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Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order. This evening we are considering Bill Number 13. The next department that we will be considering will be Finance. I direct you to page 182, Department of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: The Department of Finance provides guidance and leadership in all financial areas of the Government. The Accounting Services Branch keeps official accounting and financial records of the Government of Yukon, processes supplier accounts, processes the general Government payroll and prepares periodic financial statements including the Territorial accounts.

The Revenue and Taxation Branch collects and monitors taxes and revenues, handles banking and investments and administers the heating fuel equalization and home owner grant programs.

The Budget and Financial Management Branch helps develop fiscal policy, provides financial planning, develops and improves financial systems, co-ordinates the Budget process, prepares the Main Estimates and provides a control and monitoring function for the financial performance of departmental operations.

Mr. MacKay: I would like to welcome ex-Treasurer Miller here as an observer. Perhaps we could have him as a witness.

Mr. Chairman: I will be having some difficulty in general discussion with Finance tonight because it was the subject of quite a lot of the Public Accounts Committee's report which was tabled in the House today. Perhaps just to make it brief, which I am sure you would appreciate, I would like to touch on a couple of areas which I think are very important.

The first area is, I think, the role of the Treasurer, his essential role to the control of the expenditures of this Government and, without being too obtuse about it, it seems as though the Auditor-General has commented in the past about the lack of definition of that role.

We apparently were to expect such a definition to be finalized by April 1, 1980. I have not heard that definition being finalized. I would suggest to the Government Leader, who is in charge of this Department, that that is a very significant decision to be made and if, in fact, he wishes to exercise control as many premiers do in the provinces, over his Government, that the key to that is to strengthen the Finance Department.

All of his Ministers are sitting there with perked-up ears, ready to resist all change but I would suggest to them that having that financial control is absolutely vital to the furtherance of any Government policies so let it be known that accountants really do rule the world and that recognition of this fact is a little slow in coming to some people. Eventually it will come. When the role of the Treasurer is properly defined, it will become apparent to everybody.

All the other items that were mentioned as duties of the Treasurer, banking and investment is an area I am a little concerned about. I think that this Government has, between its own funds, the Workers' Compensation Board and the Liquor Control Board, considerable amounts of ready cash, short-term investment money in its hands. I would hope that it would see fit to take professional advice, not from any local two-bit outfit but from those recognized experts in the field in the south that handle much larger portfolios, take some of that advice to ensure that in this time of rapidly changing interest rates and very difficult investment decisions that the Government avails itself of the best advice.

The third point is that, again, it is touched on in the PAC Report but I would emphasize it again, that in the preparation of the Main Estimates that more narrative description be given to the purposes for which the money is being spent. I would like to say that we have appreciated the more full explanations of departments that we have received in this Budget debate. I think the Government Leader will agree that we have been much more to the point in dealing with policy than we were last year. I think that we would be even more to the point were we to receive, in advance, written narrative description of the policies and programs being followed by line departments.

Other than that, I have not too much to add to Treasury other than to commend them on the progress they have been making in trying to implement the Auditor General's Report.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman just let me say, before the Government Leader gets in, that as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, I feel it is inappropriate for me to participate in the kind of discussion of issues raised by Mr. MacKay in advance of the debate of the PAC report. That is a mode of operation, as Chairman, that I think the Committee has assigned to me and I will

respect. I want to say that that is the reason I do not intend to be going into any of these matters now that are raised in the Report, and I hope, in a week hence, when we debate the Report, I can express the views of the Committee. I think it would present too many hard feelings and too much confusion if I were to do that.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, I want to thank both Members for their comments. The suggestion made by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition in respect to the role and the definition of the Treasurer's function is well taken.

We are in the process of a reorganization of a number of departments now and certainly this is one department that will be feeling some of the impact of that reorganization, because, Mr. Chairman, we feel that it is imperative that we get ourselves set up in such a manner, not so that the Territorial Treasurer can have control, Mr. Chairman, but so that the elected politicians who are responsible, can have control. We have to have established a Treasury Board set-up and we will get to that in the very near future. That will go a long way to defining exactly what the Territorial Treasurer's role is vis-a-vis the Cabinet, a very, very dubious question at the present time.

In relation to ready cash, this Budget will indicate, Mr. Chairman, because of comments of the Auditor General we have deliberately reduced our cash flow and that reduction will be evident on Page 187 in the Revenue section where we are anticipating, instead of \$2 million in revenue on interest and investments in 1980-81, we are anticipating \$1,500,000.

That reduction, Mr. Chairman, takes into account the increasing interest rates now, but also takes into account our reduced cash position, something that the Auditor General asked us to do and we have attempted to do this and are successful at doing it. That can be done.

I would also like to say that I have appreciated the tone of the debate in the Main Estimates by the Members of the Opposition, and I am confident that with the next Budget, we will be able to provide a better narrative to try and offset some of the questioning that has been happening now, the obvious things.

It has taken a little while for us to really understand exactly how this process was going to work. I think, probably, it is falling into place for us now and certainly should be to everyone's benefit. We will undertake to make an honest effort to have some more narrative in the Budget Estimates next year.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion before we start a program-by-program discussion?

As there is no further general discussion, we will now consider each program. The first program that we consider will be Program 10000, Treasury - \$1,151,000. Your information pages are 183 and 184.

Shall this Program carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program carried.

Your next program is Program 20000, Insurance - \$345,800. Information pages are 185 and 186. Shall this program carry?

Some Members: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program carried.

Your next program is Program 30000, Grants - \$949,700. Information pages are 185 and 186.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps the Government Leader could pinpoint now some of the items we were talking about this afternoon. The reduction of the electrical rate equalization from 715 to 400, does that represent the anticipated reduction of the cash we receive on the Yukon Electrical corporate tax rebate?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: In part, Mr. Chairman, our recovery in 1979-80 on the electrical rate equalization scheme on tax rebate was about \$275,000. We anticipate this year it will be about \$150,000.

Mr. Chairman, what happened last year with the increased usage of electricity throughout the Territory, and the increased cost, we got up to the point where we spent \$715,000. In our negotiations with IGC in Ottawa, they pointed out to us that they thought that this number was just getting too high to be reflected in the base for our annual deficit financing. We agreed with them that something had to be done with it and we told them of our plans to try and put into effect an equalization scheme.

We felt at that time that probably it could be done with \$400,000, that was as a result of the report done for the Electrical Public Utilities Board by Price-Waterhouse. A number of things have changed since then. Electrical rates have gone up twice since that time, not because electrical rates were increased, but because fuel oil has gone up in cost and those have been carried on automatically to everyone.

Then we are faced with the reduction in the rebate on the tax. So we have left this \$400,000 in here. Mr. Chairman, and are hopeful that we are going to be able to put an acceptable scheme into place using that \$400,000, \$150,000 of which will be recoverable under the tax rebate scheme.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on Program 30000? If not shall Program 30000. Grants, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 30000 cleared.

Before we clear the totals, I would direct your attention to Revenues on Page 187. Expenditure Recoveries on Page 188 and Transfer Payments on Page 189. These are for reference only. As there appear to be no further questions, shall the total appropriation for the Department of Finance, in the amount of \$2,446,500 carry?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

We will continue on. Your next Department is Library and Information Services on page 193.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman this Budget seemingly took a fairly large increase over last year, not in monetary terms, but in terms of percentage of total Budget from last year. The great majority of this increase is taken up in the additional man years that this Department has gained over the last year. This was not an increase in total man years in Government. This came about as a result of transfers to this Department from Education and Justice, transfers which, I might add, were man years transferred with no money attached. So consequently they had to have their own money voted for this year.

The other increases, Mr. Chairman, are basically changes in salaries as you see this Department has a relatively large man year complement, even though it is a small Department. Basically these people are employed in Record Services, 22.5 man years in the Record Services.

There have not been a great number of changes in policy in this Department. We are in the process, though, of working together with the Department of Historic Sites, Mr. Hanson's Department, to bring into effect a new Historic Sites Ordinance, and we expect that Ordinance to come forth in the Fall Session.

Other than that, the Department has basically maintained a holding pattern, trying to just keep their head above water in this time of financial restraint.

I look forward to answering any of the questions as we go through the Department.

Mr. MacKay: I compliment the Minister on his very expert shell game. We have three departments, now we see them, now we do not. Suddenly we come up with three more man years out of nowhere. It is rather nice.

I have a couple of points on this Department in terms of things they can do. I am not sure how far the Library Service extends across Yukon, but I did have occasion in Ross River to hear of some concerns from people there with respect to the availability of library services.

I think, as it turned out, it was mostly they did not really know how to go about asking for it. Perhaps there is an area where his Department has not seen the need or publicized the availability of how they could fill that need. That is one point.

The Archives and Record Service, it is increasingly apparent that there are many historical things in Yukon which get past the Government and go out of the Territory or are lost to us. The Government has been pretty good in the past. I think the Coutts Collection was a good acquisition.

I am concerned, though, because of lack of money, that it presently seems, that the Government will not be able to maintain that kind of pace that it had before. I suggest to the Minister that there was a group who tried to put together a Yukon Heritage Foundation, which was seeking funds from the private sector and that that is probably not a bad way to go. There are a lot of large companies with slush funds for promoting their interests, which we should take advantage of.

I would suggest that perhaps the Archives could actively work in conjunction with a group like that to make sure that they were aware of artifacts and other items of historical interest that could be purchased and kept in the Yukon. In this regard, I would suggest to them that there are many, many things from the native community which can still actually be made in the traditional way because the skills are still here and the people are still living which, maybe twenty years from now, will not be here.

If there was some way of finding a way of having these things

actually made now so that they could be kept and preserved for generations in the future to be able to see how the traditional way of making Indian goods and crafts existed. It is still alive in our community today, twenty years from now it will not be and I think that is something we should not miss.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion on Library and Information Resources? If not, we will consider each program at this time. The first program is Program 10000. Administration - \$117,800. Your information pages are 194 and 195. Shall this program clear?

Some Members: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program clear.

Your next program is Program 20000. Libraries - \$672,600, information pages 196 and 197.

Mr. Byblow: In this particular vote under Community Services, I think the Minister is probably quite aware of the unique situation in the community that I come from where the municipality has undertaken a substantial portion of the community services function and there has been, over the past several years, considerable communication and discussion with Library and Information Resources over increasing the community services portion of the grant.

Perhaps this would be the appropriate time, if the Minister could respond with respect to the school-community joint use of the facility that we have and the appeals for some increase in funding to offset the municipal portion of the service because I think the Minister will agree that it has been used and referred to as a model of a service. The municipality has contributed a substantial amount. I do not know the exact figures, but it is probably in the order of \$6,000 or \$7,000 towards this actual creation of a part-time person to deliver the service. Could the Minister comment on this?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, the library in Faro will be expanded with the expansion of the school in Faro. We do not have any money, unfortunately, or we do not have budgeted in this Budget, a great deal of money for a part-time person to work in that library, unfortunately, but we will be expanding the service to Faro. We will be expanding the school library, which is used as a community library. Hopefully, the service to the people of Faro will be much improved.

We are also expanding services in the community of Mayo. We have expanded somewhat in Watson Lake. We have expanded our rural library service to people who live some miles out in the bush, but wish to make use of library services provided in the communities. We extend that service to them.

Also, under the Community Services portion of this Budget, we are attempting to utilize the community libraries, especially in communities along the route of the pipeline, as community reference sources also. We have made some advances to Foothills to make sure that they give to the Library Services Branch of the Government any material that they wish to be made available to people along the pipeline route.

We also are setting these community libraries up as a service depot so that if people have questions about general operation of government, or who to contact in the Government of Yukon for a specific service, this community services centre would be able to tell them where to go.

So, we are expanding the service to the communities. Unfortunately, it does cost money. We have committed one additional person to that service this year, and we hope to continue that expansion, but, again, it is a question of money, and how much can we do without building new facilities in many of these communities. That is something that we are trying to stay away from in this Department.

With the expansion of the communities, hopefully, new facilities become available, and we utilize them as much as possible.

Mr. Byblow: I can appreciate what the Minister is saying and, in particular, the improved level of facility that is taking place, and, in particular, my community.

The area that we just touched on, and the one that I really wanted some response from, because it is an area that has been lobbied for several years, is an increase in the community services grant that, I believe, at present, is in the order of \$1,000 to the community and really, in fact, it was not so much a grant in community services as it was taken from some book allocation and converted into this.

What the campaign or the lobby has been is to increase this amount of available funding for this community services activity that has been piloted by the municipality, and which is now looking for assistance?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, they are in much the same position as many other communities in the Territory. They have diffi-

culty finding volunteer help. Unfortunately, I am not certain what the total budget is this year for the City of Faro, but we only have so many dollars that we can allocate to them, and it was not taken from any other source, it was allocated strictly as a grant to the Library Board of Faro, in an effort to help them pay for some part-time help.

We just do not have enough money to pay for a part-time person to come in there after school is out and sit there until nine or ten o'clock at night, in the library, providing that service. We are still depending on volunteers in almost every other community in the Territory, and we will probably continue to depend on volunteers until at least next year, and possibly the year after.

Mr. Byblow: Again, I appreciate what the Minister is going to say, but I think the Minister and I will have to get together on a very detailed basis, because what I am leading to is that even the formula that is being used by Library and Information Resources with respect to the allocations to the communities is disproportionate in terms of today. It was a formula drawn up eight or nine years ago. I am sure the Minister is aware that we have responded to this. We do not think it is fair and a new formula should be drawn up.

With respect to the volunteer aspect of the delivery of this service, the Minister should be aware that there is a tremendous amount of volunteering in any kind of library service. In fact, the person that we are paying part-time now is working probably another quarter time on her own time.

I will just leave it there, Mr. Chairman. It is an area that we are going to have to delve into as the months pass.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Program 20000, Libraries? If not shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Our next program is 30000, Archives and Records Services, \$672,000. Your information pages are 198 and 199. Shall this Program clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared.

Shall the total appropriation of \$1,462,400 for Library and Information Services carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

I am sorry, before I started, it has no bearing on it but I should have directed your attention to the Revenue and Expenditure Recoveries and Transfer Payments which are on pages 200, 201 and 202.

Mr. Penikett: I want to ask about Library Finance. It is not a big amount of money, but I noticed last year we had estimated \$5,000 and we received \$3,000. This year we have estimated \$5,000 again, \$2,000 this year, whatever. I wonder, are we over-budgeting again or whatever?

I guess my question is, I, occasionally, and I know the Minister will find this hard to believe, have had a book late from the Library myself and sometimes even for as much as a week. I cannot remember what the fine is, a penny or two cents or a nickel, but it is, in fact, quite ridiculous. I would suggest it is so small as to make it pointless to collect, or to justify it being increased. I think, in all seriousness, you should do one or the other because the kind of revenues you are collecting now are insignificant in the Budget. I think the trouble of collecting it and keeping the cash and all that kind of stuff, cannot be worth it. It is tiny amounts of money.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I will take that statement under advisement for sure.

What we try and do is give a small fine for permanent residents because it is an incentive to bring a book back on time. But we find that it is a disincentive for other people to bring it back if the book has been overdue for a long period of time.

What we did in the past year is gave one 15 day period where if you had an overdue book, your fine was done away with if you just returned the book because we had so many books out that were overdue.

It was a great success, I might add. We did get a lot of books back that we felt that we would not have but I will take your suggestion under advisement for sure.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions before we leave that Department? As there appear to be no further questions, we will continue on.

Our next Department is Renewable Resources - \$3,587,400. I direct you now to page 206, Department of Renewable Resources.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Chairman, in presenting the Budget for the Department of Renewable Resources, I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some of the program thrusts for 1980-81.

The Department consists of three major Branches and I would like to touch on each one briefly.

Parks and Historic Resource Branch will receive one new man year as Chief for Parks Research and Planning Division. The main responsibilities will be inventory, the classification and planning of a park system for the outdoor recreation and enjoyment of Yukon residents and tourists.

The operation and maintenance division will maintain 65 campgrounds in Yukon this year. These campgrounds have been upgraded and expanded through Capital funding from the Renewable Resources Subagreement. With increases in gasoline and travel costs, we have noticed a decrease in use by tourists but an increase in the use of campgrounds by Yukoners. The planning and rehabilitation of these campgrounds is indicating a greater centralization of services. That is, we will be closing some of the small ones and expanding those that are in more suitable, well-planned locations which will allow for greater efficiency in maintenance and user satisfaction.

Our Historic Resource Officer will be carrying out extensive research this year in order to establish historic, dramatic priorities in the best means by which they can be represented throughout the Territory.

You will notice a dramatic increase in the Resource Planning Branch budget, \$561,800. Before highlighting what we will be expending this Budget on, I would point out that \$434,000 of this increase is recoverable from DREE and DIAND, through the Subagreement.

The Resource Planning Branch will be supervising and directing a new thrust in Resource Inventories, which will provide us with basic information needed for long range land use planning and developments. We will be starting out this year covering approximately 7000 square miles south of Whitehorse, and east to approximately the Morley River. The next priorities will be Carmacks, Ross River, North Canol, Watson Lake and Dawson areas in the next two to three years.

Staff are working on developing a land use policy which acknowledges needs for agricultural use, as well as major regional land use planning in the east Kluane and Dempster Highway areas. Both of these planning areas are receiving attention because of present and pending developments by government and industry.

Three new positions are being created in the Wildlife Branch. We have established two new senior conservation officer positions and are regionalizing our field offices in southern and northern Yukon in order to better serve the public. We also have one full-time employee developing a new Wildlife Ordinance that will better reflect today's needs and problems and provide a means to deal with Yukon's wildlife resources.

