We are barely having enough funds to meet the upkeep for the parks that are in existence now, and they certainly need improvement.

Ms Millard: But, Mr. Chairman, I can assume from that answer that historic sites is really a low priority and that the parks take as much of the little bit of money as we have got assigned. Is that correct, in the half million dollar budget?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know what the breakdown between them is.

Mr. Sherlock: Maybe I could just add a little bit. I recall something of this discussion last year and, as a result of that, the half man year that is noted under 1401, Research and Planning, is in fact a casual man year to deal with Historic Sites and that was a direct result of last year's discussion on this subject.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, that is really good to know. What does this half man year do then?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is planning and research in the Historic Sites area. I could not say any more than that.

Ms Millard: So, Mr. Chairman, can we assume that there is a half a man year assigned to planning and research that eventually there may be more emphasis on Historic Sites?

Mr. Chairman: I think you could safely assume that, Ms Millard.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I think, is not that half man year fulfilling the role of drawing up the green paper for legislative purposes. He is from Parks Canada and he is working here. He was seconded from Parks Canada to help us in this field.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it could well be that, but it is identified in our back-up sheets as Historic Sites Resource person and that is all the information we have on it.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, now that the Honourable Member has completed a round of questioning, the emphasis on Historic Sites, et cetera, I think you will find in broken down figures on old paper right before him.

To go back to Parks, I would like some clarification from the Minister dealing with the operation and maintenance. I am curious and would like some clarification breakdown. Am I to assume that we have had no maintenance of campgrounds, which seems to be lumped into the total figures here, under Parks. I am assuming this is correct. Am I to assume that there has been no maintenance of campgrounds in the past, when the Minister made reference to the deplorable conditions that the campsites are in.

I would like, one, a clarification as to how the figures are broken down, as to development and maintenance, if they come under that statute under parks, and what are the man years in the past as to what is being budgeted now dealing with campground maintenance, keeping in mind the deplorable conditions they are in.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the limiting factor is not the quality of the personnel. The limiting factor is the number of personnel and the funds that are available for working on the Parks.

Their primary responsibility is to try and maintain the parks that we have that we inherited from Public Works Canada and many of these parks were not in satisfactory condition to be called parks and gradually we have been trying to upgrade them at the same time as maintain them. It meant us redigging wells in different places and changing facilities around and various things. All this is an on-going thing. It is primarily a maintenance category.

Our funding, as far as the development of new campgrounds is concerned, is limited to the extent where we might have enough funding for perhaps twenty new campsites in this coming year.

Mr. Sherlock: I would like to add to that, our back-up information indicates that under Primary 50, under the Establishment where we have \$65,500, that consists primarily of maintenance money being divided between material supplies, campground maintenance supplies of \$17,200; workshop supplies \$4,200; district field supplies \$1,800; and firewood \$42,250 for a total of \$65,500, and it is basically maintenance and not so much development.

Mr. McCall: I would like to go back to my initial point. He made reference to parks, does the Minister know which park he is making reference to? Could he give us some description on them?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I am talking about campgrounds and I mentioned that there were 65 of them. They do not go by name.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, perhaps if you look at page 21 of the Appendix there is some information in there.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I find it kind of odd, the Minister came out with a statement and saying parks and campgrounds are in deplorable condition, because I think in most instances they are in very good condition. I think it should be a compliment to the good service that the campground staff is providing to those campgrounds.

I was wondering, he also mentioned something about the parks being taken over by the Federal Government and what he is actually talking about in that respect.

The other thing is that I would also like to take exception to this particular budget in here because he is taking away our opportunity to cry about the \$30,000 that used to be provided for Historic Sites. All of a sudden they have disappeared. Where are they? How much money do we have available for historic site development? We had this half a man year in last year's budget, what did this half a man year achieve? Could we have a breakdown? Could we have a report on that half man year that was available for a whole year now? What did this achieve?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the \$30,000 is still there. I think it is under Capital, is it not? As far as the transfer of the campsites is concerned, I think it was about 1971 that they were transferred to this Government.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I think that the point that the Minister is trying to put across is the fact that probably within the next year there is going to have to be major decisions made whether or not we are going to be spending more money in this area to upgrade the present campgrounds we have, and possibly expand them in view of the tourism industry.

Subsequently, with the concept of renewable resources coming into existence in the Government of the Yukon Territory, I think it is giving the elected Members in the Executive Committee a much better picture of exactly what is taking place in respect to this particular area.

The other point is, the way I understand it, the transfer of the

campgrounds from the Federal Government, and I think it was in a large part from Forestry, the monies accompanying for the maintenance of this particular program, apparently was not transferred with it and, subsequently, the Territorial Government had to pick it up over the years and it would appear to me, from a Yukoner's point of view, that I think it is an area where we are going to have to highlight in the years to come, in order to have these parks, not only as a tourist attraction, but, at the same time, as a benefit of the people of the Yukon for during the summer months when we are going out for outdoor recreation.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I still find it very, very odd. The Minister is standing up and talking about the sad condition these campgrounds are in. I think they are in very good condition and if they need any upgrading to be done, fine, but, I do not think there is any use and fair to run down the maintenance personnel on those campgrounds, because they only have so much money to work with.

But, I have one particular question on campgrounds and that is the campground across the river in Dawson City. With the view in mind that there is a possible curtailing of the ferry operation in Dawson City, will there be a relocation of this particular campground or will the ferry operation be continued on a 24-hour basis in Dawson City?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I will try again. Just as Mr. Lang mentioned, the reason that I am presenting this dilemma to you, is appealing to you for the fact that we are going to have to upgrade these facilities. We, as a Legislature, as a Government, have not been providing adequate funding in order to maintain these camps or to develop new camps and certainly the personnel that are working under this situation, I think indeed are doing a very good job in maintaining the camps that they can but the limitation is not on them, it is on us for not supplying the manpower or the monies in order to develop a competent parks system.

I think the question of the ferry was answered previously by the Minister of Highways and Public Works.

Mr. Berger: Well, Mr. Chairman, I asked the question about the campground, about the possible relocation of that particular campground, because the campground would be of no use if that ferry operation is going to be curtailed on a 16-hour basis, at least, is there any plans in the making to relocate this campground, if there are any locations already being recognized.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: No, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have several questions. I was just going to ask the Member from Klondike what answer he got when he made the recommendation on behalf of his constituents to the Government, what they told him?

