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Speaker: I will now call the House to order. At this time, we will proceed with Prayers.

Prayers

DAILY ROUTINE

Speaker: We will proceed at this time with the Order Paper. Introduction of Visitors?

Are there any Returns or Documents for Tabling?

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I have two documents and a return for tabling. The return is an answer to a written question of October 3, about the cost of judges. There are reports for the Liquor Corporation and the Workers' Compensation Board.

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I have for tabling a report on Regulations from the Executive Council Ofice.

Speaker: Are there any Reports of Committees? 22 Any Petitions? Introduction of Bills?

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 12: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 12, entitled Raven Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 12, entitled *Raven Act*, be now introduced and read a first time

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 14: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 14, entitled An Act to Amend the Chiropractic Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 14, entitled An Act to Amend the Chiropractic Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 32: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 32, entitled An Act to Amend the Partnership Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 32, entitled An Act to Amend the Partnership Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill No. 34: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I move that Bill No. 34, entitled An Act to Amend the Home Owners' Grant Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

os Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader that Bill No. 34, entitled An Act to Amend the Home Owners' Grant Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 36: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I move that Bill No. 36, entitled Financial Agreement Act, 1985-86, be now introduced and read a first time. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader

that Bill No. 36, entitled Financial Agreement Act, 1985-88, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 38: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 38, entitled Central Trust Company and Crown Trust Company Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 38, entitled *Central Trust Company and Crown Trust Company Act*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 42: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 42, entitled Revised Statutes Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 42, entitled *Revised Statutes Act*, be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 44: First Reading

Hon. Mr. McDonald: I move that Bill No. 44, entitled An Act to Amend the Civil Emergency Measures Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Education that Bill No. 44, entitled An Act to Amend the Civil Emergency Measures Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 46: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 46, entitled An Act to Amend the Matrimonial Property and Family Support Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 46, entitled An Act to Amend the Matrimonial Property and Family Support Act, be now introduced and read a first time. Motion agreed to

Bill No. 48: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I move that Bill No. 48, entitled An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader that Bill No. 48, entitled An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 50: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I move that Bill No. 50, entitled An Act to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, be now introduced and read a first time.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 50, entitled An Act to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, be now introduced and read a first time

Motion agreed to

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

Are there any Notices of Motion

Are there any Statements by Ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Women's Directorate

Hon. Mrs. Joe: I am pleased to inform the House that this government has reactivated and redesignated the Women's Bureau. The Women's Bureau has been transferred out of the Justice Department to become a free-standing central agency, known as the "Women's Directorate". The key objective of the directorate is to integrate women's concerns into the mainstream of government policy making and program development.

For years the Women's Bureau has been a branch of a line

department and has, as a result, been confined to the responsibilities and mandate of that department.

It is the belief of this government that women's issues are not confined to any one government department, and we have consequently structured the new Directorate as a central agency. Specifically, the Directorate will: identify women's issues and priorities; analyze and evaluate existing and proposed legislation, policies and programs for their impact on women; develop and coordinate policy and program initiatives benefiting women; and inform the public about women's issues.

A research assistant has recently been hired on contract and a clerk typist should be on staff in two weeks. For the next few months, the Directorate will be developing policy and program proposals and will begin work on a government-wide plan of action for women.

I would also like to inform the House that I had the opportunity of being a member of the Canadian delegation to the Nairobi World Conference on the Status of Women to review and appraise the achievements of the UN Decade for Women. The hon. Walter McLean, then federal Minister responsible for the Status of Women, headed our delegation.

Achieving a consensus on the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies was a notable success, and these strategies will provide a strong basis for future direction for our policies and program in the Yukon. I will table a copy of the document entitled Forward Looking Strategies in the House, as well as the UN report on the conference, when they become available.

Thank you.

Speaker: This then brings us to the Question Period. Are there any questions?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Alaska Highway West block land transfer

Mr. Phelps: I have a question for the Minister of Community Affairs arising from an answer given to myself last Question Period. He mentioned that a block land transfer had been requested from the federal government to meet the requirements of the people in the area of the Alaska Highway West, which I had referred to. Could the Minister tell us when his department requested that block land transfer?

⁶⁶ Hon. Mr. McDonald: I do not know the specific dates of the request for the block land transfer. I know that it has been made in the past. I could find out for the Member exactly when it was made if that is of importance to the Member.