The other position created is a biometrician who will work with the biologists, computing all data gathered from biological samples, hunter questionnaires and fur statistics, for the purpose of more accurate and sophisticated wildlife management.

The major research being carried out involves studies on sheep, moose, caribou, marten, grizzly bear, and raptors, mainly peregrine and gyrfalcons. The research is geared at population densities and dynamics, that is, where they go, what they do and when they do it. The method by which this done is by radio-telemetry tracking and therefore some animals from all the aforementioned species are walking around with collars around their necks—like my tie.

New emphasis will be put in public education and awareness to the outdoor education program. The outdoor education officer will be carrying out the hunter safety program, as well as spending more time with the media, public and schools, providing information packages on our wildlife resources.

In summation, I believe we have touched on most of the highlights of this Department, keeping in mind that it is new, it is expanding and it is making substantial progress towards improved planning and management of Yukon's resources.

Mr. MacKay: I am pleased to see the increased emphasis that the Government is placing upon this Department and it does hold the key to many of the aspects which make Yukon a unique place. You just have to look down the expenditure summary to Parks and Historic Resources and Wildlife to realize that encompassed in that are some of the more vital and sensitive areas of our lifestyle. I am pleased to see that the Government is spending more money and time in this area.

The Minister has to deal with a number of quite sensitive issues at very close range in his Department. He has to deal with a lot of

the areas which the native people are very interested in. I would like to say that he has succeeded, I think, in forming a fairly good relationship with these people and I think that should be noted. He has, in fact, gone over and sat down and talked about the real problems that face his Department and them and I think that is good.

I would like to think also that this could continue and that when we talk about planning the use of 7000 square miles, or whatever, around the Yukon that some consultation goes on with the CYI. Of course, we are in the midst of a Land Claims negotiation so that, as a very minimum, we do not go out and spend a lot of time and resources on the areas which in fact are going to be circled and put off to the side but perhaps, in a less negative way, a more positive way, a joint approach to areas of mutual interest could be developed. I am sure when it gets right down to it, the preservation of the wildlife and the study of its habitat and so forth are just as interesting to these people as they are to this Government.

There are a lot of areas of mutual interest which this Government is getting involved in, which I am sure they will get a lot of support for from CYI and their friends there. It would be nice to see us working together on these areas, instead of working at cross-purposes. That is one area I would suggest that this Department might want to explore in the coming year.

The preservation of historic sites and the development of parks, I think, are something that should be given priority and these are being given priority so I can only commend you for that. I think there are still a few of the problems that we talked about last year with respect to game management, which still exists and that is a lack of manpower to enforce the Game Ordinance. The few game officers with a large Territory that they have to cover is a continuing problem. I suppose the answer to that is to wonder how much abuse there really is of the Game Ordinance that would be caught, were we able to police it more closely. I do not know the answer to that. Perhaps the Minister has some estimates in these areas.

I wish him luck in his coming year and hope that at the end of this fiscal year, we will see some great progress in this Department.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to see the amounts of money and so forth being spent here especially in the Game Management area. I feel sorry for the little moose that has to run around with a collar around his neck while we delve into his private life but it is a necessity in this day and age. I think the Government is trying to preserve what we have, however, they will, I think, have some major problems in the area.

I might say, as our laws are now, they are not good for the situation in Yukon. I am speaking of the difference in the type of hunting and I am speaking, and somebody may take offence but I hope not, the native peoples have a certain way that they have lived all their lives in this Territory and of course that way they wish to more or less keep.

Now, I think, myself, that when Land Claims are completed and things are set down the way they should be, possibly they will manage better in the conservation areas than we will on certain areas, if that is the way it turns out.

However, as I see it now, some of us hunt part of the time, some of us hunt year round, this is not really a good thing, it is not really the way to actually control our game. You cannot blame one segment of society or another if it is depleted.

I would also urge the Government in the area of game management and of course, that is not entirely in moose and deer and so forth and so on, but in the wild fowl that is in this Territory, to maybe do what they could. I think I brought this up in the House six years ago that we might take some areas and possibly have refuges for geese, duck and this type of thing. I know for a fact that the area in the Yukon that this type of bird wishes to stay in is minimal. There is not very much.

The area in Teslin, which we all know, I think, have known for years, is one of the feeding grounds for them going north and south, the geese and ducks and so forth, and the nesting areas up the Nisutlin.

I do not know, but just a tip to the Government, you might get in touch with Ducks Unlimited and you might find them very, very happy to do something in this area for you. They have done it all over Canada and I was tempted many times to write myself, however, I am not the type who writes a letter, I just do not get that involved. The fact is there that if they knew what this area was like and that it could be helped, I think you would find all sorts of help, possibly, coming.

We all know Mr. Fitzgerald, who was here many years ago in the Game Department, was very interested in this very same project, however, he is retired now and I do not know if anything has come up since then.

I must say I am happy to see the resource planning that is going on here in our game management and I commend the Minister for what he is doing.

Thank you.

Mr. Penikett: I do not have very much to say, and for that the Minister will be grateful. I am glad that he has got the money to count his moose and I know that he is going to be counting a few other things, in fact, collaring quite a list of species. I am glad of that.

There are a few specific questions here which I am dying to ask, but I do not think they are too pertinent to the Estimates, so I will save them for private conversations.

An overall question which I would love to debate sometime and the Department is probably too young to do it yet, is the one of revenues and expenditures in this Department. I am sure that every Member of the House will remember the debate in the Estimates last year, I am being facetious when I say that. I made some observations at that time about, in connection with some other resolutions brought forward concerning control of resources. I am still very much persuaded of the view that if we are to make a powerful and persuasive case to Ottawa, at any time in the future for control of, say, non-renewable resources, that we will have to rest our case on our performance in the management of renewable resources.

So, I think their proper care and management is very critical for that reason.

It is also, as the Leader of the Opposition said, critical to the aboriginal community of Yukon. No doubt the Minister will be involved in some very delicate and very tough discussions, as will all the Members of the Government, with the Federal Government and with opposite parties across the negotiating table as we go through the Land Claims process.

At some point, though, I would like to hear from the Minister his thoughts on what is going to happen, as we develop Renewable Resources in the Territory, to the revenue side of the picture. Right now, we have some transfer payments and some DREE and DIAND money. There are also, I notice in there, revenues of some \$350,000 in game licenses, \$395,000 estimated this year in fur export taxes, done away with campground fees, well \$45,000, not a huge amount.

Those few of us who read the Berger Report, and I feel bound to comment there were an awful lot more people commented on the Berger Report than read it, those few of us who read the Berger Report may have found some of the economic arguments slightly romantic but we are still impressed with the passion of the argument for developing or expanding a Renewable Resource based economy in the North, especially as it affects the smaller settlements and the smaller communities. The sort of almost profound faith there was that Renewable Resources could be an economic base for some of the smaller communities, many of which, under our kind of conventional economic situation, we at least see as fairly marginal or fairly fragile and some of us who have lived in those communities know about that.

I would be kind of interested in, not in hearing the dollars and cents thing, but hearing some of the Minister's ideas about what he thinks will happen to the revenue side of this picture in the next few years or if, just from the point of view of this Government, we do expect to be spending a lot more than what we will be recovering in the immediate future, if that is the case, well and good. If he does seriously think there is some prospect that revenues to this Government, or economic benefits to this community are going to prove the obvious justification of these expenditures in the near future, I would like to hear about that too.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: At this time, I cannot say that revenues are ever going to get to a point that they are going to pay for what we are spending.

In fact, what we are spending is a portion of really of what is needed.

A little later on, probably in about two weeks, we will debating the Yukon River Basin Study and that will only cover the inventory along the Yukon River Basin. It will not give us the added inventory that we need up the other rivers that feed into the Yukon River Basin.

But, as far as the Leader of the Opposition talking about our participation with natives, we welcome them to meet with us and talk with us. I think they have something to offer.

We have set up our Wildlife Advisory Board and will probably have our first meeting in the middle of May. Unfortunately, I have letters from the YNB and YANSI, who are not sure that they will join the Wildlife Advisory Board. There is a reason for this and I

accept part of the reason. I think there is a lot for us to negotiate with them and they will meet later on, when they have their meeting and join as one group. We hope that we will be able to talk to them later on about this.

I am not too discouraged. We are working in that way. In my own riding, I have been kind of let down by the native group over hunting in areas that we had to shut down last year.

In some other areas, it looks like we might get some co-operation and it will make me very happy if we do. So, I am kind of pleased with the way things are going in that Department.

As far as a long range plan for renewable resources, first, we will have to take an inventory before we can actually plan what we want to do here, but I see more and more that Renewable Resources and Tourism will have to go together, because Renewable Resources have the inventory and know what we can do in that bush area where the tourism people are not expected to have that knowledge at hand.

So, they will have to work hand in hand. Renewable Resources will have to tell Tourism what we can expect to accomplish if we put a road into an area and what it will do to the wildlife in that area, what damage has been done.

I think the Member for Whitehorse West has pointed out many times to read this book over at the Library that tells of the slaughter that went on when they were building the Alaska Highway and we are still paying for it. Renewable Resources are here to prevent that from happening again and so, as we said before, it is a young department and it has a long way to go yet. It is going to be an uphill battle all the way.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to have the Minister left with the impression that I anticipated in a year or two that we are going to be balancing the Budget in this Department. If I conveyed that impression, I did not mean to, nor would I want to have him strain himself trying to do it. I do not think it is at all feasible.

Two specific questions, we are doing a lot of talking in this House about inventories and resource inventories. We are also talking about doing counting. When I was going to school I guess counting seemed to be like the first part or a very minor preliminary part of doing an inventory. I get some impression from having listened to, and having been reading some material in this area, the kind of experts the Minister employs, they do not always mean the same thing. I wonder if he could explain that. That is one.

I also would like to know if he could bring us up to date, since he is responsible, on the situation with Porcupine Caribou Herd, what is happening with the international negotiations, the Treaties there.

I must say I was a little concerned to hear recently about the great Ford Adventure. I suppose there is nothing wrong with these guys using the Dempster Highway to promote their trucks. They came out with Klondikemobiles or something like that. I cannot remember, they had some name that could only be dreamed up by an advertising agency. They are taking these Ford trucks up and down the Dempster. I hoped they survived and things went well with them.

I was a little concerned that they were spending a fair amount of trouble taking a lot of travel riders along and I am concerned that the use of the highway on a year round basis gets expanded too much for all the management plans and all the sort of protections to protect the damage against that herd and it does not happen as it is done to the other herds in the Yukon, that the Minister was just talking about.

I would like to hear him tell us where that is at if he could for a minute.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Well, Mr. Chairman, you realize that the international group, of course, is pretty well set up under the COPE Agreement and we are back to the same old argument.

We are having some discussions on it now. We feel that the study of the caribou herd should not be part of the COPE Agreement. It should be part of the overall plan of our Department, with Alaska and Northwest Territories, to study the caribou herd.

As there will be more coming on this later on I presume, at this time, I will just pass it on. That is the way it stands right now. We are going to the meetings but we are not participating very actively in it at this time, until the settlement is made with Ottawa just what is going to happen with that herd.

My Department is studying just what effect highway traffic is having on the caribou herd and it is in the spring season and in the fall when they are on the Dempster Highway. It probably would be very easy, if it becomes a problem, that the Minister of Highways will be asked to probably slow the traffic down or whatever during those periods.

Usually, at those two times of the year, the road is closed, up to the river where we have to get a ferry across or an ice bridge.

I think it is just a matter of time until we see just what effect it is going to have on the herd and probably in another year we will know more about it and we might have to just ask that they slow down the traffic when they are crossing.

Mr. Penikett: I thank the Minister for his answer. I hope he is more influential on the Minister of Highways than our friends from Trimac were.

He should not also have too much faith in the Minister's keeping it closed at certain times of the year. I am sure that some of his greatest aspirations would be to keep it open 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, but, I will not josh him any further about that.

Seriously, I want to pursue the Minister's answer about the COPE Agreement, because, as I understood the holdup or the problem with the International Caribou Convention, or whatever it was called, I do not remember what the correct title was, that the major stumbling block was a dispute between a couple of Federal departments, Environment Canada and DIAND as to who was going to get to protect the caribou.

I seem to recall that somebody wanted to have a park and somebody else wanted to have a wildlife preserve or something else. I seem to remember that was the major area of conflict. The Minister is suggesting it is something else now. I would like to hear him elaborate on that.

Perhaps he is not able to now, but he did not touch on the question I asked about the distinction between the counts and the inventories.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: The war between DIAND and Environment Canada and are a separate subject altogether. What happened there, if I remember, briefly, DIAND wanted a national park set aside. I think it was 8000 square miles and Environment Canada came along, that is Canadian Wildlife Service who is the enemy to the north, enlarged their terms of reference to make it 15000 square miles and so they got into the act. They were looking for a home is what they are looking for and they decided the Northern Yukon would be as good a place to sponge as any.

We were talking to the Northwest Territories about this and they agreed with us that we will have to do something about it, both the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, going together on doing something about this group. The COPE thing was part of the International Caribou Study, part of their agreement.

Mr. Penikett: I do not want to pursue this ad nauseam. I do not want to go on about this forever but does the Minister have any idea when there might be some kind of management plan in place to which all the interested parties, Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Inuvialuit, people from Old Crow, has he any idea or any kind of timeframe as to when some kind of overall agreement or document or contract might be agreed to for the management of the herd?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: We have put forth a plan now, our plan of the way it should be run including everybody in it. This is contrary to Ottawa's first decision. Now we are awaiting and we hope, I think we are having a meeting in the next couple of months on it, I think somebody is going to Edmonton next month, the Director of Wildlife on the caribou and we will know more about it. We have put forth a plan of our own that will include Northwest Territories, Alaska, and the different groups but we will be included.

Mr. Penikett: I just hope the Minister, at some point, when it gets close, will see fit to make a Ministerial Statement in the House on the subject. It is important but it is also very interesting, all the things that have gone on here. I must say I am delighted by the colourful comments of the Minister in connection with CWS and I must get one of my friends in Ottawa to ask a question in the Federal House about that.

I just hope we do not run out of time on that problem at all.

Let me ask again, is the Minister at all prepared to say anything about inventories and counts and the way those words are used in this Department right now or is that something that he must take as notice?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I would like to take that as notice.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion? As there appears to be no further general discussion, we will start on Program 10000, Administration, \$92,500. You will notice that pages 207 and 208 are the pages for information. Shall this program clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program cleared.

Next Program 20000, Parks and Historic Sites, \$956,700. Your reference pages are 209 and 210. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Next, Program 30000, Resource Planning, \$840,800, pages 211 and 212 for information.

Shall this amount clear?

Mr. MacKay: I have a question with respect to the analysis for resource transfers, an explanation under resource planning, are we talking of non-renewable resources at this point?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Yes, it is non-renewable resources.

Mr. MacKay: I think I can expand my question then. Can the Minister give us a description of what kind of analysis his Department is doing with respect to the transfer of non-renewable resources?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: We are looking at what we would like to have transferred to us, land plans of we would like to have transferred that are acceptable by all parties, by us, the CYI and the Federal Government.

Mr. MacKay: I may be at cross-purposes. I was talking about non-renewable resources. Is the Minister talking of the same thing?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Yes, non-renewable resources.

Mr. MacKay: Maybe I will be more specific. Are we talking about minerals or are we talking about lakes and land?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Renewable resources.

Mr. Chairman: Program 30000, shall this Program clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared.

Your next program is Program 40000, Wildlife, \$1,697,400. The information pages are 213 and 214. Do I hear any questions?

Mr. MacKay: Speaking clearly, I hope, I notice that there has been a subdivision or a new division between Enforcement and Game Management. It presumably was being treated as one and the same thing in the past and perhaps the Minister could explain why now the distinction?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Well, it is simple. They are doing two different things. One is the policing of the industry and the other is a study of the wildlife. So, there is no way they can compare to work together, as they are both going separate ways, really.

The Director of Wildlife is also the Director of the conservation officers, but they are two different projects, really. The Director of Wildlife is concerned mainly with his biologists and the other one is the enforcement of the laws that go through this House. So, it has been decided to split them for working purposes.

Mr. MacKay: At the risk of ruining everybody's coffee break, I would like to ask the Minister a question about the COPE Agreement.

Last Session, one of the last questions I asked of the Minister was if his officials would ever be talking to people from COPE and he said not only they were not at this time, and he would make sure they never did.

Now, I presume that was in the heat of the moment and that saner sensibilities have now come to the fore. Perhaps he could let us know what discussions have been taking place between his officials and where the areas of disagreement seem to be resting at the present time?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Well, you know, Mr. Chairman, my good friend across the floor, more and more I realize what he said to me last week.

I see no benefit whatsoever in the formal education that he was bragging about last week.

Getting back to the COPE Agreement, one of the Honourable Member's favourite subjects, yes, my people have met with COPE and they have talked to them on the phone and attended meetings with them. The only reason that I said they would not talk again was to shut the Honourable Member up across the floor. He was going on for days on the COPE Agreement and after explaining to him several times we have not signed the COPE Agreement, we are not a party to the COPE Agreement, it should be understandable, even by an uneducated person like myself, that we do not consider it at all in our deliberations.

I hope I have not ruined anybody's coffee break but we have talked with them, that is what the Member is asking.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion? Shall Program 40000 clear?

Some Members: Clear

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 40000 cleared.

You will note that Revenues and Expenditure Recoveries are on

pages 215 and 216. These are there for information only.

Mr. Fleming: I just wonder, I see the increase in, for instance, campground fees and the game licences, and it seems to be considerable in revenue. I am just wondering, is this just a guess or do you have something to go on that really draws the conclusion that there would be that much of an improvement this year?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Well, probably the reason for the high estimate of recoveries is because we will be watching a little closer for people using the campgrounds that have never paid before. We are also charging all users of the campground a fee now too which just started last year.