However, I am not concerned with campgrounds, as such, there is \$100,000, I see, in this budget to fund the campground operation this summer and I think at a time of budget restraint that sufficient funds have been provided. I must say that I share with the Honourable Member concerned about campgrounds, I would like to see more of them. Perhaps not for the very same reason that the Honourable Members in this Chambers would feel. I would like to see more of them in order to keep fires in campgrounds and out of the bush. I think we are all aware of the damage that is done by people who get up these little logging roads and trails and light fires in out-of-control situations.

My first question would relate to parks, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask to what degree have we, in the defining of parks and I am thinking particularly of the Francis Lake Territorial Park, to what degree have we assured that the Territory have control over the land where these parks are designated. That would be my first question and I have others.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: None, Mr. Chairman. As the Member well knows, there is no land being released for development in any way at this time.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if this is the case then may

I conclude that the area which is now designated as the potential Kluane National Park is in fact still a Territorial Game Sanctuary then?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, as the Member knows he is dealing with a national agency and not this Government. That is not a situation that I am in a position to deal with. The ownership of the 65 campgrounds is a good instance of the dilemma that we are in. Some of this land is under the control of the Federal Government, some of it is under our control, depending entirely where it is. One of the major problems, being the campground system, grew up without any specific direction as far as where the campground should be, what kind of a facility it should be, where they should be with relation to communities, there was no planning done as these grew up. It points out one of the areas of major problems. There has to be an overall planning development so that we can develop a parks system.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what I am getting at is this Government has spent a great deal of time and money, in developing a parks program, in identifying park areas throughout the Yukon that we can set aside as Territorial parks under Territorial control. It bothers me. The reason I ask the question is, how susceptible are we to have this all washed down the drain and any monies that we put into future park planning, if we are under the threat of the Federal Government to alienate that land through land claims or by any other means to destroy all the work we have done in this parks planning? That is the reason I am asking the question. I feel it is important. I think we have got to get some assurances from Ottawa if this be the case that this land will not be taken away from us or alienated from us in any way that it will remain under our control or we ought not to be spending any more money on parks. It is that simple. I think it is a very, very important question. Otherwise we are spending the Yukon taxpayers' dollar on programs which are just going to be wiped out perhaps. I think we need assurances from Ottawa, and I would suggest that the Government certainly with my support, and hopefully all other Members' support, would look into this question and give us, at their convenience, some further information on this question, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, as the Member well knows, there is a Bill in Committee in the House of Parliament right now that has the power to withdraw any lands that are in the Territory for its purpose to build a pipeline and we have no control over that situation whatsoever.

So, I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we are indeed very susceptible to the withdrawal of lands from our control, but I would also suggest that the money that is being used in this division is being used primarily to develop a campground system and to maintain the campground system that we have. We are not spending money as much as we might like to. We are not spending money, at the present time, to develop a parks system.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I found the remarks very interesting and, to me, the remarks from the Minister are somewhat enlightening. I was rather surprised to finally hear somebody say how conditions really are and I have been around a couple of Budget Sessions now and I have heard all kinds of Members be very critical and everything else of the conditions of the parks and our campgrounds and here we do have a Member who is responsible and has recognized and, I think, has finally seen the light of day.

What I would like to ask the Minister is if he is satisfied that within the framework of this budget of the \$531,000 that you have got designated for parks, if you are satisfied that this is going to—, is it just strictly the same type of maintenance program that we have been having or do you see some vast improvement in what you are putting forth?

If you do not see any improvement, just how did your efforts

go with respect to presenting or putting forward a bigger budget and a better program? You know, what were the reasons for the priorities to change?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Stick around.

Seriously, Mr. Chairman, that is the message. There is a major program developing in the wind. It is not ready yet for this budget, but it is certainly getting into place and it will be a major step forward in terms of our parks and campground development.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, my question then would be if the \$531,000 or the program that we are attempting to do now then, is there any waste in that then if we really do not know what we are going to do in the future, if we are doing some planning and looking, you know, are we really spinning our wheels with respect to some of the activities that are embodied in this particular budget now? Or is it strictly maintenance, I think this is what you might have indicated.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, it primarily is a maintenance budget. One usually has to learn to tread water before one can learn to swim and I think that is about at the stage we are at now. It is more a question of being able to keep above water then winning any races.

But I do really think we will be heading in the right direction shortly.

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, what the Minister said I am quite surprised. More emphasis should be on how long you can tread water.

Mr. Chairman, I would like some further explanation as to why, in Vote 14, we have development and maintenance 444, and when you get the primary breakdown, it just deals with camp maintenance? I am a little curious as to a proper breakdown on this \$444,000. I do not think it is giving us proper clarification as to the proper distribution in the past, when we would look at the Main Estimate from '77-'78, \$388,100. You are dealing now with \$444,000.

I would like some more clarification of breakdown if the Minister can provide it to us, more information on that.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, with reference to the ability for one's head to stay above water, the Honourable Member from Pelly might very well be able to stay above water better than I, hot air has that effect on people you know. I will bring that breakdown back for the Member.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, my questions are in the area dealing with the Yukon River. Two questions: How far are we along in our involvement in the International Gold Rush Park? The second question: are we still in a system of, I think it was called wilderness campsites where small areas were opened up for people camping that were going along the river routes?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, we are a long way on planning for those projects on the river. For Members' edification, I do not know whether they are aware that this program involves the entire Yukon River, and it is a joint project shared with National Parks, and at the present time we are negotiating, the tentative plans have been drawn up and we are just negotiating the financial agreement for the work to be done this summer.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, if he could give us some idea, some clear idea of what the money is going to spent on in the International Park? I always was told that the Gold Rush Park was really somebody's idea and in fact Mr. Malis of the National Parks told me that just the other day that it really has not developed to the point of spending money even, hardly, in the Yukon, so I am surprised to see there is money in there and something is going to be done this summer, if he could elaborate on that. The people living along the river are very concerned about what their involvement is going to be in that Park, and whether or not they are going to be able to retain their way of life along the river.

The other question was the wilderness campsites. Are they still going to be maintained by this Department?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, we are further along than I think Mr. Malis has indicated to you. I think that we are on the verge of signing an agreement with the National Parks to carry out the work this summer. I do not have the details available. There is no agreement signed yet.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, that is a rather vague answer, I hope we can get better. I will just pursue it personally.

