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Mr. Speaker: I call the House to order.

We will proceed at this time with Morning Prayers.

Prayers

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding with the Order Paper this morning, I am pleased to advise the House that time has been set aside to receive replies to the Speech from the Throne, and the days so provided will be Tuesday, March 21st, and Wednesday, March 22nd, immediately following daily routine on the Order Paper.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to the Order Paper. Are there any Documents for Tabling.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling a letter to, which was sent to Dr. W.J. McCall, Father Judge Memorial Hospital. It was also sent to other doctors around the Territory, to Dr. J.B. Clark, Mayo General Hospital; to Dr. Hunter Blair, the Medical Clinic, Elsa; Dr. Fast, Faro Nursing Station; to Dr. Peter Long, Faro Nursing Station; and Dr. S.R. Secerbegovic, in Watson Lake General Hospital.

With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to read it.

Mr. Speaker: I do not think it is in order to read. Tabling would be sufficient at this time.

Are there any further documents for tabling?

Are there any Reports of Committees? Petitions? Introduction of Bills?

Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Paper?

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Ms Millard: Moved by myself, Mr. Speaker, and seconded by the Honourable Member from Kluane, that copies of all letters pertaining to the Arctic Winter Games, which were sent to communities outside of Whitehorse, be tabled in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. McCall, THAT it is the opinion of this Assembly that the Government of the Yukon introduce legislation in this Session of the Assembly respecting rent control, based on the individual adjustment system.

FURTHER, that such rent control legislation apply to all residential tenancies, including government housing;

FURTHER that such rent control legislation be subject to proclamation and that such proclamation be made by the Commissioner, acting on the advice of the Executive Committee at such time as, in the opinion of the Committee, proclamation and enforcement of such legislation is necessary.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, THAT this House recommends that the Recreation Grants Regulations be amended to provide that the Commissioner may pay a grant in lieu of taxes as defined in the *Taxation Ordinance* to a community organization which is in receipt of a grant pursuant to Section 8 of the Regulations, in respect of any facility set out in subsection 45.(1) of the *Community Assistance Ordinance*

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Statements by Ministers? This then brings us to the Question Period, have you any questions?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Electrical Rate Equalization/Question regarding

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, I have not actually a question this morning. It is a question, Mr. Speaker, regarding a question I asked about a week ago, just to find out what the Government was actually paying for electricity, as opposed to the residents and business places and such places as Teslin. I find it very, very frustrating that it takes him a week to find out something I probably could have found out with a phone call by myself, although it is not the orthodox way of doing it, phoning the electrical company. I am just wondering, Mr. Speaker, if that answer is going to come, even in this session?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, it was my understanding that question was asked during the deliberation of the Main Estimates, but we could provide a written reply for the Honourable Member during the forthcoming Question Period in the next couple of days.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We will then proceed under Orders of the Day to 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 discuss 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 Hootalinqua, that the Federal Pipeline Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure at this time.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee for the Whole for the purposes of discussing Bills.

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, 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.

This morning we will continue with consideration of the Supplementary Estimates and then proceed on to the Main Estimates and, pending the arrival of the witnesses, I will declare a brief recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would Committee please come to order.

We will continue on with the Project Capital in the Supplementary Number 3, on page 41.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, a lot of the supplementaries on this area are the responsibility of my colleague in Local Government and DPW. I think we should proceed and see whether or not Treasury has enough information. If they have not, we maybe could stand one or two over, if we have problems in that area.

On Establishment 2553

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2553, Remand Centre, \$62,000.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I believe I explained this yesterday afternoon, but I do not think we cleared it.

I think all Members are familiar with the requirements for that cost.

Establishment 2553 agreed to

On Establishment 2554

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2554, Corrections Plough, \$1,500.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this is a very interesting situation. It would occur only in Government, I am sure. There has been a truck which was the possession of Corrections Branch, which was used for a number of purposes, including putting a plough on it to clear the roads, move the snow and so on.

When the Juvenile Training Centre at Wolf Creek was turned over from Corrections to the Department of Human Resources, this vehicle was reclaimed by Corrections. That meant that, out at Wolf Creek, they had no plough to plough the road.

The reason they have to plough the road, Mr. Chairman, is that the Territorial Government does not acknowledge ownership of the road from Wolf Creek Youth Services Centre, out to the Alaska Highway, and they assess it as a private road. Therefore, the maintenance of that road is the responsibility of the Youth Services Centre and that is why you see before you the figures for a plough.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, if they could clarify it, if they would use the word "snowplough" instead of just plain "plough", it might save things a little.

Establishment 2554 agreed to

On Establishment 2555

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2555, Corrections Furnish-
ing Replacement, \$11,300.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this is an additional item which was required because of Fire Marshall's ruling and with my approval, I can say heartily. Because of recent fires in penal institutions across Canada where foam rubber mattresses of a certain type of plastic content have been found to be a deadly hazard because a lighted match thrown at a pile of mattresses such as those within three minutes can kill in cells through the smoke and fumes. This, Mr. Chairman, was one of the causes of a fire which caused four deaths in Stratford, Ontario. I immediately asked for a report on what type of mattresses we were using in the institution here and we are replacing all of them. I can assure you this is going to have to happen every two or three years because of normal wear and tear. But in this instance, I am trying very hard not to put this institution into a situation where someone could die within three minutes because of the kind of polyethylene or whatever the trade name of the filling is in those mattresses.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions?

Establishment 2555 agreed to

On Establishment 2603

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2603, Land Development, \$350,000.

Mr. Sherlock: In support of that item, Mr. Chairman, the first point is that most of that money is carry-over money from the previous fiscal year on projects that were not completed, that were ongoing, and there were a few other incidents there too. But that is primarily it.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions?

Establishment 2603 agreed to

On Establishment 2613

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2613, Mayo Administration Building, decrease \$700,000. Any questions?

Mr. Fleming: Why did they not proceed?

Mr. Chairman: I can tell you why they did not do it. I will give you the answer, basically because they did not have the architects' plans ready for the building until March of this year. So there were no plans to build the building.

Hon. Mr. Lang: As well, Mr. Chairman, was the uncertainty in the area of whether or not land would be available. I think the Minister, the other day, alluded to the fact that the moving of the gymnasium over to the school would put a parcel of land together that would provide for the administration building. That was another variable entering into it as well.

Ms Millard: So, can we expect that it will proceed in the next year, then?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, further to our discussions yesterday, we have put monies, asked for monies for the capital side to proceed with this project. Similar to the Old Crow situation, monies were not available.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think, though, that it should be pointed out and it is most unfortunate, and I think that the Government has been a little negligent in this area, because I recall voting \$700,000 for a Mayo Administration Building, for the last four years.

So, somewhere along the line, those plans should have been ready to go, so that they could have proceeded last year, without having to, all of a sudden, delay it because there were not any plans ready, and yet we have let money, in our Supplementary, there has been capital money that is being turned back.

At least, if they would have got started on it last year, then it would have been just a matter of re-voting the money. But, what has happened?

We have taken that capital money that should have gone to the Mayo Administration Building, and we have covered up for some of the other deficiencies within the department, and I am looking at, for example, Economic Research and Planning, the \$135,000 that they went over their budget. Some of that came out of the capital that could have been used for Mayo.

I look at Treasury, Electric Rate Equalization; Central Purchasing; I look at Health and Welfare, over \$300,000 in last year, and \$600,000 in 1976, and this all came out of projects that were not proceeded with last year.

These all came out of Mayo's Administration Building, so, when we are voting some of this money that we have in these various departments, for over-expenditure, we know that we are taking that money from the kitty that could have built the Mayo Administration Building.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I will have to refer to the Treasurer for this and it is unfortunate that the Member responsible is not here.

I am just going by memory now, but it is my understanding that plans were drawn up at one time and they were, I think, too rich for the monies that were going to be available and had to be revised.

Is that not correct, Mr. Sherlock?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, there was a requirement to revise the plans. I do not have the details of why particularly. I suppose I should add the second point, although Mrs. Watson is right in principle, the fact that funds that are lapsed get used up elsewhere and this kind of thing. But I should mention the capital funds that we are dealing with now could not in fact have been used to fund O & M. The reverse is true, we could use O & M money in capital if the House approves such a transfer. But the other way around it cannot be

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, with respect though, in our Bill, this is exactly what you are asking us to do in the Bill that approves this Supplementary Budget. You are asking us to offset the overexpenditure of O & M with the capital that was not utilized. So we are doing that, and any lapsing balance then becomes working capital. Actually that is what we have done in the Bill.

Mr. Sherlock: No, Mr. Chairman, we have not. There are two working capitals. There is the O & M working capital and a capital working capital. They are quite separate. The Member is referring to individual departments and the revoting of certain money that is shown in the summary, it does not include capital. If you look at the top of page 2, you will see that O & M is covered there and then we have a reduction of 798, that is strictly O & M and capital is shown on page 1 of the summary.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if lapse in capital, if it is not utilized it becomes working capital, could become part of the working capital fund and so could any O & M money that is not utilized become part of the working capital fund.

Mr. Sherlock: Correct, except you must distinguish the fact that there are two working capitals. One for O & M and one for capital. We cannot transfer funds from capital working capital to O & M working capital, but we can, with the authority of this House, transfer O & M working capital to capital working capital. A bit confusing.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if one looks at your whole Supplementary Number 3, you are offsetting capital against O & M, lapsing capital.

Mr. Sherlock: Maybe I could redefine it this way, Mr. Chairman. You have to deal with each one of these segments separately on pages 1 and 2, and we are asking for a revoting of funds within each department. Now the Member might be correct if you are talking in terms of each segment and ending up with a total, if you lead it all the way and go down to a total, then maybe the reasoning that the Member is using might be correct.

From a legal standpoint of view, that is not the way this works. We are revoting each department separately.

Mrs. Watson: Well then, Mr. Chairman, the Speech from the Throne was then misleading and I have not got it here, but I will bring it in after lunch. The Speech from the Throne says that in year 1977-78, there was an underexpenditure of one million and some dollars and what they did was they subtracted the overexpenditure of O & M from the lapsing capital and they said there has been an underexpenditure, when in fact there was an overexpenditure of O & M.

They were implying, then, that you can offset, by even subtracting the O & M from the lapsing capital, they are implying that you can offset your overexpenditure of O & M from lapsing capital.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder if we could take this kind of debate into the Mains, probably, or, when you are replying to the Speech from the Throne might be a very good place.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, with respect, I plan on doing that, but it would be rather nice to get a few answers on these, too.

But, I agree, it does have something to do with it to the degree that Mayo has lost out on that Administration Building, over these four years and I know that \$700,000, right now, is not going to build Mayo an administration building at today's costs.

Mayo Administration Building originally was funded for when the Haines Junction Administration Building was voted the first time. Haines Junction has been in their building for two years, and that was the amount of money that was in the budget, at that time, \$700,000. So that is not being realistic at all, by saying that it is going to cost too much, because I am quite sure that Haines Junction even went over that, at that time.

Besides, this is beyond the point, but, Mr. Chairman, I find it most regrettable that this project is not completed, by now has not been completed.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that feeling is shared mutually by the Government.

Establishment 2613 agreed to

Mrs. Watson: With regrets.

Mr. Chairman: You echo my thoughts, Mrs. Watson.
On Establishment 2614

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2614, Sewage Treatment Whitehorse, decrease \$2 million.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, that is just an indication that the program did not proceed, as quickly as had been anticipated and it is going to be re-voted, carried forward into the next fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Any comments?

Establishment 2614 agreed to

On Establishment 2701

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2701, Campground and Rest Stop Development, decrease \$21,000.

Mrs. Watson: They are quite presumptuous, are they not?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is a transfer out of Establishment 2701 to 2900, and I really cannot add any more to that.

Mr. Berger: Do you think we could have a further explanation. There is no way in the world, I mean the stakes are not going to cost \$21,000.

Mr. Chairman: We will stand this item over.

Establishment 2701 stood over

On Establishment 2704

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2704, Miscellaneous Field Equipment - Renewable Resources, \$4,600.

On Establishment 2701

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, could I go back to 2701? Our indication is that in fact the truck will cost \$21,000, in fact it might even cost more, it is a very special kind of stake truck.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, then we want more information, what kind of special equipment is this?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we could pass it though because it will come in the Mains apparently.

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Sherlock: We will bring that information back, Mr. Chairman, just precisely what kind of a truck it is.

Mr. Chairman: Do you want to go ahead with 2701 then?

Establishment 2701 agreed to

On Establishment 2704

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2704, Miscellaneous Field Equipment - Renewable Resources, \$4,600.

Establishment 2704 agreed to

On Establishment 2709

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2709, Museum Construction Contributions, decrease of \$17,900.

Nobody is building museums.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it does not say that. Would it be if they did not have applications?

Mr. Sherlock: That is correct, Mr. Chairman, they did not have the number of applications they thought they would.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, does this money have to be used on actual new construction or can it be renovations to an old museum?

Mr. Sherlock: The money that was funded last year was for new construction. There will be some money in this subsequent year for renovations as well.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I realize for the last three years

we were discussing this, it is all under new construction and we finally came to an end, by the looks of it, but I think it is high time this Government should change their policy. Some of that money should be set aside for maintenance costs to the museums.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: This Government has changed its policy and there was a submission made to Executive Committee recently which drew from advice given to the Government's Tourism Department by the Advisory Board on Museums and Historic Sites, and therefore there will now be a policy, as Mr. Sherlock has said, that funds can be used for renovations and additions and upgrading and so on, as well as capital.

Ms Millard: But, Mr. Chairman, not for maintenance, correct?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it is a very generous interpretation of the word "maintenance", from my point of view.

Establishment 2709 agreed to

On Establishment 2713

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2713, Audio Visual Equipment, \$1,200.

Mr. Berger: Could we have an explanation of this? Is it for schools or other special purposes?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, our information indicates that it was back-up equipment for Information Services.

Establishment 2713 agreed to

On Establishment 2721

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2721, Snowmobile Replacement, \$6,000.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I would assume that this would be for the Game Department. Is that correct?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is for the Game Department.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it would be very interesting, at some time, if this body undertook to have a department, year by year, or several departments, providing inventory of some of the equipment they do, in fact, have, because I do not think I have ever sat in here where we have not been snowmobiles for the Game Branch, and this type of thing.

It would be just quite something, I think, to know just exactly how many canoes, boats, snowmobiles, camping equipment, in fact we do have, some place.

So, I think we get a little rich on equipment.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I recall a similar question raised last year and we undertook to take inventory of all the departments. We did that. The information is just coming back to us now. We asked to have it all back to us before the 31st of March this year, because there are two things that have to be done. We have, of course, have to have an accounting for it, as well as a fiscal inventory of all the equipment.

So, we will have the information that Mrs. Watson is talking about in our office within the next few days. Whether we can sort it out in time to bring her an answer, I do not know, but certainly by the time next year rolls around, every department will now precisely what they have and where it is.

Establishment 2721 agreed to

On Establishment 2740

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2740, Record Storage - Archives, \$39,500.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this, of course, was authorized before it became part of my portfolio, but I would like to extend to all Honourable Members an invitation to come and have a look at the installation of this new track shelving. It has now been completed, as of this week and the Director of that Branch would like very much to show Members what they got for their money. He thinks it was a very good investment.

Of course, the point behind this is that either you make more

room for records in the space you have available through using such technical equipment as this, or you build more buildings.

While I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, on that particular item, I think it might be educational for all Members who have not seen the record storage space in this building, also to avail themselves of the invitation extended to go and have a look at Central Registry. It is a tremendous amount of storage and the people who work there rarely get any credit for what they are doing because they are not seen.