Mr. Fleming: Also, in the game licence area too, I see the same thing. Is there a reason for that too?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: In some of the new regulations, the capture of some of our wildlife will be going up considerably high.

Mr. Penikett: Just on this point, I do not suppose the Minister has been thinking about revising the hunting licence fees at all and I do not think he has been thinking about having any punitive fee for non-compliance with the request to fill out the forms or provide the private parts of the animals that the Minister wants but I wonder if the Minister could tell me what kind of, in percentage terms, compliance he is getting from Yukon hunters for these requests for this information that the biometrician wants?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: We are getting a very, very great response on this request for information, boxes of it. I had recently to pull, I think about 15 numbers, out of about the seven boxes up in my office, to give out prizes that are being awarded to people that answer these requests for information, and send in specimens.

So, it is going very well. There is a certain number of people who object and always will do, no matter what happens, but the response has been very good. I think my Department is quite pleased.

Mr. MacKay: I was interested in the Member for Whitehorse West's previous comments about making this Department self-sufficient, and I guess it is fairly widely known that the value of the hunting area in Yukon is becoming extremely high, in the eyes of commercial operators.

I know that the Game Ordinance clearly indicates that the right to issue these licences, and so forth, belongs to the Territorial Government. Nevertheless, there is a commercial value attached to that, assuming a transfer can be affected. The Government should keep that in mind, I think, in terms of how they levy licence fees from big game outfitters, because there is certainly a value to an individual going out and building up a hunting area and putting in the necessary cabins, and providing all the grazing, and so forth, for his horses and doing that kind of thing. Certainly, there is a value in it.

Beyond that, the value of the right to hunt the species of game that exist in the Territory is becoming rapidly a very rare thing in the world and, therefore, increasing very rapidly in value, much faster, I think, than most people realize in Yukon, and that it is an extremely valuable resource. When we talk about raising revenues there is probably some fertile ground here. That is the nice part.

The second part was that my higher education did help me train my memory a little bit, and the second part of my question the Minister did not answer about the COPE agreement, and that was with respect to where the outstanding differences lay between his Department and the members of COPE. Are there any major issues that have to be resolved, in respect to game management?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: You just said it all, the COPE agreement. I mean, they do not have to go any further than that. Everybody understands that.

In relation to outfitters, I want you to notice, when the new regulations come up this year, the punitive measures that the outfitters have passed on themselves.

You are going to see fines of \$5,000 for over-hunting, for exceeding their quotas. This was not the suggestion of the Government of the Yukon Territory, it was the recommendation of the outfitters themselves. They are becoming more and more aware of the situation, that there are going to be restrictions. Let us face it, there are going to be restrictions throughout Yukon for some species. They are becoming very, very sensitive about this, so they have decided to punish themselves for exceeding grizzly bear quotas and the likes of that.

It is a very good step, because they are showing the responsibility to us in that regard and I think they are to be commended by this House on their suggestions on the fines.

Mr. MacKay: I know we are all thirsty for coffee, but I would like an answer from the Minister about my question, and that is I know that as soon as I mention the word "COPE", the red flag goes up the pole and he cannot see anything else but that, but if he could just

concentrate on my question for a minute, without thinking about circumstances arising.

I think the Minister has got my drift.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I do not know how they explain things to him in Scotland—

Hon. Mr. Graham: Differently.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Draw pictures, I presume. The major difference between us and the COPE people is that we have, in Yukon, the power to make our own legislation for wildlife. If you did not realize that before, Mr. MacKay, I am explaining it to you.

However, last year, or last fall, I tried to explain that to you. It is a right that we have to make our own legislation. Now, some people in Ottawa had decided that we cannot do it anymore, but they have not told us.

So, we go on our way making legislation, which you protest every time, because we have not called in copious consultants. Now, I still have money in my budget to hire copious consultants. We have professional people in the Government Service we use for that, period. So I hope, at last, that you understand where the basic difference lies between COPE and us. We have the legislation for the Wildlife Ordinance in Yukon, and we are exercising that right.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, lest this outbreak of hostility between the Vikings and the Picts escalate to a full-blown, terminal war, let me ask the other half of my friend's question, in a very direct way, and let me see if the Minister will give a direct answer. Given the value of the big game guiding areas, the increased value in recent years, is this Government contemplating any increased licence fees, having just last year, reasserted its right, its ownership, of those areas?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Not at this time.

Mr. MacKay: If I have difficulty getting this through, I will ask my friend to the left to assist. I appreciate the Minister's kindly explanation of the jurisdiction of the Yukon Territory over Game Management, and I am sure he will also be equally eloquent when he explains to me what aboriginal rights mean too. I guess the essence of my question is, is there a basic conflict between the kind of things that COPE wants to do in the North and the things that the Government wants to do in the North? That is what I was getting at. I am not talking about about the rights of either party, I am talking about what they actually want to do in that area. Is there a big difference, or are we talking semantics and turf-fights between you and COPE, and whatever? I want to talk about real game management problems.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Is there a real difference? Not really. Why did you not ask that in the first place?

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Revenues and Expenditure Recoveries? They are there for our information only, we do not have to clear them, but shall the total appropriation for Renewable Resources, for \$3,587,400, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

At this time we will take a ten minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call the Committee of the Whole to order.

Our next department that we will be considering will be Health for \$13,696,000. I direct your attention to Page 220.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, this Department is committed to maintaining a high level of health care presently enjoyed by Yukoners. To do so, however, will require just over \$2,000,000, an increase of 17.2 per cent over last year. This is an increase in the price of drugs and medical supplies of 40 per cent and the impact of the new nurses' contract and these are particularly noticeable in the General Health Services Program and Yukon Hospital Insurance Services. The increase in per diem rates in hospitals outside Yukon, 25 per cent, show that these problems are not confined to the Yukon.

You will note that other programs such as Rehabilitation Services where services have to be purchased outside the Yukon show considerable increases, if not so severe, though have been required. No man years have been added in this Department.

In Alcohol and Drug Addiction, I am pleased to tell you that we have been able to increase the grant to Crossroads by some 20 per cent to \$96,300. The Society was, as Members know, beset with problems in late summer and fall but has now been re-organized and has recruited a new director, Mr. Bob Donaldson, and counselling staff. It is my intention to do everything in my power to assist the Society to become a really vital operation. A good residential treatment program is an integral component in the alcohol treatment system.

The increase in costs for the Health Department are not small but are necessary to maintain the present level of service and to ensure success requires the co-operation of all Yukoners. The old cliché that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is particularly true in the field of health.

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Chairman, I think there some areas of concern in this Department that should be addressed. That is looking into the future. There are some specialists who do physical therapy on a periodic basis to provide health services.

There have been some specialists resident here who are no longer here. I have noted that in the Northwest Territories, for example, in Yellowknife, they have made a very strong effort to try and attract, as permanent residents, a variety of different specialists in different areas of medicine, bearing in mind the cost of flying out people for treatment outside and the need for an established health centre in the North which can provide in a central, local point a wide variety of health services.

I wonder if the Health Department has addressed this problem or has set any goals with respect to that to try and attract and retain specialists in the north? Perhaps I will just leave it at that, if that is one of the problems being addressed in the Department.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I agree with the Honourable Member. I think that perhaps you are speaking particularly about our lack of a psychiatrist for one thing. The psychiatrist is hired by the Federal Government and they are actively recruiting just now. I agree that there are other specialists who probably might come to the Yukon, too. I am thinking of the pediatrician, for instance, but it is free enterprise.

We are addressing the problem, there is no way you can have someone just come. There is a very demonstrated need but at the present time, just using the pediatrician as an example, the people who are in general practice look after the children and send them out if necessary and a visiting pediatrician comes in. Since the doctors are not under any program particularly except the psychiatrist, there is no way of making them come to the Yukon.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I see no problem but I do see an area in our Medicare plan where the recoveries are minimal to the cost of \$1 million almost, if you look at it correctly. I am just wondering how long it will be before the Medicare premiums will have to go up to compensate for this loss or it has got to come from revenue somewhere else? As a general question, I am just wondering if there is any thought of doing anything in this area.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I cannot answer that at the present time, Mr. Fleming. We will just have to wait and see.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, we get to that area later on in the Budget, I know.

Mrs. McGuire: I just have one question. Has the Minister been in touch with that new mental health association that has just been set up? They are just organizing.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, in Yukon?

Mrs. McGuire: Yes.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: They have not been in touch with me, no.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion? In the lack of any further general discussion, we will commence a program by program discussion. Your first program, Program 10000, Disease Control, \$176,000. Information pages are 221 and 222. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next program is Program 20000, Mental Health Services, \$213,800. Information pages are 223 and 224.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps I could follow up my fellow MLA's query with a suggestion that this is an embryonic group that are trying to get a mental health association off the ground in Yukon. It has been tried before, and has failed, and would the Minister be prepared to offer her Department's encouragement? I am not asking for money, just for her Department's encouragement, to try and bring together such a group so that her Department may be stronger as a result of it.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I feel that the lack of a psychiatrist in Yukon is a terrific lack, really, especially with our long winters, and our isolation. Any group that has banded together, I have not been approached by them, and I am very surprised to hear that, because I really thought I had been approached by every group that there has been formed. I certainly would be very pleased to meet with them and hear what their plans are.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Program 20000? Shall Program 20000 clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 20000 cleared.

We are now considering Program 30000, General Health Services, \$988,100. Information pages are 225 and 226.

Do I hear any discussion? Shall this program clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program cleared.

Program 40000, Subsidized Medical Travel, \$342,500. Information pages are 227 and 228.

Mr. MacKay: There are probably two factors at work in this Budget in terms of the increase. One is the cost of travel has increased. I wonder if the other is increased incidents of people having to go outside to receive treatment. Do you have statistics on that?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Honourable Member for treatment for any particular disease or problem?

Mr. MacKay: No, I am quite healthy. Mr. Chairman. My question was a general one relating to whether more Yukoners are having to seek medical assistance outside the Yukon than in prior years, indicating a lack of services here. Are there more people going outside last year and obviously budgeted for this year than have been in prior years?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: No, I do not think so. I think that really we have more visiting specialists coming in if anything, people are not having to go out as often. We are trying to keep people in the Yukon.

Mr. MacKay: I take it from the Minister's answer that the increase is due to the increase in the cost of travel. Perhaps specifically, she could address the question of whether treatment for dwarfism is available in the Yukon.

Mrs. McGuire: Health Education. I was just wondering is any part of these funds directed towards school in Health Education, say covering drugs, alcohol, that sort of thing, through specialists?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, we have not quite come to that, but there is a new alcohol and drug abuse program that will be brought into the schools, which is included in the alcohol and drug program.

Mr. Chairman: Shall Program 40000 clear.

Some Members: Clear

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 40000 cleared. Your next Program is 50000, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, \$410,300. I direct your attention to page 229 and 230 for information on this program. Shall this program clear.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program cleared.

Our next program that we are considering is Program 60000, Detoxication Program, \$198,000. Your information pages are 231 and 232.

Mr. MacKay: Yes, I have a gift of a question to the Minister. Is she satisfied that the level of services that her Department is trying to provide in this area, detox and the previous one of alcoholism, is she satisfied that the Government is doing all it can in this area, where the problem exists?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Government is doing all that they can with the facilities and the program as it exists. I think it could be improved on, and it is about to be looked at very closely, the way that we did with Crossroads.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps I could rephrase that. Is the Minister concerned about the level of services which her Department is providing in these two areas, and, if so, could she elaborate on how she would seek to alleviate her concerns, given a few more resources, and what kind of resources would you be looking at?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I think that the detox service, which has not been in existence all that long, provides a very, very necessary program. They are used to the maximum, and, I think, given the ideal situation, they could have perhaps larger premises, and we can always think of things that we would like to do to improve things. I think that they are working terribly well, as it is. They are working to maximum.

Mr. MacKay: Sorry, I take it, then, the Minister is very well satisfied with the level of services the Department is giving at this level?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. MacKay: I almost missed that. Did the Minister answer my question? I was asking her if she was satisfied with what her Department is doing with the treatment of alcoholism and detoxication program?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I misunderstood the Member. I thought he said, "I take it the Minister is satisfied". There is always room for improvement, everywhere.

Mr. MacKay: What improvement do you plan for this coming year?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: We plan to take a very close look at the Detox Centre, and see where we can make improvements.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Program 60000? If there is no further discussion, shall Program 60000 clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 60000 cleared.

Your next program is 70000, Rehabilitation Services, \$886,400. Information pages are 233 and 234. Shall this program clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program cleared.

Our next program is Administration, Program 80000, \$519,500. Information pages are 235 and 236. Is there any discussion? Shall this Program clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared.

Our next program is Program 90000, Ambulance Services, \$406,800. Information pages 237 and 238. Discussion? Shall this program clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared.

Your next program is A0000, Yukon Hospital Insurance, for \$6,971,900. Any discussion? Shall this Program clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared.

Your next Program is B0000, Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, \$2,582,700. Information is on pages 241 and 242.

Mr. Fleming: I was just looking at the figures before, \$2,582,700 total there and then your revenue for premium is \$1,425,000. I am just questioning whether the program is getting so expensive that we may, some day, have to raise the fees, which the Honourable Member directly in front of me, I do not think would be very agreeable to. However, I see the Expenditure Recoveries of \$700,000, does this help to offset that or not?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Yes, actually there is no doubt that this will probably have to increase eventually. I think you are right there. These costs are very reasonable.

Mr. Fleming: Is the Minister anticipating raising the price of Medicare in the near future.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Fleming: Maybe the Minister would not have this however, I would not hold up this item for it, but I wonder if the Minister could tell me what was outstanding now in the area of Medicare, that has not been collected or that is an outstanding, past due debt.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: No, I have not got the exact figure but I can have that for you.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on this program? If not, shall this program clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this program cleared.

Before we clear the total appropriation, I direct your attention to Revenue, page 243, Expenditure Recoveries, page 244, and Transfer Payments, page 245. These are information pages only. As there appears to be no discussion, shall the total appropriation for the Department of Health, for \$13,696,000 clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report progress on Bill Number 13 and beg leave to sit again.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report progress on Bill Number 13 and beg leave to sit again.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Mr. Speaker do now resume the chair.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair

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

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has considered Motion Number 7 respecting power rate equalization and directed me to report the same with amendment. The Motion now reads: THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement a policy of power rate equalization across the Yukon.

Further, the Committee considered Bill Number 9, Garnishee Ordinance, and directed me to report the same without amendment.

The Committee also considered Bill Number 34, Execution Ordinance, and directed me to report same with amendment.

Further, the Committee has considered Bill Number 13, Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81, and directed to report progress on same and beg leave to sit again.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted.

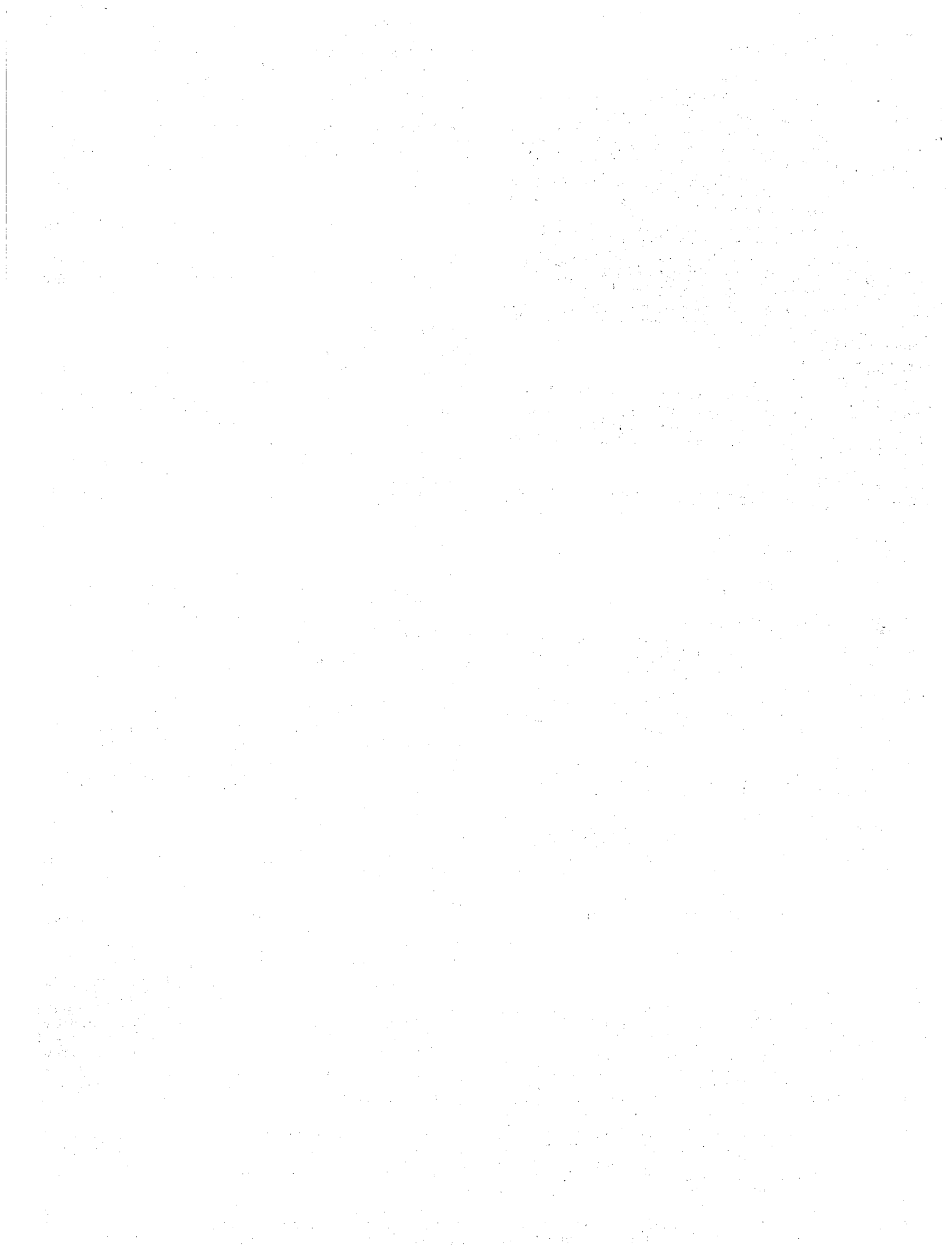
Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootlinqua, that we do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootlinqua, that we do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The House adjourned at 9:29 o'clock p.m.