The wilderness campsites, I think it was an excellent idea and I would really like to be assured, it is the third time I have asked the question, that that system is still going to be maintained.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I was really amazed at some of the things that one Member across the way wanting to know what they were going to with the parks that we do not have and have not any control of. We know that already. I do not know what we are talking so much about parks for. We do not even have the land or anything else.

My concern is \$440,000, Campground Maintenance. Somebody says go over to 265 and I find Campground and Rest Stop Development, "to provide funds for campground reststop development, upgrading, expansion and rehabilitation." I do not know who they are going to rehabilitate but anyway, \$100,000, I cannot quite get those two together because there is nothing to do with maintenance there and I would like to know from the Minister, is that \$440,000, is that campground maintenance or is it broken down into something else?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could answer that. If you relate to last year's and I think Mr. McCall was relating to last year's, under last year's heading it stated campgrounds and we had \$388,100. This year, for some reason or another, the Department changed the activity title and they are calling it development and maintenance, for a total of \$444,000. You are relating \$388,000 against \$444,000 and it is really a nominal increase, prices and wages and this kind of thing.

Mr. Fleming: I wonder if the Minister could tell us just what the campground maintenance cost or what they are predicting it will cost in '78-'79?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, \$444,000.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, if I may just add to Mr. Hibberd's remarks, the \$444,000, of course, is broken out on page 219 by Primary, so, if you look down the third column from the right, you will see the breakout, on page 219. We have back-up for those if you have specific questions on them, as well.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, first I would like to ask the Minister again, could we have a report on the half a man year in the Research and Planning. We were told last budget that this person is going to make an inventory of Historic Sites and so I would like to know what did this person to do in that period of half a man year and is that report available to this House?

The other question I have is concerned with parks and the non-existing lands and the non-existent parks and my question is actually connected with game, at the same. Does the possibility exist that the Federal Government is going to charge rent so that Yukon game can graze on the Federal Government land?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I already answered that question, as far as that half a man year is concerned. This half man year is a man who has been seconded from the National Parks Canada to assist us in drafting parks legislation, which we do not have at the present time.

His salary is, in part, paid for by this Government. At the present time, we are leading up to that, but with the issuance of the green paper, which, hopefully, will be followed shortly by legislation.

As far as renting the Yukon land, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that he take that up with the Federal Government.

Mr. Berger: Another question: last Budget Session, if I remember correctly, there was quite a debate on those wilderness parks around the river and the possible cost factor involved in it and I think we were told at that particular time that the Government is going to keep a close eye on the cost. I was wondering if we could have what those wilderness campgrounds really did cost, maintaining them and cleaning them and so on.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not have that. I will endeavor to do so, but it must be remembered that this entire area it is not going to be a park, it is going to be a developed area for use of people who wish to travel the river. There is going to be considerable input into upgrading the facilities along the river and some of the sites along the river that are well known hopefully will benefit by it as well.

I would expect the program in total would probably cost in the range of \$250,000, but that is not over this summer, that is an extended project.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, dealing with the parks question, I have one other question really that relates to what we affectionately call the "Hysterical" Sites & Monuments Board. All Members of this House, in their electoral districts, have had an opportunity appoint Members to the Board. I think ever since its existence, it has done a very big job, a very good job for the Yukon in restoring historical sites. I am wondering if it would be possible for the Minister, at some future point, to provide us with copies of the last recommendations of the last sitting of the Board and perhaps at some future date, if the information is available, as to just how this will apply to the \$30,000 that will be spent on historical sites during the summer.

While I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to compliment our new Minister of Renewable Resources in the manner in which he is handling himself in this new department. It is obvious it is going to take him a little while to get all the answers, but I think he is doing a magnificent job.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I second what Mr. Taylor just said. There was a point I was going to bring up as to the last constructive recommendations that the Monuments Board Committee has put forward to the Minister's Department, and as Mr. Taylor has just pointed out, I was wondering if at all possible you could provide this information as to the last major recommendations, for the protection of historic sites, specifically historic sites more than anything else in Yukon.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I am sure I can and I will, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I think the Minister mistook the question from the Member from Klondike on the difference between the Gold Rush Park and the wilderness campsites. I think the question was on the costs of the wilderness campsites. I would like to have that too if it is possible?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I said I would get it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on 1401? Establishment 1401, Parks, \$531,000.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be unwise to clear any part of this Vote through until the Minister has had an opportunity to bring forward this information. There might be other questions dealing with the Vote once the information has been forwarded by the Minister. He should be given enough time to collect this information for us, before we move the Vote.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think I certainly made it clear that I would not hold up the budget or did not want to hold up the budget. The information that I have heard sought here would make no difference I am sure in this question. There will be a final review of the budget, as I understand, and I think we

ought to clear these items. If we kept this up why we would never get anything cleared in this budget. We would be here until next September.

Mr. Berger: Well, Mr. Chairman, did the Honourable Member from Watson Lake agrees to clear the budget as he feels like it, it is up to him, but I disagree. I agree with the Honourable Member from Faro, we ask for information and we wait for that information.

Mr. Chairman: What is the information that you require that interferes with the passage of this Establishment, Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Well, I think the information was not being provided when we were going through this particular Vote and there has been a number of questions raised today dealing with this particular Vote where the Minister has made a commitment to provide certain amounts of information--

Mr. Chairman: Well, what are the questions, Mr. McCall? What is the information that you require?

Mr. McCall: I am dealing with the campground maintenance.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, and what is the question?

Mr. McCall: There is not enough information here that I could justify passing this Vote at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Is that the general feeling of this Committee? I will call a vote on the Establishment then?

Establishment 1401, \$531,000, shall the Establishment
Some Members: Agreed.

Some Members: Disagreed.

Establishment 1401 agreed to

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I still will get the information for the Member from Pelly.

Mr. Chairman: We assume that you will do that.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: He does not want it anymore.

On Establishment 1402

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1402, General Development Agreement, \$100.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, we have a General Development Agreement signed between this Government and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It is an overall agreement which really has little purport in terms of any developments or plans that might be laid and we have no subsidiary agreements, as a corollary to that agreement for any developments.

Ms Millard: Why?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Well, because twice we have submitted the financing for it to Indian Affairs, which in turn has submitted it to Treasury Board and it has been turned down. It is being submitted a third time right now.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, could we have some details on that submission or is that secret or what? I am really most concerned with the development of renewable resources, under the GDA.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I share Ms Millard's concern a great deal. I think that there is a good deal of benefit can be derived from such an agreement, in terms of overall resource inventory, mapping, community services, there is a good deal that we can get from such an agreement.