I had my first tour when this portfolio came over to me recently, and I had never seen any of this before. I would like very much to have other Members appreciate what is involved here in these Votes. At your convenience, I know that you are welcome to go and see the new storage shelving, either in the Archives or in the Records Centre.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Minister, are all of the records now stored here or is a portion of it here and do we still have a portion downtown?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the current records are all in this building as far as I know.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, the movable shelves were simply for the Archives, were they not, so that we can anticipate what the Minister is trying to say is be prepared because the Records Department is going to want movable track too, right?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, they have not asked for it yet, I do not know.

Establishment 2740 agreed to

On Establishment 2741

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2741, Library Equipment, \$3,500.

Establishment 2741 agreed to

On Establishment 2742

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2742, Records Centre Shelving, \$3,000.

Establishment 2742 agreed to

On Establishment 2900

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2900, Road Equipment, decrease of \$39,500.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the reason for the decrease is that we originally had two graders that we thought had to be replaced and they did not have to and we bought two dump trucks instead. Two dump trucks are not as expensive as two graders.

Mr. Fleming: I would like to ask the Minister, is the fact that the highway is being paved in certain areas, and not many miles yet, but some, does this reduce the need of a certain amount of graders in the area?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We have not got enough miles of pavement at the present time, Mr. Chairman, to notice any noticeable decrease in road maintenance. We did notice a decrease in some of the costs that the managerial consultant had projected for this year. We are doing it cheaper per pass mile per grader than he thought we could do it for, and we are pleased with that.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I have a question for the Treasurer, Mr. Sherlock. I am just wondering, in the case of any of these underexpenditures, how early through the budget year do you know this. I know that you work on a variance system of some sort and they have some forecasts. Surely to God they should be able to tell you somewhere in there that they are not going to spend the dollars on equipment, they do not wait until the end of the year to do this. You must have some indication that funds are going to be available. My question is, why do you not then, at least why does the Government not count this up and say okay, for instance in the case of the Mayo building, there would have been dollars available and that would have, to me, should have had some priority it having appear for a number of years on the list. When do you know that

these dollars are going to be available or do you add this up at the tail end of the year?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I think I mentioned earlier last week that the reporting system to us from this Department, and we, in turn, report to Sub-committee on Finance through things called variance reports.

The variance reports do identify this kind of thing quarterly. I think, perhaps, and I am just guessing, that maybe the serious changes, the serious variances are not really noted until about the, well, after the first six months. The information that is contained in this document, is taken after Period 9, which is the third quarter.

Maybe that is part of the problem that Mr. Lengerke is alluding to.

Now, this of course means that maybe we have to improve our information system and that is something that we will get into, I am sure, later on.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, maybe the Minister of Highways could possibly answer this: what policy does this Government have on keeping equipment. There has to be a time limit. Everybody looks at the vehicles and trucks and cars and mileage, on graders and caterpillar equipment, like crawler trackers, you look at the hours.

Is there any policy at all, the way you hang on? Maybe by hanging on to the equipment, you have to spend much more fundings the next year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, there is a policy and I will not even attempt to rattle it off by hand, but I would be happy to give that policy of the Engineering Department to the Honourable Member.

To answer further the question from the Honourable Member from Riverdale, it is the Capital Assistance Program, unfortunately, that is broke and we cannot switch from Highways and Public Works to that Capital Assistance Program, from vote to vote. Whereas Highway, Engineering and Public Works, because of the first year of the management and administration, really, does not reflect quite the cost that was estimated by the managerial consultant, we do not have the opportunity of switching that from the Vote of the Highways and Public Works to Local Government.

Of course, that is why we are attempting to accelerate the Capital Assistance Program through Capital Projects, with an additional \$22 million, with request to Treasury Board and IGC, at this time.

So, it would be fine if we had the ability, under the *Financial Administration Ordinance*, just to throw from vote to vote, but we do not.

Mrs. Watson: But, Mr. Chairman, with respect, you can transfer other capital money for capital projects outside of the Engineering Services Agreement, to Capital Assistance, Community Assistance Projects. You are allowed \$3 million for Community Assistance, but if you have capital in excess of \$1 million of projects that you had budgeted for and are not proceeding, there would be nothing stopping you from using that \$1 million and transferring it over to something like the Mayo Administration Building.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that you cannot transfer, under the terms of the *Financial Administration Ordinance* from vote to vote and I stand to be corrected on that. That has been my understanding.

Mr. Sherlock: You can, Mr. Chairman, within the terms I defined earlier, as long as you are transferring capital within capital, O & M within an O & M, other than what the Minister has just mentioned. That would be a separate agreement, so of course you could not touch that.

But, a transfer, of course, as it is done here, it has to go through a supplementary appropriation.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the majority of areas where we saved money was under the terms of the Engineering Services Agreement, some \$2 million.

Mr. Sherlock: In this case, yes.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: But that certainly was not transferable into other votes, those monies that are extra, under the Engineering Services Agreement.

Mr. Sherlock: That is correct.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I was not referring to monies under the ESA Agreement. For instance, road equipment, the \$39,500, that is not under that agreement and surely to God somebody would have known when they were going to buy that equipment or not. Other areas that may be affected by special agreement, for instance, would be the Public Housing and Rural and Remote Housing. I realize CMHC is involved in that, but those are areas that you would know somewhere early in the year that those programs were not going to go ahead. Surely to God you should be able to put a different priority on that. That is my question.

Mr. Chairman: We are getting away from the purpose of this particular discussion, which is to decide whether or not you are going to approve 2900, Road Equipment, not to discuss the policy of transferring capital to O & M and O & M to capital. So we will-

Mr. Lengerke: I think, Mr. Chairman, by virtue of some of these topics, this is what brings this out. I agree, we will go ahead and I am sure in the Mains we will discuss it.

Mr. Chairman: Well we have discussed it very fully now. Perhaps you will not need to do it in the Mains.

Establishment 2900 agreed to

On Establishment 2902

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2902, Sundry Equipment, a decrease of \$22,200.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, provisions were made for two lighting plants at the Frasier, BC Camp on the Carcross-Skagway Road, but they are to be provided by the contract, Mr. Chairman, so it became extraneous.

Mr. Chairman: Any discussion?

Establishment 2902 agreed to

On Establishment 2904

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2904, VHF Radio Communication System, \$40,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as I stand up on every Main Estimate and every Supplementary, once again I would like to say that this is the final year of the VHF installation program. Certain adjustments were required to the system to bring it to its final design criteria and also the Supplementary due to weather conditions and additional helicopter time was required for mountaintop installations, and I guarantee that next year we will be coming up with the final installation requirement to the VHF program, both in the Mains and the Supplementary.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions or discussion?

Establishment 2904 agreed to

On Establishment 2906

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2906, Highway Maintenance Complex - Eagle River, decrease of \$69,300.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that anybody would believe that we would be stymied in proceeding by a block land transfer to build the Eagle River Complex in the middle of nowhere on the Dempster Highway, but that is exactly where we stand at this time.

Mr. Berger: Yes, I would just like the information, the Government asked for tenders last year on this particular Complex and I was wondering how many people actually bid on this type of complex and how many people were interested in this?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We invited for proposals, I think, Mr. Chairman, rather than tenders, and there were three proposals and the contract has been signed with one of those who proposed.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, was this put back only because of the block land transfer difficulties, or was it also partly because of the general philosophy of changing the capital expenditure from the interior of Yukon to along the pipeline route? Did that have any influence on it?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, I am not easily influenced by those types of pressures.

Mr. Berger: Further on this, Mr. Chairman, it was my understanding when we first planned the Eagle River, that there was going to be a real complex, Game Department, Forestry and possibly the RCMP, and some Federal agencies.

Is there Federal Government going to go ahead with some of those buildings now, like Forestry and RCMP, because they do not really need a block land transfer?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, the philosophy is that we are going to have a controlled complex, with all agencies, Federal and Territorial, in one area, which is sensible and this is one of the requests that we have forwarded, on a priority basis, to the Regional Director and one of those areas which I am not so sure that they think that that is the proper area for the complex. Whether they will be in favour of the block land transfer or not, so, you know, fun and games in Yukon. What else is new?

Ms Millard: I think the Minister has actually answered it, but I would like to have some kind of indication that, should a block land transfer come about, that the thing would proceed without any difficulty after that.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Would my signature written in blood suffice, Mr. Chairman?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is dependent on whether there is money and whether this Legislature approves it.

The 2906 only provided \$75,000 and I am sure that was just to get started with the plans, because the Skagway Complex was at \$750,000. So, this was just a beginning and it was not ready to go.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Establishment 2906 agreed to

On Establishment 2907

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2907, Fencing - Watson Lake Compound, decrease of \$18,800.

Some Members: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I have got a speech on that.

Mr. Fleming: No, I just would like to know just what and how big that compound was that was to be fenced for \$18,800 or more?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I do not have the square footage if that is required, through the Watson Lake Compound. All I know is that the contract came in lower than anticipated, which is fine with us.

Establishment 2907 agreed to

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make one comment.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: If I had been around during the Gold Rush, I would have been in the Tent and Awning business, and, believe me, if I were in business today, it would be in metal fencing.

On Establishment 2909

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2909, Building Contingency Fund, \$22,500.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this was generally for remodelling Building 265 for the Game Branch, to make it a

workable area for such things as biology and whatever they do with the cadavers of big game animals in that area, rather than getting into the area of the new lab complex, which is another one of those promises, which seems somewhere in never, never land. They just had to have a place which was not elaborate by any way, shape or form, for their use and, after the tears of my colleague, the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources, fell upon my shoulders, we finally agreed to remodel it to the extent where it would be a workable area.

It is not the ultimate answer, and it is not all that satisfactory, at least it is a place where they can work and keep warm.

Establishment 2909 agreed to

On Establishment 2911

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2911, Recreation Roads, a decrease of \$6,400.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this is primarily because we did not do all the work that we had anticipated in the year on the new Blind Creek Road in Faro and it is certainly fortunate, unless the Honourable Member from Pelly down at the Pipeline Advisory Council meeting at this time--

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I find it incredible that we have \$6,000 left when some of the recreational roads, the conditions are just terrible. I have often thought we do not vote enough money for these recreation roads, but when we only vote \$15,000 and they still turn some back, that is a little ridiculous. You have graders in all of these areas, your orders could just be, look we have some recreation roads money left, make sure that we get some of these roads up to a bit of a standard. That is stupid, Mr. Chairman, absolutely stupid.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, all the roads were kept at the same level as they had been in the past year. Mr. Chairman, what do the Honourable Members want, super highways on recreation roads. Those of us who use the recreation roads on a consistent basis, every week-end of the summer do not find it all that difficult to get a vehicle to the places we want to go. I do not think that this Government should be expanding into an elaborate super highway type of recreational road program.

Mr. Chairman, if Honourable Members want to get into the Main Estimates and vote all kinds of money for recreation roads to bring them up to a different standard than they are now, then let them do it, but we have a good recreational road program in this Territory, and I deny anybody saying that we do not have. I think it is a darn good system, and I get a little perturbed at wanting to change all these recreational roads into some kind of a super highway. I just do not buy it.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I have rise and completely disagree with the Minister. Because, we have classified roads in the Dawson area as recreation roads and I have been standing up here how for four years now asking when will they be reclassified. The Bonanza Road last year was still classified as recreational road. It was in terrible condition and I find that I have to echo the Honourable Member from Kluane because it is deplorable. I cannot understand them turning back \$6,000. The Bonanza Road, the Territorial Government could not even put a grader on there any more because it would probably ruin the grader. The Minister has the gall to stand up and say that recreational roads are in real good shape. Another recreational road at Kilometre 232½, the Minto campsite, there has not been a grader on there, no servicing on it for years. People use that every day in the summertime. Tourists use it. Those are the conditions. Not everybody owns a four wheel drive vehicle.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well they should

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we are not asking for a super-highway. We are not asking for a highway, we are just asking for a road, that is all. So it can be called a road, rather than a trail.

We do not all have four-wheel drives. We just do not want to lose our car in some of the holes, that is all. We are not asking for re-classification or anything, but when you have got \$6,000 and in Blading, the Pine Lake Road, the Kathleen Road would have taken a couple of hundred dollars, you could have satisfied a lot of people, and without building a super-highway or any kind of a highway.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just have to rise on this one for a moment, however, the Minister is going to be surprised, because I am going to support him in some sense, in the fact that the recreational roads, we do not have millions to spend on recreational roads, and I agree.

However, as I was driving by the Ethel Lake Road last week, which goes a ways into a recreational area, with friends of mine from Whitehorse area, too, by the way, we were going by and they said, we just mentioned, you know, that and they wanted to know what kind of a set-up it was in the lake and he said, for God sake, do not ever go and try to find out. You will never get out if you ever get in.

With that, though, I would like to say, also, that the Minister, you know, we do not have millions of dollars to spend on recreational roads and I think that they are something that is not necessarily brought up to the standard of a highway, but, I would look in the area of where, and I have asked this before, look in the area of where people are living and maybe come to some change in using the monies that are for what we call recreational roads, now, and I do hate to see monies left over, when sometimes, in the wintertime, where people are actually living and their homes are there.

I will say, the Annie Lake Road, for instance, is one of the real bad ones, where there are quite a few people that have to get children to school and so forth. I think that this money could be spent somehow, in this area.

However, there is no use harping on the subject. I can see I am going the wrong way, from the Honourable Member's face, she disagrees entirely, but I do.

I think the Minister said everyone should have a four-wheel vehicle. I will agree with that. I wish I had the money to buy one. I know the Minister has one himself.

Mr. Chairman: I think that we have had sufficient castigation of the Minister for not spending \$6,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I just have to say that, after the work and the effort that we put into upgrading the roads that the Honourable Member from Klondike is talking about, to get them re-classified into this year's budget and he knows it, that I find it pretty unfair, when all the work has been done on Dawson and the elected Members from that area's behalf and it is re-classified and he knows it is, in this year's budget, that it is a pretty unfair shot, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Berger: I cannot take that. Mr. Chairman, I was talking about last year's budget, in the Main. I was willing to stand up and thank the Minister for the work he had done.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: You are welcome.

Mr. Berger: But I am talking about last year's budget. The argument we are putting forward here, the \$6,400 in the budget. As the Honourable Member from Kluane pointed out, in some cases it only would have taken \$200 or \$300 to satisfy the people. This is what we are talking about.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out the Deep Creek, Lake Laberge, and the Horse Creek, Lake Laberge. We have had arguments in this House whether those should continue to be recreational roads. We have not reclassified them as Territorial roads to costing a great deal of money. There are people living there and there are a lot of people from the Whitehorse area who have summer homes there. So there is a great utilization of those roads, surely, rather than let money lapse, that they would use the money to do some work on them.

Establishment 2911 agreed to

On Establishment 2913

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2913, Robert Campbell Bridge, \$4,000.

Establishment 2913 agreed to

On Establishment 2914

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2914, Whitehorse Workshop Extension, decrease of \$2,100. Any questions?

Establishment 2914 agreed to

On Establishment 2915

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2915, Sewer Installation - Quartz Road, decrease of \$32,300. Any questions?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, final payment on the contract has not been made up until now.

Establishment 2915 agreed to

On Establishment 2918

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2918, Passenger-Cargo Shelter - Old Crow, \$46,900.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am glad to see that M.O.T. realizes that Old Crow needs some construction and employment services coming from that.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, once again, you know there are an awful lot of cheap shots being thrown. This Government contracts and gets involved on what is going to happen and makes the suggestion that where airports should go and what should be done to them. It is this Government, working with M.O.T., that really suggests and makes the suggestions and is listened to, as to how the program and where the program should go. I think that it would not hurt just once in a little while to give a little bit of credit where credit is due, rather than just completely and totally taking a negative attitude towards the interests of this Government for all Yukoners, which they damn well have.