Mr. Phelps: It is of importance. I would like to know, in the meantime, if you are saying that it has been made very recently, like a week ago, a month ago, two months ago?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: All I can tell you is that it has been made. It is my understanding that it has been made more than once. I am not sure exactly of the times that request has been made. As I indicated to the Member last night after the House sitting, I was aware of the situation in the Alaska Highway West area. The Member invited me to participate in a public meeting to be scheduled next Thursday evening. I indicated to him that I would be more than happy to attend.

The situation, as it stands now, is as I stated it yesterday; we have made a request for a block land transfer for this particular area.

Mr. Phelps: I commend the hon. Minister for agreeing to come and meet with the residents out there. That pleases them and myself.

What I am trying to get at is simply whether or not his answers to my questions mean that since the new government has taken office, a block land transfer has been made. Is that the case?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: I simply cannot tell him when it was made. It could have been made after the government took office. Technically I do not know when it was made. I will have to get back to the Member. I simply do not have an answer for the Member right now.

Question re: Agricultural applications for land

Mr. Phelps: With regard to agricultural applications for land, am I to take it that your department is not making application for land from the federal government unless they have the agreement in writing from the Bands in the area that the agricultural applications should proceed?

Hon. Mr. Porter: In terms of the applications having been forwarded, I do not think it is simply a question of this government requiring a consent of the Band. I can tell the hon. Member that, of the six that went to the Federal Lands Acquisition Committee last week, three of them were approved in principle. Part of the condition is that they would be forwarded to the Bands for their concurrence.

The next two were tabled pending resolution of existing conflicts. The third did not receive Band approval, so therefore it will be sent back to the Band concerned.

σ It would seem that, in the process that both parties to the Federal Lands Acquisition Committee are concerned with, the approval of the Bands is sought where lands are adjacent to the Bands.

Mr. Phelps: What concerns me is that this government is giving the appearance of a veto over such applications to Indian Bands. My understanding is, and correct me if I am wrong, that it is the position of the federal government that there ought to be consultations with the Bands but no vetoes. Is that the understanding of the Minister?

Hon. Mr. Porter: In terms of the response to the question of January 31, 1985, the Minister of Indian Affairs wrote to the then Government Leader, Mr. Pearson, and stated very clearly in the letter, in addition to the above measures, "Applications for land transfers where a Band has yet to select lands will be considered on a case by case basis after Yukon Indians had been consulted." Clearly, the federal government takes the view that when lands are being transferred, particularly in those areas where lands have not been selected, that the Band should be consulted.

We are not interested in talking about vetoes to anybody. We are trying to move the land question along in a fashion that guarantees that the conflicts with respect to lands are resolved before we move on the transfer. If we do otherwise, we are going to end up in a situation where, at one time ten applications had gone to the Federal Lands Acquisition Committee. Nine of them were turned back because of conflicts with Bands. If we can put together a system where we resolve the conflicts before we go to the FLAC, then that is the route to go.

Mr. Phelps: Surely this government ought to be taking the position that consultation is necessary and valid, but that land will not be held up where there is no valid reason for the Band or any party saying no. Will this Minister take steps to ensure that this government takes a lead role, whether it means arguing with the Minister of Northern Affairs on the issue, to ensure that after consultation applications will go forward unless there is a valid reason for them not going forward.

Hon. Mr. Porter: The process of consultation is designed to make sure that people are in basic agreement to do away with conflicts. If we have done the job right, then the applications will proceed, and we will move them along.

Question re: Day care

Mr. McLachlan: My question is for the Minister of Human Resources. During debate yesterday on the day care motion, the minister used the expressions "sometime soon" and "down the road". How long must the people of the territory, specifically day care associations, wait for these ambiguous timeframes to materialize into reality?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: That would depend on what the Member was talking about. If he is talking about day care subsidies, I would say immediately; if he is talking about something else, then I could possibly give him an answer of when "down the road" might be.

Mr. McLachlan: I am curious, because the hon. Government Leader said, and I quote Hansard, "The government would commit more public resources to the operation of day care, to the maintenance of day care, to enabling parents to get day care and, if necessary, it will improve the provision of day care in rural Yukon with capital grants, if warranted. We will now implement those

things". What does "now" mean? Is that next week, next year, next session, or is it sometime soon?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: I am not sure whether he expects me to answer that or, better, expects the Government Leader to answer it. I think that, if we are going to be implementing certain things in day care, we would have to know exactly what those implementations are and, as mentioned yeaterday, we are looking at some of those issues and we are attempting to try to do them. I cannot say whether it will happen tomorrow but I can assure you that it will be in the near future.