There has been the difficulty because these agreements in the past are generally signed between the province and DREE, as co-signers to a subsidiary agreement.

We, of course, have a different role in Yukon and we have to go through our own department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and there has been the stumbling block. It is not the usual situation for them to be in and it is difficult for us to get to DREE itself to sign these agreements.

It has created several difficulties. There is a breakthrough in

the Northwest Territories, there has such an agreement been signed, and that agreement has been signed directly between the Government of the Northwest Territories and DREE. To date, we have been refused that opportunity but we are still trying.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, that was not the story we were told when we had the paper presented on the GDA and that we had to go ahead and get an agreement signed. That certainly was not the story. I am interested, as the Member from Ogilvie has asked too, can the Minister tell us what were the submissions made? What were they pertaining to on the request for funding, how many dollars? It would be very interesting to know what the Government has been doing in this regard and then we could maybe determine why these things were turned down? As I say, could the Minister please inform us?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the submission was made long before I was on the stage, but I can give you a general idea of what the plan involved. It was specifically the things that I was referring to, such as an overall development plan, a development model for the Territory. It was considered that such things as surveying, mapping, inventory resources, community services, manpower training, programs of this nature were involved. The officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development who had the opportunity to view the tentative agreements apparently did not carry it forward. That was September and we are still waiting to hear. We have made numerous representations for a reply and that meeting was the last week in September here in Whitehorse and we have had no reply.

Mr. Lengerke: Does that mean, Mr. Chairman, that I believe we had identified a person or two within the Territorial Government that were going to be assigned those tasks in the name of a resource person anyway, I know. What has happened there? Have those jobs been transferred to something else, or their activities now a part of the pipeline or what is going there? I think the last time I heard the Minister of Local Government was saying we were going to go ahead with our mapping program and the types of items that you have identified. Is this now by the boards?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, our funding was refused. We have been unable to go ahead with the programs.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, when was this refused then, just lately?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Fairly recently. Now it has been to the Treasury Board a third time, that is very recent, so that is in the process. I do not think we had a person who was designated as the officer for this Government here, although the Deputy Head of the Renewable Resources Department was filling that role.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if there is any chance of a program under special ARDA being instituted in the Yukon? Is there any hope for that?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I certainly hope so, Mr. Chairman, we have revised it, but if we meet the same fate as this other endeavor, do not hold your breath, but it is revived, we are trying.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion on 1402?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, there is one form of agreement that I neglected to mention, which does not really come under the other forms of agreement, which are generally agreements between governments, but there is RDIA, which is Regional Development Incentive Agreement, where the Federal Government will supply funding to private industry to support their industries in the areas of manufacturing and processing.

This has been in effect through most of Canada, but the only area that has not been involved, again, is Yukon. We have had,

recently, several applications for funding in this area, some of them quite substantial, going into the millions of dollars. So, it is our intention, again, to look into this field with the possibility of developing this program here. That is at no cost to this Government.

Mr. Chairman: If the Minister has no further remarks, I will call that item again.

Mr. Lengerke: I will just make the remark that that is one of the problems with having to deal with one particular department, the Federal Government, and being under their auspices and that is really one of the weaknesses that there is no where to go.

Ms Millard: Yes, it is just a general question on the GDA, if we did receive funds from DREE, would that come into our recoveries part of the budget or into the deficit grants?

Mr. Sherlock: Recovery.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1402, General Development Agreement, \$100.

Establishment 1402 agreed to

Hon. Mr. Lang: I would just like to make one comment. I would suggest that Mr. Allmand did get his press out of that particular item.

On Establishment 1410

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the resource planning portion of the Renewable Resources department, as we all know, is new and it is just in the process of developing. At the present time, there are only three people who are required during the year to that department and it is presently engaged in trying to develop programs along the lines that we have been discussing.

They have been involved in such areas as the development of the north end of Whitehorse, the similar situation to the south of Whitehorse, down in Carcross and have been involved in environmental assessments for Shikwak and for the pipeline. They have been involved in preparing submissions for the Indian Land Claims and a few more things if I could find it.

It is just to give an idea of where they have been developing. They are certainly new, they have only been going a few months and I think, probably more important than anything, they are developing a whole scenario for what a renewable resources department should be.

Of course, as part of that, it is envisioned that ultimately we would develop control of the renewable resources of the Territory, and therefore envisioning such a program we see such things as forestry, fisheries, wildlife or water, et cetera, and if we have these in place and we have the structure to take them on, it would be one step closer to this Government assuming responsibility for the care of these renewable resources.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, what are the classifications of these people?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: There is the Director, there is a Research Assistant and clerical, one clerical staff, one Research Assistant and the Director of the Department.

Mr. Lengerke: I take it, Mr. Chairman, the Director must also be a research person? That would be quite a chore of all the activities they have been engaged in with three people.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Yes, you point out the major problem there is, but it is a new department just developing and certainly it will require more facilities for, as you suggest, research and for various programs. At present, among his other duties, he is developing that scenario just to see what is needed.

Mr. Berger: Under Appendix B, Mr. Chairman, the Minister give us a diagram in there, it says the Resources Planning Branch and they have one District Supervisor in Dawson and I was wondering who that is? Is it the game guardian at the present time or are you planning to hire another person there?

Mr. Chairman: Something called Appendix B at District Supervisor, Dawson, one man year.

Mr. Berger: Could we possibly have an explanation, Mr. Chairman. There is a new title being created, a new position seems to be created here and I would like to get an explanation on all those - Watson Lake, we have half a man year. I wish the Honourable Member would take note of that, even if he votes with the budget he only gets half a man year. Haines Junction gets one, Dawson City is one, and there is a shop foreman in existence too, and I wonder what it is all about.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I think this is in the wrong Establishment. Is this wildlife we are talking about?

Mr. Chairman: This is the existing Parks and Historic Sites Division Resource Planning Branch. Is this the Territorial Government or is it the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I have never seen it before.

Mr. Berger: I would like to submit that maybe the Minister has been away from his Department for too long and they restructured the Department.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know where this diagram came from. I have never seen it before. I have no idea of what it is trying to portray.

Mr. Chairman: Well, it looks like something that would have come out of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, that refers to 1401, it is basically the casual parks people.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: If I have it correctly, these are the people who maintain our campgrounds in the summer time.