Establishment 2918 agreed to

On Establishment 2925

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2925, Takhini Sewage Outfall, \$500,300.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, a very brief question, if I can get a brief answer: why was this under the Engineering Services Agreement?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Because, Mr. Chairman, this was a contract of taking the Takhini sewage outfall and burying it by pipe through the Indian village and through the Industrial Area so it could eventually be hooked up into the Whitehorse sewage treatment plant. The Federal Government was broke at the time, did not have the money. We thought that it was really good that we proceeded and we agreed to provide the money if it came back eventually under the Engineering Services Agreement which it is so everybody was happy, we extra working capital and the project went ahead a couple of years earlier because of our interest in that certain area of Whitehorse. Mr. Chairman, everything has worked out well in that regard.

Mr. Chairman: Any other questions?

Establishment 2925 agreed to

On Establishment 2941

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2941, Miscellaneous and Minor Projects, decrease of \$17,500.

Any questions?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have put a block fund of \$100,000 every year in the Estimates for pre-engineering of Federal projects which is one hundred per cent recoverable to try to get them underway at an earlier date and that is pretty close to target that they came. All the pre-engineering that we did was 17.5 under the \$100,000 which was allocated.

Mr. Fleming: Which Establishment are we on?

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2925 we carried. We are on 2941, Miscellaneous and Minor Projects.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I was on 2940 which is Pre-engineering. I am sorry that was not—

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2941.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Establishment 2941, Mr. Chairman, I think that we appropriate in the area of \$50,000 a year for Miscellaneous and Minor Projects that we cannot estimate will come about during the year and \$17,500 of that estimate has not been spent at this time, Mr. Chairman.

Establishment 2941 agreed to

On Establishment 2942

Mr. Chairman: Asphalt Overlay, M.P. 0-8, Klondike Highway, \$280,000.

Establishment 2942 agreed to

On Establishment 2953

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2953, Replacement of Drainage Structures, Nahanni Range Road, decrease of \$170,000.

Any discussion?

Establishment 2953 agreed to

On Establishment 2954

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2954, Reconstruction of Dempster Highway Mile Post 0-25, \$179,000. Any discussion?

Mr. Lengerke: That particular project is complete, or that phase of it?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am not positive whether the entire contract has been completed at this time. This is the same problem we run into every year where the engineering services agreement is not finalized by the time of the Main Estimates so they have to come in a Supplementary once the money is available. I do not know whether Mr. Treasurer knows the status of that particular contract, whether it is completed at this point or not.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the indication is that it is completed, but there might be some adjustments, is what it is at.

Establishment 2954 agreed to

On Establishment 2955

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2955, Culvert Installation Dempster Highway, decrease of \$90,000. Any discussion?

Establishment 2955 agreed to

On Establishment 2956

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2956, Klondike Highway Paving (Mile Post 94-104) a decrease of \$1,035,000. Any discussion?

Establishment 2956 agreed to

On Establishment 2957

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2957, Crushing and Stockpiling, Mile 26.6 Klondike Highway, \$242,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it holds true for all of these projects that we get in every year in the Supplementary Estimates, the Engineering Services Agreements are not signed in time and the money not available to make them reflected in the Main Estimates so we come back with them with the projects in the Supplementaries once the agreement is reached and once the monies are available.

Establishment 2957 agreed to

On Establishment 2958

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 2958, Road Reconstruction, Mile Post 47, Klondike Highway, \$175,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Same, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any discussion?

Establishment 2958 agreed to

On Project Capital Recoveries

Mr. Chairman: Page 46, Project Capital Recoveries.

On Education, Sale of Vocational School House

Mr. Chairman: The first item is Education, Sale of Vocational School House, Voted to Date \$50,000, Supplementary Number 3 no change, Revised Vote \$50,000.

Mr. Chairman: Local Government, Land Development, voted to date \$3,766,000; Supplementary Number 3, \$350,000; Revised Vote \$4,116,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Our sales of land, as I understand it, over the course of the year, are \$350,000 over what we have to pay back to the Federal Government, so it is identifiable in the Local Government Land Development budget as monies that can be used as per Establishment Number 2603, to provide additional funds for completion of land development projects that we have on-going at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions?

Mrs. Watson: Does that mean we will be re-voting \$350,000 for 2603, for land development?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I was not here when the Establishment was—, no—, in these supplementaries.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, 2603.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, our tax flow on sales, this year, because a large number of developed lots is more than is required to pay our debt this year, to the tune of \$350,000, and that can be used to go into the land development fund, which we urgently need for all of the projects and the shortage of capital at this point in time.

Local Government - Land Development agreed to

On Tourism, Conservation & Information - Campground Information

Mr. Chairman: Tourism, Conservation & Information, there is no change there.

Tourism, Conservation & Information - Campground Information agreed to

On Highways & Public Works - MOT Airport Construction

Mr. Chairman: Highways & Public Works, MOT Airport Construction, Supplementary Number 3, \$50,000; Revised Vote \$50,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: What are we on, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: MOT Airport Construction, \$50,000.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have no detail and I am trying to carry on too many conversations at one time, so I would ask Mr. Sherlock.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, that refers to 2918, the Old Crow expenditure. This just reflects the recovery side of it.

Highways & Public Works - MOT Airport Construction agreed to

On Highways & Public Works - ESA Highway Construction

Mr. Chairman: ESA Highway Construction, a decrease of \$225,500; Revised Vote \$3,374,500.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, again, will that be revoted for next year or has it been voted already in the supplementaries?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, no, these are strictly '77-'78 voting, some of which were voted in a proceeding supplementary, plus those that were included in this supplementary.

The item that you are dealing with here is a net effect of the total, or bringing them all together.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Highways & Public Works - ESA Highway Construction agreed to

On Yukon Housing Corporation, Public Housing

Mr. Chairman: Yukon Housing Corporation, Public Housing: Voted to Date \$336,000; Supplementary Number 3 a decrease of \$92,400; Revised Vote \$243,600.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this has already been discussed earlier in the Establishments, was it not, Mr. Sherlock?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, this does reflect the decreased costs that were previously discussed. Again this Public Housing is a 90 per cent recovery on CMHC and the Rural & Remote is 75 per cent. These are simply adjustments on the expenditure adjustments. There are now the recovery adjustments.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a further question on that?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: The Public Housing was \$248,400 that lapsed and it does not jive. We are looking at a supplementary of another expenditure or a revenue that was not there.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the adjustment that Mrs. Watson is trying to make is probably not quite that simple, because it relates to a carry over from a previous year, as well as the adjustment, on the \$251,000 that she was looking at on page 36. That is why she cannot get that figure readily. There was a carry over adjustment as well. It is very difficult to say that this relates directly to the other because there are always carried forward adjustments that have to be taken into consideration on that. That is a combined figure.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I had wondered though, as recoveries in that one and in the Rural & Remote Housing, whether it was just an adjustment, or whether they had in fact budgeted to sell, particularly that Rural & Remote Housing and Public Housing under a rental purchase, whether in fact they had budgeted revenues from these projects as a result of sale, much as you do with the land development?

Mr. Sherlock: Not with the budgeting of sales, these are simply adjustments on the expenditure adjustments.

Mrs. Watson: Okay, fine.

*Yukon Housing Corporation, Public Housing agreed to
On Yukon Housing Corporation, Rural & Remote Housing*

Mr. Chairman: Rural & Remote Housing: Voted to Date \$300,000; Supplementary Number 3 a decrease of \$168,700; Revised Vote \$131,300.

Mr. Sherlock: The same thing applies in that case, Mr. Chairman.

Yukon Housing Corporation, Rural & Remote Housing agreed to

On Loan Amortization

Mr. Chairman: Page 47, Loan Amortization, Expenditure: Voted to Date \$1,450,000; Supplementary Number 3 \$405,000; Revised Vote \$1,855,000.

Recoveries: Voted to Date \$1,450,000; Supplementary Number 3 \$405,000; Revised Vote \$1,855,000.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the thing that happened there is we took out a late loan, late in March of 1977 that was not anticipated, and we then had to provide for the repayment of that loan.

*Loan Amortization agreed to
On Loan Capital*

Mr. Chairman: Loan Capital, Expenditure Voted to Date \$5,100,100; Supplementary Number 3 nil; Revised Vote \$5,100,100.

Recoveries: Voted to Date \$5,100,000; Supplementary Number 3 nil; Revised Vote \$5,100,000

Loan Amortization agreed to

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to mention that the succeeding pages are just summaries and they do not need to be voted, unless you want to have discussion on them.

Mr. Chairman: Well, I am just looking through the other votes to see if we have anything not dealt with.

We will go back to the *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance*, that is Bill Number 2.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question on page 50, before we go to the—

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: It is on the Revenue, on Tax Revenue and I am wondering why the property taxing, the school tax for the Territorial Government were voted and then we have a supplementary indicated in there, revised, so that there is nothing in the revised vote.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we do have a hand-out on that property tax and school revenue that I would like to pass out, if that is okay. Then, maybe we could leave it with the Members and if they still have questions, we could answer them at that point.

Mrs. Watson: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Bill Number 2.

On Clause 1

Mr. Chairman: Clause 1.(1). This Ordinance may be cited as the *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-'78*.

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2

Mr. Chairman: Clause 2.(1): From out of the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund, there may be paid and applied a sum as set forth in Schedule "A" of this Ordinance and such sum shall be applied only in accordance with the Schedule.

The Schedule is on the next page and we will adopt it one item by item, and at that time, you can bring up any questions that you had in general on the Votes which we have already carried, but this is your opportunity now to have a second look at it.

Administrative Services, \$203,100.

Mrs. Watson: Give me just a minute.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

I think, probably, we can give you over the noon hour to review Schedule A and determine if you have any questions and this will enable us to go through it more promptly after we come back.

So, I will now declare a recess until 1:30.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would Committee please come to order. We are considering *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78*, Bill Number 2, and we were looking at the schedule to the Ordinance on Schedule A, which is attached to the Bill.

Mr. Chairman: Administrative Services. Any discussion?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, there was some discussion on 125 on the \$6,000 that was given to a researcher. That should be cleared up, I think.

Mr. Chairman: Well, we cleared the item.

Ms Millard: But Mr. Chairman, there was information to be brought back on that.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I brought that back yesterday afternoon. Maybe the Honourable Member was absent. Mr. Sherlock did bring in after lunch yesterday additional information.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that Administrative Services \$203,100 carried.

The Department of Treasury: \$365,100. Any discussion?

I declare that the Department of Treasury, \$365,100 carried.
Department of Education: \$23,000.

I declare that the Department of Education, \$23,000 carried.

Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General: \$83,000.

I declare that the Department of Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, \$83,000 is carried.

Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation: \$348,900.

Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation carried.

Department of Local Government, a decrease of \$18,100.

Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that the Department of Local Government, decrease \$18,100 is carried.

Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information: \$380,700.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I certainly would not hold this up, but I have great reservations about an over-expenditure of that amount of money, when you look at the base for the original vote. It is really quite extensive and quite presumptuous, on the part of the Department.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson.

Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the Department of Tourism, Conservation & Information, \$380,700, is carried.

Department of Legal Affairs, decrease of \$19,400.

Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the Department of Legal Affairs, decrease \$19,400, carried.

Department of Highways and Public Works. Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the Department of Highways and Public Works, decrease of \$2,112,400, carried.

Yukon Housing Corporation, decrease of \$52,300. Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that Yukon Housing Corporation, decrease of \$52,300, is carried.

Project Capital, decrease of \$3,051,300. Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare Project Capital, decrease of \$3,051,300, is carried.

Loan Amortization, \$405,000. Shall the item carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that Loan Amortization, \$405,000, is carried.

We will go back to Clause 2. "From and out of the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum as set forth in Schedule "A" of this Ordinance and such sum shall be applied only in accordance with the Schedule.

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Mr. Chairman: Clause 3.(1): "The due application of all monies expended pursuant to section 2 shall be accounted for."

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4

Mr. Chairman: Clause 4: "This clause shall come into force on the day of assent".

Clause 4 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Whereas it appears by message by Arthur Pearson, Esquire, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and in the estimates accompanying the same, the sums hereinafter mentioned in Schedule "A" of this Ordinance are required to defray certain expenses of the public service of the Yukon

Territory, and for the purposes relating thereto for the twelve months, ending the 31st day of March, 1978;

THEREFORE the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows:

Shall the preamble carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Shall the title carry, *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-'78*.

Some Members: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I move that you do now report Bill Number 2, *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-'78*, to the Assembly.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: I would second that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It is moved by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mrs. Whyard, that Bill Number 2 be reported to the Assembly.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Out of Committee, Mr. Chairman.
Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will go to Bill Number 1, *Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77*.

On Clause 1

On Clause 2

Mr. Chairman: Turn to the blue book, Estimates, Supplementary Number 2, Department of Territorial Treasurer: Voted to Date \$2,437,265; Supplementary Number 1 \$11,589; Revised Vote is \$2,448,854.

On page 4 we have the adjustments and the various votes.
On Establishment 200

Mr. Chairman: We are looking at 200, Territorial Treasurer and Collector of Taxes: Supplementary Number 2 a decrease of \$2,770; Revised Vote \$812,820.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, perhaps at the outset I could answer a question that Mrs. Watson was starting to ask about this on a previous occasion and perhaps this will hold true for all of this particular Supplementary.

The overexpenditures here never appeared on this type of overexpenditures, never came before the House as a supplementary before because there was not a thing called accrual accounting in the *Financial Administration Ordinance*. When they changed the Ordinance in 1976 we went to a thing called accrual accounting and if I could just very briefly, we have a hand out on that incidentally and we will hand it out, I will just read you one sentence of it and that will pretty well tell you what it is. Under the accrual accounting financial transactions of an organization are recorded as they take place, rather than only when cash is received or paid out. That is the principle of accrual accounting and we will have a hand out and you can take it further from there.

So this Supplementary relates to the accrual accounting concept. In other words, prior to this, any overexpenditures that may have occurred became first time expenditures or first shot expenditures against the next fiscal year. Now departments can no longer do that. They must declare all expenditures for all goods and services received within the year. They must declare those, either estimated or whatever and we must record them in our accounts and present them in our public accounts as of that fiscal year.

This supplementary relates to that concept, so, these adjustments that we have here represent actual expenditures within the fiscal year that have to be accounted for, that have been accounted for, and now require approval from this House, in accordance with the new *Financial Administration Ordinance*. We have one year in which to do this, one year.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that almost makes it a foregone conclusion that there will be supplementary estimates every year then, supplementary budgets will have to come forward.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, not necessarily, but I think that is probably a good assumption.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, with things like Health Care, where the billing is done and actually the payment is not made until after the end of the year, then it will have to be in supplementary.

Mr. Sherlock: No, not necessarily, Mr. Chairman, because the budget is now done on that same basis, so they should budget for their accrual within the fiscal year. Assuming that they have budgeted correctly, then the two should balance out.

Mrs. Watson: So this is a catch-up.

Mr. Sherlock: It is a catch-up situation this year. It is an educational situation in subsequent years, and, hopefully, the two will match up as the years go by.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Establishment 200 agreed to

On Establishment 201

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 201, Insurance. Voted to date \$230,000; Supplementary Number 2, \$26,702; Revised Vote \$256,702.

Mrs. Watson: Where was that? What page, Mr. Chairman, was that on?