Whitehorse, Yukon**Thursday, April 10, 1980 — 1:30 p.m.**

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.
We will proceed at this time with Prayers.
Prayers

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the presence in your Gallery today of Mr. Fred Boss, Sr., who is, today, celebrating his 80th birthday.

When Mr. Boss was 18 years of age, he started working for the White Pass Railroad. During his career, he has done everything from cut wood, work as a deck hand, second mate, first mate and, more recently, as a railway engineer in Skagway.

As many Members of the House will know, Mr. Boss is the son of Chief Jim Boss, who was the leader of the Laberge and Whitehorse Indian Band around the turn of the century and who requested the first Indian Land Treaty in Yukon.

Applause

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Returns or Documents for Tabling? Reports of Standing or Special Committees?

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Tracey: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Petitions?
Reading or Receiving of Petitions?
Are there any Introduction of Bills?

BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a Bill entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a Bill entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled Business Development Assistance Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member of Economic Development, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North Centre, that a Bill entitled Business Development Assistance Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Bills for Introduction?
Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? Notices of Motion?
Are there any Statements by Ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, as all Members of the House are aware, I am sure, the telephone of the Minister of Justice was intercepted by the RCMP some months ago.

Because this puts into question, Mr. Speaker, the privileges and the integrity of all the Members of this House, I am, at this time, seeking judicial advice and then intend to petition the Solicitor General of Canada to determine the propriety of telephones belonging to Members of this House being intercepted in this way.

It is my intention as well, Mr. Speaker, to seek advice from legal counsel to the House of Commons of Canada on this matter because I feel that if, in fact, our telephones are going to be intercepted this way then everybody had better know about it and so that they do know what they are saying on the telephone to their elected representatives.

Mr. MacKay: I would just like to say briefly that I agree with the action the Government Leader has taken. It is an extremely seri-

ous matter, in my view, that this has occurred and the manner in which it has occurred. I think there are serious constitutional issues involved in it and it deserves calm and deliberate thought on how this process is done and what the ramifications are so I approve of the references he has made of this problem to the various places and I hope that it will be treated as a fairly grave matter by this House.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Government Leader for his statement. I would like to also ask him if when he has received his advice from the authorities in the House of Commons, if it is his intention to present a Motion of Reference to the Rules, Elections, and Privileges Committee of this House, if he deems that advisable given the seriousness of the matter.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, that goes without saying, I am sure.

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

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: RCMP Investigation/Minister of Justice

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Government Leader. The Government Leader has stated that he has decided neither to ask for nor to accept the resignation of the Minister of Justice in connection with telephone calls between the Minister and a person under investigation by the RCMP.

Can the Government Leader explain to the House what investigation he made of this matter before arriving at this decision?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Leader of the Opposition for giving me the opportunity to explain this fully to the House.

Mr. Speaker, I was advised that the RCMP did have in their possession a tape of a telephone conversation between the Minister of Justice and a person under investigation.

I took the opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to listen to that tape and after listening to the tape, I had a long conversation with the Minister involved. At that time, he indicated to me that if I thought that he was going to be an embarrassment to this Government, he was prepared to give me his resignation.

Mr. Speaker, I stated emphatically then and I state emphatically now, the Honourable Minister did not do anything wrong. He may well have said some things that, in hindsight, he regrets saying. However, there was no damage done to anyone.

I think probably one of the things that meant an awful lot to me about all of this was it happened just after he was appointed and was still very much learning the parameters of his office.

I seriously considered the matter because I considered it to be a very serious matter if a Minister comes to me and says, "I think I should resign." I consider that to be very, very serious.

I gave it my most serious consideration and determined that it was not necessary that I either seek or accept a resignation from him.

Mr. MacKay: I thank the Government Leader for his full explanation of that and appreciate the difficulty with which these decisions are reached, particularly since his own Attorney General was the one that was having the difficulty.

However, Mr. Speaker, could the Government Leader comment on, in light of any other meetings that might have occurred, whether there was any other cause for concern with other Cabinet Ministers and whether he examined that problem?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I am aware that the same gentleman met with another one of the Cabinet Ministers in his office. Mr. Speaker, I submit that he met with him as a constituent; he has the right, whether he is under investigation or not, to lobby Ministers and Members of this Government in respect to the changing of legislation. That was as far as that meeting went, as far as I know.

Mr. MacKay: I am proceeding with great care, Mr. Speaker, as much as I can. The person under investigation also happens to be client of mine and I may well have had telephone conversations recorded on mine, too.

If the Government Leader has considered it, would he now consider laying down some rules of conduct with respect to this type of matter arising when constituents lobby, or possibly try to lobby, for changes in law that directly affect them in matters relating to criminal affairs?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it is very, very difficult to lay down any parameters. I think the rules of natural justice have to apply and the second one is common sense. The lobbying that was

done obviously did not meet with the fancy of the people who were lobbied, as a consequence, nothing was done. In this particular case, Mr. Speaker, that may well be the saving factor in the whole thing was that nothing was done. In spite of all of the telephone calls, visits, et cetera, nothing happened.

Mr. Byblow: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary on the topic to the Government Leader. For the information of the House, and I would consider this important in terms of conduct, can the Government Leader indicate whether or not any other Members of the Government Caucus have either been subpoenaed or are under investigation with relation to this case.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I must impress, Mr. Speaker, no one has been subpoenaed at this time.

Question Re: Food Prices

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, if I may get back to bread and butter issues, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer Affairs. On March 26, the Minister said he would report back to the House on the difference in wholesale prices between Kelly Douglas in Whitehorse and Kelly Douglas in Burnaby, BC. Is the Minister now able to say exactly what differences he found in those prices between Vancouver area and this city?

Hon. Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Speaker, because we have not yet got up-to-date figures.

Mr. Penikett: Has the Minister, or officials in his Department, had occasion to examine these figures or to look at figures at any time in this past year, most particularly in recent months, as to the differential at the wholesale level?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have.

Mr. Penikett: Since the ERPU and other agencies of this Government have reported a 30 per cent differential between food prices at the retail level between Whitehorse and Vancouver, can the Minister confirm that in the previous investigations by his officials that the differential at the wholesale level was substantially less than that?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, those prices were received previously in confidence by the company that gave them to us and I do not feel that I should reveal those prices unless I have the approval of the company that gave the price differentials to us.

Question Re: NCPC/Selling Price

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development under the guise of energy. Can the Minister tell me when yesterday he said that if he had \$70 million he would buy NCPC if that is the latest asking price?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I could have said \$100 million just as easily. I am not hard to get along with.

I do not know what the asking price is, Mr. Speaker. I have never talked to them about price; \$70 million seemed like a good round figure. I could use the other \$30 million somewhere else. Like I said, I am not hard to get along with.

Mr. MacKay: It is certainly my job to be hard to get along with, Mr. Speaker.

Can the Minister tell me if he is contemplating making any offer?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: So, I noticed, Mr. Speaker, that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition is quite hard to get along with. He has about three subjects that he is limited to—the benefit of a higher education.

No, we have not discussed, or are not in the process of discussing, the purchase of NCPC, at this time.

Mr. MacKay: I will not pick up on it at this time, but perhaps the Minister, on a more serious note, could he say if he will be contacting NCPC with a view to establishing a Yukon head office of this corporation, when the main body of it is transferred to NWT?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, the last correspondence I had on the subject of moving the head office from Edmonton, it had not been decided definitely that it was moving to Northwest Territories and I suggested that maybe they should move part of it here to Yukon.

The last letter I had from the Minister at the time was that he would take it under advisement. That is how the matter rests at this time, Mr. Speaker.

Question re: Insurance

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

The Minister previously promised to report back to the House on a matter of insurance in Yukon, particularly the problems that some people face in getting fire insurance for trailers more than ten years old. Is the Minister now able to report on the long-standing investigation done by his Department on this matter?

Hon. Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Speaker.

Question re: Tourism Subagreement Management Group Appointments

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the Minister of Tourism and Economic Development.

It is my understanding that the management group under terms of the Canada-Yukon Tourism Subagreement are going to be meeting next month. I would like to ask the Minister if the four persons to be appointed to the management group by YTG have, in fact, been appointed yet? If so, who are they?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: First, Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that I hope they meet this month because next month people would like to start doing some work.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, all four members have been appointed and are as I know to the Territorial side of the Management Committee.

The names I am not quite too sure of. I do know three: the Deputy Head of the Department of Tourism and Economic Development, the Director of Tourism and Economic Development and the Deputy Head of the Department of Education. A fourth member will be coming from the Department of Public Works. I am not sure if he has been selected as yet.

Mr. Byblow: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister for the response. With respect to policy and decisions regarding the disbursement of money under the Agreement, to what extent will the management group be soliciting public opinion and representation?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: In the first place, the Management Committee has no part in soliciting public input. That is the part of the program that will be administered by Tourism and Economic Development in future. We signed this Agreement in November, and we have two years to spend \$6 million. Now \$6 million is not a lot of money when you say it fast, but when you have to spend it and be accountable, because we are hoping on the basis of doing a good job with this first Agreement, that our next agreement will fall automatically in place.

A certain amount of projects had already been outlined and was the reason that we got the \$6 million to start with. So we are bound by the terms of the Agreement and the Management Committee's instructions will be to proceed with those programs or projects that we had already outlined to the Minister of DREE and his staff. At this time there will be very little input from the public but there will be input expected from the public during the terms of this Agreement until the signing of our next agreement. That is the way it stands at this time.

Mr. Byblow: Mr. Speaker, regardless of the speed with which I say "\$6 million", it still is a lot of money. Can the Minister confirm or deny the rumour that the \$6 million that we are talking about, in fact, has not been approved by the Federal Treasury Board?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition is getting a little worried about it, but the Agreement was signed only after Treasury Board had passed it. It had to go through the channels in Ottawa. The only thing that has happened in the meantime has been that all late submissions to the Treasury Board had to be re-submitted. It is just a procedure. It is just a procedure because the Federal Government has indicated they are going to carry on with the program as we outlined it.

Question re: Yukon Housing Subsidized Rents

Mrs. McGuire: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, back on his favourite subject.

Presently Yukon Housing has escalating rent rates, based on income, 30 per cent for tenants in these units, although it is clear that the intent of this practice is to ensure that these units are available for low income families that need them. Now the effect is that if families that have been down on their luck for some time suddenly find one or more of their members employed, they are immediately faced with the high cost rental cost, at a time when they may have a large accumulation of bills.

This actually discourages people—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the Honourable Member is now making a speech. Could the Honourable Member please pose her question?

Mrs. McGuire: Would the Minister consider establishing a maximum rent on subsidized housing?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, my understanding, and I am just going on memory now, but the rent schedule is drawn up with the Government of Canada under their guidelines.

I can sympathize to a certain extent on what the Member is saying, in respect to the housing in question. My point with the housing in question is that we should be attempting to, perhaps, make some revision so that we can better put people in a position to purchase those houses so that you and I do not have to worry about lightbulbs and when the sewer breaks down.

So, I would suggest that that would be a better way to go, as opposed to adjusting rents. It is an area that I intend to look at over this forthcoming year.

Mr. Fleming: Supplementary to that, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Community Affairs, in the answer to the Honourable Member, he said that the Government of Canada is, more or less, mixed up somewhere. Does the Minister mean to say that this Government does not have control over the rental picture in the Yukon Housing Corporation?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the Member should know as well as I do, there are a number of various housing programs within the Housing Corporation. The one that I took that the Honourable Member was referring to was the rental/purchase units.

Question re: Mine Inspection Vacancy

Mr. Penikett: I will try again with another question to the Minister of Consumer Affairs.

Last week, I asked the Minister a question regarding vacancy in the Mine Inspection Branch of the Federal Government, for which this Government is, in part, responsible because it is Territorial Ordinances and Regulations that the Branch administers.

Has the Minister now familiarized himself with the problem and has he recommended any solutions?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have familiarized myself with the problem. The problem is, basically, that the Federal office has not been able to hire a Federal Mining Inspector, because of the fact that the pay is not sufficient to attract someone to that job.

They have had problems in the past and, I believe, they have gone through roughly three mining inspectors in the last five years.

They are not in the habit of notifying us when they do not have a mining inspector. At the present time I believe they have—I am sorry I do not have the facts here in front of me but I believe they have roughly three members on that staff who are presently employed by the mining inspector's office. They just do not have a chief mining inspector.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, given that this Government has recently elevated the pay of engineers in order to attract engineers to its service, has the Minister examined the possibility of transferring this inspection responsibility from the Federal Government to the Territorial Government or at least requesting this transfer?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, we have looked at the possibility of transferring that office to the Territorial Government and we do not feel at this time that it is a reasonable thing to do, basically because it would require that we establish the expertise and, in fact, establish a mining office. I do not know where the Member opposite gets the idea that we have recently increased the pay of engineers because if we have I do not know anything about it.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, I will have to tell him about that at another time.

Given that there is already a confusion of jurisdictions between Workers' Compensation and Occupational Health and Federal Mine Inspection, which is not conducive to, I think, the best safety in industry, has the Minister acquainted himself with the views of both industry and labour in the mining sector of the Yukon economy as to their views on the subject and is he aware that the employees most affected by this are strongly of the view that they would like to see it transferred to the Territorial Government?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of that, however, I am well aware of the fact that many of the mine operators in the Territory would like to see it remain as is with the Federal Government remaining as the Chief Mining Inspector for the Territory, however, it is a field that we are researching at the present time. I hope that we will be able to come up with a solution to the problem in the very near future.

Question Re: Frontier College

Mr. Penikett: I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Education, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I asked the Minister of Education a question regarding a request for financial assistance for Frontier College. The Minister did not remember the request. I wonder if he has now had a chance to check and apprise himself to see if he has received such a request and how he disposed of it?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, we have not had a request from Frontier College for funding.

Mr. Penikett: Has the Minister received a request on behalf of Frontier College or a request from citizens in Yukon on behalf of the Frontier College Program in Yukon?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe we did. We received a request from a private citizen who evidently is representing Frontier College in Yukon. At the present time the Department of Education is going over the request and we expect to be in a position to answer that request sometime in the very near future.

Question Re: ARDA

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker I have a question to the Minister of Economic Development. In answer to myself a couple of mornings ago, the Minister indicated that there may be some confusion on the part of the Opposition and myself by the Opposition's research worker. I wonder if the Minister is prepared to admit now that there is not so much confusion on this side of the House as there was that day in the area of ARDA.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I am a little further confused by the Honourable Member's speech there. I do not think it was a question but more like a speech. I told him, I would eventually, when I had more time, submit the DREE and ARDA programs to the House.

As yet I have not done it. He can ask again Monday, if it is ready I will table a reply to that, as soon as it is ready.

Question re: Yukon Housing / Subsidized Rents (Continued)

Mrs. McGuire: I have a supplementary to the same Minister. In view of the fact that the Government of Canada does not lay down the rules and regulations for Yukon Housing, Mr. Speaker, I will ask this question: At present, tenants, under the Rental Purchase Plan, are allowed to accumulate only 5 per cent of the value they occupy towards a down payment. So to allow more people to purchase and maintain the payments on these houses, would the Government consider, or the Minister, raising the amount of allowable accumulation for down payment to perhaps 10 per cent in order to reduce the principle owed, thus reducing the payment required?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the Member is getting into a relatively technical area. I will have to take the question under advisement. If they want to pay 100 per cent, as far as I am concerned we should let them.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I have answers for questions asked by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West on April 8, regarding the wildlife in Ibex Pass and Mount Michie. Foothills have recently applied for the Land Use Permit for the survey lines from Haines Junction to Teslin Lake. The Federal Territorial Land Use Advisory Committee has not held its meeting to view this application.

Both the YTG Pipeline Office and the Wildlife Branch will present our Government concerns at the Land Use Committee hearings. In addition, the Northern Pipeline Agency, Foothills and YTG will be meeting soon on final route selection as it may have some effect on the Survey Land Use Permit.

Mr. Speaker: There being no further questions, we will proceed on the Order Paper to Orders of the Day. May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole.

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

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I shall call the Committee of the Whole to order. At this time we will have a ten minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order.

This afternoon, we are considering Bill Number 13, Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81.

I now direct you to page 249, which is Government Services, for \$2,107,200.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this Budget shows an increase of some \$150,000. Over the past year, we closed Yukon House, which was a part of the Department of Government Services. That reduced the total complement by two man years and some \$80,000. We later picked up one of the two man years that were dropped for the Data Systems and Computer Services Branch of the Department of Government Services.