Mr. Sherlock: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Berger: Well, why the generous title of District Supervisor in that particular position? I mean, up to now it was a maintenance man and now he is a supervisor.

Mr. Chairman: I think we are all curious as to this document.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that is that garbage collector is known as sanitation technician and, I suppose, this follows.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, that is not his department and I ask the Minister to answer this question.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I have not seen that piece of paper before. I do not know where it came from. I will endeavor to find out. I did not bring it with me.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hibberd.

Mr. McCall: This is one of the points that I brought up in that previous Vote, that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake was so readily wanting to jam through. As the Minister just properly pointed out that he does not even know what we are getting these days, as far as documentation, which throws a lot of unusual questions in the Minister's direction.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Let us be fair. Give the guy a break.

Mr. Chairman, I can only respond, and I feel I must respond to that remark. As all Members know, that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre took on these responsibilities a very short time ago and it is a little distressing to sit here and listen to people criticizing the man, when he has just undertaken the chores when they were offered the opportunity and turned it down themselves.

Mr. Berger: Well, Mr. Chairman, maybe the Honourable Member from Watson Lake should sit in the Minister's position, because he seems to have all the feelings in the world.

Mr. Chairman: Order, please. We are discussing 1410, Resource Planning and I wish the Honourable Members would stick to what the subject matter is.

Mr. Lengerke: Just to the Treasurer, I wonder, Primary 60, Rent of Land and Buildings. Is that just a pro-rated rental of this building?

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Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that would be our tent, right.

Mr. McCall: I have some reservations in this diagram and it has been pointed out by a number of Members, including the Minister. This is the description for campground maintenance. My concern is it seems to me a little top-end loaded. If the campgrounds are in a deplorable condition, this does not seem to be much, as the Honourable Member from Watson Lake pointed out, sanitary technicians, that's the label.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I thought we were going to stick to 1410.

Mr. Chairman: I was about to point that out to the Honourable Member. We are on 1410, Resource Planning.

Is there any further discussion on 1410, Resource Planning?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am quite happy with the diagram covering 14, as our witness has said, 1401, so I am quite happy with it. I have a question on Renewable Resource Planning. Does the Minister have an idea of what direction that branch is going to be going? Are there plans now, for instance, to do research into things like the fur market and that kind of thing for renewable resources?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: There are very many areas that have been identified where major research is necessary. It remains for the Department to develop the ability to handle those before we can really go on to such programs as that. We have to perceive the problems and identify them, develop the structure to deal with the problems, and then we will have an idea of where we are going. We are not at that stage yet.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could tell us, what co-operation does this Department receive at the present time from the Federal Government responsible for renewable resources right now? I think there could be a great deal of assistance coming forth from the Federal Government to this new Department. I wonder if the Minister could elaborate on this?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I just spent a good deal of time talking about ARDA agreements, et cetera, and this is obviously a source of funding that could well be utilized in this area. In fact it is ideally set up to just deal with that kind of a problem. In other areas we certainly are doing what we can to get monies from other sources, particularly the Federal Government.

It was pointed out this morning that the report was tabled on the recreational pursuits of Yukoners, which was funded in part by this Government, but also to a major extent by National Parks. We just finished talking about the development of the Yukon River which is going to cost considerable money and we are entering a cost sharing agreement there with National Parks, of which we will pay the minor share, for development of that park. Certainly, the answer to your question is yes, wherever we can, we are trying to develop the facilities to get money from the Federal Government, but it is a battle.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further. Establishment 1410, Resource Planning, \$126,900.

Establishment 1410 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now have a short recess.
Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would Committee please come to order. I would like to point out that we are having these recesses, I would like the Members of this Committee to come into the House promptly when the bell rings. We came very close to not having a quorum this afternoon and I was about to call the Speaker in.

We will continue with Vote 14, Establishment 1420, Wildlife, \$1,236,200.

On Establishment 1420

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I will have one more go with the diagram. As indicated in the budget there are 28 man

years in this budget, which is an increase of two. Both of these are technicians: one of whom is associated with research on the caribou work, and another who is doing research with reference to sheep and Grizzlies. As far as the breakdown in the little diagram, for the benefit of the Member from Klondike, the administration in column one accounts for seven of the persons involved; and the education accounts for one; and the grouping of enforcement and wildlife management creates the remainder of the members of this branch to bring it up to a total of 28.

There is a fair increase in the budget amount for public education and safety. This is a program that has been expanded considerably in the last year and hopefully will continue to do so. It involves the education of school children in outdoor survival and in the management of fire arms. The program here is where the children are actually taken out to a camp and spend some time out there. They are out there for about three days. The increase in the monies here is primarily for the accommodation costs and meals for the students at that camp.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Minister for his explanation, but I would also like to have more information on that. It is my understanding there are some trainees with the Game Department and I wonder if the Minister could give us further information on the program they have to train those people?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: The Member is quite right, Mr. Chairman. There is a training program now that is separate from the one I have indicated here. As it stands now, it is a one-year project, which has, at the present time, this is a new project and we have yet to see where it is going to develop to, there are four trainees involved.

I should mention that they have developed a program in the Northwest Territories, which is considerably more extensive and justifiably too, because they need a much higher number of manpower to service their needs.

They have an actual program, a two-year program, in association with a recognized college which includes field trips. It is a two-year course leading to the certification and recognition and we have considered the possibility of entering this program ourselves, but it is perhaps premature, because we really would not have the areas for full employment of the students, after they graduated from the schooling. But it is something to keep in mind and we probably will be developing in that line in the future.

Mr. Berger: Further on that training program, I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister could give us the information if this training program is for native people in particular or is it for everybody in the Territory?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: It is for everyone, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Lengerke: There has been a number of primaries that I see, are on the increase and I wonder, maybe, we could just go down them in rotation here and one question I can see, certainly, the significant increase with respect salaries. We have two extra man years, but I wonder, when we are talking of Primary 20, we have gone from \$5,000 to \$29,600 and I just would like to know just what is that budget for? What are those items?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, the Member is quite right. The increase in Primary 10 is due to the fact that there are two more people on board, plus a normal six per cent increase.

Primary 20 refers to the contract work, with regard to the school children in the program that Frank Sias offers them. That is the program I referred to, with the school children and that is the increase you are noting there, for their meals and accommodation, primarily.