Mr. Chairman: That is 201, Insurance, on page 4 of the blue book.

Mrs. Watson: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Sherlock: Again, Mr. Chairman, we did not have this particular figure, at the time that the budget was prepared. The actual expenditure was made in the fiscal year and we subsequently had to come forward with a supplementary.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Establishment 201 agreed to

On Establishment 202

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 202, Electric Rate Equalization. Voted to date \$600,000; Supplementary Number 2, \$21,303; Revised Vote \$621,303.

Any discussion?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I just would like a little clarification on the Rate Equalization, we have \$600,000 voted and, of course, we need another \$21,000, and I am just wondering what portion of that, or is that any portion at all of that that comes back from the taxes of Yukon Electric.

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in this case, all of it, because we still have money in the fund, so, this is all recoverable out of the fund that is built up by the rebate of taxes from Yukon Electric.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if they have this answer or not, but I am wondering just, not this year has not been, but the last year, now what was our return from the Government, last year, or would that be a proper question at this time?

Mr. Sherlock: We did get a figure on it just a few days ago, and in fact it was very low. The figure was \$52,000 for 1975-76; \$52,000 Mr. Chairman, not very much. Correction, Mr. Chairman, that was the final cheque on a previous prepayment, I am sorry.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could get that information for that. If you have it could you bring it in?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, we can do that. The actual figure for 1975-76 was \$206,400.

Mr. Fleming: Another question, Mr. Chairman, you said something about the fund. Is this money actually put in the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or is this a fund that is kept separate?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is included, so far as the bank is concerned, in the Consolidated Revenue Fund, but we keep a separate account of it on our books.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further? Establishment 202, Electrical Rate Equalization: Supplementary Number 2 - \$21,303; Revised Vote - \$621,303.

Establishment 202 agreed to

On Establishment 203

Mr. Chairman: Central Purchasing and Stores: Voted to Date - \$368,675; Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$1,095; Revised Vote - \$367,580. Any discussion?

Establishment 203 agreed to

On Establishment 204

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 204, Heating Fuel Equalization: Voted to Date - \$13,000; Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$608; Revised Vote - \$12,392. Any discussion?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, what page are you on? I am sorry for not paying attention.

Mr. Chairman: Page 4, Establishment 204, Heating Fuel Equalization.

Establishment 204 agreed to

On Establishment 205

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 205, Home Owners' Grant: Voted to Date - \$210,000; Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$279; Revised Vote \$209,721.

Establishment 205 agreed to

On Establishment 210

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 210, Prior Year's Adjustment: Voted to Date - \$150,000; Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$40,179; Revised Vote \$109,821. Any discussion?

Mr. Fleming: This is actually prior, not on any one department, this is the total overall?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, these are adjustments on claims on Canada primarily on prior years for all departments.

Establishment 210 agreed to

On Establishment 211

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 211, Write-off Bad Debts. Voted to date \$50,000; Supplementary Number 2 - \$7,577; Revised Vote - \$57,577.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am wondering in a substantial figure like this, although I know we are doing big business, but still, fifty some thousand dollars is quite a bit of money, and I am wondering if a substantial amount of this comes from anyone area, such as the Health Care Insurance Plan, or something like this? Have you a breakdown?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, a great deal of it is adjustment or write-off of taxation, where people simply disappear or no longer are here and we cannot collect it and we eventually have to put it up for write-off, after we go through the process of trying to collect it and we have various processes we go through, and eventually there comes a time when we have to write them off when it is determine if the people have left the Territory or whatever, and that is what this is mostly about.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, just out of curiosity, do the witnesses have a mike so it makes the job of the recorders that much easier?

Mr. Chairman: Will the witnesses speak up.

Establishment 211 agreed to

On Establishment 215

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 215, Central Stores Inventories. Supplementary Number 2 \$938; Revised Vote \$938.

Establishment 215 agreed to

On Establishment 400

Mr. Chairman: Next is the Territorial Secretary and Registrar General. Voted to date \$1,291,500; Supplementary Number 2 \$25,617; Revised Vote \$1,317,117.

Page 8, Establishment Number 400.

Establishment Number 400, Territorial Secretary and Registrar

trar General, Supplementary Number 2 \$9,935; Revised Vote \$828,276.

Establishment 400 agreed to

On Establishment 403

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 403, Records Office, Supplementary Number 2 - \$16,123; Revised Vote \$434,596.

Establishment 403 agreed to

On Establishment 404

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 404, Land Titles Office, a decrease of \$441; Revised Vote \$54,245.

Establishment 404 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. Voted to date \$12,698,441; Supplementary Number 2 - \$602,366; Revised Vote \$13,300,807. Details on page 11.

On Establishment 500

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 500, Disease Control: Supplementary Number 2 - \$20,313; Revised Vote - \$116,606.

Establishment 500 agreed to

On Establishment 501

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 501, Mental Health: Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$22,913; Revised Vote \$220,473.

Establishment 501 agreed to

On Establishment 502

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 502, General Health Services: Supplementary Number 2 - \$54,225; Revised Vote \$617,754.

Establishment 502 agreed to

On Establishment 504

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 504, Subsidized Travel - Medical Necessity: Supplementary Number 2 - \$6,881; Revised Vote - \$299,048.

Establishment 504 agreed to

On Establishment 505

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 505, Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Supplementary Number 2 - decrease of \$1,030; Revised Vote - \$184,817.

Establishment 505 agreed to

On Establishment 506

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 506, Detoxication Centre: Supplementary Number 2 - decrease of \$717; Revised Vote - \$98,589.

Establishment 506 agreed to

On Establishment 507

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 507, Rehabilitation Services: Supplementary Number 2 - \$137,540; Revised Vote - \$263,865.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is in the year 1976 and I think this was, at that time, it may have involved the turnover from the— assuming some of the costs from Mental Health, which increased more than double the amount of Rehabilitation Services that was voted that year, and because of the accrual type of accounting, I can understand that we are going into a large supplemental, however, when you look at the new base that was established of \$267,000 and then you go into the year 1977 and the increase, the vote for Rehabilitation Services, to \$329,000 and again Rehabilitation Services was overexpended by \$100,000.

Mr. Chairman, to me this is just unthinkable. Either it is poor management, or just assuming that they can embark upon programs that they so desire and all they have to do is come back to this House and have it approved. When you look at from 1976 starting out with \$126,000 and now we are to \$428,400 at the end of 1977. Now that is a pretty healthy jump

and there is going to have to be an awful lot explanation to try to accommodate this.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was trying to rise to explain this point.

Part of this over-cost, under 507, is the result of back billings received from mental institutions to which Yukoners had been committed years ago and, for some reason or other, their book-keepers had not tracked in on us with increased costs over the years. We were suddenly slapped with a bill for one person, I think, over \$30,000, who had been in an institution in Quebec for many years.

In addition to that, Mr. Chairman, the patient load has increased amazingly, since we have had rehabilitation services organized and available. We have increased costs for our coordinator travelling within Yukon on those cases. In addition to which, we have six clients and escorts who had to be taken outside.

I know that Honourable Members will be receiving a great deal of additional information on Rehabilitation Services, in the Mains, but one of the major problems here in 507, for this particular supplementary, was the back billings from outside institutions.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Establishment 507 agreed to

On Establishment 515

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 515, Yukon Hospital Insurance Services. Supplementary Number 2 - \$160,841; Revised Vote - \$4,937,595.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I understand the accrual system, as it has been implemented by this Government, but I am not competent to explain to this Committee why these figures have to appear in supplementaries, because of the accrual system.

I would ask Mr. Treasurer to do that.

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is just simply the fact that they were not provided for, they were not estimated in the previous budget. Because of the accrual, we were forced to bring these things forward. The expenditure had been incurred so they had to be brought forward and identified, but they were not provided for in a previous budget.

Establishment 515 agreed to

On Establishment 525

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 525, Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan. Supplementary Number 2 \$164,234; Revised Vote \$2,122,818.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the same explanation applies.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, the same explanation applies, I can understand that, the accrual, with the accounts that have been billed one year, you have got to account for them and it takes you up to \$2,122,000.

Yet, in 1977, again we have to vote a supplementary of \$122,000. Now, is that again the accrual of accounts? Is the management within that area not adapting to the accrual system as they should be?

Mr. Sherlock: No, Mr. Chairman, in this case the supplementary for 1977-78 related to the increased doctor fees, that were not included in the budget for 1977-78.

Mrs. Watson: The estimates.

Mr. Sherlock: That is right.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we increase at four per cent, in our estimating, do we?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, in the case of the doctors fees, we do not actually estimate anything, because it could prejudice the negotiations. So, the understanding of the department is that they do not project any kind of an estimate at all, but we do identify, during discussion, that this item had not

been covered and it will be coming through in a supplement, and I am sure this was identified last spring.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, do they negotiate the fee structure every year?

Mr. Chairman: The answer is yes.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: The negotiations have just been concluded for this coming year and have been submitted to the AIB for approval.

Establishment 525 agreed to

On Establishment 526

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 526, *Medical Profession Ordinance*: Supplementary Number 2 - \$1,937; Revised Vote - \$31,937.

Establishment 526 agreed to

On Establishment 530

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 530, Administration: Supplementary Number 2 - \$26,367; Revised Vote - \$780,617.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, part of this additional amount comes from rather an interesting factor and that is that as Honourable Members will realize, our contracts with group home parents who take our children in care have always considered that the group home parents were in business for themselves, not that they have ever been considered to be Government employees of course, and in recent years the Department of Internal Revenue in Canada has been taking a very stiff approach to such contractors across Canada and many provincial departments of welfare were in the same position we were in with group home parents suddenly being confronted with new rules regarding their income tax and what they could and could not deduct for caring for these children. It placed us in a very difficult position because we could very well have lost some of our best group home parents for this bookkeeping business on the income tax side. Therefore, we had an audit by Revenue Canada on all our group home contracts and the matter was referred to Legal Affairs and we finally got a mutual agreement arrangement. But that was part of the problem on the administration side.

The other was that there had been an anticipated vacancy which was filled prior to the time expected in these supplementaries.

Establishment 530 agreed to

On Establishment 531

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 531, Child Welfare Services: Supplementary Number 2 - \$20,195; Revised Vote - \$710,195.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this is just a matter of straight higher costs when we place children in care than we have been paying the year before.

Establishment 531 agreed to

On Establishment 532

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 532, Social Assistance: Supplementary Number 2 - \$32,059; Revised Vote - \$623,459.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this reflects directly the higher costs of our social welfare clients, because we pay the actual costs for certain components of their care. So that when food and clothing go up, the bills are higher, that is all.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, those social assistance payments, are they geared to any kind of inflation or any kind of cost-of-living increase and that kind of thing.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, yes, they are and I have provided for all Members, a background paper for perusal, before we get to the Mains, which gives us a comparative costs in our neighbouring jurisdictions and the policy for setting those rates.

Establishment 532 agreed to

On Establishment 533

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 533, Day Care, decrease of \$383; Revised Vote - \$29,617.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we had a total budget of \$30,000, to provide day care subsidies for the children of parents who are on our list of clients.

It just happened to be that not exactly \$30,000 was required.

While I am on this subject, Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw the attention of Members of Committee to the presence in the Gallery of a group of supporters of day care, who wished to be called as witnesses when we get to discussion of that subject, in Mains, and I would ask Members to consider that request, when we get to that Vote.

Establishment 533 agreed to

On Establishment 534

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 534, Social Service Agencies, no change.

Establishment 534 agreed to

On Establishment 535

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 535, Children's Group Homes. Supplementary Number 2, \$3,132; Revised Vote \$47,832.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, this is a cost which reflects higher than anticipated utility costs in our seven government owned group homes.

Establishment 535 agreed to

On Establishment 536

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 536, Lodges and Senior Citizens' Homes. Supplementary Number 2 - \$15,316; Revised Vote - \$602,016.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, these are additional salary costs, which face us, when we are staffing senior citizens' facilities on a three-shift basis, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, if one permanent staff member is on sick leave, we have to pay for sick leave, and as well, a salary for the person who comes in on relief and these are straight, additional salary costs.

Establishment 536 agreed to

On Establishment 560

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 560, Corrections Branch: Supplementary Number 2 - a decrease of \$15,631; Revised Vote - \$1,577,569.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Believe it or not, Mr. Chairman, this decrease was because of the mild winter that we enjoyed in 1976-77 which was a big help in facing utility costs and that is a straight reduction, nearly all of it in the fuel bill.

Establishment 560 agreed to

On Loan Amortization

Mr. Chairman: Loan Amortization, expenditure, the change is \$310,673. The estimate \$1,399,573.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, it is just as the narrative indicates, it is simply to set up the accrual interest payable on the books as of the 31st of March.

Loan Amortization agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Shall we go back to the Bill. I do not think we cleared each clause. We will start with Clause 1.

On Clause 1

Clause 1 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now go to Schedule A on the attachment.

On Department of Treasury

Mr. Chairman: Department of the Treasury - \$11,589.

Department of Treasury agreed to

On Territorial Secretary and Registrar General

Mr. Chairman: Territorial Secretary and Registrar General - \$25,617.

*Territorial Secretary and Registrar General agreed to
On Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation*

Mr. Chairman: Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation \$602,366.

*Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation agreed to
On Loan Amortization*

Mr. Chairman: Loan Amortization - \$310,673.

Loan Amortization agreed to

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, a question apart from the Bill. It is just a question, the Minister indicated that we would have witnesses on the Day Care and I was wondering has there been a time set for them? Have we an idea when they will be appearing or when we will be dealing with that in the Mains?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke, the plan is to go into the Mains when we are finished and deal with some of the items under either the Commissioner or Mr. Bell.

Mr. Lengerke: The reason I ask Mr. Chairman, is I was just concerned that we would have witnesses waiting for days on end, waiting for us to deal with it. I was just wondering if any indication had been given to them, and I would like to know too?

Mr. Chairman: Well, we intended to do Health and Welfare today, but for one reason or another we changed. But I think that when we have our recess, we will be able to determine when will we get into Health and Welfare.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you, no problem, Mr. Chairman.

On Clause 2

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4

Clause 4 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Whereas it appears by message from Arthur Pearson, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, and in the estimates accompanying the same that the sums hereinafter mentioned in Schedule "A" of this Ordinance are required to defray certain expenses of the public service of the Yukon Territory and for the purposes relating thereto, for the twelve months ending the thirty-first day of March, 1977.

Therefore, the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows.

Shall the preamble carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the preamble carried.

Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77. Shall the title carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the title is carried.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 1, *Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77* out of Committee to the Assembly.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mrs. Whyard that the *Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77*, Bill Number 1, be reported out of Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We require the attendance of the Commissioner to get into the Main Estimates, so we will declare a recess for a short period so he can have a chance to come into the House.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: Would Committee please come to order. We are going back to the Mains, on page 23 on an item we stood over previously in Vote 2. Establishment 200, Executive Committee. I do not remember why we stood it over. Vote 2, Establishment 200, the first item on page 23.

Mr. Fleming: On page 25 I have?

Mr. Chairman: On page 23, Vote 200 was not cleared because somebody had some objection to doing it at the time.

Mr. Fleming: I have 25 marked as stood over, but not 23. Oh yes, it has been stood over for something, but I do not remember what it was.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there was a question on it. I believe I brought it up and I wanted to know about the Special Advisor to the Executive Committee, if you recall the debate we had on that, the extra man year that was the Special Advisor.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, you want—

Mrs. Watson: We questioned the Special Advisor to the Executive Committee, because of the change of man years. It is decreased, but that was a new position, the Special Advisor, and we wanted to know who it was and why we needed a Special Advisor?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Special Advisor to the Executive Committee is Mr. Walter Bilawich, who is a senior member of this Government, and during the year, as you recall, we were facing a number of issues that required attention at the senior bureaucratic level.