Mr. McLachlan: Again to the Minister of Human Resources. She said yesterday, during public debate, that she has some reservations about the subsidy being paid directly to the day care operators, despite the problems that were referred to yesterday when I said that some people just run out on their bills. Can the minister tell this House if she or her department would consider the idea of a jointly payable cheque being made to the day care operator and the individual to prevent the abuse of non-payment of bills?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: We would definitely consider that. We have a problem because we do have individuals who do not want people to know that they are being subsidized by this government. We have to look at those individuals as well. Not everybody walks out on their bills but there are some individuals who do and we sympathize with day cares for that. We have to look at it and we will consider it.

Quetion re: French as a First Language

Mrs. Firth: I have a question for the Minister of Education regarding French as a first language. Can the minister tell me how many francophone children are attending school outside the Yukon at the taxpayers' expense?

Mr. McDonald: That is a question which requires some specific knowledge of specific numbers. I cannot tell the Member what those are. I believe there are people who are at colleges and institutes outside the Yukon. I cannot give her a breakdown of either the grades or the age brackets, because I do not have that information at my fingertips. If the Member would like in the future for me to have that kind of information so that she can set the Minister up for the third supplementary, whatever it happens to be, perhaps she could give me the notice in advance and I could provide the information so that her second supplementary could have a little more punch.

⁶⁹ Mrs. Firth: It has come to my attention that a French as a First Language teacher, who is the centre of the Whitehorse Elementary controversy and now teaches seven francophone children at the Jeckell School, has a daughter attending Grade 10 in Quebec at taxpayers' expense.

What is the Minister's policy regarding French as a First Language education outside the Yukon?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: There have been requests made to the federal Secretary of State to determine whether or not his good offices would be prepared to fund students who wish to take French as a First Language courses in schools outside the territory.

We have had a request made to the territorial government to determine whether or not we would be prepared to ask the Secretary of State on their behalf if they would be prepared to fund those students. I am not familiar with the individual whom the Member has chosen to finger in this question. I do not know the specifics of the situation. I know as a matter of general federal policy, my understanding of it is that they would generally be willing to fund the education of students who wish to take French as a First Language in schools outside the territory. They would be willing to fund those people; to what extent I am not specifically sure.

Mrs. Firth: Obviously, the Minister has no policy. So, is this an arrangement, which is not available to any anglophone children in the whole Yukon Territory, a special deal to cool the Whitehorse Elementary controvery and get the teacher in question to go to the Jeckell School?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: This Member is way off base. The request to ask the federal Secretary of State whether or not he would be prepared to fund schooling outside the territory is only meant to cover those students who would otherwise not have access

to French as a First Language in Yukon. Presumably it would be for students of Grades 10, 11 and 12, and perhaps, and I am not sure of this — I will have to check for the House — it would include students who wish to go to post-secondary institutions. I can check on the details.

In my opinion there is no reason to suggest that there were any sort of special deals to try and twist people's arms to do things in the situation. It was merely to allow students who do not have access to French as a First Language in the territory, because numbers do not warrant to provide schooling in the territory, to be allowed to go outside the territory to take their education in French. If the Secretary of State has a policy to fund those people, then we would like to know and take advantage of it.

Speaker: New question.

Mrs. Firth: My question is again to the Minister of Education regarding French as a First Language education. It is a known fact that this teacher's daughter is attending school in Montreal and that she received a grant to do so from the teacher herself. After researching it, I found out that budget allocations, which were identified in the budget for travel for children outside of Whitehorse to come to Whitehorse for French as a First Language education, was identified at \$8,000 last year. There were no applications for it but it was increased to \$21,000 for this year. Can the Minister explain the necessity of increasing this budget allocation?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: We went through the O&M budget only last Monday night. Presumably there were not sufficient members of the press to justify asking this question at that time.

I had my budget books in front of me at the time and I could have detailed the reasons for moving from \$8,000 to \$21,000. I cannot verify that fact now. That is of a very specific nature, not of a policy nature. The question that the Member is asking smacks of a personal attack on an individual who is not present to defend herself. I find that reasonably objectionable.

With respect to the policy matter in question, our position is as I have stated it. If the federal government wishes to fund the schooling of students who want to take their schooling in the French language and where there are no courses being offered in the territory, we would ask the federal Secretary of State whether he would be willing to fund the education of those students. That is the situation as it stands. If the Member would like me to get a full accounting of this particular individual's case, I can do so. Then, we can discuss the policy matters further in Question Period.