Mr. Fleming: Just to carry on, it was being answered, however, I would like to go on down farther and in 60, 61 and 62, where there is, in 60, there is a substantial drop and then a substantial rise in 61 and 62. I wonder if he could explain those three?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, Primary 61, primarily refers to the use in Game Management of helicopters and aircraft and there certainly has been an increase in that field, and a very necessary one.

Primary 62 refers to travel related to the same thing, although it is using YTG vehicles.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, to go back on the training program, with the view in mind of the Federal Government suggesting establishing a park in the northern area of Yukon, was a special effort made to train people from the Village of Old Crow with the game management in mind?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, if the Member is referring to the development of the park in northern Yukon, as has been mentioned before, the consultative process has not really been followed to any great degree between this Government and the Government that announced such a plan may be in the offing. We certainly have not had any opportunity to develop any ancillary programs with relation to such a facility.

We have not even had the input yet as to whether we want the park, what kind of a park we want, what kind of development of the whole area we want. That is what we are concentrating on now, Mr. Chairman, is trying to get input into that area.

There is a trainee in the Old Crow area now, attached to the program, whom I understand is doing very well.

Mr. Lengerke: I call upon Mr. Fleming's question with respect to 61. I kind of anticipated that certainly the rental would be for aircraft. I am wondering, how do you arrive, or how does the Department arrive at such a figure? Do they work out a schedule of some sort? It would be a little hard to anticipate, but just how do they in fact do that? There must be some kind of a program laid on.

How do you arrive at \$305,000 as far as—oh, I am sorry, I usually refer to that too. Sorry there, Mr. Minister. If it is in writing I do not want you to have to repeat it.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: One question related to that, I notice the largest portion is \$114,500 for caribou research in the Dempster. You know, I have been told that we are hearing so much about the caribou these days that you get to feel that you almost know them personally. Mr. Chairman, I am wondering how much longer these costs will be charged against the Government of Yukon Territory to study that poor, well over-studied group of caribou in the Dempster area, and relating this to the fact that the Federal Government have been studying these animals as well for many years and other agencies outside of government. They seem to have been doing so well, and up to this point I am just wondering why we are spending \$114,500 on further studies and how long will this continue?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that will continue to study them as much as we can until we learn how they behave in terms of a highway being built there and traffic on that highway and in terms of a Dempster lateral pipeline being built there, and the effects that has on the caribou herd. Most of the research that has been done up until now has involved the calving areas and has not been in the winter range areas as fully.

Two of the three migratory routes that herd takes crosses the Caribou Highway. So there is considerable interest in continuing those studies at the present time.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is all well and good, but what if they change their routes, you know, nobody thought to ask the caribou, of course, about what happens here and migration of these caribou, the Porcupine herd or what we used to know as the Bull River herd, sometimes go up the White River, they did for years. And, as their feed disappears, they will change routes, but I just cannot see why this amount of money is needed for the studies, as I say, in light of all the studies that have been made in the past.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I am not an expert in the field of game management, but I do know that there are differ-

ent ways one conducts a study and the methods that are involved are designed primarily to just find out what the caribou herd does, where they go and just when this kind of thing happens.

Now, we want to know in general where the caribou herd is going. We take a large survey area and we get a general pattern of where they are going. We find where they are going, we see where there are problems and we concentrate our research in that particular area.

So, in other words, it is a responsibility of that research team to do just what you are suggesting. They find out where they turn and why they turn and then they go into the areas where they are concentrated and see how they are behaving and study them on that basis.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd, perhaps Mr. Taylor is concerned that the caribou herd would go the same way as the Wood buffalo in the Northwest Territories. They were actually studied to death and the herd was decimated by the studies that were being done on them.

Any further discussion.

Mr. Fleming: Just a question, Mr. Chairman, on the habitat research and just what does that entail in the Department, a figure \$13,900.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know, I will have to get that information.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, would the Minister also find out what the special studies, under \$26,500 is for? He might have that, \$26,500, special studies, under rental of machinery and equipment, what are those special studies?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I will get the information, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I just have a little problem with them and they put down Rental of Machinery and Equipment and then they start in with Game Management, Big Game Management, Fur Management, Caribou Research, Habitat Research, and having run a little heavy equipment, I just cannot quite get the two together, that is where I am having problems.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, if I could just mention to Mr. Fleming that, I believe, almost all of that is in airplane costs and they are rented by the hour and the more money, the more hours you have got in the plane, the more places can go and the more research you can do.

I am glad to see, for one, that there is a tremendous increase in the caribou research because this is something that I stood up on before, that whenever you start talking about the caribou, with a biologist, you always end up with the problem that they do not know anything about the caribou and we have to spend money to find out.

I think our northern area in Yukon is so valuable and so important that we should be spending much more money on it even than we have now, especially when we are making decisions like a pipeline, Dempster Highway and all these terrible big developments.

I would like to know just where in this budget do we spend money for this enforcement? There does not seem to be anything specified? Is that under Administration?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, first of all with regard to the caribou herd, it would sound like they have been studied to death. In reality, if they have been studied to death no one knows it because there is not a great deal of information that has been accumulated about that caribou herd.

I can also assure you that Foothills Pipe Lines (North) Limited is actively engaged themselves in studying for their purposes, the behavior of the caribou herd.

Enforcement in wildlife management and research are grouped together and I do not have a breakdown beyond that.

Ms Millard: Just further on that then, if enforcement and

management are combined, I know they are in the same person in the man year, because they do the same work, especially in the field, what percentage of time is expected to be spent on enforcement as opposed to management? Is there some kind of policy on that? It would be seasonal as well, but I think there probably are times when there is a choice, and what does the poor guy do? Does he have some kind of influence by policy whether he should be in the management area at the time, or enforcement area?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I will find out for the Member, but it would occur to me that the roles are really not that separable and a good deal of the enforcement and management is one and the same thing. There is a good deal of overlap that is involved. Certainly if there is only one officer who is covering the entire North Highway it is going to involve a good deal more than just enforcement, there has to be some knowledge involved, but he is not the person that goes out and conducts the research program on the nesting areas of the Peregrine Falcon or something. They are separate projects done by a person who is specifically trained in that area.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, with which he assists, I think, especially in the field. He may have the choice of going out and checking fishing licenses on Flat Creek or going up the Dempster and helping the guys with the caribou kind of thing. So it really is a deliberate choice he makes. I have heard from management people that they would rather do more management than enforcement, and of course the Government would like more enforcement. There is kind of a thing going on. I was just wondering if there was any kind of policy.