The Department of Government Services has been reasonably active over the last year. We have recently completed and are in the process of implementing the policy of a transportation study that we carried out. We also have recently completed a computer use survey for the Government of Yukon Territory. Hopefully, that study will be available in the very near future and we will begin to implement the results of that study.

We also have attempted to streamline our Purchasing Department in the Department of Government Services and are attempting to increase the efficiency, not only in the Supply and Services Branch, but in all branches in the Government of Yukon Territory.

Hopefully, the Department, which is a relatively new department, it has a new deputy head, will continue in these aggressive efforts to improve efficiency and use of Government Services in Yukon throughout the next year.

Mr. MacKay: There is not an awful lot to be said about this Department. It does not exercise a whole bunch of influence over policy of the Government but it is a pretty important cog in the whole machine, though, Mr. Chairman. I think it is probably a Department that is a vehicle for improving the efficiency of the Government.

I have a couple of questions on it and perhaps I will just ask now, with respect to data systems and computer services, whether or not the Government is contemplating any further purchases of equipment in view of the increased use of the computer as a result of the new accounting system that has been implemented, whether or not they are contemplating rather than purchasing, perhaps using local centres which are available with equipment of which I have no interest in?

I think on the Public Affairs side, I would like perhaps some detailed description from the Minister of what kind of functions people do there. I see two for administration for example. I just do not know how you need two people to administer a Department with four information officers and so forth and so on. Perhaps I could have a little more justification for this Department from the Minister. These are the two questions.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, as a result of a computer study that was recently completed for the Department of Government Services, we will be purchasing or leasing in the next year, not additional equipment for the present facility, but a totally new base facility that we will be able to improve over the next few years. This base facility will be obtained, we hope anyway at this time, at a lower per year cost than the present smaller capacity computer that we do have.

This Department will be expanding slightly over the next year, probably and we will, hopefully by expanding it and making better use of the computer facility that we do have, we will be in a position to increase the efficiency in several other departments, notably, Finance and Justice.

As for the Public Affairs Department, we have cut it down by two man years in the last year. We are restructuring the Department in an attempt to make better use of the people that we do have there. This restructuring is underway at the present time and I hope that we will be seeing the results of that restructuring in the next little while.

Some of the areas in which the Public Affairs Bureau will be involved in in the next little while are not only doing the daily press releases through which we hope to keep the people of the Territory informed of what the Government is up to, the Public Affairs Bureau will also be doing employee orientation courses. They are also the Department that prepares the annual Commissioner's Report.

They are in the process of preparing the annual report of the Department of Justice, the Tourism and Economic Development Annual Report. Hopefully we will get a standardized report that will give the information required by Members of the Legislature as well as members of the public.

The Public Affairs Bureau also has two photographers; these people generally do the photography work of the Government. We are co-ordinating that a little bit better than we have been doing it in the past and hope that it will become better organized so that the whole Government can make better use of the total Public Affairs Bureau.

One of the methods by which we hope to do it in the Department of Education is by picking a school each month, somewhere in the Territory, and doing three pages in a newspaper or local tabloid, explaining to people exactly what the school is all about, what the school does, the facilities that we have, the opportunities that we offer to people in those communities. This is something that has never been done before and hopefully through the co-operation of the Department of Education, with Public Affairs, it will become a monthly item, possibly starting in May.

We have done a lot of soul searching with this Department, and we feel that they have a very, very important use in this Government and we hope to be able to show or make it very apparent to all those concerned, that they are being used to the greatest possible extent.

Mr. MacKay: That sounds very encouraging, Mr. Chairman.

Perhaps I could add a thought or two of my own further to the idea of publicizing what is going on inside the local schools and follow up on some points that I was trying to make yesterday in PSC is that, the double-edged effect of that is that if you can highlight some of the individuals within the Public Service and give recognition to them, you may well achieve a double-edged purpose of not only informing the public but also improving the internal morale of Government staff. It would be a very non-costly way of doing that. I think we have all seen photographs of people who have spent 35 years in the Government getting a plaque. I think it is perhaps not the best time to acknowledge, not the only way to acknowledge service to the Government and perhaps is non-productive because he has left at that point, so I think that your Public Affairs could also be used for that purpose as well.

Mr. Chairman: If there is no further general discussion, we will commence the program discussion. Our first program is Program 10000, Administration - \$74,400.

Any discussion? Shall the amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next program is Program 20000, Data Systems and Computer Services, \$524,400. Any discussion? Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Program 30000, Supply and Services, \$1,156,800. Any discussion?

Mr. MacKay: Just one item under this, perhaps I could have a little explanation under Asset Control here. Is this in any way connected with the Auditor General's recommendations of improving the control over the assets of the Government or is this a standard line job of keeping inventory down at the depot?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, they do keep the inventory down at the depot as part of their job, but this is a part, at least, of the Auditor General's Report. These people are also in charge of organizing all of the auctions that are taking place in the Government. They are the ones who write off most of the material in the Government after a suitable investigation and that type of thing.

The Asset Control Department is an attempt to get the best possible deal for the Government in disposing of assets that are of no use to us any longer, as well as keeping control over the things that we do presently have as assets of the Government.

Mr. MacKay: Under Supply and Services, I understand that the Government has been trying to implement and sincerely trying to implement of policy of local purchasing, which seems to be working quite well. This is perhaps not within the Minister's jurisdiction, but I understood, Mr. Chairman, that the Federal Government was establishing an Office of Supply and Services here, too, and I wonder if you have any information on that?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, there has been some discussion with the Federal Government on the feasibility of establishing a Supply and Services depot here.

We are of the opinion, at this time, anyway, and this is just after a very loose survey of the situation, we are of the opinion that we are better off with the present system of purchasing everything we can purchase locally through the Central Purchasing Department and anything we cannot purchase locally we have to go somewhere else for, that is okay. But, to establish a warehouse here, even in conjunction with the Federal Government and purchase locally and just move it into the warehouse until we need it, did not really seem to us to be an efficient method of asset control.

So, we are carrying on discussions with the Federal Government, but, at this time, it does not look like they will go any further than they have.

Mr. Chairman: If there is no further discussion, shall Program 30000 clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare Program 30000 clear.

Program 40000 Public Affairs \$351,600. I might point out your information pages are 256 and 257.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps a brief explanation of how the two man years were eliminated from the Yukon Government Information Centre. Is that the reception area upstairs?

Hon. Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Chairman, this is the Yukon Government Information Centre in Vancouver. The people in Vancouver were offered jobs back here with the Government of the Yukon and one of the persons from Vancouver accepted an equal position here with the Government, a position that we had vacant, the other refused. This is where we are hoping to save \$80,000 or so this year.

Mr. Chairman: Shall this program carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Program cleared. Before we clear the total appropriations for the Department, I would draw your attention to Expenditure Recoveries on page 258. It is there for information only. If you have any questions, we will hear them now. As there appear to be no questions, shall the total Appropriation for Government Services for \$2,107,200 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the appropriation carried. I next direct you to page 262 which is Yukon Housing Corporation for \$1,239,400.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Members if they would turn to page 265. There is some clarification I think necessary before we get into discussing the estimates of the Housing Corporation.

I would like to point out a few errors in the 1979-80 projected expenditure column. Firstly, the expenditures totalling \$142,200 were wrongly added to the staff housing expenditures where they should have been added to the community housing figures. In addition, for comparability to the other columns, \$83,200 should be added to both the expenditure recovery areas of staff housing. The changes make no difference to the total net figure but they do clarify to some extent the differences among the three columns in their respective areas so in other words to review quickly the 1979-80 projected on page 265, the column should read from the top down: Expenditures 540.8 and below that 1117.5, below that 651.8 for a total of 2,310.1.

The Recoveries, \$133,000, \$510,300; Staff Housing, \$483,200; another is \$46,400, for a total of \$1,172,900 and the total net out remains the same as \$1,137,200.

To deal now with the 1980-81 Budget, Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out a few of the major areas of change. First, total expenditures have only changed \$20,600 from last year's Main Estimates. However, if you look at the three areas of expenditures, there have been some significant changes.

The Administration budget of the Corporation has reduced by almost \$106,000. This is mainly due to the termination of the Home Management Program and the elimination of five man years associated with it.

Other changes include reduced salaries due to staff turn-over, offset to some extent by annual salary increases; reduced travel expenses; minor increases in office rentals, office supplies, et cetera.

In Community Housing, Mr. Chairman, we are projecting an increase of \$95,300 over last year's Main Estimates. The main factor in this area is the expected start-up and partial year operation of three housing projects for senior citizens: 36 units in Whitehorse, which should be open some time in June; four units in Watson Lake and four units in Mayo.

The new units contribute \$84,700 towards the total increase of \$95,300. The balance is made up of forced price increases, mainly in the area of utility cost and maintenance, these being slightly offset by increased rental revenues.

For Members' clarification, I should point out that the major factor in the decrease in the 1979-80 projected expenditure for the Main Estimates relates mainly to the fact that the Dawson City sewer and water project was not billed in the 1979-80 year, as anticipated. Therefore, the costs are reflected in both 1979-80 and in the 1980-81 Mains, but not in the 1979-80 projected costs.

Mr. Speaker, in the area of staff housing, a small increase in total expenditures anticipated. Basically, this increase reflects an increase in utility and maintenance costs. These are partially offset by the reduction in the number of staff housing units resulting from the sale of units. However, it should be pointed out, Mr. Chairman, that the Yukon Housing Corporation has been required to lease additional staff housing units and a couple of communities expect to lease units in another community in the upcoming year.

In terms of the 1979-80 projected expenditures, I would like to point out that the Dawson City Sewer and Water Project is also affected. A reduction of the staff housing expenditures, which, as in Community Housing make the Estimates for 1979-80 and 1980-81 seem slightly higher in relation, due to that new water and sewer installation in the Dawson City area.

The area that contributed the most overall increase in the net budget of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Chairman, is that of Revenue and Recoveries. There are a number of individual reasons for this and I would like to elaborate a little further on that.

To deal firstly with the recoveries from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, I should point out that DIAND makes this contribution on behalf of status Indians living in rental-purchase housing.

The reason for the reduced recoveries in this area is quite simple. There has been a reduction in the number of Status Indians

occupying accommodation under the Rental Purchase Program. All we can surmise is that the reason for this is because there has been a great deal of house building with the various bands over a number of years and subsequently, requirements for our housing are less.

In the area of operating subsidies received by CMHC, as you know, the Yukon Housing Corporation has cost sharing agreements with CMHC on virtually all of its community housing projects. These agreements allow for either a 50/50 split of operating deficits or 75/25 Federal-Territorial sharing.

You will notice a significant reduction of Projected Recoveries in this area compared to 1979-80 Main Estimates. This is due to the fact that last year the DIAND recovery, which I referred to earlier, is going to be less and also was not netted out of the rental/purchase deficit prior to calculation of CMHC recovery. As well the reduced actual expenditure in this area related again to Dawson City Water Sewer Project and leads to reduction in projected recoveries.

In staff housing, the amount has increased over last year's Main Estimates. Mr. Chairman, although a small reduction from the projected recovery basically is attributed to increased rents, increased utility recoveries due to rising costs being offset by the reduction in the number of units due to sales.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate that the Budget of the Housing Corporation, I think, represents the Government's efforts to control its financial situation. At the same time, Mr. Chairman, we recognize that we have a responsibility to provide adequate housing for those unable to compete in the market place. At the same time, I think it recognizes the priority that we put in respect to our pioneers and also we will continue operation of our staff housing throughout the Territory with the objective of selling some of them.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I am very happy that the Minister gave us all that information. I think that maybe it might help immensely, and I think the Minister has more or less given it to us, but, to really give us a definition between your rental/purchase housing, which I think are the older type homes that started a low cost housing project, and the staff housing. Of course, there is no confusion there with me. But in all of the other areas, other than staff housing, if there is more than that one rental/purchase area, I myself might be a little confused. Many times the questions and the answers back and forth, we get, are really not in the proper area. The question is probably misunderstood.

I have a problem with the rental/purchase area, if we are speaking of the low cost housing program that was put into effect to start with and these, of course, can be bought now by the participants in that program who are staying in those houses today if they so wish. I think in my total area, in fact, Ross River and Teslin, where there are a lot of these type of houses, or a considerable number, because of the way that they have been treated and because of the upkeep that has not been done on them really although I know that Yukon Housing has tried and it has been very expensive, they are not worth what the Government is asking for them.

I think I said in this House five or six years ago when they were built and brought in that those houses, if you bought them on a 25 year program you would be living in a tent before 20 years was up because there would be no home there left. There is not much to them. Now, they have been there approximately 10 years and they are proving that that is just about the way it is.

The trailer homes are the ones I am speaking of specifically. They were brought in, and I do not know which company built them, it does not make any difference, there just was nothing to them as far as a northern home was concerned. They are like a cardboard box and they are falling apart. They also have been roughly treated due to the fact that they were rented to people who did not understand what automatic washers and dryers and how flush toilets worked and all the rest of it and just were not able to take care of them properly, did not know when their pump was frozen in the wintertime or any of these types of things. That, I feel, is a farce, trying to ask people to buy those homes at the price they want for them now because we have sat down and figured it out and there is no way that we could possibly pay for them unless they are fairly well off. In fact, they would have to be very well off, they would have to have a salary of at least \$20,000 a year and most of those people who are in those homes do not have that type of salary. They could not afford to buy them, it would cost them \$600 a month roughly, if they bought them and they would have a mortgage over their head like you would not believe.

On top of that, the home is not worth that today. Some of the newer ones I would say, yes, it could be done.

In the area of the staff housing, I do not think there are any problems in that area that I know of in my area, other than that the Yukon Housing Corporation, in their operations and in their paperwork, do not seem to really understand what the people would really like to have in those areas.

I think I asked the Minister some questions here in the last Session about it, the things that are happening. When they change their policy from buying fuel for the home to the person who is in the staff housing buying that fuel and then he gets a bill with nothing on it and absolutely not saying anything as to what he owes for, just a piece of paper saying he owes \$175, or whatever the figure is. He has no idea what has been put in his tank by the people who are hauling it there, and they do have a problem. Whether that is cleared up or not, I am not sure yet, hopefully it is.

In the same area of electricity, and I did write the Minister a letter on this, as he is well aware of, where they changed their policy and the people were to pay. They did not have to pay their own electricity so therefore, there were no supplements from the Federal or Territorial Governments because it was a government situation.

The Minister explained to me that this would all come back through the deficit fund, anyway, and be paid by government, however, I do not totally agree with him because I think someday we are going to pay it if that is not changed.

I think he well understands what I am talking about, although many other Members probably would not even realize what I am speaking of, but the Minister well knows what it is. That problem, I hope, would be looked at some day.

Also, the fact that that is in existence, that type of operation, puts the onus on the person in the house, which he is renting from the Government, and I am not saying that anyone would do this in the Yukon Territory because we are very honest citizens, but the fact remains that a person could very easily abuse that right because the government is paying his light bill and because he is paying his own fuel bill.

In other words, let us get off that and let us either pay one way or the other, because I know myself, and I am pretty honest, and I would definitely say today if I had a house that was rented from the Territorial Government and that is the way that situation was, that I would be heating my house with electricity and my oil barrel would only be filled once and it would stay that way for the rest of the year. I am not saying people do that, it is a fact of life, it is going to happen in the Yukon Territory and I think it is something that should be looked into. I am accusing no one.

That, in essence, is all I have to say. The Budget is okay. I am glad to see that the man years in the Yukon Housing Corporation are cut down by four or five because I have always had a difficulty even voting for this budget at any time, but, this year, I guess I will be nice. Danny.

Thank you.

Mr. Byblow: I think the Minister and I have been around the mulberry bush a number of times on this topic.

I think that there are still some very deficient areas in the delivery of this program in total and again, particularly in my community, probably because of the unique circumstances.

Without too much elaboration, I think it has to be said that some closer attention has to be given, some more money has to be spent in the area of public and staff housing. The Minister shakes his head and I recall to his attention the fact that last Fall when we increased our staffing in Government, particularly in teaching, there was not enough available housing. The Yukon Housing Corporation went around and, in our very limited market, scooped up every unit available and thereby effected an already abnormal, less than normal market situation.

The fact remains that we do have some problems in the area of staff housing with respect to maintenance, with respect to the quality of the units, and I remind the Minister that there are obligations in this area.

I would probably like to hear the Minister's response in respect to whether or not he is pleased with the structure of maintenance delivery in the whole area of Yukon Housing units. I would like to hear him respond to whether or not he feels that I am correct in assessing an inadequacy in my riding in the area of staff housing.

Perhaps he might want to touch on the Senior Citizen problem. We have been through this and the answers are still not there, so perhaps the Minister could respond, generally.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I think there are a couple of points that have to be made. I think from at least this side of the House, we are firmly committed to the private ownership of housing, whether they be Government employees or otherwise. I think that is fairly evident in respect to the Bill introduced and given first reading to update the Government employee buy-back scheme.

I recognize also the problems that are not of our making but the problem with respect to mortgage rates that we have at the present time.

No, it is not my intention to go out and build more staff housing, unless it is absolutely necessary. I think we should be giving more of an incentive, which is reflected in the Government employee buy-back Bill that is before the House, to give them the incentive to go out and purchase their own home. The Member opposite well knows that the money that the Government of the Yukon Territory has invested in the community that he is referring to, which is Faro, the fact remains that we have invested a great deal of money in a rural residential land assembly in that area. Land is available to individuals who want to make a permanent residence in that particular community.

For that matter, Mr. Chairman, I think the Member will agree, we have managed to do that pretty well throughout the Territory. Perhaps in some areas we do not have all the land that we possibly should have, but overall, I think we have reached that objective. In fact, I think accolades are being put to the Government side of the House from Members opposite in respect to the land assembly and where we are at with that particular situation.