Mrs. Firth: I do not know where the Minister thinks the money comes from that goes to the federal Secretary of State, but he had better find out soon. I have constituents in Riverdale South who send their children outside to school for junior secondary education, sometimes paying \$12,000 a year of their own money for that education.

Point of Order

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: On a point of order. Aside from the nasty, vindictive representations the Member is making, she is making a speech. This is a supplementary question; she is allowed one sentence. She is on her third sentence.

Speaker: Would the Member for Whitehorse Riverdale South come to the question, please.

Mrs. Firth: Will the Minister confirm if it is his policy to have us pay for junior secondary education for all parents who wish to send their children outside for education?

ment. As the Member knows, or ought to know, the bulk of the French First Language Program in this territory is cost recoverable from the federal Secretary of State. It ought to be clearly understood that those people who have children in the English stream, who choose to send their students outside the territory, are doing so knowing that much of the same junior/secondary high school programming is offered in Whitehorse and there are good schools in Whitehorse which provide that kind of programming. We have no inconsistency in policy. We have good policy.

Mrs. Firth: My final supplementary is to the Government

Leader. Will the Government Leader now consider French as a First Language policy a significant enough matter to bring before Cabinet and the Yukon taxpayers, who pay federal and territorial taxes, so no further incidents for precedent-setting, preferential treatment are created?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: This sounds suspiciously like a representation. I do not know if the Member opposite ever had occasion to do anything with establishing a Cabinet agenda. She certainly does not have anything to do with it now.

Question re: Traplines

Mr. Brewster: The question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Could the Minister advise me approximately how many of the 377 traplines in the Yukon are currently being used to their fullest capacity?

Hon. Mr. Porter: I do not know the answer to that question. I will attempt to find the information from the department and get back to the Member.

Mr. Brewster: In view of the importance of the trapping industry to the Yukon economy, what policy measures, if any, has the Minister taken to ensure that the traplines are being used to their fullest extent?

Hon. Mr. Porter: There is no one specific policy that we have developed to say to the trappers, "Get out there and trap". We have a number of policy initiatives. We are attempting, through the educational information programs, to assist trappers in terms of management, for more wise use of their lines. We have programs that speak to better trapping methodology, better use of traps; we have brought in experts on snaring, on wolf trapping; all of those kinds of initiatives. All of these efforts move toward getting the trapper better equipped so that the trapper can be more effective and thereby trap more on a sustained yield basis which would then translate into a greater economic return.

12 Mr. Brewster: Will the Minister consider cancelling the trapping licenses of non-productive users and reassign those traplines to people who will make better use of them?

Hon. Mr. Porter: Certainly, if there is a blatant disregard for the trapping regulations, and people are not interested in continuing to trap their lines, then we should be removing those traplines. I understand that there is some caveat on that. An agreement-inprinciple has been negotiated with respect to the division of traplines. In other words, 70 percent of the traplines were to remain with aboriginal people, and the 30 percent remains with non-aboriginal trappers.

We would have to respect those kinds of caveats in the process to ensure that we do not upset the agreements that have already been reached on the matter.

Question re: Day care staff training

Mr. Coles: Can the Minister of Human Resources advise the House as to what she has done in regard to obtaining professional child care training for the staff engaged in day care services throughout the territory?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: Our department, as far as I know, has not got anything in place. As I understand it, there is something under the education department through the college.

Mr. Coles: If they do obtain professional services in the future as they do the programs, will the Minister's department be considering funding the costs associated with the much needed training. As the Minister well knows, most people working within the system now are barely being paid above the poverty level.

Hon. Mrs. Joe: I think I indicated yesterday that we were aware of many concerns in regard to that area. We would certainly look at funding something like that. As we are aware, it is much needed training and I think it has to be done.

Mr. Coles: That is very interesting. The Minister does not know if they have any educational programs, but they are looking at funding them anyway.

Perhaps the Minister could tell us what the criteria is for filling vacancies or appointing people to the Yukon Day Care Services Board under the act at present.

Hon. Mrs. Joe: I am not sure of the specifics, but we do have

two vacancies on the board right now. As I mentioned yesterday, we have written letters to different organizations and groups asking them to recommend people who could be appointed to those boards. We received some of those recommendations. As I said yesterday, we would definitely appoint those people who are interested in day care and are aware of it. We certainly would not appoint anybody who did not care about day care.

Question re: Formula financing

Mr. Lang: I would like to direct a question to the now Minister of Finance. I want to refer to the capital program that was put forward for our consideration earlier this week. As the Member knows, the financial formula that we signed with the Government of Canada has put the Government of Yukon in a very good financial position — better than it ever has been in the history of the Government of Yukon.