Back on to the caribou just for a minute, I really have been involved there, and talked with some of the people involved in this and I am assured that they are working together on this, that there is not sort of multiple people doing the same thing. Foothills is working with Wildlife Services and they are all working together with the Game Department and that sort of thing. At least that is what I have been assured and I feel certain that no matter how many different departments are involved that the research is being done well and being shared, and that is an excellent way to go about things.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, that is indeed the case. Foothills has to apply to this Government, as anyone does, for a permit to carry out that work, and it is shared right down the line. We have their material and vice versa. Obviously there is no sense in duplicating it.

I would like to say I am worried about the enforcement officers. Just as the Member has raised, they do have a difficult job, we know. Enforcement is not a popular thing when we consider it our right to be able to hunt as Yukoners. They know that they have a heavy hand to play and it does not make their job easy and the one thing that I must say is that in all their endeavours, in the work they do, they certainly have my backing in doing whatever they can to enforce the regulations and ordinances that are under their jurisdiction.

I think that applies to any individual who is involved in contravention of those statutes and it is incumbent on us to take that same attitude.

Mr. Berger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I am way on the tail end of it, when I got up hours ago and tell the Honourable Member from Watson Lake that he is way out in the left field someplace.

Ms Millard: Right field.

Mr. Berger: No, left field and that is not even in the ball park, because the non-renewable resources that he seems to have in his mind, they are going to run out, but renewable resources and especially game, are going to continue, not unless you have got a proper management and the proper knowledge, you are not going to have anything left.

If this is what the Honourable Member has in mind, well, fine, we can cancel the whole thing.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I do not think I can speak with some knowledge on the subject because I have spent at least two seasons, the seasons of '86 and '87, among those caribou living in tents and observing those caribou and I think I can speak with more qualification about those caribou than anyone in this room, in those terms, and so I do not think I am talking through my head when I discuss the Porcupine herd, the Bull River herd or whatever you want to call them.

It would really tickle me if the caribou did the unpredictable thing and found that their forage and their browse was insufficient and they went somewhere else, and I wonder all the howls and screams, I would just be more than interested to hear them develop if, next fall, the migrated back into Alaska or went somewhere else.

However, Mr. Chairman, my next question is concerned with the question of the conservation officers themselves and I annually rise with this question to the Administration, and that is, it appears that in the past that a great emphasis on the hiring of conservation officers has been on their ability to enforce. In other words, we have been accepting retired policemen or policemen who have left the force for one reason or another and made game wardens out of them. I have always risen to say that priority should be given to local residents who have some knowledge of game, where they are, of course, qualified to run for these competitions, and I have always pointed out that the B.C. Game Department, I know Dr. Hadder, at one time, had assured me that the B.C. Game Department would train such people with their trainees, British Columbia.

Now, is this the case, is preference being given to northerners, to Yukoners, in terms of filling conservation officer positions or are we still hiring policemen.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I think we have to account for the fact that there are things happening in this department over the last several years that really must be appreciated. This department functioned for some time, and several years ago, began to acquire scientific people as part of their staff.

They have expanded so that they have several biologists in various areas in order that they do have the local expertise to carry on the management of the wildlife in the Yukon. I think that has been the general trend in the Department, to a more scientific and objective evaluation of the resource so that it can be adequately controlled on a sustained yield basis so that there is no depletion of it, and I think they are to be complimented on the efforts that they have made in this direction, despite being severely handicapped by lack of personnel and lack of facilities. I think that they show a good deal of dedication.

I think the same thing applies to the conservation officers who are employed by the Department. I think that what the Member mentioned with regards to hiring retired police officers, et cetera, is not the case now, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, then I am assured that we are not hiring, at this point in time, ex-policemen. I am pleased to hear that. May I then get an answer to my other question. Are we putting emphasis on hiring Yukoners as conservation officers?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, he has no assurance that we will not be hiring ex-policemen. I just did not say that that was the policy, but I did not close the door to an ex-policeman by any means. I am not sure what the policy is as far as hiring Yukoners. I will check.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, my question has been answered. I do have another, and it is with respect to the figures that we are given on page 22 of the Appendix. Maybe Mr. Sherlock could tell me what was spent in those areas last year, like under enforcement. What were the comparative figures, if you have them, if you could just run down the list?

Mr. Sherlock: No, Mr. Chairman, I do not have the figures

for the areas that was spent last year.

Mr. Lengerke: I am mainly interested in the enforcement figures, when we are spending \$69,600, I was wondering if that was significant, particularly far as the great increase in the caribou in the area.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the only thing we can answer on is the number of hours that they are proposing to fly and there is not a significant change.

Mr. Lengerke: So, it is really the rates.

Mr. Sherlock: It is the rates.

Mr. Millard: That is terrible news. It would seem to me it is almost three times as much, two times as much anyway. My question is on the Advisory Committee or advisory group that was supposed to be set up for game and wildlife. Everybody seemed to agree that it should be done. I am just wondering how far along that is?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I hope everyone agrees, we are still not doing it at the present time because I have made representations to the Native Organizations for their input into such a committee. Those representations have not been answered. I do not want to proceed with the formation of the council until we know what the council should be. Now, that is not to say that the natives often have that we do not ask them for their input. I am doing it this time but I am having trouble getting it.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for the information he handed to me. I do not know if the Member stood up in this House and complained about the experts that come up from the East and now being camped twice among a couple of caribou, now he is an expert on caribou.

I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member can inform me if he also camped over in the Sixty Mile area where the caribou herd completely disappeared and maybe he is the fault of it.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do not know if I should answer that. They also disappeared off the White River and they have changed migration routes quite frequently and it would not surprise me, as the browse depletes in the area that they are now foraging, that they will make that change.

Perhaps if the Honourable Member wishes to find out, he could maybe ask the caribou. He seems to know better.

Mr. Chairman, I have another problem which I raise on an annual basis, or have been recently and it is a very serious problem within wildlife administration and that goes into the trapline administration field. A trapline licence is issued, I believe for five years. At that point in time, or it used to be, that that trapline licence was renewed and the only way the trapline licence would be taken away was for serious infractions against the *Game Ordinance* and the right to hold that trapline. But in recent times, as recently as one or two years ago, some non-native trappers were advised that because in the winter, they did not trap their trapline, that they were going to lose that line and I think in some cases, people did lose traplines, notwithstanding their licence period extended for the five years.