I might mention to you the Lysyk Inquiry, or the Lysyk hearing, the Environmental Assessment Review process into both the Skakwak Project and the possible rail extension, this type of thing, Mr. Chairman, where we had no one, just nobody available to work for Executive Committee and represent this Government on senior panels and on senior task forces that greatly affected people of the Yukon Territory. So in Executive Committee, we looked at this and discussed the sort of role that this person would have to fill, it would be involving communities, it would be involving people, socio-economic concerns, and it was decided that we had to create such a position and Mr. Bilawich was the person designated to fill that position.

One of the things that he did for us, early in the year, was to represent us on a working group of the Planning Council Process, to look at government structures, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, that working group really never got functional, but Mr. Bilawich put in a considerable amount of work in preparation of possible positions for the Yukon Government to take.

He also worked closely with the Executive Committee Member responsible for Local Government, with regard to the necessary amendments to the *Taxation Ordinance*, with regard to mill rates, that I believe you discussed yesterday, in Committee of the Whole.

This is the type of work that Mr. Bilawich, as a special advisor to the Executive Committee, has been undertaking and is undertaking at this time. He was our representative, for example, on the Shakwak Environmental Assessment Review Panel.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is very, I realize, probably, this position is needed, however, no personal opinions or anything, I guess, past, but still I would hope that the person who is doing this job does not have a mind of centralizing everything in Yukon and hopefully, that he is the type of person that will really see what is going on in the outlying districts.

I have my doubts, in some ways, because I have had dealings before in this Government, so I just hope that that little remarks sinks in, somewhere.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else.

Establishment 200, Executive Committee, \$416,000.

Establishment 200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now turn to page 185, Department of Finance, Vote 12. This also comes under the Commissioner.
On Establishment 1200

Mr. Chairman: Look at Vote 12, 1200 Treasury. \$788,200.

For the benefit of the witness, Mr. Pearson, I think what we are looking for is a lead from the Executive Committee Member responsible for the particular vote and perhaps to explain any increase in the Estimates and also probably an increase in man years, is what most people are interested in.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with relief, I would let the Territorial Treasurer, Mr. Sherlock, explain that to you please.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, in connection with the increase in man years, there are two aspects. We had the transfer in of the Queen's Printer, Sub-Stores, Messenger Service and Dex Service from the Secretary and Registrar of 13 man years; we had an increase of 2 man years during the year in connection with data processing that was to bring on-stream the work done in Vancouver by CUNC, those were approved in the Supplementary Estimates just yesterday, I guess, and we have an additional request for additional increase of 3 man years: one a casual position, one an addition to the revenue section, and one additional medicare clerk, filing clerk, again in connection with the additional Health Services work taken over on the computer, that person will be working between Treasury and the Department of Health.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Treasurer for the organizational chart of the Department of Finance, which helps a great deal. Now you are claiming 35 man years for Treasury, and yet the chart shows us the total man years is 80.3. Some of them are taken up, I believe, in 1201 and 1202, however, small business loans in your organizational chart indicates that you have, I believe, one man year for small business loans and you are not indicating that in your Mains?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, small business loans is not a full man year, it is only a part man year and it is only a financial part. The Federal Government pays us so many dollars for carrying out that program and that man year does work in the small business loans, as well as other clerical work in the Revenue section.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then the small business loans administration and the small business loan fund itself, I suppose again, is rolled into the Deficit Grant, rather than identified as a separate program as it used to be?

Mr. Sherlock: No, Mr. Chairman, we show a recovery for the portion that was agreed to as a recovery portion. That is shown as a recovery item on page 199.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, do we charge any of the administration of the loan back to the Federal Government?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I understand that we cannot claim the salary portion of the charge-back. They will only pay us for support services to the salary portion.

Establishment 1200 agreed to

On Establishment 1201

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1201, Data Systems and Computer Services, \$417,200.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the main increases there are to three man years, to two that were brought forward in 1977-78, plus the addition of one that is being asked for in 1978-79. There is some small increase, as well, in the computer, under Primary 61. That is the rental of the computer, but that is a normal price increase in computer rental.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, so that means that actually we increased the man years by three, since we have taken over providing the computer service for our medicare scheme. Is that correct?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the answer to that is correct, but I should qualify it because all the man years are not totally devoted to just the Medicare portion. There are other applications that are constantly coming on stream for the de-

partments, so part of the increase is for these other services that are being asked for.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, further, I understand that we have now taken over from CU&C, the accounting, or the computer service that CU&C used to perform for us for the Medicare scheme.

Is the Medicare scheme charged back with the computer service that the Territorial Government provides? CU&C costs used to be part of our Health Care Insurance scheme costs. Are you taking out part of these costs for the Health Care scheme?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, not at this time. We do not have a charge-back system for computer services at this time, but I, perhaps, should indicate that we are looking at those kinds of arrangements, because we are living in a cost recovery world, so we are certainly exploring that avenue. So, there should be, and in fact, is, a reduction in Health's budget, through that equivalent amount.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it certainly should be a charge into the scheme, because, this way, it is not that correct an assessment of the cost of the scheme.

Do we provide the accounting service, the computer service, for the Yukon Hospitalization scheme?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, that part of it, whatever is involved, and I do not know the details of what is involved, that part of it is carried out by the Department of Health, within the Department.

I am not sure that I totally understood your question, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Well, under the Yukon Hospital Insurance scheme, do we provide the computer or data service under that scheme?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we only provide a portion of it again. Some of it is done in Health. We actually produce the Health card, through the computer services.

Some some portion of it is done in the Health department. It is another area that has to be looked at over the years and just see whether or not more of it can be computerized, but not at this time.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it appears to me to have, after the proper reflection of the costs of these services, that this Vote, Data Systems and Computer Services should really be charged back to the various departments that use it. For example, the Department of Education, Medicare, Licensing, I believe we are using the computer system for some of our automobile licenses, and they should be charged back to those departments. Is this your plan for the future?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I would not want to say right off that that is our plan, but we are certainly looking in that direction. At some point in time, if we determine that is the route to go, then certainly we would recommend that to the Executive Committee. The Member is quite right, a lot of organizations in the government do that, they charge out the services so then this end up a nil cost of operation. Yes, we are looking at that.

Mrs. Watson: One more question, Mr. Chairman. We now have the Economic Research and Planning Branch of the Government. Now I am not that familiar with our data system or computer service, but it would appear to me that this Research Branch would be able to use some of the statistics that you people are compiling within our own System's system. My wording is not very good, but are they able to use some of the statistics that you people have now?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, only to a very limited extent. Our Computer Services right now produces basically accounting information, does general ledger work, does back up for financial information services back to departments which is really print-outs of expenditures made, we have a form that

keeps track of budget versus expenditures made, this kind of thing. We do not have to many reports that are purely statistical. The kinds that they would require. They have approached us and asked us for an application. At this point in time we have not developed one for them, mostly because we had most of our people devoted to the Health Care conversion.

Perhaps this coming year we can look at some of those others. We have, in the past year, established a thing called a Data Systems Committee and all requests for service on the computer goes to the Committee. They review the applications and see what can be done with it, and then we pass it to the programmers to have a look at it.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, how far do we go with this concept? To my knowledge, and perhaps there is more that the Treasurer can add, every department is now getting charged rental by Public Works for the space they occupy for their offices in this building, they are getting charged back engineering services provided by Public Works, if any department requires a building to be designed or repaired, we are now proposing that we assess every department for the use of the computer services. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that we are rapidly reaching a very involved and complicated system of working with the taxpayers' buck. It has always appeared to me, Mr. Chairman, that the Department of Public Works has a budget out of which it pays its staff, but then in addition, every one of our departments also has to help pay that staff on top of that for doing any work they do. I do not know how far you go with this concept, Mr. Chairman, I may be very naive but it seems to me that we are collecting in two or three different ways for the services this Government provides.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I did not clarify it very well. In this case of data systems and computer services, what would happen here is that we would show an expenditure of \$417,000, in this case. We would also show a recovery of this \$417,000.

In other words, this expenditure would be spread out to all of the departments. There would not be any additional expenditure and we would only recommend going to this kind of a system, if, in fact, it was cost effective and something could be gained out of it.

I agree with what Mrs. Whyard is saying. If we looked at it, and we have not, I said that we are just going to look at it, if it is determined that there is nothing to be gained out of it, then maybe we would just leave it alone.

But, I do not want to say anything more than that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, when you have special programs such as Medicare, or when you have different department, specific departments with special programs like the licencing branch, Motor Vehicles Branch, then I certainly think it should be a charge-back on that program or department, because you do not see the true costs, they are not reflected. Somebody is going to have to pay for that other.

I can see where you do not want to get fragmented with charging back to taxation, to charging back to accounting, and this type of thing, but I would certainly hope that you charge back to Medicare or to Motor Vehicles and these types of things, because CU&C used to. It is a real charge and CU&C used to be part of the administration costs.

That program must have this service and it is an expense of that program.

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I should have just carried that on a little bit further. Mrs. Watson is quite correct.

To get a true expenditure, a true operating expense of the department, some of these costs should be passed back to the department. There is another reason, that some of these costs involve recoveries and when that happens, then we have to estimate and we do that now. We have to estimate what that

expenditure might be, in order to be able to put it into the recovery claim and we are doing that now.

Mrs. Watson: Okay.

Mr. Sherlock: So, she is quite right.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we still rent our computer, do we?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we rent out computer.

Establishment 1201 agreed to

On Establishment 1202

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1202, Service and Supply, \$922,700.

Mr. Sherlock: The only thing that I can mention there is the charge-backs. We have a charge-back situation there, where we are recovering money back from the paint shop. So, any signs made in the paint shop are, in fact, sold back to the departments and we get the money back in for them.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that Service and Supply was really started about five years ago and it always amazes me how it grows and we have 31 man years. Of course, they are buying for the whole Government.

I wonder whether the Treasurer could tell us what management techniques that they use to control the buying, within Services and Supplies, so that we are not building up within the Government huge inventories.

I know that, at one time, paper was just, you know, everybody ordered paper, every department, every school. We had paper just all over the place.

What techniques does he use as a Department Head to see that there is a control on the inventory of this Department?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I guess I should have had a lead into this as well, because the man years are misleading. This is the Establishment where the 13 people that were added went into, so the Queen's Printer is now reflected in this department. So there was no actual increase in man years in this Establishment. The question that Mrs. Watson, the specific question that she raised is well there are two controls. First of all the stock items work on a revolving fund situation so the revolving fund is self-controlling to start with. The management techniques, as far as purchasing are concerned, generally speaking, the Director of Central Purchasing uses the concept that bulk buying, volume buying, up to a point where it is economical to buy in volumes, and that economy is such that say warehousing it does not distort the economy of it, then he would bulk buy to that extent. Another physical control, of course, is the warehousing itself. We review that physically quite often. I go down myself and so does the Director of Supply and Services. We only have a limited amount of space, and since we moved into this building for example, I think there has been a considerable saving in storage of paper, for example, because departments simply do not have cubby holes all over the place. They are only allowed to have a very limited amount of paper, just as much as they can handle on their desk kind of thing. So I think there has been a saving from that point of view.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one of the reasons I asked was because we were expanding our warehouse space, and I was afraid that we were starting to build up huge inventories and stocks. Do we charge back to the departments the storage costs or the storage costs of the supplies, are they shown in Establishment 1202, and do we do the buying for all the departments?

Mr. Sherlock: The answer to the first part is no, we do no charge back the services of Supply and Services per se, the items that are purchased for the departments go to them at cost plus freight, but there is no additional overhead charge. For example, the salaries of Supply and Services people are not charged so it is the same concept as Data Services that I just talked about. The total cost is not charged to the departments. This is a service that this particular branch provides to other

government departments and the total cost of that service is absorbed by the Government in this Establishment.

Sorry, what was the other part?

Mrs. Watson: The extra warehouse and do we buy for all departments?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we buy for all departments, but there are certain exceptions. For reasons of, I guess, similar to the ones as the Public Service Commission talked about here, where the Superintendent of Schools can better hire teachers than say the Public Service Commission. We have similar situations in a couple of departments where there are certain things that they can handle themselves and they do in fact handle them. I do not know off the top of my head where all of them are, but there are some exceptions and the policy provides for those exceptions. Generally speaking, we buy for all the government.

Mrs. Watson: Do you buy for the Highways program?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we do buy the calcium part of it.

Mr. Berger: On Central Purchasing, my question is what attempt is made by the Government to buy on a local level and, really what I have in mind, is that outside of Whitehorse, in the outlying communities. I mean, the way that the Department is set up right now, it seems to be that everything, except for small amounts, is purchased all from Whitehorse, or sent from Whitehorse to the outlying areas.

Has there been any attempt made at all, or encouragement extended to local businessmen to possibly maybe stock items for local departments so the Central Purchasing Department can purchase this, say, in Dawson, Mayo, Faro or Haines Junction or wherever it will be.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, the kinds of items that we buy in bulk, I think, primarily, would be bought in Whitehorse, to the extent possible and the policy of this Government is certainly to encourage that, where it is competitive and a little bit beyond that.

Smaller items, which do not require warehousing, for example, direct across-the-counter buys, certainly are passed to the outside communities. We do not have a purchasing person, for example, that would go out of Whitehorse and do buying, but again, say, Highways and Public Works, where they have people in Dawson or elsewhere, they have authority to do a certain amount of local buying, right there.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in the policy of bulk buying, do you encourage, by your policy, the local people to actually warehouse some of those items for you?

In other words, when you buy, you buy on a bulk price basis, but you also stipulate that they will store and warehouse that material for you and you will draw from it. In other words, what you would be able to do then is cut down on your warehousing and the staff that is required to do that.

Is there some sort of a system in mind now that does do that?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, we certainly encourage that. I had a meeting with my purchasing people not too long ago and we talked about this very thing, because we are short of warehouse space and my buyers assure me that they do that. They constantly try to get the local suppliers to stock as much of the recurring items as possible.

Quite a few of them do. There is an understanding with the local suppliers.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would pursue just a little bit further, the point that Mr. Berger brought up and I think that it is really quite a valid point, because I think that most of the suppliers are either located in Whitehorse or outside of the Yukon Territory.

I wonder whether the Government has undertaken to look at

ways and means where they could possibly reach some of the smaller business people within the Territory, so that they also would have an opportunity to bid on some of these.

I know it will cost the Government a little bit more money, but, on the other hand, you would be, instead of taking some of these contracts outside of the Yukon Territory, you might be able to keep them here in Yukon.

I notice with the Shakwak Project, as they travelled throughout the Yukon Territory, in all of the hearings this was always brought up. The Yukon people in the small communities are not going to be able to bid on some of these contracts because they are too big. So they have agreed to split these contracts into smaller components so that actually the local community, business people can in fact bid on them and have an opportunity of being able to honour any contracts that they receive.

I would certainly hope that the Government has a look at it. It may cost the Government a little more money, but look at the fringe benefits from it. As long as it goes to competitive bidding and if people have to honour their contracts, have to provide satisfactory service, Yukon is going to benefit in the long run. I would hope that the Government undertakes to have a look at that.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing in our policy that would certainly forbid or that would go against what the Member is saying. It is a matter in getting some of the advertisements out to the outlying areas for them to be able to bid. Most of the requests for bids are generally advertised in the papers and contractors simply bid on them.

Now the problem could be that some of these outlying areas are not even aware that there are bids being asked for and I am not sure just how to solve that problem.