In looking through the capital budget, and the magnitude of the capital budget, was there any request for moneys that the government turned down, as far as projects were concerned?

13 Hon. Mr. Penikett: Yes.

Mr. Lang: Could the Government Leader perhaps outline them for the House?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: No, that would be wholly inappropriate. Mr. Lang: I would submit to the Member opposite, no, I do not believe it would be inappropriate. We are talking about the taxpayers' money and I would like to know if there was any project of any significant size that the Members opposite turned down?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: Yes.

Speaker: New question.

Mr. Lang: Question Period is for people to ask questions and for the other side to answer them. The answers thus far, for the course of the session, have not been forthcoming. I would like to ask the Government Leader, once again, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance and in view of his comments this morning talking about how one had to achieve responsible government through responsible governing and responsible financing, why did he say to this House that he would be prepared to consider a deficit as far as the financing of the government of the Yukon Territory is concerned?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I did not say that. What I said in the speech was that we were not prepared to let a fear of a deficit prevent us from doing the right thing in the economy right now. The fact of the matter is that we are not faced with the prospect of a deficit for the very reason mentioned by the Member earlier that we have sufficient accumulated surplus, so that possibility does not confront us at all.

Mr. Lang: How does the Member opposite account for the statements made by the Department of Finance that the real possibilities of a deficit financing for 1986-87 could conceivably happen in the forthcoming O&M budget?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I do not know what statements the Member is referring to. If he is referring to statements that he heard in a lock-up, which is background information from officials, statements I cannot comment on because I did not hear them and I was not there, I cannot comment at all except, as I explained to the Member yesterday, something he should have known having been a Cabinet Minister for years but apparently did not, was there are many times in previous governments when at mid-year there has been in budget statements presented and bills presented for the House a statement of a deficit in the current year, which has in fact not been there at year-end for very good reasons. But, in mid-year, because of transfers and other reasons, there has been a book deficit on the current year. That situation could pertain now; it has pertained in previous years. The former Minister opposite was doing his ranting and raving, "This has never happened before in the history of the territory", and he may not have known that he was talking nonsense, but anyone who knew anything about the finance of this government did.

Mr. Lang: That is totally and absolutely ridiculous. I notice that the Member opposite is wearing a bright tie because the media said they had missed it. It is nice to know who is running the

government.

I would like to point out that the budget that was tabled in this House indicated that there was no money for Cyprus Anvil. I have been led to understand that we would have some financial commitments, as far as Cyprus Anvil is concerned. Where is that money going to come from if the deal is consummated between the Government of Canada, the Government of Yukon and Curragh Resources?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: When and if the deal to sell Cyprus Anvil is closed, the resources, such as they are, required from the Treasury of the Yukon Territory, will come from that source.

Question re: Day care subsidy ceiling

Mr. Coles: I have a question for the Minister of Human Resources. In light of the turmoil and the circumstances your department seems to be in over day care, perhaps we can get one decision out of the Minister. Will the Minister take affirmative action with regard to increasing the gross wage ceiling or doing away with the ceiling altogether in terms of day care subsidies?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: Contrary to what the Member says, we are not in a turmoil. We are working at a program that we have in our department, and we have some problems as we do in many other areas. No-one is perfect. The Member has indicated that he wanted a decision. I cannot give him a decision right now with regard to that specific issue.

Mr. Coles: To the Minister of Human Resources again: we want just a few simple decisions. We do not want you to make decisions on everything; just one or two small, minor decisions so that we can see in what direction you are going.

Will the Minister describe the current means or income test and tell us how it works? Perhaps, then, the House will be in a better position to determine whether or not it is realistic in light of an individual's actual living costs.

Hon. Mrs. Joe: That was indicated yesterday during the debate on the motion. It is already in *Hansard*.

Mr. Coles: In *Hansard* it appears that the Minister does not care for the means or needs test. Could she tell the House what alternatives she is looking at as solutions to this problem?

Hon. Mrs. Joe: As I mentioned, we would consider all options. I just cannot give him an answer right now. We are certainly looking at the different issues.

Question re: Deficit financing

Mr. Phelps: I have a question for the Government Leader. In his speech to the capital supplement earlier on he stated, "My government is not prepared to permit the fear of a deficit to stand in the way of remedial action." He went on to say that "our plans in this regard will become apparent next week with the tabling of the capital estimates for 1986-87".