In respect to the senior citizens' housing, I do not think there is any question. We have made it a priority. We are spending a great deal of money in that area. As a Party, we committed ourselves during the election. This was a campaign promise and we are carrying it out.

As I note in the opening remarks, there are 36 units in the Whitehorse area, where there is a demand. There is a demand in Watson Lake, four units and in Mayo as well. It will take some time, in respect to seeing what other areas we can also provide that similar service for the people who have committed their life to Yukon and wish to stay.

So, I think that about wraps it up, Mr. Chairman. I think I have been fairly explicit in respect to the philosophy of the Government. My point is that we feel that anywhere we can, we would like to see the housing being purchased by individuals, as opposed to you and I worrying about whether or not the light bulb has been turned off.

Mr. Byblow: Mr. Chairman, I certainly have no quarrel with the Minister's land policy and I agree with his philosophy in that we should be encouraging people to own their own homes. I think it is a policy that many of us subscribe to in that ownership is belonging, that when you have an acquisition you feel a greater sense of belonging. So, I have certainly no quarrel with that.

The Minister's Department, in the area of municipal and community affairs and land development, has been very responsive and I certainly have no quarrel there.

But the area is still with Housing. Just as a point of interest, the Minister did not respond with respect to whether or not he is satisfied that he has an efficient maintenance delivery system to the units. But, nevertheless—

I would remind the Minister that his Board of Directors of the Yukon Housing Corporation did come and meet with various representatives in Faro last fall and one of the recommendations that came out of that meeting, which is on record, which is on file, was that there should be an investigation as to the feasibility of Yukon Housing going in jointly with the subdivision developments that are going on to reduce the cost of developing more public housing, and in particular, more staff housing.

That problem still does remain and I keep repeating to the Minister and he does not seem to recognize that there are some pretty squalid trailers that people are living in and they are not being adequately maintained and it is a situation that you have in an outlying community where, regretfully or otherwise, you have surrounding you, some very accommodating housing and it does pose a psychological, a social, and a severe strain on the people in terms of their employment, I shall not get into that.

Out of the meeting that took place last fall, there was this recommendation and I would ask the Minister then if he is considering any further public housing or staff housing with respect to those needs that were identified and articulated at that meeting and that, in fact, his Board of Directors are presumably directing him.

What more is there to point out? It would be economic for the Minister to, in his Capital Budget this November, to have some million dollars appropriated for this type of activity and I believe the responsibility is there, the need is there and I shall pursue it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I have no problem with the Member pursuing it as far as he wants. I will be very honest about it, first of all, we are short of money, we are under financial restraint. I think it is fairly evident in respect to the Budget. We have brought a reasonable Budget but one of restraint.

The Honourable Member gives the impression that it is just a question of working overtime on Saturday and printing more money. That is not the case at all and all I can say, as far as the efficiency of the maintenance, we do run into problems but the

basic philosophy is to try to get people in the communities that have that expertise and contract it as opposed to adding more man years.

I just had one Member rise and say that he was glad to see five cut now I have got another one rising saying he wants five more.

All I am saying, Mr. Chairman, is that we recognize there are always going to be problems, we recognize that we are the landlord.

In respect to the community that the Member is referring to, yes, we are looking at leasing a few units, there is no question about it, we do have a certain obligation. Also, at the same time, the Member recognizes the fact that we have been working with the City of Faro and the Cyprus Anvil way of looking to somebody in the private sector building an apartment block and various guarantees being put out to rent accommodation.

That did not come to fruition. Perhaps it will over the course of this year, I do not know.

Mr. Fleming: I will see if I can go home this weekend and print up a little money. I should have commended the Minister, when I was up before, on the senior citizens' housing and the Yukon Housing Corporation in their efforts to do this for senior citizens. I meant to and did not.

But I do have a question or two in the area of the rental payments as I always do in Medicare. It is the same thing, I think it has been going on for years now. I wonder if the Minister could enquire for me, I find in my community, maybe not in all communities, but in my community and I think in those communities, the same thing, we have a problem in the sense that sometimes people are casual workers and so forth and they have money and at other times they do not have money. There are other reasons why they might not pay their bills always as they should too. Some people just do not.

I have the feeling that Yukon Housing Corporation does have considerable problems and I am certainly not blaming them. It is a problem to collect money for these things. I wonder if the Minister could find out for me how much now is overdue, other than the normal amount of rent that would be overdue each month, through the Corporation, how much back money is due in that area from people who are just not paid up? They are trying to get it from somehow, possibly some day they evict them, have to.

In some senses, I do not think Yukon Housing Corporation is hard enough. I will say this too, because it is honest. They are hard enough maybe on the people they should be, some of them. Some people should pay their bills, some of them have money and they just do not pay their bills, others do.

If I could get from the Minister that, not necessarily today.

The other one is, due to some of the problems they have and where they have had people leave, I hope there are not any in this sense, but maybe they have, been told to leave or put out of the house and so forth. How much money have they actually lost in that area, where people have been either evicted or they have left and never paid back what they owed? If the Minister could get those two things for me I would be quite content to pass the Budget.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I do not have those figures off the top of my head. My understanding, overall, generally we do receive the financial commitments that are owed to the Housing Corporation. In some cases, being a landlord, you get beat, I mean, you have just got to accept that, whether it be government or otherwise, in some cases you are going to have misuses of your facilities and et cetera, et cetera, and it is going to cost you money.

But, overall, my understanding is that we do collect our rents. For example, in the rental/purchase units, the Member for Kluane referred to it during Question Period, it is done on a monthly basis. One time it was done, I think, semi-annually. So, there are stepped-up administrative mechanisms put into place in order to see that we do receive the money that is outstanding.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, that still did not answer my question. I asked the Minister if he would get those figures, because I would like to compare those figures this year and I would probably be asking a question about them next year, and comparing them, too. Would the Minister get those figures for me?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman has indicated that I should say yes. I will say yes.

Mr. McKay: I would like to compliment the Minister on his consistency. He has become the abominable no-man of the Government. Everybody that has any problem can always turn to Mr. Lang, and be assured of getting an answer—No! It must be comforting for the Government Leader to have such a Member in his Cabinet. He is totally reliable. Push the button and he says, "No, we don't print no more money this weekend."

I think it is good to have someone like that around, but it is a bit

tiresome when we start pointing out real problems.

I think the other thing the Minister, apart from being the Mayor of most of Yukon, including Johnsons Crossing and a few other things besides, I think he has also become a slum landlord and I do not think he is particularly comfortable in that role. I think that is one of the reasons why he would like to see more and more people taking over ownership of their houses, so that the Yukon Government does not take on this role of gradually accumulating a lot of houses of rather doubtful value.

I would suggest to him that is a problem I would share with him, too. I think that some of these older houses are becoming problems. I look at the Annual Report of the Yukon Housing Corporation and I see we have got an investment of \$10 million in housing around the Territory.

There are very slight amounts written off for depreciation against that and I wonder if we are not kidding ourselves that these figures represent the true value of the assets that are left.

Perhaps what he should do is have an appraisal done, at the minimum cost, I can recommend some very low cost appraisers, as to what the real value of some of these units are and you may find that he will never sell at the prices being asked simply because the deterioration of age and harsh climate and all these other things that have been mentioned before have created a situation where the thing is not worth the price being asked and when you combine that with the way the rentals are charged in some areas as the income goes up, so does the rent.

What I think you have got in the long run is the situation where this Yukon Housing Corporation is going to be left with all the bad houses in the land and all the good ones will be sold or taken away and we will, all of us, be sitting here as slum landlords and I do not think that is a particularly good philosophy for us to follow. I am concerned about the long run here because I think that there needs to be some re-thinking of what the purpose of the Yukon Housing Corporation is. I stand firmly behind it in providing Senior Citizens' Housing. I think that that is a very, very valid purpose and a good vehicle to provide it is through Yukon Housing Corporation.

I do think though, that some of the attempts ten years ago to provide housing that were much needed at the time but I think we are getting locked into these old things and we must find a way out of it and if we have got to bite the bullet and write off some of this investment we have, we should do that, just to get out of it. Otherwise, we are going to wind up looking worse than some of the landlords of Glasgow and I cannot think of a worse situation ever to get in.

These are just general policy thoughts and I do not want to downgrade the work that your maintenance staff have done. It is extremely difficult for them to maintain some of these older units and I think they do work hard at it, the ones that I know have tried very hard to maintain them but I think age is catching up with a lot of them and I think we should get some kind of appraisal on them and get rid of them.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I appreciate the constructive remarks by the Leader of the Opposition. I would like to make one observation. There is an increase in maintenance contained within the Budget. We recognize that in some area that they are falling down and there will be some increased maintenance in some of the areas.

I do not think that one should look at the housing, you have almost accepted as a fait accompli that the houses have no value, or are of little value. I think that there is, in its proper perspective, definitely some longevity left in our housing. I think the question is, in respect to the philosophy the Member speaks of and that is where the individual can get the house at a reasonable price so that it is his or her home. Then that pride is there and the responsibility is there as well.

I should mention on the rental/purchase, there is a very basic reason geared to income. For example, the example was used earlier today in respect to \$600 rent. Well it has to be understood that \$600 rent can go up to \$600 depending on your income. That includes utilities.

I do not know who else owns a home around here, but I know I do and my utilities are running me \$150 to \$200 a month over and above my mortgage. They are actually looking a rental in the area of \$400 to \$450 per month, which may be a little steep, but on the other hand, you take a look at the unit that an individual has and it is a three bedroom home. All I can say, from my perspective and I say this safely, from the Housing Corporation's perspective, they are looking at ways to try and get people to purchase.

I am not going to discount what the Member has said in respect to, perhaps, re-appraising some of these homes to get them down to a more reasonable level and if we do that I do not expect any criticism from the Member opposite.

Mrs. McGuire: I was just listening to what the Minister is saying

on this \$600 a month rent. That may not be too much but when you run into a situation, for instance, in my area where we have very few houses for rent other than low cost housing, you have a situation where you have a large family in one house and you have perhaps four working members. Your rent is assessed at 30 per cent of all income of all working members in that house, it amounts to quite a bit more than \$600 a month.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I am not going to argue that point. All I am saying is that I do not think the question should be, and maybe the Honourable Member is missing the point, is that should I and you and everybody else be subsidizing someone else who is making as many dollars, if not more.

I think this is the other question we have to address in respect to the public housing is that when people are getting a certain income, the encouragement is for them to build their own home or buy their own home as opposed to staying in public housing. So there is very, very much of a reason for having no ceiling.

In some of the provinces, it is my understanding that they do have a ceiling. At the same time, when they get to a certain income, they are given a notice and they are out, but we are not in that position to do that in some of our communities, due to the fact that there is, perhaps, no other housing available and it takes time to build a home once an individual has got into an income bracket, plus an income tax bracket, obviously, to be able to succeed as far as building their own home, or purchasing, as I said.

That is all I have to say on the matter, Mr. Chairman. All I can say is that we will look at the idea that was brought forward by the Leader of the Opposition, because I happen to agree with him.

Mr. Byblow: I think I can respect what the Leader of the Opposition is saying in terms of trying to get rid of a lot of the assets in terms of Yukon Housing Corporation. But I think one thing that you cannot get away from is that in the outlying areas, in the small communities, you probably will never really be able to get away from some form of housing supplied by Government simply be virtue of the type of employment and the type of transient that that type of employment encourages.

It is all very well and good to want to sell and get rid of your housing and, as I said earlier, to belong, one must own and that is a good philosophy and that should be encouraged. I will be highly supportive of a higher incentive program of some sort to encourage people to buy their own homes. You are really not going to get away from complete housing responsibility in some of the smaller communities. It is an impossibility.

The other point I wanted to bring up was with respect to the number of units that you have that are actually vacant in the various communities around Yukon. Granted the Minister has heard my many exposes on lack of housing in my community, but on either side of me I have Ross River, in which there are many vacant units, and Carmacks, where I do not know how many, but there are some.

Does the Minister have any available inventory on the number of unoccupied Yukon Housing units around the Territory.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I do not have the statistics off the top of my head, but I am sure they can be provided. I would suggest it depends on the number of people that want to rent. In a couple of areas, and I should add that it was prior to my time, some houses were built and they have had trouble with the foundations and, subsequently, in some cases, they have been lived in for only a short period and found that they could not be utilized.

But, overall, the housing is used on an off and on basis, depending on the needs of the community.

All I can say to the Member opposite is that, rest assured, if we continue to build more public housing, you sure are not going to encourage home building.

Mrs. McGuire: Over the past week I have brought up various questions on housing and the Minister said, at different times, he did not understand what I was getting at, but I am quite sure he does understand what I am getting at. In private, he assured me that the whole thing would be looked at.

Would you do that publicly?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I have no problem looking at it. Like I said, and I agree with the Leader of the Opposition, we should be looking at a lot of this housing and maybe re-appraising it so we can get it down to a price that people can purchase.

In some cases we have done that in our staff housing. We, in fact, have sold it under what the market actually is in some of the communities, but it is an incentive.

I am more than happy to look at it, but I am not prepared to look at it from the Member's point of view, that if she is advocating subsidizing rents, well, I am not going to subsidize the rent and I do not think any taxpayer in Yukon is prepared to do that.

But I think we would be prepared to look at, perhaps, some sort of a program over the course of this year to see whether or not we can get down to a reasonable level so that these people can purchase their own homes.

If the Honourable Member agrees with that, then fine.

Mrs. McGuire: I am not advocating subsidizing anything. All I am asking is that you put a ceiling price, a maximum price on rents.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, no, I am not prepared to do that. The reason, as I outlined earlier, is the fact that if we do that then what we have done is we have encouraged people to not get out to build their own homes or to purchase their own home or purchase the home they are in.

I am prepared to look at the other side of the coin, in respect to the actual asking price of the homes, if it is possible, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKay: I hear my name taken in vain a couple of times there and I just want to make sure the record is clear.

I think what my friend from Kluane is saying, that we should charge up to the fair market value of the house for rent and, beyond that, it is a punitive measure to force them out. I think she is saying that she does not agree with that philosophy. She is not asking for a subsidy, she is just saying the punitive aspect of rent, once it gets above a certain level, should be eliminated.

Would the Minister agree it is a punitive levy to charge more than what the house is worth?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I agree. I think my mortgage is a punitive measure, too, and I think for everybody in Whitehorse or wherever who own their own homes, it is a punitive measure.

All I am saying, in respect to the housing, is that I am prepared to look at it from a different perspective than what the Member opposite is advocating, and that is to sell the home at perhaps less than what the "fair value market" is.

Mr. MacKay: I think in the meantime if you are unable to sell the home, it is only fair you should be renting it at its market value and if it is a lousy house you should not be charging \$800 a month for it. You should be charging what it is worth.

I think that is what the Member for Kluane is trying to tell you and it is fairly clear to me that she is not looking for any subsidies. I think you have to consider the implication of what you are doing to people who have really no other choice in that community. You are saying, "We are going to charge you \$700 a month rent for this place regardless of whether it is only worth \$500 in an open market situation." You are forcing them to live in that accommodation for a period of time until they can build their own house but if they are an employee who is up here for two or three years and who does not want to stay in Destruction Bay for the rest of his life, maybe they do not want to go out and build a house, maybe—

Hon. Mr. Lang: On a point of order, I think the Member is wandering. We are talking about two different programs here. Staff housing is entirely different than what the Member from Kluane is referring to. I think he better get his facts straight before he starts wandering off in debate of the various programs.

Staff housing is strictly an economic rent and there is a basic formula which was explained last Session to the Member opposite and it goes throughout the Territory.

In respect to the rental situation, as I said, I am prepared to look at it, but like I say, I think it is more important to get the housing down to a reasonable level that people will purchase them and it is advantageous for them to purchase them.

Mr. MacKay: I think that is a good ultimate goal. I think what is happening though in the meantime is, there are cases of hardship that are arising and that is what the Minister should address himself to in the heart of hearts he knows that there are some cases of hardship. A suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

The Member from Kluane was indicating in Question Period today that there are certain times where, as soon as a person's income goes up, the rental may go up and, in fact, that may be the very time when the family is just getting on its feet and that maybe there should be some delay mechanism of the implementation of the higher rent to allow that family some time to get back on its feet. That would only encourage them to remain employed and to remain productive. That is something you could do without a great deal of difficulty, is perhaps, put a two or three month delay on it until they are given time to get re-established so I will give you that for some consideration.

And do not say "No".

Hon. Mr. Lang: I appreciate the comments from the Member opposite.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, I hope I have not missed anything in this fascinating discussion. John Kenneth Galbraith once observed that from listening to politicians you can hear the ghosts of long-

dead and long-discredited economists speaking. I think, that is what I have been hearing from these two gentlemen today, is a lot of nonsense talk about the market. Clearly, if you are going to have the market as a ceiling of rent, you are going to have some of the most atrocious inequities you could ever conceive of.

You might have one community where there are six people wanting a house and there is only one house. I can tell you what the market would do to the rent in that kind of situation, as Mr. MacKay well knows too. I am sure he would be in a position to profit wonderfully from a situation like that.

The fact of the matter is, what you need in a situation like this is some kind of fair rent policy and of course, one of the ways of preventing exactly the kind of rapid discrimination or unfair acceleration of rents, such as the Member for Klunene has been talking about, is if you had a rent control policy which Government Housing was also subjected to.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I know that we are going to hear some eighteenth century economics from the Minister responsible for housing on this subject, but what I want to do is, I want to get on to another important question, while the Minister has his dander up. I want to ask what kind of low cost housing he is planning to build for the Inuvialuit on the North Slope who are going to be moving there as a result of the COPE Settlement?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is unfortunate the Member from Mayo is not here, because he is deeply interested in that as well. Mr. Chairman, as far as the rental aspect, getting into a more serious vein, if the Member opposite thinks rent control is the end-all and be-all, I think he should take a look at what is happening in the provinces. Everyone is getting out of them. They did not work.