If I may, Mr. Chairman, I do not know whether it is my position to undertake that, but I think we probably could look at it further.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is true, they do not know, but also quite often there are such large components, because you are buying in bulk to a certain degree that they just are not in a position to be able to bid. You would have to select items that could be, you know, not every—

Mr. Chairman: Anything further.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make one final comment on the philosophy of charging back to departmental users of various government services. I just hope, Mr. Chairman, that we will not get to the point where my department gets charged every time Legal Affairs advises us in a social welfare case, or the Legislative Clerk prepares legislation for each department, or on the other hand, maybe we would like to charge every one of the departments for the use of our Information Services.

Mr. Chairman: We had passed that particular Establishment, Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it did come under Services and Supply, with respect.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1202, Service and Supply. *Establishment 1202 agreed to*
On Establishment 1206

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1206, Insurance, \$280,600.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I guess as an opening statement, I should perhaps elaborate on a statement I made on a previous question during the Supplementaries. We were asked whether we would consider going out to bid for insurance and I did not give a very clear response. We now have had requests from some local suppliers asking for bids on this insurance, these letters came to us late in the fall of 1977. For various reasons we were not able to deal with that matter, other than asking or telling the suppliers that we would develop specifications for the insurance that we are carrying and the insurance

hat we require in order for them to be able to bid on these. When this has developed, we will send them out to the interested people and probably even advertise and put it out that way but we have not done it at this point in time.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?

Mrs. Watson: What amount of money was in last year's for the Workers' Compensation? I see that, for this year, we have \$58,300. Last year we had \$74,500, and yet I thought that the contributions from other employees in the Territory were going to be increased considerably, and yet, the Territorial Government grant, or payment, is decreasing.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, this has nothing to do with the contributions. This is a figure put in there for anticipated costs of cases.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that does not make any difference. I know that we are self-insured, therefore we do not have to make premium payments and we pay our own injuries, but it is rather ironic that every other employer in the Yukon Territory is really being socked with extra workmen's insurance, and yet the Territorial Government can sit smugly back and say we are able to decrease it because we have not had more costs.

I think that the business community, particularly, will have some comments to make on this item, for sure.

Mr. Chairman: Any other discussion?

Shall 1206 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Another one on supplementary pensions. This is the increase in pensions that were brought about under the *Workmen's Compensation Ordinance*. If any of that increase in the pension, under the amendments to the Ordinance, charged back to the Compensation Fund, or is the Territorial Government picking up all of the increases in those pensions?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, at the present time we are picking it all up.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, even after 1973 and 1974, after the *Workmen's Compensation Ordinance* came in?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Establishment 1206 agreed to

On Establishment 1207

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1207, Electric Rate Equalization, \$1,125,000.

Mr. Fleming: I have to rise on this every time, when I see myself voting over \$1 million in electric rate equalization which, in my opinion, is not really what it says in the book. I just really believe that our Government has never really sat down and got with it in this field.

When I think that we have to have the Federal Government build such a dam as the Aishihik one, I am wondering why it is there, and I think we probably all have a good idea why it was started now. The way you see the project in Haines Junction, the pipeline and a few other things, there is a possibly it was well known long ago that we might need a little extra power along the way. They are not telling us, but I have a feeling on that thing. If the Federal Government can spend that kind of money and then in turn use the taxpayers' money, then in turn sell it to private enterprise, which in turn sells it back to us, which is what Yukon Electric is doing where they have to buy it from NCPC in areas, they do have to buy it.

I just cannot understand the whole power situation at all, as far as the Government is concerned, because I have not, in going on four years, I have heard nothing constructive coming from them at all as to what might be done or whether they are making an attempt to check for instance in the small towns

outside of Whitehorse in the areas and see if possibly we are not being ripped off.

Now everybody stands up and says oh, no, no. Nobody can make any money on a little town, oh no they cannot do that, so we do not need to look at it, that is not quite so, I do not think. No company or corporation is operating just for the fun of it and it would not take too long to check out a place such as Teslin or one of the smaller areas and maybe get a little bit of a picture as to what is going on and what people are paying. I think maybe they might just come up with something.

As I see it, this is just going to get bigger and bigger and of course we will run out of money anyway. If the Government does not sit down and do something, and also if they do not decide somewhere along the line that the municipalities, the L.I.D.'s, the unorganized districts and anybody else with a power line or light bulb in his back yard, should be all under one organization and fighting for something to get it down to a rate where he can pay it, there is something wrong with this Government.

Any time that a municipality can go and just negotiate their own with a company to get power in this sense and then the other areas have to go and fight for their own or not getting together. In the long run, those municipalities are going to suffer just as bad as we in the outlying districts are going to suffer because some day, they will not be able to negotiate.

I think 20,000 people can negotiate much better deals than 10,000, with the Government behind them. I think it is going to come to that, someday.

So, you know, we do not have any choice. We voted the money and that is it, but, I really do believe that our Government has not really sat down and took a look at the picture and said let us try and do something about it, and I would hope, in the future, that the next government really does take a good look at it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I do not think the accusations that are being made to the Government at this time are called for.

I think it is fair to say, Mr. Chairman, that this Government has been fully aware that the funds for the Equalization Fund that come from the income tax rebate, through the Yukon Electric, is going to be exhausted in the forthcoming year and subsequently, I believe we have done one of the more responsible things by saying we are prepared to put monies that are available, into that fund that is available so that the people of Yukon will not have another burden thrust on to their shoulders.

I think it is fair to say, also, Mr. Chairman, that the equalization fund is of great benefit to the outlying communities, moreso than for within the City of Whitehorse, and I think that this Government, I know, is working in this area, attempting to come up with a scheme that will benefit all Yukoners. It is going to take some time, it takes money, it takes a lot of research to come up with various formulas that could possibly be adopted and hopefully we can have, can come up with something that is fair, here, within the next couple of months so that we can have something to put forward in 1979-80.

But, I think it is fair to say, Mr. Chairman, we are looking at all angles in this area and, to our credit, I think, that we have recognized the problem and we are going to see if we can do something about it. It may be a case where the Government is going to have to realign its priority after the next election, depending on who is elected and who serves on the Executive, because it costs money and it is going to take money to carry a fund on and it is going to depend on where that money comes from.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was not talking about the fund, in actuality. I was talking about what the Government should start doing and maybe let us get away from the fund.

Nobody has given me very many answers here as to what the problem is in Yukon. The only thing they have given me the answer is that we should get some money, and I agree, and the priorities, okay, they are there. That is fine, but I am not talking about priorities. I am talking about just let us get down and do some serious studying as to why we are paying so much in Yukon for electrical rates, at this time.

If they take a good look I think they will find out maybe why and maybe be able to remedy it.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can well appreciate some of the comments by the Member from Hootalinqua and I can also agree with some of them by the Member from Porter Creek, but, we do have a paper on Electrical Rate Equalization that is to be discussed in Committee of the Whole and I really look forward to hearing the comments and the in-put from the Member from Hootalinqua at that time, because it is, as he says, a very important subject and I think it is time that we took a real look at it.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree with the Minister of Education.

I know that this is not an easy problem to solve by any means, but when he says they recognize the problem, that problem was recognized in 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, and work was started on it then and this is where these papers have come from. Yet decisions are not being made and options are being presented before your equalization paper. The Government did not ask for that equalization paper, it was the Electrical Public Utilities Board who requested funds to have the paper prepared. I think this is the thing the Member from Hootalinqua is saying.

I thought that this year we would have some proposal before us, because we all know the fund is bankrupt, that we have been paying more. There is no way the fund is paying its own way. In 1973 it still was and we knew in 1974 it was going to dry up pretty well. Right now, I think the Treasurer said today there was \$260,000 rebate from income tax that the rest of the Yukon Territory is picking up. So I would have thought that, as the Member said, the Government would be looking at a long range plan, particularly along the route of equalization of electrical rates throughout the Territory, working in that direction. But all we got was here we are again.

They are not coming forward with anything at all saying we favour this scheme or coming forward with a Sessional Paper to the group of us here so that at least we could give some alternatives which we would choose. There is not anything wrong with Sessional Papers, it is a very good method of bringing policies before the Members of the Assembly and let them make some very, very ticklish political decisions. But you have to sit down and do the work and do the research for your Sessional Paper and we are not getting them. We are not, Mr. Chairman.

So I agree with the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, I am not too happy.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I have to say that I disagree with the Honourable Member from Klwane which seems to be a habit nowadays. I would like to point out that we are doing work in this area, as I stated earlier. At the same time, I think the Honourable Member fully realizes that we cannot bring a Sessional Paper before this House until we know exactly where we stand and moreso in the area of the finances so that we can give a clear picture to all Members in the House of what options are available to us. So I do take exception to the Honourable Member's remarks in this particular area. I think that over the next year we should be able to come up with three or four options that we can look at. Hopefully we can get our financial negotiations done and subsequently a Sessional Paper can be put forth to this House.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Establishment 1207 agreed to

On Establishment 1208

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1208, Heating Fuel Equalization, \$15,000. Mr. Fleming, surely you have something to say about fuel equalization?

Mr. Fleming: No, Mr. Chairman, I am waiting for 1209. *Establishment 1208 agreed to*

On Establishment 1209

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 1209, Home Owners Grant, \$460,000.

Mr. Fleming.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this should be tied with a red ribbon, a big red bow, Santa Claus.

Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming, I said, I said Mr. Fleming

Mrs. Watson: Oh, I am sorry.

Mr. Fleming: You might get the same view.

Mr. Chairman: I had the feeling that there is a situation or alter-ego here.

Mr. Fleming: There is a situation, Mr. Chairman, that I really do not care for. I wish the Honourable Minister was actually here, because we get into the same hassle everytime

However, I am just looking at the amount that we are now voting, and the amount we had before and I ask the question this is reflected in the new amendments that are before us now?

Mr. Sherlock: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is based on the new plan.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, then, I am looking also you know, at the way that I have said before, of the concept of the Home Owners' program and if the Home Owners' program had stayed at \$250, as it was, and the other items had been dropped down from 1 to 2 and the old age pensioners would have got their share, as they did, I would agree.

There, up to that extent, I absolutely agree, that the Government has done a job, that they should have done when they first brought it in here.

Then I look at the other \$50 on the top, that was a necessity for some reason or another. I would take it as an election gimmick, but I would not like to be really nasty about it, but it looks a little that way.

I am looking about, approximately, and I do not know, could be wrong, because I do not know the figures of the home owners', although I have had some arguments here before when the first Home Owner Grant came and they said that there would be three thousand, so many thousand home owners and I said that there would be a couple thousand. I will take it from 2000 to 2,500 for now, and I think I am looking at about \$125,000, that possibly we did not necessarily have to put in that area.

There are many other areas that type of money could be put in and I do not think it would hurt the people's pocketbooks so much, that it is being taken out of. If I happen to be one of those, because I have a little more money than the other fellow God bless them, they can have it.

That is the only thing that I would, take a little better look at your priorities.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that anyone will argue against the Home Owner Grant.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: He just did.

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, he only argued, Mr. Chairman, it is most unfair, the Honourable Members in the comfortable pew across the way, do not listen to the details of any of the arguments or debates. They are off on a tangent. They only think their way and the rest of it.

I think the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua made the point that he can see the Home Owner Grant, to a certain degree and, above that, possibly the funding that was required

to enrich that grant could have better have been used a different way.

I think most of us, I think all of us agree, and we are very happy to see that there is extra benefit given to the home owners who are senior citizens. It would have been better if the administrative costs would not have been extensive to have put it for senior citizens, to have it graduated for senior citizens who needed more than others, but then you are getting into the administration of it which is very, very difficult. But I think that there are senior citizens who do not need the Home Owner Grant as much other senior citizens and this is a valid point and we all know that programs like this cost a great deal of money to administer, so you are better off going across the board.

There is a deficiency in our Home Owner Grant program and in the other jurisdictions, they have made provisions for them, we have not yet in Yukon, and that is the renter. I know that Government does not want to subsidize the landlord who is making a profit and I would be the first that would stand up and criticize the Government if they were doing that. But we also know that the home owner who is paying taxes in the form of the rent is not going to be getting a Home Owner Grant. Other jurisdictions have tried to accommodate this so that these home owners or home renters do in fact also benefit to a certain degree.

I think that if we had brought something in at this time while we still have a fairly stable Yukon population, then your cut-off time would have guarded against subsidizing the transient workers who come in for the Pipeline and the Shaktwak Projects. That is one area where I do have a concern. I am very happy for the home owners in Yukon who are going to benefit from this.

One other criticism that I have is that I wished they would have made the Home Owner Grant such that you do not have to pay the money before you can get it back, because I know you have to show that your taxes are paid before you qualify for your Home Owner Grant. I know people have to go borrow money to pay their taxes so they can in fact get back the Home Owner Grant. It seemed a little foolish to do it that way, and unless people apply for it, they do not get it. It should be a right of every taxpayer and every home owner to get that without having to apply.

Mr. Chairman, I certainly support the program. I like certain features of it very, very much and I think, though, that there are two quite glaring deficiencies. We maybe could not have afforded to accommodate the renter completely, but we certainly should have looked at the mechanism of getting your Home Owner Grant.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Kluane becomes quite radical really. Now she is demanding a rebate or some sort of a grant for renters. Does she not realize this Government does not even want to support rent control to the renters?

My question, Mr. Chairman, is on a different matter. I looked through the organizational chart and we see that Home Owners' Grant has one-third of a man year and I cannot find it anywhere. Who is administering this?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I think it is administered on a casual basis and it is overseen by the manager of Revenue and Taxation. So, we hire a casual when the forms start coming in in great droves.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?
Establishment 1209 agreed to

Hon. Mr. Lang: Perhaps we could go to the Department of Justice and Mr. Bell is due here in about ten seconds, apparently.

Mr. Chairman: We will turn to page 126 and the detail is on page 127, the Department of Justice. Mr. Bell has just arrived.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, now that we are on the Department of Justice, I have noted in the vote wording, the inference that the Director of Legal Services provides legal advice to the Commissioner, Legislative Assembly and all Government departments.

I think, Mr. Chairman, it is understood, I think by all Members of Government, certainly by Members of the Legislature, that we now have acquired our own legal draftsman and that the Department of Justice, in effect, no longer serves the Legislative Assembly in the sense that it has in the past.

Consequently, I would move, seconded, I believe, by Mr. Lengerke, that the word wording under Vote 08, Department of Justice, be amended by deleting throughout all reference to Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lengerke, that the vote wording under Vote 8, Department of Justice, be amended by deleting throughout all references to Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder can we have a motion from Committee without any notice, because I believe the Member from Watson Lake objected to someone else doing that the other day.

Mr. Chairman: Well, we have accepted them before, so I see no reason why we should not accept them today. I do not think it would be proper, in the House, but, in the Committee of the Whole, I believe we can accept them anytime.

Motion agreed to

On Establishment 800

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 800, Legal Services, \$288,100. Any discussion on Legal Services?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether it would be proper at this time to comment on the chart?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: Thank you for providing us with the chart. It helps a great deal.

I am looking at the Director of Legal Affairs. Now this is the senior position within Legal Affairs, now this is the Director of Legal Affairs is it, that position at the present time?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: You mean the one in the dotted lines, Mr. Chairman?