În view of the fact that some people actually pay attention to these speeches and do get concerned about such things as large deficits or changes in government policy, if he is not going to be doing anything that would signal any kind of change in the government policy of previous governments and if, when he talks about a deficit, he is talking about situations that occur from time to time during the course of a given year, and that is all, why would he make a statement like that?

15 Hon. Mr. Penikett: The statement was made to provide emphasis to the policy decision we made. Rather than sitting on a large surplus, we wanted to put the taxpayers' money to work in order to put the people of the territory to work.

We estimate, and the Department of Finance estimates, with the spending plans of the current government, in the current year, that there will be a substantial surplus at the end of this fiscal year. The capital budget we are talking about, as Members opposite well know, is for 1986-87. It is not possible to talk about the financial situation in 1986-87 with any degree of accuracy until we take the budget decisions of the operation and maintenance budgets of 1986-87, which we have not done yet.

Mr. Phelps: That is either an unfortunate choice of words or it is some kind of signal that this government intends to place itself in a deficit position for that year. I would like to ask the Government

Leader which of those two things it was: an unfortunate choice of words, which has caused a lot of concern amongst a lot of people, or a signal that we may be going into a deficit next year?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I concede that it was neither. It is not the plan of this Minister of Finance to put the Government of Yukon into a deficit this year, next year, or the year beyond, or for however many years we may be here.

Re question: Placer mining industry

Hon. Mr. Penikett: If I may, I have an answer to a question asked yesterday by the Member for Porter Creek East regarding the placer mining industry. With respect to the flocculent demonstration project funded under the Economic Development Agreement, it would appear that the Member's information to the effect that the Klondike Placer Miners Association objected to this project is incorrect.

My information is that it was another project, a study into the effect of placer mining on the sediment loading of streams to which the KPMA objected. This latter project is being funded directly by the Northern Environment branch of DIAND, and not by the EDA.

With respect to the joint committee on placer mining research and development, both the Government of Yukon and DIAND recognize that without the KPMA's participation in the committee, it can no longer function. Officials from both governments are continuing to consult with representatives of the KPMA in order to come up with some other way to secure industry participation, both in the research and the development program, and in the development of a new regulatory regime for the industry.

16 Question re: Judicial Council appointment

Mr. Phillips: I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Could the Minister of Justice tell the House if Lynn Gaudet, just appointed by this government to the Judicial Council, is the same Lynn Gaudet who was the former law partner in Mr. Kimmerly's law office?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: Yes.

Mr. Phillips: It seems that they are rewarding some of their people, also. Could the Minister now tell the House who Miss Gaudet is replacing on the board and what other positions are now vacant on the Council?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: She replaces the Member for Riverdale North, Doug Phillips, who has resigned. The political affiliations of both those appointments, I am sure, are completely incidental. Laughter

Mr. Phillips: The appointments may be completely incidental, but I should remind the Minister that when I was on the Judicial Council, I was the layperson on that board, and Miss Gaudet is a lawyer. Can the Minister tell the House how many lawyers, judges and laypersons in numbers of each, sit on the board, and who are these members?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: The members of that Council are representatives of associations or groups, or are, in fact, positions; for example, the chief judge of the Territorial Court and the senior judge of the Supreme Court. Miss Gaudet is representing citizens. She also has significant legal knowledge, which, unfortunately, the Member opposite did not have on his appointment.

Point of Order

Mr. Lang: On a point of order, I would like to question the House Leader about House business next week. I would like to, for the record, put to rest the question of second reading on the bills that were presented yesterday. I assure the Members opposite that they will get speedy passage since most of the work was done during the previous administration. I would also like to point out that on the bills that have been set forward, we will do our best to give them speedy passage. We are prepared for second passage on Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. Porter: Responding to the point of order, it was our intention, once we have completed the discussions with respect to the O&M Mains, that we move on the Capital Supplementary Mains, and the Capital Supplementary discussions in Committee of the Whole and continuation of Committee of the Whole discussions

with respect to Capital Mains. Then upon conclusion of those efforts, principally move on the financial bills and go with the Mains and Supplementary, and then, to whatever other pieces of legislation that we deem to require a second reading at that stage. These discussions will be carried out in concert with both House Leaders.

17 Speaker: The time for Question Period has now elapsed. We will proceed with Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Porter: I move that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Government House Leader that the Speaker now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

18 Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order. We will now recess for ten minutes.

Recess

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

Bill No. 2 — Second Appropriation Act, 1985-86 — continued Chairman: We will begin with the Department of Justice. Is there any general debate?