Mr. Chairman, I do have the floor. If the Member in his fourteenth century role of thinking looks back at the various provinces, he can see what is taking place. We have had to do it and indirectly everybody is going to have to pay for it in any event.

What you have done effectively is negated anyone from investing in the housing business and then you made Government the sole and only landlord.

I will tell you, from my perspective I do not want to be the landlord, the sole and only landlord in the Yukon. Taking what the Leader of the Opposition put forward and unfortunately the Member was not here to hear some of his constructive remarks, we take those under advisement. I am more than prepared to look at the various aspects in the housing area. I am concerned as anyone else.

In deference to people who are living in some of the housing, I think it is to their benefit if we can arrange it so that they can get into their own homes as opposed to being subjected to Government, which is obviously the Member for Whitehorse West's philosophy, is if you have everybody dependent on Government then you can call the shots. Well that is not my attitude.

Mr. Penikett: We are hearing Mr. Danny Lang's "government is the enemy of the people" speech again. The only possible basis for that assumption is that he does not believe government represents the people, it represents somebody else.

The whole point about rent controls that the Minister does not seem to have learned yet is that they are a temporary solution to a housing supply problem. This gets into Mr. MacKay's market.

The only people who, in a certain kind of economic circumstance such as now, who can do anything substantially about the supply problem is, in fact, government. Far be it from Government becoming landlord for them all, it is the last thing I would want. I am sure I speak for thousands of tenants in the Territory, they would not want the Minister as a landlord either, under any circumstances. The aspiration, obviously, would be for people to get their own homes.

Given what the private sector has done to interest rates and mortgages and housing costs generally and land speculation and all that kind of stuff, it has become necessary, even with a Conservative gentleman like the Minister from Porter Creek, he recognizes the need for public sector, because the private sector has totally failed to supply housing, affordable housing that people can use. That is the problem.

The Minister realizes, he does not like to admit it, does not like to admit it, but it is a hard fact of life. He will reluctantly come to the conclusion that, at some point, that if we come to drastic shortages and rents start to escalate, the short-term solution would be rent controls; the long-term solution would be to increase the supply.

He may also find that it is a hard economic reality that people like Mr. MacKay, with capital to spare, will be putting it into office buildings and hotels because they can make better profits that way than they would housing and it will be left to the public sector to

meet the real human needs of the community, housing.

Now, to get back to my other question, though, I wanted to know what the Minister is planning on the North Slope and if he has entertained negotiations with COPE to provide housing for the people who are going to be resettled in that area?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that if I was going to build a house on the northern coast, you can rest assured that the consultative period of time would be very short and very terse.

Mr. MacKay: I hear my name taken more in vain. The Member from Whitehorse West's knowledge of markets, I suspect, is confined to fish markets where he learned how to harangue people.

Mr. Chairman: Order, please, would you kindly keep your remarks to what we are discussing.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: We have been wandering for quite a while and hearing nothing new.

Mr. MacKay: That is true, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to clarify, perhaps, a couple of things there, because I think that when we are talking about markets and what was a very constructive conversation that was going on between the Minister and myself, before it was so rudely interrupted, that market refers not only to the sale price, but also to the rental price. "Market" is a defined term in the real estate business, which does not mean just what the highest bidder will pay for it at the particular time.

The Minister full well knows when we went through his Property Tax Assessment Ordinance what the meaning of market is in terms of housing.

I do not think we should be confused by Karl Marx and his pupil as to what kind of role the private sector has in providing housing, that is, how housing has been provided in all the countries of the world which actually do have proper housing.

Where the government has undertaken to supply housing in other parts of the world, I submit, they have very lousy housing and one can tour anywhere in eastern Europe or even in that socialist country from which I came, Britain, and find lousy housing and it is all owned and operated by the government.

I would suggest that the Member for Whitehorse West has to fill out some of his education in these areas before he starts trying to give us all lessons on how the pre-market economy really works.

Mr. Fleming: Very interesting discussion, however, I think it may as well be known that I will be on the Minister's side when it comes to housing and rent control, because I do not think rent control is for the people who need housing, because rent control is only for the people that are in the houses at that time. As soon as you get rent control, you will not have enough houses to go around, sooner or later. Private enterprise will be out of business.

However, in this very House and not three or four years ago and more times than once, I have stated that the policy of the Yukon Housing Corporation, in the very aspect that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition was speaking about a little while ago, in the area where they do change their rent so quickly that there is really no opportunity for that person to get ahead in life.

As an example, and we have one in my own constituency, people start, possibly, with a home, and they may even be on welfare almost when they get that home, and within two or three years they begin to better themselves and they buy themselves, not a Jaguar, but maybe a bicycle and they are improving a certain extent. Consequently, maybe they pick up a little better job and kaboom goes their rent before they get a chance to really get into the picture where they can make a good living.

I seriously think that that area of the Yukon Housing Corporation policy should be looked into by the Minister.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I think we have been wondering. I think you have given the Members on both sides of the floor quite a great deal of latitude. We got all the way to eastern Europe, up to the North Slope, in the space of fifteen minutes.

I am prepared to look at the maximum rent in respect to what the Members have raised. I am not going to make any commitments in that area, but I am prepared to look at it.

In respect to the selling prices of the houses, I am prepared to have it re-appraised and see whether or not we can get a more realistic figures.

In respect to the staff housing, we recognize, in some areas, we have a responsibility, but also, you have to recognize the financial constraints that we are under and it does cost a lot of money.

As you know, we have asked for some proposals for the Destruction Bay area. We recognize that there are deficiencies in the housing there. At the same time, we have a bill forward to the

House here, upping the value of homes that we are prepared to buy under the Government Employee Buy-Back Scheme and, perhaps, that will be an incentive for some people in the particular area that I mentioned, Destruction Bay, where we have assembled some land, perhaps may build. That is a question that will have to be addressed by that individual.

So, anyway, I think we are making some headway and, as I said, in respect to the actual maintenance of the housing, we have increased, in our budget, some of the maintenance provisions because we recognize that some of it is falling and we are the landlord. We cannot get out of that until we sell them. So, we are going to have to increase some of our maintenance responsibilities.

I trust that, in closing, Mr. Chairman, and you may gather I am winding up debate on this particular part of the vote, is that the Leader of the Opposition, when he was referring to Karl Marx, was definitely not indicating this side of the floor had this type of a philosophy.

Mr. Penikett: Just to put the Minister of Municipal Affairs' mind at rest, the only Marx that Mr. MacKay has ever read is Groucho.

I was wrong the other night when I accused Mr. MacKay of being an economic fan of David Ricardo. In fact, I am more convinced after his speech today that he is, in fact, a disciple of his countryman, Athelred the Unwashed, when it comes to economic theory.

The fact of the matter, to introduce a few facts into this discussion, just so he does not leave me in the position of having to defend his intellectual, shall I say counter-partners, in the sense that they are on the other side of the same coin in eastern Europe.

I have no brief to carry for those gentlemen whatsoever. In fact, I have never even met any of them, not even good friends. The fact of the matter is, that in countries, social-democratic countries, where housing is recognized as a social right, not simply something from which to derive profits, the standard of housing as recognized by the Habitat Conference in the seven out of the 10 countries that have surpassed Canada in the last 20 years in the standard of living, all of which have social-democratic Governments, have a higher standard of housing, for all classes of people, than this country.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any more discussion on Yukon Housing Corporation?

Hon. Mr. Lang: The last statement that was made, I would question it.

Mr. MacKay: If you call living up the close, three stories high, sharing a washroom, a better standard of housing then I am sure that that kind of communal housing does exist and I certainly do not ever want to see it come to Canada.

Mr. Chairman: On Yukon Housing Corporation for \$1,239,400, shall this clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: This being the only program of this Department, the whole Department is cleared.

I now direct your attention to page 268, Loan Capital. Shall this appropriation for \$15,700,000 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this Loan Capital carried.

Your next one is Loan Amortization, \$3,600,000 on page 269.

Mr. MacKay: I am sorry, in the course of continuing an intellectual discussion with my friend from Whitehorse West I missed asking a question on Loans and Land Development. Could I pose a question to the Minister on that?

Mr. Chairman: Go ahead, Mr. MacKay. Make it short.

Mr. MacKay: The question arose, I think, yesterday from the Member for Faro with respect to a lack of funds possibly for the development of land in Faro. Is it possible for the Government to reassign money out of this fund for land development to that kind of project?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, there is not enough there to reassign. Most of it has already been committed in respect to our municipalities. The amount of money that the Member for Faro is referring to is not for land assembly; it is for monies to develop their infrastructure that presently is in place and it has to be increased to be able to handle the number of units that are going on stream there. It is a question we are putting before the Government of Canada and I am hopeful that we will get a positive answer. If we do not, Community Affairs are in trouble, and so are we.

Mr. Byblow: I was of the understanding that conceivably money could be drawn from this particular account to the amount of the requested or required amount and then replenished if and when Treasury Board comes through.

If it never does, then it would become a third party loan.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is an area that the administration will be speaking to in Faro tomorrow about the various options that we have. There is not enough money there for it. I mean you are talking \$3.25 million for—, well that \$15 million for land development that is committed, monies that are outstanding already, some work that has already been done, this land has been assembled and money has not been collected so it is loan money.

I am referring in respect to the loans to third parties. That is exactly what we are referring to, the \$3 million, Land Development is \$12,700,000. That is new land being developed and money that, over the past number of years, has been owed to the Government for lots that have not been sold.

Mr. MacKay: One last helpful suggestion. I am sure the Minister will be willing to sacrifice the Access Road to Porter Creek in favour of sewer and water for Faro.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I guess that is a question of perspective.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion?

In the absence of any further discussion, we will now go to page 269, Loan Amortization, \$3,600,000. Do I hear any questions?

Mr. Penikett: I note with interest, further to our previous discussion, that the amount of interest is almost equal to the amount paying in principal. What are the interest rates applying on this money here?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, the interest rates are set for each loan and it is dependent upon when that loan was taken out. The table of interest rates has quite a large spectrum to it.

Mr. Penikett: Could we have any idea of the range?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Without checking, Mr. Chairman, I would guess that there are some loans down as low as probably four per cent and up as high as 12 to 13 per cent. I would think 12 per cent is probably the maximum.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions? Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

I now refer the Members to Schedule A. The first item on Schedule A is Yukon Legislative Assembly, \$923,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next item is Executive Council Office, \$946,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next item is Education, \$20,511,100. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next item is Consumer and Corporate Affairs, \$721,400. Shall this clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next item is Human Resources, \$5,418,100. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Next item, Municipal and Community Affairs, \$4,474,400, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Your next item is Tourism and Economic Development, \$1,857,800. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Next item, Justice, \$7,313,400. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Next item Highways and Public Works, \$21,543,100. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Public Service Commission, \$1,087,700, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Office of the Pipeline Co-ordinator, \$353,000, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Our next department is Finance \$2,446,500. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Your next item is Library and Information Resources, \$1,462,400. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Renewable Resources, \$3,587,400, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared. Health, \$13,696,000, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Your next department, Government Services, \$2,107,200, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Next is Yukon Housing Corporation, \$1,239,400, shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Mr. Penikett: Just a point of order, there is not a section stood over in that vote, is there?

Mr. Chairman: No, there is nothing stood over, Mr. Penikett. Loan Capital, \$15,700,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Loan Amortization, \$3,600,000. Does this amount clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount cleared.

Now shall the total appropriation for Schedule A, \$108,987,900 carry?

Some Members: Agreed

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3(1)

Clause 3(1) agreed to

Clause 3 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I declare that the Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81 has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report the Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81 out of Committee.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Pearson that I report Second Appropriation Ordinance 1980-81 out of Committee without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps at this time, before we start on our next bill we will take a short recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order. I now direct your attention to Bill Number 15, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1980) No. 1.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, this Bill is simply the enabling legislation that allows the Commissioner to borrow the \$15,700,000 that we were just discussing in the Estimates.

This money is used for making loans to municipalities, loans under the Housing Ordinance, for the development of land for sale

and for finance and community improvements outside of municipalities.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion?

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3(1)

Clause 3(1) agreed to

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4(1)

Clause 4(1) agreed to

Clause 4 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Bill Number 15, a Loan Agreement Ordinance (1980) No. 1, has now cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Loan Agreement Ordinance (1980) No. 1 without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Pearson that I report Loan Agreement Ordinance (1980) No. 1 without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: The next bill that we are considering this afternoon is Bill Number 16, Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, 1980.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, this Bill now enables the Commissioner to lend the \$3 million of the \$15,700,000 that was referred to in the last Bill to municipalities to enable them to carry on their programs of public works.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

On Clause 2(2)

Clause 2(2) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4

Clause 4 agreed to

On Clause 5(1)

Clause 5(1) agreed to

On Clause 5(2)

Clause 5(2) agreed to

Clause 5 agreed to

On Clause 6(1)

Mr. MacKay: I am interested in the mechanism the Government has when they pass this section that the money may not be spent for any other purpose other than that for which it was borrowed. I am interested in the mechanism the Government has for ensuring compliance with that section.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No mechanism other than our Municipal Inspections Branch. All of these bylaws, of course, are required to come to the Commissioner, the money bylaws come to the Commissioner, in the first instance, before they are passed.

We have no specific mechanism other than our normal inspection procedures.

Clause 6(1) agreed to

Clause 6 agreed to

On Clause 7(1)

Clause 7(1) agreed to

On Clause 7(2)

Clause 7(2) agreed to

Clause 7 agreed to

On Clause 8(1)

Clause 8(1) agreed to
 Clause 8 agreed to
 On Clause 9(1)
 Clause 9(1) agreed to
 Clause 9 agreed to
 On Preamble
 Preamble agreed to
 On Title
 Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 16, Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, 1980, has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, 1980, without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Pearson that I report Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, 1980, Bill Number 16, without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to Bill 18, An Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I think that the reason behind this Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance has been discussed at length and I believe that most Members' questions have been satisfied to date, but, if there are any others, perhaps we can get them out of the way immediately.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

On Clause 1(2)

Clause 1(2) agreed to

On Clause 1(3)

Clause 1(3) agreed to

Mr. MacKay: Just a practical question, subsection 1(3) talks about the "...winding-up, dissolution or liquidation...". Can you tell me what progress has been made in this regard at this time and how long it will take to wind-up the affairs?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, the latest report I had was that the liquidator had, in fact, done a preliminary accounting and his final accounting we expect some time in May so we will know exactly how much money it has cost us early in May.

Mr. MacKay: Will there be any arrangements made on the part of the Government to have available somebody to answer questions from former depositors or customers of the Credit Union for any period of time beyond May?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, there was a three month period that the BC Central Credit Union System guaranteed to keep an employee or employees in the City of Whitehorse to answer all questions. After that time any inquiries will have to be directed to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The information is available there.

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare An Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 18, An Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report Bill Number 18, An Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Our next Bill that we are considering is Bill Number 19.

Mr. Chairman: Bill Number 19 is An Ordinance to Repeal the Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this goes hand in hand with the previous Bill, Bill Number 18, and repeals the Stabilization Fund Loan

Ordinance. The stabilization fund was set up strictly as a fund to bail out the Credit Union in the event that it would have needed money and we do not see any future use for it.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 19, An Ordinance to Repeal the Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 19, An Ordinance to Repeal the Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance be now reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 19, An Ordinance to Repeal the Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance be reported without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to Bill Number 22: Bill Number 22 is An Ordinance to Amend the Trustee Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: As I said in my second reading today, the purpose of this Bill is to replace a couple of sections of the existing Trustee Ordinance with something a little more modern. It adopts the provisions recommended by the Uniform Law Conference in 1970 and it is based on the fact that a person who wishes to leave funds or property in the control of a trustee is, in fact, doing it because the person that he is appointing as trustee is a reasonably prudent person. Based on that premise, this Ordinance carries on from there.

Mr. MacKay: I do not have any problem with the principle of this Bill. I am curious though where there is now a body of law which can give some guidance to trustee as to what the average prudent, discreet and intelligent trustee might do. It does relieve a lot of the strict guidelines, but at the same time it does not provide the trustee necessarily with any guidelines other than that he can deposit money with any bank or trust company, or heaven forbid, a Credit Union. Is there a body of law that exists that he can fall back on and look at?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Not really, Mr. Chairman. We are leaving it to the discretion of the court, based on the simple provision that reasonable care should be exercised when you are dealing with trustee funds, as you would while dealing with your own, so that you are not exposing these funds to an undue amount of risk. That is the idea behind it.

We would like to see people put in a position where they can take advantage of higher forms of income investments than simply government bonds and chartered bank accounts. So, there are no guidelines other than those which you would do with your own money.

Mr. MacKay: Can the Minister tell me if this amendment, it is a uniform law amendment, whether it has been in place in the provinces for some time and if there are any problems with it there?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, it was put in place, I believe, in Ontario in 1970 and a couple of the Prairie provinces since. It is also in force in BC. To date, there have not been any large problems associated with it, at least, none of the provinces have indicated that they would like to change the adopted procedure by the Uniform Law Conference of 1970.