Mrs. Watson: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: That would be a new position which will be Director of the Department of Justice.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, why would it be a new position when we have a Department of Legal Affairs now and we are sort of combining it together? Why would there be a need to have a new position for the Director of the Department of Justice?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we are bringing in Corrections, the new branch, Administration and Court Systems and Legal Services and the Public Service Commission, and in drawing up the chart suggested that we should have a new position called the Director of Justice.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, what classification would the Director of Justice have and what classification would your people who are in charge of Corrections, Administration and Legal Services have?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, those details, the classification has not been worked out by the Public Service Commission yet. This is one of the departments that has undergone a fairly extensive re-organization and restructuring and we are still working on that particular aspect. That is why that position is shown in a dotted line. We hope to finish it up as soon as possible, but it takes more time for the Public Service Commission to produce all the information and the classification that we need.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe under the *Public Service Commission Ordinance* that there is a requirement for Department Heads, who were Department Heads at the time that the *Public Service Commission Ordinance* was passed, were grandfathered in as Department Heads. Do you mean to say now you are going to take these people's rights as Department Heads away?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: No, Mr. Chairman, this is not the intention of taking anything away.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you are. Mr. Chairman, we are creating a new department over and above another department. What qualifications would you be looking for the Director of Justice? Are the people who are now in those senior positions, will they be considered for the position of Director of Justice?

Mr. Chairman, I might as well be perfectly frank at you, about this. I have been wondering about this for some time with the combination. This is one way that the Government is going to use to get rid of certain senior people that they do not want on staff, and it appears to me by this chart that is exactly what they are attempting to do.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we have three branches, these are branches that we are speaking about, and branch heads, their positions will not change, and the Director is required for them to report to. When this position is opened, it will be open to competition under the *Public Service Commission*. He will advertise it, and everyone will have an equal opportunity in applying for the position.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that is right, but they will go on six months probation and they will be at the mercy of their senior executive person.

I just do not like what I see here. When I see that you have divided your Justice into three branches, which we have two of them now, Legal Services, Solicitor, Public Administrator, and Administration Courts Systems, Magistrate's Court, Justice of the Peace, they are all under the Director of Legal Affairs.

Why is not the Director of Legal Affairs made the Director under the Department of Justice, when he has, up to this time, been the Director of that Department?

Mr. Chairman, I think there is quite an ulterior motive behind the restructuring of this, particularly when these people will be allowed to apply for the position, but they lose their seniority, under the *Public Service Ordinance*, and it is a very lovely way of getting rid of people that you do not want.

Mr. Chairman, I hope the Members of this House do not pass this Vote.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it is a matter of interest, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps, after that criticism, the Member from Kluane could explain to us how she feels it should be done.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman. In any of the other re-organizations that we have had, the Department heads have been able to keep their department and they have added certain branches. We had a Department of Legal Affairs. You are adding a branch from some other area.

Mr. Spray is still the department head for the Secretary and Registrar. What we are doing here now is dividing Legal Affairs into three sections and it never was necessary before to have a branch head who is in charge of administration, with Justice. Never, with an equal status of the Director of Legal Services.

If you look at it, there is quite a manipulation and you should compare the structuring of this department and this is the only one where there has been a new position created, of all of the re-organization, and to me it is pretty obvious.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I still have not had my question answered.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, maybe if the Honourable Member would repeat his question.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my question to the Honourable Member from Kluane, if this system is not to her liking, how then should we go about appointing this new director? What would be her suggestion?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you have the department of Legal Affairs, at the present time. All you are doing, Mr. Chairman, is adding the Branch of Corrections with it. You have your Director of Legal Affairs now. You are adding a branch.

Two-thirds of that Department was there, with a Director, with a person in charge. You are adding an annex and you are demoting the Director by adding an annex and if you look at the Territorial Secretary, which has become Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Spray, the Territorial Secretary, still stays as the Department head.

I am looking at this as a specific instance. It is so obvious to me what is being done. I do not like the significance, I do not like this way of doing it. If a person is not performing a job as a Department Head or whatever, somebody who is sweeping the floor, if you are not performing your job, you have a senior person who can write a report on you and that is how it is supposed to be done, not shuffling them out of position.

If the senior person to the Director of Legal Affairs at the present time has enough cause to feel that that person is not doing an adequate job, then that Executive person should be writing a report on him and be able to substantiate the criticism in the report and use that as the method of getting rid of a person. But do not do it by reshuffling positions and putting them on probation for six months, when your criticism does not have to be quite as specific when you are on probation for six months.

Mr. Chairman, I do not like this at all.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Member from Kluane makes a lot of assumptions here, but I know I see this as quite a logical situation, I see responsibilities changing, a change of duties, and I really think that if, as what she says, you have a Director of Legal Services who now is the Director of almost two-thirds of this Department, the way it is re-structured, then certainly that person in competition should have some advantage, there is no doubt about it. I would think that through the normal course of competition, I think all fairness should prevail, I would hope if competitions are run according to Hoyle, I think that a person rightfully should be in charge of that particular new department, should come out the winner.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, if I might add, some of the reasoning behind this is that there are quite a number of new sections in this area. The public administrator, coroner, land titles, and vital statistics came into one branch. We are looking at a second Magistrate's Court very soon, there is an increased case load, and of course we are faced with the pipeline, and the purpose of this particular structure is to review, or it will be the evolution of a justice system within the Territorial Government structure, perhaps towards the eventual evolution of an Attorney General function, and this is the kind of structure that lends itself right to this. The Public Service Commissioner suggested that this was a good structure to develop and improve our goals, or I should say to move towards that evolution.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, in the organization Outside, in other places like provinces, do they have the court system and the corrections system under one department of Attorney General?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I understand some of them do. That is apparently a trend.

Mr. Chairman: Anyone else?

Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, I wish that this would be stood over until more of the Members are present in the House.

I would like Establishment 800 stood over until there are more in the House.

Mr. Lengerke: I do not see any need.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, come on, there are not enough Members here. We would do this out of courtesy to anyone, if you asked anything to be stood over because there are not enough Members, we would do it out of courtesy, for goodness' sakes.

Mr. Chairman: I have no objections to standing this over, because, I, too, have some doubts about this particular establishment and I think Members who are not here may have as well. So we will stand this over for the time being.

But, I think we can go on with the balance here.

On Establishment 801

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 801, Court Systems Branch, \$734,200.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, each time, at budget time, there are certain matters I raise, and I rise for the umpteenth time to raise the question again: is there provision in this budget for a full-time magistrate for Watson Lake and, if not, why not?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we do not have anything in there for a magistrate. I might add we are looking at an additional J.P., to help the workload.

Mr. Chairman: At Watson Lake?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I really am not satisfied with that reply. I think the time is long past and the record should show that the case load in Watson Lake and, you know, Canada Tungsten, some of the services are provided, I believe, to Lower Post, and around in all the various courts, would clearly show that there was a need and there has been a need for a full-time magistrate in that community for some time.

I might say how disappointed I am that the Department have not seen fit to take this under advisement and consideration. It has been a question I have asked on behalf of the people of Watson Lake for many years now. I would ask that the Government immediately reconsider this whole question, because of its importance to the community, and the importance of seeing justice done.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I believe Mr. Bell made reference to provisions for a second magistrate, or a deputy magistrate in the plans, not for Watson Lake, specifically, but in your program.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Yes.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Could, perhaps, Committee be told whether or not this second magistrate will be based in Whitehorse or will be on the circuit or how you will use him.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, he will be based in Whitehorse, but certainly would cover the circuit.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am interested in the training for J.P.'s. How much training has been given to JPs this year, and are there plans for increasing that?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there was some training, I am looking for the details.

Mrs. Watson: I wonder whether the Honourable Member from Watson Lake could indicate why he feels there is a requirement for a second Magistrate in Watson Lake?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: On the first instance, I have not, as the Honourable Member has suggested, even suggested that we need a second Magistrate in Watson Lake, because we do not have a first one yet. It is the first one I am looking for for the reasons I just stated when I last addressed Committee, Mr. Chairman. I do not think it is necessary to re-state it. I have re-stated those same reasons for every year certainly that the Honourable Member has been in this House.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I was looking back at some

of my notes too that I know the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has got up many times, certainly. I thought we had some assurance that we were going to get that full-time magistrate this year? I think we should certainly get that commitment now and move that way.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the reason I asked the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, I thought I was giving him a queue, because he was quite prepared to spend money for a grand new position of Director of Justice, I would much sooner see that money spent for a Magistrate at Watson Lake. I think the need for a Magistrate at Watson Lake would serve the people much more than a new position of the Director of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Just in general response to the comments made by the Honourable Member. I am concerned with getting this budget through and getting on with the work of the public of the Yukon. That is why I am not standing here asking the Department of Justice to drag before this Committee endless data, as I have heard some Members in this House do on just about every item including coat hangers. I am not satisfied that provision has not been made, as the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale has pointed out. The provision has not been made in this budget for the much needed full-time permanent Magistrate in Watson Lake.

I have enough faith in Government, now that there are four elected members in Government, to undertake on my behalf to attempt to once again bring perhaps move this new Deputy Magistrate, rather than to Whitehorse, to Watson Lake. I am prepared to allow that Government the opportunity to do that without nit-picking and without delaying this budget. I have made my point on behalf of the people. It is my hope that the Government have listened and listened well to these requests.

Mr. Chairman: I might mention to Committee we have Mr. Stubbins here as a witness with Mr. Bell.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, just a question to the Member from Watson Lake, since he has been working on this for four years, I am wondering if he has some statistics to bring us. I really feel that if there is an additional Magistrate who is going to be placed in the field and he probably should be in the North. If we are going to be discussing a place to have another Magistrate, we would have to discuss statistics, and perhaps after four years he has gathered some?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that is the difference between the representative from Watson Lake and the representative from Ogilvie. I am not doing what the Honourable Member is now doing or suggests we do is to take up the time of Committee with such nonsense. The statistics are available, Government has them and I will put my trust in Government to do what is right.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, in answer to the question about J.P. training, every February they have a conference in which there is a training session, and that has just been held. On appointment, each J.P. receives three days' training and then there is on-going training throughout the year, through visits and circulars and that approach.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I was not here at the beginning of the debate and I was wondering if Mr. Bell could supply the statistics requested by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, why the Member from Watson Lake requested a magistrate in Watson Lake.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: I do not have the caseload, but the deputy magistrate happens to be there right now, at Watson Lake and he goes, on request, as well as six regular visits per year.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I was made aware that, at one time, the Government of Yukon approached the Province of British Columbia, to cost-share in such a venture, of sharing the magistrate, because, certainly, from some of the areas fringing Watson Lake, that the people there would be able to come into Watson and use the services.

Has this been pursued further or was that shot down or what happened to that?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, neither Mr. Stubbins nor I are aware that that ever took place.

Mr. Lengerke: A good possibility.

Mr. Chairman: I think, Mr. Lengerke, part of the problem is that in British Columbia they are still using stipendiary magistrates, who are lay-magistrates and in Yukon, our magistrates are lawyers.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the people in British Columbia are now known as judges. Perhaps, I believe, unless I am mistaken, one of our justices of the peace is a judge, for the purposes of British Columbia, I am not too sure on that, but I think that is the case.

But, you know, I say again, to Members, if they are seriously inquiring, then, yes, there is a workload, there is a heavy workload there for the Justices of the Peace that are there and one, I believe, is about to retire. A.J.P. is not the easiest person to find in a community.

We feel it is important that someone very knowledgeable in law be in there, because of, you know, the workload, it is the entrance to the Territory. It is where many, many things happen and the town is growing and the probability of incidents is growing with it, of course.

As I say, I believe, way back, that there is even been resolutions of this House, years ago, respecting this. These statistics were usually drawn out when we had a different budget procedure and we really nit-picked through the budget, in those days, and we had all these stacks of paper on caseloads, workloads.

But, we are not just talking in terms of a police court. We are talking juvenile court, we're talking of all the different courts.

It is the cost of justice, people are flown to Whitehorse, people are, the time it takes, there are six visits for instance, per year, and it is quite often that those are delayed because the Magistrate is otherwise occupied somewhere else. The delays in having justice done on remands or, I do not know what you call them, referrals from a JP Court to a Magistrate Court are often quite inconvenient for people who in fact could be innocent.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member thinks we get little laughs on some things, but the Honourable Member is right in that sense. I would say in the next few years with the pipeline coming through, and Watson Lake being the entrance to the Yukon Territory, and it is going to be enlarged, and I think that his plea should be well taken by the Government.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I understand Mr. Bell to say that they were looking at it for the next year, in 1979-80?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: The second Magistrate.

Mrs. Watson: In 1979-80?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Yes.

Establishment 801 agreed to

On Establishment 802

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 802, Legal Aid, \$97,100.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I might comment that this whole program is 50 per cent cost recoverable to a maximum of \$100,000.

Mr. Chairman: Any questions?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I had a question when we first opened in the last session and that was answered and I got the chart on the case load and so forth. However, at that time I did ask actually what is the value, the real value, to the people that do become accepted. I think they had some 50 some cases in legal aid that was accepted and then of course some of them decided not to act upon and so forth and so on. I think it was 20-some or something. I have the charts here but I would have

to look through them. Those that were enacted upon, is the system you think really worthwhile? Is it working to the benefit of those people that it was enacted for?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stubbins confirms that we have a lot of very happy clients as a result of this.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just one question of interest. Perhaps I might have missed it in Supplementaries, but has there been in the past year, by the experience of this program, any oversubscription or are have we been undersubscribed in the current fiscal year?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, at the present time it looks like we will have some lapsed funds in both areas.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, there is a theory behind Legal Aid, particularly on the civil side, that if the client is able to recover amounts of money because he was given legal aid to go to court, there is a requirement upon the client to repay the costs of legal aid. I am just wondering, Mr. Chairman, if Committee could be told how often that happens, what is the batting average?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, every effort is made to recover from the client, but we do not have enough resource people to be successful in every case.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, in the reading that I have done in Corrections, the Legal Aid system has been criticized for actually providing a needed financial source, but, not doing much else, not really trying to change the system that requires the help of legal aid.

The emphasis should be more on support services in the courts, such as court workers and advice, prior to any kind of need for legal advice.

This Government put the grant into Skookum Jim Hall for court workers, which has been very low, constantly—

Mr. Chairman: Ms Millard, would the Honourable Member discuss this particular question when we are dealing with 805, Court Worker Program.

Ms Millard: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

I believe that the Court Worker Program should be in this Justice system and—

Mr. Chairman: We are not dealing with that at the present time, and it is in this system.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, it all has to do with Legal Aid.

If the—

Mr. Chairman: The Legal Aid program is a different program than the Court Worker program. Now, will the Member please confine her remarks to 802, Legal Aid.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am trying to make a logical connection between the two, if Mr. Chairman would allow me.

In my reading in Corrections, much research has been done on this and the proposal is that support services in a court will do away with the cost of criminal legal aid - not completely, of course, because it is needed, but the cost here is \$64,000 and we are probably looking for more, where we are only giving to support services in the court system, a small grant of, I think, I believe it is \$30,000.

I would just like to make a plea, since we are re-organizing this department, that some consideration be made in the next budget, for allowing the court worker system to come under here, to aid in reducing the cost of criminal legal aid.

Perhaps Mr. Bell could comment on that.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: We will certainly look at it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Bell.

Establishment 802 agreed to

On Establishment 803

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 803, Police Services Agreement, \$2,219,100.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, does this provide for extra staff or is this just an increase cost of getting policing services?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we are paying one year behind on this particular agreement. There will be a requirement for seven more men this fiscal year.

Mrs. Watson: Is that in here?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, no, this is for 1977-78.