On Department of Justice

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I have eagerly awaited this opportunity, and I look forward to the debate on a number of things. I know Mr. Phelps wants to talk about courtworkers, Mr. Phillips about judges, and Mr. Brewster about prisoners working.

Mr. Brewster: Point of order. I will do my own speaking. He does not have to tell this House what I am going to speak about.

Chairman: That is not a point of order.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I would suggest that it is most appropriate to do that under the line items, courtworkers, courts and corrections respectively.

I would be most interested now in directing the attention of all Members to the changed departmental objectives on page 177. I should identify that is for the benefit of, especially, the new Members that these are a substantial departure from the previous objectives. Perhaps the most substantial departure is in the first objective, which now reads, "To respond to Yukon community needs to provide services designed to reduce crime and to serve and protect victims and potential victims".

To put it another way, crime prevention and services to victims are the first priority of the department under this budget.

20 Those are the strongest and most objective opinions that the Department has at the present time. I am eager to listen to the comments of Members, especially on the other side, but also on the government side, as to those objectives and especially that first objective as I am intending to pay careful attention to the debate. I will reread the *Hansard* after the debate to try to accommodate those views that are consistent with the general goal into the Department's programs in the future and to debate, if the members opposite choose, the wisdom of that priority.

Mr. Phillips: As a Member who is the responsible critic for this department, I would like to say that I have made a few statements in the last few days concerning the justice system in the Yukon. I think there are a great many problems with the system. I think that there are a great many problems within the Department. I would like to proceed at this time, into the budget and look at the budget on line items, and I will pursue my problems and my questions regarding the judicial system through the other avenues afforded us in this House.

Mr. Phelps: I wonder if the Minister of Justice could point out the deviations from the first budget and the policy reasons for the deviations?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: It is unfortunate that the Leader of the Opposition was not here for the last moment or so, because I just did that. The first major deviation is in the departmental objectives and the first objective of the department is crime prevention and the protection of victims. That was not identified as a priority in the previous budget and that indeed is the most substantial deviation from the Pearson budget.

Mr. Phelps: I apologize for being late.

Could you translate what you just said into line items, where we should look in the budget for the deviation from the Pearson budget?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: The numbers are not changed very much. They are in the process of being changed. The identification of the goals was seen as the first step that we achieve in the first month or two or three of the tenure of the new government. The dollar amounts, I would expect, will be very substantially changed in the next budget and in this budget the programs are in a period of transition, especially the ones where the priorities have changed. They would relate to victims and crime prevention, most importantly.

22 Mr. Phelps: I look forward with great anticipation to the changes in April, now, I guess it would be, instead of the fall. We are prepared to proceed line by line.

On Legal Services

On Legal Services Administration

Legal Services Administration in the amount of \$60,000 agreed to On Solicitors Branch

Solicitors Branch in the amount of \$295,000 agreed to

On Public Administrator/Chief Coroner

Public Administrator/Chief Coroner in the amount of \$278,000 agreed to

On Land Titles

Land Titles in the amount of \$101,000 agreed to

On Legislative Counsel

Legislative Counsel in the amount of \$286,000 agreed to Legal Services in the amount of \$1,020,000 agreed to

On Court Services

On Court Services

On Supreme Court

Supreme Court in the amount of \$245,000 agreed to

On Territorial Court

Territorial Court in the amount of \$879,000 agreed to

On Sheriff

Sheriff in the amount of \$183,000 agreed to

On Court Services Administration

Court Services Administration in the amount of \$326,000 agreed to

Court Services in the amount of \$1,633,000 agreed to On Legal Aid

Mr. Phelps: We have read with some interest in the papers some statements by the Minister of Justice with regard to changing the system of Legal Aid. When does he intend to proceed with some legislation policy on that?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: In the spring sitting of the Legislature. Legal Aid in the amount of \$640,000 agreed to

On Policing

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I would like to point out under this item that, as Members can see, it approximates \$6 million out of a total budget of approximately \$14 million. In the past, the opposition has asked about the priorities of the police and the staffing levels, for example, in Burwash or Haines Junction, or in a particular community.

The answer has always come back that this is the figure the RCMP gives us, that this is what they tell us. I have expressed in the past that it seems to me irresponsible that the Legislature would vote \$6 million without knowing what the breakdown is. I have entered into negotiations already with the RCMP to provide more information as to the large expenditure. It is interesting that they have no objection at all to providing it. They only needed to be asked. In the next budget, it will be presented.