Mr. Chairman: As there appears to be no further general discussion, we will proceed with a clause-by-clause discussion.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

On Clause 1.3(1)

Mr. Fleming: I just wondered, this is an amendment to the old Ordinance. I do not have it here with me, but I see the Minister has. "...Pending the investment of any trust money deposited during such time as is reasonable in the circumstances in any bank or trust company." Could the Minister tell me what was in the old Ordinance in this area? The trustee must have had to deposit the money somewhere at that time, too.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, under the old Ordinance, the trustee, having in their hands trust money that is in their discretion to invest at interest may invest trust money in the debentures or securities of the Government of Canada, of the Territory or any of

the Provinces of Canada, or any debentures or securities, the payment of which is guaranteed by the Government of Canada, by the Territory or by any Province of Canada, if such investments are, in other respects, reasonable property, and also in securities that are a first charge upon land in the Territory or any Province of Canada.

Those are the only things that money could be invested in.

Clause 1.3(1) agreed to

On Clause 1.3(2)

Clause 1.3(2) agreed to

On Clause 1.4(1)

Clause 1.4(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now state that Bill Number 22, An Ordinance to Amend the Trustee Ordinance, has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 22, An Ordinance to Amend the Trustee Ordinance, be now reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 22, An Ordinance to Amend the Trustee Ordinance, be reported without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to Bill Number 10, Small Claims Ordinance. I now refer you to page 1.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, as I said in my second reading debate, this Bill is to expand the jurisdiction of small debts officials from \$500 to \$1500 and it also is expanded to include actions in court.

Other than that, the Ordinance is basically a confirmation of the practice relating to small claims actions in the Territory and it also prohibits the recovery of lawyers' fees in actions before the small debts court.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion?

On Clause 1(1)

Clause 1(1) agreed to

On Clause 1(2)

Clause 1(2) agreed to

On Clause 1(3)

Mr. Fleming: There is a spelling error there. Is that supposed to be "Court", in (b), on the first line. Mine says 'tort', is that right?

Hon. Mr. Graham: The word is 'tort,' which means a civil wrong, or acts involving personal injury between two people.

Clause 1(3) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

On Clause 2(2)

Clause 2(2) agreed to

On Clause 2(3)

Clause 2(3) agreed to

On Clause 2(4)

Clause 2(4) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4

Clause 4 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 10, Small Claims Ordinance, has cleared Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 10, Small Claims Ordinance, be now reported without Amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 10, Small Claims Ordinance, be reported without Amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now direct your attention to Bill Number 23, An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, the total change in this section of the Insurance Ordinance starts on the seventh line and the change is for the purpose only of paying out the proceeds of the policy. The result of this is to make it clear that the rule, which is expressed differently than the rule in the new Survivorship Ordinance applies only for the stated purpose and that is for the paying out of proceeds of the policy in question.

Mr. Chairman: In the absence of any general discussion, we will consider a Clause by Clause discussion.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 23, An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance, has passed the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman I move that Bill Number 23, An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance, be now reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 23, An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance, be reported without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: The next Bill that you are considering is Bill Number 25, An Ordinance to Amend the Condominium Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, again as I said in my second reading debate, the Bill will involve only the replacement of one section of the Ordinance, the present Condominium Ordinance. This section that we hope to put in is more thorough in its regulation of the insurable interest of unit owners and the condominium management corporation. It is a revision based on the Uniform Law Act in 1973.

On Clause 1(1)

Mr. Byblow: What is the reference to "corporation?" Is that the ownership of the property?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, in condominiums, the individual owners of the condominiums own their specific condominium; however, the recreation areas, if they are a joint recreation area for all tenants, the land, the hallways, and any other areas that are for all owners' use, are owned by a corporation, which is made up of the individual owners of condominiums in that single building. That is what we are talking about in "corporation."

Clause 1(1) agreed to

On Clause 1(2)

Clause 1(2) agreed to

On Clause 1(3)

Clause 1(3) agreed to

On Clause 1(4)

Clause 1(4) agreed to

On Clause 1(5)

Clause 1(5) agreed to

On Clause 1(6)

Clause 1(6) agreed to

On Clause 1(7)

Clause 1(7) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I declare now that Bill Number 25, An Ordinance to Amend the Condominium Ordinance, has cleared Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 25, An Ordinance to Amend the Condominium Ordinance, be now reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 25, An Ordinance to Amend the Condominium Ordinance, be reported without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to Bill Number 27, Presumption of Death Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, the Ordinance is for the winding up of affairs of persons who are missing and presumed to be dead. The new Bill should remove doubts as to the effect of the distribution of a person's property under the Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Any further general discussion?

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3(1)

Clause 3(1) agreed to

On Clause 3(2)

Clause 3(2) agreed to

On Clause 3(3)

Clause 3(3) agreed to

On Clause 3(4)

Mr. Byblow: I wonder if the Minister is aware of whether or not sections 4 and 5 have ever been applied in the Territory, just as a point of interest.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Are you talking about sections 4 and 5 or subsection 3(4)?

Mr. Chairman: We are at the top of page 2, we are discussing, the first 4 is referred to as a subsection, is that what you are referring to Mr. Byblow.

Mr. Byblow: I was referring to section 4, I guess, a little ahead of the one being discussed so I trust the Minister will take it then.

Clause 3(4) agreed to

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I did not do a whole lot of checking as to how many of these sections are new. Section 4 (1) and 5(1) are new sections in this Ordinance. The only sections that are the same as in the old Ordinance are Sections 3(1)(2)(4). Every thing else is new. Sections 4(1) and 5(1) are new, so they could not have been applied in the Territory before.

Mr. Byblow: So in effect what this Ordinance is doing is creating the mechanics, in addition to what is in 1 to 3, and 4 and 5, for providing what should take place in the case a person is found alive after presumed dead.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, if a person was judged by Court Order to be presumed dead previously, there was no chance for his relatives, who did not feel that he was dead, and did not want him to be declared dead by the Court, they had no alternative. They could not go the Court and apply for an order restricting the distribution of that person's assets because they had reasonable grounds to believe he was alive. This will give them that opportunity.

So he could be declared dead for purposes of the winding up of his business, but the relatives could then go to the Court and say, that that is all right, but for distribution of his personal assets, we believe he is alive and we would like you, in this instance, if they

give sufficient reason, the Court could then rescind that Order for the purposes of redistribution of his estate.

Mr. Byblow: I am interested to know what relative or what interested party has the priority of making an application to Court to wind down the affairs.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, if you are a partner in his business, you have an interest. If you are a relative who would hope to gain the house that you are living in, because you happen to be his wife, then you have an interest. Persons who can show that they have an interest in the distribution of assets, if that person were in fact dead.

Mr. Chairman: If there is no further discussion, shall Clause 4 carry?

Clause 4 agreed to

Clause 4(1) agreed to

Clause 4 agreed to

On Clause 5(1)

Mr. Byblow: Just to continue on that vein, the question I have is, in the event that an interested party makes application because of a vested interest in some affair, can another interested party prevent that action, on the assumption that they believe the person is alive?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Definitely, Mr. Chairman, there is no doubt about it. If somebody wanted to contest that court order, they have the ability to contest it.

Section 5(2), it is a policy decision taken by the Uniform Law Conference and accepted by nine of the ten provinces in Canada, as I understand it, and that it is the interests of the person who receives property of a person mistakenly presumed to be dead should be protected. Now that Section 5 is that policy decision and we have decided to go along with nine of the ten provinces and assume that that is, in fact, the best policy.

Clause 5(1) agreed to

On Clause 5(2)

Clause 5(2) agreed to

Clause 5 agreed to

On Clause 6(1)

Clause 6(1) agreed to

Clause 6 agreed to

On Clause 7(1)

Clause 7(1) agreed to

Clause 7 agreed to

On Clause 8(1)

Clause 8(1) agreed to

Clause 8 agreed to

On Clause 9(1)

Clause 9(1) agreed to

Clause 9 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 27, Presumption of Death Ordinance, has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 27, Presumption of Death Ordinance, without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report Bill Number 27, Presumption of Death Ordinance, without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Perhaps at this time we should catch our breath and take a short recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee of the Whole to order. The next bill that we are considering is Bill 29, Fatal Accidents Ordinance.

On Clause 1

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, again as I said in second reading debate, at common law, presently in the Territory, no action is maintainable in respect of the death of the family breadwinner as a result of the wilful or negligent misconduct of another. The purpose of this Legislation is to overcome the results of that type of law and,

in fact, make it possible for the family of a dead breadwinner to take action against the person who caused that death.

Mr. Chairman: As there appears to be no further general discussion we will start a clause by clause discussion.

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3(1)

Clause 3(1) agreed to

On Clause 3(2)

Clause 3(2) agreed to

On Clause 3(3)

Clause 3(3) agreed to

On Clause 3(4)

Clause 3(4) agreed to

On Clause 3(5)

Clause 3(5) agreed to

On Clause 3(6)

Clause 3(6) agreed to

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4(1)

Clause 4(1) agreed to

On Clause 4(2)

Clause 4(2) agreed to

On Clause 4(3)

Clause 4(3) agreed to

Clause 4 agreed to

On Clause 5(1)

Clause 5(1) agreed to

Mr. Penikett: Just briefly, if the Minister would just do me a favour, just in case my grandchildren ever ask me, we have got someone in here who sounds like a monster from a kids' story. Just, if the Minister would let us in on the secret, what is a "tortfeasor"?

Hon. Mr. Graham: A tortfeasor is the person who did the damage, did the damage to the recipient.

Clause 5(1) agreed to

On Clause 5(2)

Clause 5(2) agreed to

Clause 5 agreed to

On Clause 6(1)

Clause 6(1) agreed to

On Clause 6(2)

Clause 6(2) agreed to

On Clause 6(3)

Clause 6(3) agreed to

On Clause 6(4)

Clause 6(4) agreed to

Clause 6 agreed to

On Clause 7(1)

Clause 7(1) agreed to

On Clause 7(2)

Clause 7(2) agreed to

Clause 7 agreed to

On Clause 8(1)

Clause 8(1) agreed to

Clause 8 agreed to

On Clause 9(1)

Clause 9(1) agreed to

On Clause 9(2)

Clause 9(2) agreed to

On Clause 9(3)

Clause 9(3) agreed to

On Clause 9(4)

Clause 9(4) agreed to

On Clause 9(5)

Clause 9(5) agreed to

Clause 9 agreed to

On Clause 10(1)

Clause 10(1) agreed to

Clause 10 agreed to

On Clause 11(1)

Clause 11(1) agreed to

On Clause 11(2)

Clause 11(2) agreed to

On Clause 11(3)

Clause 11(3) agreed to

Clause 11 agreed to

On Clause 12(1)

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, why does the judge execute this responsibility in chambers?

Hon. Mr. Graham: I do not know why it is done in chambers. The intent is to allow the judge to make a ruling as to the apportionment of any monies received under this Ordinance, so that if the mother had four children that were all entitled to a share, I imagine that the judge would put it in the mother's care until the children were all of legal age. That is the intent behind that.

Clause 12(1) agreed to

Clause 12 agreed to

On Clause 13(1)

Clause 13(1) agreed to

Clause 13 agreed to

On Clause 14(1)

Clause 14(1) agreed to

Clause 14 agreed to

On Clause 15(1)

Clause 15(1) agreed to

On Clause 15(2)

Clause 15(2) agreed to

On Clause 15(3)

Clause 15(3) agreed to

Clause 15 agreed to

On Clause 16(1)

Clause 16(1) agreed to

Clause 16 agreed to

On Clause 17(1)

Clause 17(1) agreed to

Clause 17 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill 29, Fatal Accidents Ordinance, has cleared Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 29, Fatal Accidents Ordinance, be reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill 29, Fatal Accidents Ordinance, be reported without amendment. You have heard the Motion, do you agree.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now direct your attention to Bill 30, Survivorship Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this change to the Survivorship Ordinance, or this Ordinance, is brought in to resolve a conflict with the Insurance Act, which was a conflict of totally opposite rules and distribution of insurance proceeds and other property in cases where the sequence of death could not be determined. The revision makes the Insurance Act approach applies in all cases.

Mr. Byblow: I have a general question with respect to this, and perhaps even the other Ordinance. In the event that a person dies within a certain period of the spouse, during which the person was incapable of consciousness, or whatever, does this Ordinance cover that situation where one person actually survives for an extended period of time but without full capability.

Hon. Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Chairman, the Ordinance is quite specific on that point. It says where two or more persons die at the same time, or in circumstances rendering it impossible to determine which died first. So if a person is legally alive, whether or not they have full control of their capabilities, because there is some question whether many of us have full control of our capabilities in our everyday lives, so that, this is the reason why we say "death". That is the determining factor, whether or not we can determine when that person died.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Mr. Penikett: Just before we whip through it, Mr. Chairman, I am kind of curious as to why the Survivorship Ordinance and the Fatal Accidents Ordinance, for example, could not have been in one bill. Is there any overwhelming reason for that?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Well, we are dealing with different aspects. In one case, we deal with the proceeds from the insurance and, in this case, we deal with all assets other than insurance, technically.

I do not have a firm answer to your problem. The fact remains that each one of them are dealing with a specific instance and that is the reason why we decided to bring them in as separate bills.

Clause 2(1) agreed to

On Clause 2(2)

Clause 2(2) agreed to

On Clause 2(3)

Clause 2(3) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3(1)

Clause 3(1) agreed to

Clause 3 agreed to

On Clause 4(1)

Clause 4(1) agreed to

Clause 4 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, I generally like the content of the Bills we have been having before us. I must say, as a rule, I am a little disappointed with some of the titles of some of these uniform law things. The kind of morbid subject matter we have before us, Fatal Accidents, Human Tissue Gift Ordinance, Survivorship, Fatal Deaths, Executions, I would hope that if the Minister brings any more legislation before us, Mr. Chairman, we could have something a little more interesting in the title.

I would suggest to him something with a little life, a little humour, a little wit, like the Fairweather Friends Ordinance, that title might be something which would be a little more appropriate.

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 30, Survivorship Ordinance, has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 30, Survivorship Ordinance, be now reported without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill Number 30, Survivorship Ordinance, be reported without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: The next Bill we are considering is Bill Number 33, An Ordinance to Amend the Evidence Ordinance.

On Clause 1(1)

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I know this one will spark absolutely no debate because it is modelled upon Saskatchewan Legislation that is reported to work extremely well, nondescript party legislation.

Mr. Chairman: As there appears to be no further general discussion - Mr. Penikett, do you have something to say?

Mr. Penikett: No, but I would not want you to presume upon that right before I had exercised it.

Mr. Chairman: You have not exercised the right, Mr. Penikett, and as there appears to be no further discussion, we will start a clause by clause discussion of Bill Number 33.

Clause 1(1) agreed to

On Clause 1(2)

Clause 1(2) agreed to

On Clause 1(3)

Mr. Penikett: I raised this matter privately with the Minister at the time we went through second reading. I just want it confirmed, for the record, the understanding that this, of course, does not apply to forensic pathology and criminal matters, this is only something that will deal with the routine business, such as establishing whether or not someone might have a broken head or a broken arm, and that could be done by an affidavit rather than a medical witness appearing on the stand.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I would say it is very apparent that is what the Ordinance is attempting to do, because if the Honourable Member Opposite would have read 1(1), Subsection 2, he would have seen that it says, "notwithstanding subsection (1), a report of finding that purports to have been prepared and signed in a professional capacity by: a) a medical practitioner, a dentist or chiropractor. We do not include forensic pathologists in that list.

Mr. Penikett: I knew he would get me eventually. Mr. Chairman, it does not matter, forensic pathologists, may be, in fact, a medical practitioner. I know the Minister cannot be expected to know that, but I know the Minister from Mayo does. I just want it confirmed for the record that this deals with routine matters, things that are not controversial, but it is not going to deny someone who may have a difficult, complex or contentious medical question from getting the proper evidence into court.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, that is true, and in fact, a person or a doctor, or a medical practitioner, a dentist or chiropractor, may still be called, but the person who calls that medical practitioner does so at his own risk, and that risk is, if, in fact, it was not necessary, then the court may order the party who produced him as a witness to pay his costs, such sum as the court deems appropriate. So, in fact, he does so at his own risk.

Mr. Penikett: Given present medical fees, there ought to be enough to disuade anybody.

Clause 1(3) agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Clause 2(1)

Clause 2(1) agreed to

Clause 2 agreed to

On Preamble

Preamble agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 33, An Ordinance to Amend the Evidence Ordinance, has cleared the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 33, Evidence Ordinance, without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report Bill Number 33, An Ordinance to Amend the Evidence Ordinance, without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to Bill Number 26, Frustrated Contracts Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report progress on Bill Number 26, Frustrated Contracts Ordinance, and beg leave to sit again.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report progress on Bill Number 26, Frustrated Contracts Ordinance, and beg leave to sit again.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that the 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. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has considered Bill Number 13, Second Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81; also Bill Number 15, a Loan Agreement Ordinance (1980) No. 1; also Bill

Number 16, Municipal General Purpose Loan Ordinance, 1980; also Bill Number 18, An Ordinance to Repeal the Credit Union Ordinance; also Bill Number 19, An Ordinance to Repeal the Stabilization Fund Loan Ordinance; and Bill Number 22, An Ordinance to Amend the Trustees Ordinance; and Bill Number 10, Small Claims Ordinance; also Bill Number 23, An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance; also Bill Number 25, An Ordinance to Amend the Condominium Ordinance; and also Bill Number 27, Presumption of Death Ordinance; Bill Number 29, Fatal Accidents Ordinance; also Bill Number 30, Survivorship Ordinance; also Bill Number 33, An Ordinance to Amend the Evidence Ordinance; and directed me to report the same without amendment.

Further, Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Bill Number 26, Frustrated Contracts Ordinance, and beg leave to sit again.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted.

May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that we do now call it 5:30.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that we do now call it 5:30.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

The House adjourned at 5:22 o'clock p.m.

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