We do not get our invoice and so on until the end of the year.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, generally when we have been discussing the Police Services Agreement, we have noted that we have no Attorney General in Yukon as yet, we hope that some day we will have, and so we do not have a department, as such, that readily can give us the information we need. I am wondering, without delaying of course 803, I am wondering if at some future point, while discussing estimates, if the department could provide Members of Committee with a copy showing the dispersment of the force, in other words, Detachment by Detachment, the numbers of people on strength and in general what the situation is in the Territory with our police services?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to know. This particular Establishment includes the dog?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, yes, and Mr. Chairman, in answer to the Honourable Member from Watson Lake's request, we will endeavor to provide the information about police disbursement at different localities within a day or two.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it would be nice to know what we are getting for the money, because our experience has been in the past that it is a package deal and there are all kinds of interesting little quirks that we do not know about, but we do have to pay the costs. We get excellent police service, but I would like to know what shares of certain, particularly special services, are allocated to Yukon's bill. Mr. Chairman, we have been unsuccessful in attempts in the past to determine, for example, how much we are paying towards the Airborne Division, which is not based here. What is our share of the aircraft portion of the budget of the RCMP. I think that if it is at all possible, we should be provided with a complete breakdown of all these various areas.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West took my question away. Every year I rose and asked for the Police Services Agreement, because in the last one we discovered there was a substantial increase in the payment that was demanded from the Territorial Government. I was wondering if he could have the same again for this year without passing this particular Vote at this time. I think we are going to find there is another substantial increase in this particular Agreement again.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger, I believe this sum for last year, we owe it. Is that not right?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: You mentioned that we were billed a year behind the times so that we actually owe this amount of money.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is the percentage cost, our percentage, which was 53 per cent of last years, yes. Next year, Mr. Chairman, we will go to 54 per cent of the total cost.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, just the same I would like to see what is the Agreement. In the last couple, the services have actually been cut down, and I would like to see in black and white what we are paying for. Regardless if the bill comes in for last year. This is the 1978-79 Main Budget and I would like to know what the heck we are paying this money for.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Bell, could the Police Agreement possibly be tabled?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, all the information that has been requested we will endeavor to have as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger, the Agreement for this year would not have any affect on this amount of money.

This is in the Agreement you have already seen, most likely.

Mr. Berger: Just the same, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, we can maybe see it for next year.

Establishment 803 agreed to

On Establishment 804

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 804, Criminal Injuries Compensation, \$100.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I believe earlier in discussion of this Committee, the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua had a question on this, but, if he has not, I would like to ask it. How many people were covered by the \$12,000, and what was the nature of the action involved? Did they actually go to the aid of a policeman in apprehending a criminal?

I think we would be interested to know, since this is a new program and we have had no report on it since it was established.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this question was raised the other day, and I have just received today a description of one of the incidents.

In both cases, they were aggravated assault and facial injuries resulted and the expenses were to cover dentures and various work such as that, on the people that were involved.

If you would like, I could table this, perhaps tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Bell.

Anything else?

Establishment 804 agreed to

On Establishment 805

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 805, Court Worker Program, \$30,000, Ms Millard.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, are you actually giving me the opportunity to reiterate what I said before?

Mr. Chairman: If you like, this is the proper time to do it.

Ms Millard: I would love to.

I would like to, I will reiterate it for the fourth time, because this is the fourth budget, because I have not seen any, I think there has been an increase in the first year, the budget we have been thinking of, but it has been, yes, it has been doubled since we started, but it is still not very much.

They are really providing an excellent service and I just would like to reiterate that I feel that support services in a court actually cut down the costs of paying high costs, such as lawyers, and all the other things that we have to support the system that is there with.

It could be innovative, it could be an exciting thing to be happening in Yukon, and we are just not putting enough money into it and if we brought it into the Justice Department, I think that probably it would expand because there would be more input from the Corrections Service and from the court service, into this. But, as it is, it can stagnate, because it is not within our system.

So, I would like to see it come in within our system and certainly a lot more money put towards it. I would just like to hear the comments of Mr. Bell on it.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Ms Millard.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there is a proposal coming from the courtworker, the people involved in the program and we do not have the proposal, as yet

It is imminent. When we receive it, it will probably have some of their recommendations from the Honourable Member, and we will then be looking at moving in the direction that she

has suggested.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, when the proposal comes, if it is not secret, may I have a copy. I would be really glad to see how far they have come along, if that is possible.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, on this program, I am just curious just exactly what has the turnover been in the last couple of years in respect to people going in as employees in this particular program?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Fifty per cent turnover, Mr. Chairman.

Ms Millard: That could be because they are not paid enough.

Establishment 805 agreed to

On Establishment 806

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 806, Administration, \$268,500.

Ms Millard: I think there is an extra man year and a half, if we could have some breakdown on that?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Director's position, and a half a man year for probation services.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you are dividing up probation officers, some of them go with the Corrections Branch and some of them go with the Juvenile, under Human Resources. How many will be going with Corrections, how many with Human Resources?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the half man year that I mentioned for Probation Services is clerical support.

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, just one position.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will there just be one probation officer under the Corrections then?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, no, what I said is that one position would go to Human Resources.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, what balance does that leave with Corrections, plus one more and a half for clerical? What would be the total of your probation officer complement, in 1978-79?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, am I reading the question correct in that you want the number of probation officers that will be under Corrections?

Mrs. Watson: Right, that is my question, for this year.

It should show on the chart, Mr. Chairman, there is seven, or 10.5, pardon me, under Adult Probation.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, 10.5 adult probation officers, is that correct?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, how does that relate to statistics that we have on the caseload breakdown between juvenile probation and adult probation, that was being done previously by the Corrections Department? Is that ratio carried out? I mean, were they using ten per cent of their time to do juvenile probation, and that is why only one person was sent over to Human Resources? Or is that even relevant?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we do not have our Corrections man here and neither one of us can provide that answer. We will endeavour to get it.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Establishment 806 agreed to

On Establishment 807

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 807, Native Special Constable Program, \$40,000.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering if Mr. Bell could perhaps tell us how many native constable, or Indian special constables are now in Yukon and, generally,

now is the program working?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think it was yesterday or the day before, in the supplementals, I thought we had four. I now have it that we have three, one in Whitehorse, one in Ross River and one in Teslin.

There is a plan to get three more. This is a 60-40 split in cost. We pay forty per cent and this \$40,000 is a net cost, an estimated cost and the program, apparently, is going very well.

We are expecting a review, a team is reviewing it right now and that is right across Canada and we are expecting the results of that very soon.

We will then be able to give you a better handle on just how the program is going, but, within Yukon, it is apparently very well received.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I was surprised to hear, what happened to the Indian special constable from Watson Lake? Has he been shifted, or is he not taken into account?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I do not know the answer to that. If we have one there, I will have to ask the RCMP.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: He came from Old Crow to Watson Lake.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we will endeavour to find out.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: It is not important. I was just curious. I thought maybe you were right on four.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: I may be.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I understand there are four at the present time, and they are hoping to put seven more on stream, \$40,000 is not going to be sufficient is it to pay all 40 per cent?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, three more. We now have three according to my present figures, and perhaps we have another one at Watson Lake now. They hope to have three more this year, making a total of six. That is their aim for this year.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, in this program, is there any ability of the native Special Constable to become part of the actual RCMP system? Is there an opportunity for that after a certain number of years experience?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I cannot give you a direct answer on that. We do not know the full details of the recommendations from the study.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: As I recall, when this was told to us last budget, the RCMP, perhaps the Honourable Member was not here, but the RCMP did indicate that on the Indian Special Constable, if he wished to pursue an active role further as a full fledged constable, he simply went back to school, and all the opportunities were there and he would come up through the ranks in the normal way.

Mr. Chairman: Anyone else?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, is the cost-sharing arrangement part of the Deficit Grant, or is it shown as a recovery?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, this is a different program altogether. In this case we get billed by DIAND for the 40 per cent. The Agreement is slightly different. There is a special agreement worked in this particular case. There is no recovery, it is the other way around, DIAND will bill us.

Mrs. Watson: This is to show our share?

Mr. Sherlock: Right.

Establishment 807 agreed to

On Establishment 808

Mr. Chairman: Establishment 808, Corrections Branch, \$1,504,100. Any questions?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, they have Probation shown here, and I thought we were talking about it under Administration of Justice?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I did not hear the question.

Mr. Chairman: The question was that there are Probation people shown under 808, Corrections, and we were given to understand that they were under 806, Administration.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I was answering the question from 808, when we were speaking about the numbers. We opened the discussion under 806 and I referred to 808 and gave that 10.5 from that particular Vote.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I believe that there now is a national parole officer, who, of course, if Federal Government employee, but I am just wondering what the relationship of that parole officer is to the Corrections Branch? Does he work at all under that system, or in the office, or are there programs that are dealt with jointly, or is there some parallel system?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: He works, Mr. Chairman, out of our office. There are no costs involved to us and it is only on a temporary basis, until he can find accommodation.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we have a, the budget is increased by just a little more than ten per cent. You have one extra man year, which accounts for some of it.

Are there any new programs reflected in this budget, or is it just the operation of the Corrections Branch, as it was operated in the previous year, with a built-in increase provision for its life.

Is there any new concept at all being put forward?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the program is pretty well the same. It is standard inflation, plus one man year in Probation, is the reason for the increased costs.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: There is also, Mr. Chairman, an increased cost at the Institution and communities are requesting more frequent visits from probation people and so therefore, we are supporting more public requests and there are increased court circuits being planned, which we discussed a little earlier. I have them for every community here. Would you like to have them all?

Mrs. Watson: That is Justice, not necessarily, no.

Ms Millard: The primary 68, I notice that it is a small amount of dollars, but there is quite a big increase in the rental of land and buildings, although they no longer are taking into consideration the Wolf Creek situation.

I am just wondering why?

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Excuse me a moment.

Mr. Chairman, it has shifted from Establishment 806 and that is why there is an increase. It is being corrected and put in their proper place in the budget.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say a word regarding the Leadership Training Program under this Vote, which has been long awaited, and which I am happy to note has now been announced, is being organized, and will begin early in April following through into May.

I am very happy to be able to add that the new Director of Corrections had particular background and training in this field and is able to institute courses here for us with the staff on the job, using all the facilities of the Legal Affairs and court areas, so that we do not have to bring in a costly curriculum training establishment from some outside source. I think all Members will be informed fairly shortly about the details of this program, but I just wanted to say personally how very pleased I am to know that it is finally going ahead.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would like to echo the Minister's words on the Leadership Program, I am really happy to see it in here.

In Primary 20, Professional and Special Services has in-

creased tremendously, under the Correctional Institute. I wonder if that is a special program of some sort.

Mr. Deputy Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, that is staff training. There has not been any for several years and perhaps Mrs. Whyard could speak to this because I do not take over Corrections until the First of April.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I just spoke on it, it is the staff training I am talking about.

Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I understand there is quite a pressure on the actual physical facility at the Institution, with the space available and the number of people that they are trying to accommodate. I know that options to that is to build another monument or build another big building or to try some other programs, and that is why I was asking whether in fact there was funding in here for some type of program to try to accommodate the different segments of the inmate population and still be able to alleviate the overcrowding.

I would also like to ask is the Corrections Branch being able to take care of the Rehabilitation Services, because we are spending quite a great deal of money on Rehabilitation Services? Do the inmates qualify for this? The community programs at the Vocational School, when a Lifeskills course or something like this that they desperately want over at Corrections is being provided by another Vote, why should we have to vote money for Lifeskills in Corrections when they should be able to get it from the Vocational School?

Is this the type of thing that could be done? Are they able to use the facilities of the Treatment Centre, not the Detox Centre, the Rehab Centre? I wonder whether the Minister who is in charge of it would like to comment on some of these things?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Well, Mr. Chairman, in the first place, I would reply to the Honourable Member by saying that plans for alternate types of accommodation, rather than a security institution, would be in the capital side of the budget, and proposals have been made by the Branch, in a number of ways.

One, in particular, when every department of this Government was asked to prioritize their capital requirements, which would be in anyway connected with pipeline, I know that the Corrections Branch, at that time, prepared a detailed list, a dreambook list of the things that they would like to see in place, before the pipeline.

I do not need to tell Honourable Members what happened to our requests for funding in any of those areas.

In the second place, Mr. Chairman, capital on-going alterations and additions and alternate accommodation are being considered by the Branch and I know that there are discussions on-going, between the Corrections Branch and Federal Departments, such as Forestry, who would like to work out a joint program whereby they could use wilderness camp type of approach for alternate accommodation and diversion sentencing.

I really cannot give any more details, at this time, Mr. Chairman, but that is the policy of the Branch. It was, and I hope will be.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, are the services of the Rehabilitation Centre and the community courses that are being offered by the Vocational School, plus your other courses, are they available, and on what priority basis, for the people at the Correctional Institution?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, we have a committee at the Correctional Institute, which sits on classification and opportunities for training for all in-mates and they try very hard to find some kind of training or up-grading, or whatever is available, for each of these particular people.

It is not always a successful experience. Sometimes people actually dump the course. Their behaviour is such that some of these places reject them, or they just fail to come through, to make the effort.

There are also opportunities for taking training in institution, through correspondence courses. We have some very good technical people here in Whitehorse, tradesmen, who have made offers to go up when there is an in-mate particularly interested in learning about electrical systems, which would lead to welding courses, that kind of thing, and there is a very supportive atmosphere in the community, which is being encouraged by members of the Corrections Branch.

In answer to the Honourable Member's question, there are opportunities for inmates to be placed in various courses, both at the Vocational School and in other areas but it is entirely dependent upon their individual performance as to how far they go. The record is not all that inspiring, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I think there was some confusion before because I understood leadership training to be an outdoor program. Previous to this, we were discussing two different ways, staff training and leadership training, I think was in the confusion, at least in what my presumptions were. I am just wondering if there is any chance of expanding that program or is that going to be pretty well set at the rate that it is going now? Apparently there is a great need for expanded funding, from my understanding of it and I am just wondering if the Minister could comment on the outdoors program.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: On leadership training, this is one of the bright spots in the program and something that we were very proud of in the way that the staff members who are in charge of that training have done terrific work, I think, with programs with the inmates. I think all Members are familiar with the past performances on rock climbing and survival and various other outdoor training courses.

It is our hope, under the new director of Corrections, to completely expand this program but once again, there are requirements for capital funding in order to provide for the construction of the wilderness camp, for example, where a lot of our inmates, because the majority of them are not maximum or even medium security risks, could be accommodated, and could be leading healthy outdoor lives doing something useful and getting paid a small amount for it. Certainly I would ask for the support of all Members in our requests for additional funding to make such programs grow.

Mr. Chairman: Anything else?

Establishment 808 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will be going on into Tourism and in the afternoon, we have an arrangement to do child care at 1:30, if we finish Tourism, that particular thing, we will go into Health and Welfare.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one point that I did not have a chance to discuss earlier was that I would like some time in the afternoon to discuss the Housing Corporation budget, as the Chairman of the Housing Corporation is going to be away for all of next week and he says that he would be available for tomorrow in the afternoon. So possibly later in the afternoon, we could go into the Housing Corporation.

Ms Millard: Mr. Chairman, I need just one more question on Justice on the expenditure.

Mr. Chairman: It has passed.

Ms Millard: On expenditure recoveries which is on the next page.

Mr. Chairman: We are not going to do that. We are going to call for a motion.

Ms Millard: Will we come back to Recoveries. We are not going to discuss that at all?

Mr. Chairman: Sit down.

Mr. Fleming: I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I will second that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Lang that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. *Motion agreed to*

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair

Mr. Speaker: I will 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 have considered Bill Number 1 *Third Appropriation Ordinance, 1976-77* and Bill Number 2, *Fourth Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78* and directed me to report the same without amendment.

The Committee has also 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: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua that we do now call it five o'clock.

Motion agreed to

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

Adjourned

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