Some of the arguments that people have given is that they are farming their trapline. They may trap it this year, they may not trap it next year but I found that in some cases, over zealous conservation officers were saying, "Well, look it, I know this guy. This guy is working at the local hotel. He does not need a trapline."

Arbitrary decisions like this were being made to take traplines away from non-native people in the Territory. Then I questioned, I said well all right, I know all sorts of native people who have traplines who have never trapped them and do not even know how to trap them. They have no idea how to perhaps skin a squirrel and yet hold traplines because they have come down through descendancy and family descendants. We

then are these people not refused their traplines because they are not trapping them?

I never did get a satisfactory answer but I think it ought to be made clear that as Yukoners, native and non-natives, ought to have a quality under this Ordinance, notwithstanding any other special rights that natives may have.

I think that this is a very, very important point. I am wondering if the Minister could give me the assurance today that indeed the type of thing I have suggested no longer exists and that trap lines will be administered on a reasonable basis, regardless of whether one is native or non-native?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I do not know whether I agree with the Honourable Member's remarks about the character of the conservation officer. We are attempting, in conjunction with the trappers, to develop a policy towards the utilization of the traplines. It strikes me that if we have a resource that has a capability of having a sustained yield, then we should indeed develop these facilities along with that.

I do not think within one year would be the usual rule when somebody would be denied the use of their trapline, but if they are not using their trapline or if they have moved out of the Territory, they are given definite indication that they will not be using their trapline, then indeed, I think the trapline should not be left to lie fallow indefinitely, as you suggest, and it should go to someone who is going to use it. We have to develop that policy in time. I agree with you that there has not been this overall policy, but we have now developed one or are developing one in conjunction with the Trappers' Association.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think it has got to be remembered in development of this policy that if a person does not trap their trapline for one year, that all the time this thing is cycling. Marten have cycled high in some areas this year and perhaps may disappear next year. Lynx are not as frequent in some areas this year as they were last year. It is not to the benefit of the trapper to trap, and for various other reasons known only to the trapper in that specific area, he may not feel that his trapline is worth trapping that year.

But remember when you issue a trapline licence, these traplines are bought and sold. People have worked hard, they have put cabins on them, they put traps in in the summertime, they have invested a great deal of money in traps. It is a little, I think, unfair, Mr. Chairman, if a policy is developed that does not take into account these factors. I do not think they are being taken account of.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman indeed they are. I think it is very unlikely that if what the Member describes is a person that develops a trapline with the facilities on it, and he did not trap it for one year, he would lose his trapline. I do not think that would apply at all. But I do know instances have arisen several times whereby a person who was trapping the Territory is now farming in Saskatchewan.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That is different.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Yes, it is different. That is right, and so he has his licence revoked. Indeed it should be. The guidelines that we are developing, Mr. Chairman, are not done in isolation. They are done in conjunction and with taking into consideration the concerns of the industry itself.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: One final question, Mr. Chairman, relates to the question I asked about native traplines. For all those native people who are not trapping and have not been trapping their traplines, may I have the assurance that they will also be taken away in the same manner as non-natives?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: As I indicated, we are trying to develop an overall policy whereby if the traplines are not used and we see they are not going to be used, they will be withdrawn from that person and they will be reissued on some basis. But, the policy we are developing as far as the use of the traplines is concerned, is not related to whether the person is native or not.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I find it very interesting again, speaking of traplines and the native peoples and the *Indian Act* is not even brought into the thing. I do not think anybody is going to take that trapline away from a native person, whether he wants to or not, unless it is the Federal Government or the Department of Indian Affairs.

However, my question to the Minister was in the area of revenue, I do not see any substantial change and I am just wondering, is the Minister going to be bringing something forth in the area of licensing, raising the prices on the licences?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Well, obviously not in this budget, Mr. Chairman, but, as the Member well knows, there is a paper in Committee of the Whole, where this will come up for discussion. I think that would be an appropriate time to consider it.

Mr. Sherlock: Just to clarify my previous answer to Mr. Lengerke on Primary 61. It might have been a bit misleading, but he asked a question concerning enforcement and I said it was not a substantial increase, but, if you take the overall primary, there was a substantial increase in the number of hours that they intend to fly this year, as opposed to last year. In fact, it is almost doubled.

So, in fact, the rate did not increase that much. They are planning to fly a lot more hours. They have changed their aircraft use, the types of aircraft so that there is a different costing in aircraft.

When I glanced at the back-up, I looked at one column and later realized that there are, in fact, three columns.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you.

One question that I wanted to ask the Minister and, while the Member from Watson Lake was talking about trapping and what have you, I can recall in one of the first budget sessions I attended, there was quite a discussion on the type of traps used and the leg hold trap and I recall that there was quite a discussion where we would be looking at a change of policy or some recommendations with respect to that.

I am wondering what has developed over the years? Is the Minister aware of any papers or any recommendations as far as this Government is concerned that they would like to embark on?

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: I do not know how much I can help the Member, Mr. Chairman, but over the last couple of years, there has been an education program going around whereby the trappers are being instructed in the use of the humane trap and it is being disseminated on that basis. But I know of no regulations to that effect.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, there is no plan by the department then to make it mandatory to use a certain type of trap, like the humane type.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Berger: I second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Lengerke, seconded by Mr. Berger that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Some Members: Agreed.

Some Members: Disagreed.

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Lengerke would like to say something about his motion.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I realize that we sometimes look at the wants and requirements of other Members. I did do that specifically.

Mrs. Watson, as you know, is not here today and she really did have some concerns about this particular establishment. As you know, she has discussed many, many times, on various occasions, and I think she has got a couple of specific questions.

I am sure she could have raised those questions even in the next round of discussion, but I think it would be fair and I would hope the Members would agree with that.

Hon. Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, in view of the circumstances that we did not anticipate that this vote was coming up this afternoon, I would agree with that. I just wish the Member from Riverdale would give us an indication of that, rather merely than citing closure.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Witnesses are excused.

Mr. Speaker resumes Chair

Mr. Speaker: I now call the House to order. May we have a Report from the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has considered Bill Number 3, *First Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79* and directed me to report progress on the same and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the Report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted. May I have your further pleasure?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I move that we do now call it 5 o'clock.

Ms Millard: I second that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that we do now call it five o'clock.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Adjourned

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