23 Mr. McLachlan: Can the Minister of Justice tell this House, tell me, if there are cases where the RCMP keep below a two-man

operation; just one officer. Or is this against RCMP policy?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: It is against RCMP policy, which is a nationwide policy. The reason for the policy is that, with only one member in an isolated community, if the feeling of the community amounts to what, in essence, is an insurrection against the placement, that person will find himself — and it is usually a he — in dire straits. Their policy is that there should be at least two members in any community if there is any presence at all in the community.

That, incidentally, is not the policy of the Alaska State Troopers. However, it has been the policy of the RCMP for seven or eight years now and they are guarding it very closely. The Member for Kluane in the past has expressed an opinion on it. I will not speak for him here because he will get angry at me, but it is not a policy that the territorial government has expressed an opinion on. I would be interested in the views of the Members here about that.

Mr. McLachlan: I ask the question because, at least for the time being, we have two in Faro, and it is too many. Fortunately it speaks of the system that they go to Ross River on a Saturday night or a Friday night to keep busy. When we recognize situations like that do we, as the Government of the Yukon, especially if we are going to be cost conscious, have any input into that decision as to how many are where, or is that a straight, fixed determination of manpower by the force themselves?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: We do have input. There is a police services agreement, which is a ten-year agreement, and I can provide the Member with a copy. Specifically, it provides that the level of policing shall not go below a certain standard, which is undefined, but it is contemplated that it is defined by the national policy of the RCMP. However, the level of staffing in communities is specifically identified in the agreement as a matter upon which the chief superintendent or the commanding officer of the division here is to consult with the territorial Minister of Justice. So there is a consultative direction about the level of policing in communities.

The situation of Faro is unique and it has been decided that, because of the tragic situation in the community, all levels of government would not be quick to withdraw their personnel and abandon the community. I am sure the Member will support that view.

24 If the mine does not open, those two Members will undoubtedly not be there in future.

Mr. McLachlan: I am aware of the special circumstances surrounding the case of Faro, and I appreciate the comments of the Minister. I wish that all federal departments had paid that much attention. Notice the absence of the northern health people.

Subsequent to reduced staffing I would also like to ask the Minister of Justice if we, as a government, have the power to request additional RCMP staffing in for example the City of Whitehorse or any location? If we can identify a particular problem which becomes on the increase, can we ask for an increase in commercial fraud squad investigation, for example? Can we request an increase in a particular type of special staffing that would relate to a break and entry? Do we have that power to request an increase?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: Yes we do, and it is the same consultative power. I have scheduled a meeting with the RCMP for October 21. We will be talking about exactly those things and I am specifically interested in the level of policing for impaired driving and the question of foot patrols in the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. Brewster: I would like to ask about the policing policy. It must have been made in Ottawa. I really cannot understand why you can only have one policeman or more in a community, yet they send police on patrol, one single policeman, and he goes 70 to 100 miles by himself, with his nearest back-up 100 miles away. That is quite rational, alright.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I am aware of the position of the Member for Kluane, and I think that he has adequately expressed himself in the presence of the chief superintendent at a meeting that occurred in Burwash, which I also attended, and also in correspondence. I am absolutely sure that the force will read *Hansard* about the debate about their estimate and I will assure the Member that I will give them a copy. I make that as a promise. His comments will be communicated. If he would like me to express his comments on

his behalf, in different wording, if he puts it on the record now, it will be communicated.

I should mention that Mr. Speaker has also communicated about the level of policing in Upper Liard and we will be discussing that as well on the 21st of October.

²⁵ Mr. Brewster: My duty is to report to the Minister, not to the Superintendent of the RCMP. He says that he is running the RCMP, then he should be running the RCMP.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I apologize to Mr. Brewster. I did not understand the point of his comment, and I would ask him to explain it more fully.

Police Services Agreement in the amount of \$5,500,000 agreed to On Native Special Constable

Native Special Constable in the amount of \$247,000 agreed to Policing in the amount of \$5,747,000 agreed to

On Criminal Injuries Compensation

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I should identify here that this is an area that we are looking to expand. I would certainly appreciate the assistance of all Members, especially rural Members, in publicizing this program to their constituents who may be victims of crime.

Criminal Injuries Compensation in the amount of \$34,000 agreed

On Native Courtworkers

Native Courtworkers in the amount of \$130,000 agreed to On Consumer and Corporate Affairs

On Administrative Services

Administrative Services in the amount of \$115,000 agreed to On Consumer Services

Consumer Services in the amount of \$263,000 agreed to On Corporate Affairs

Corporate Affairs in the amount of \$195,000 agreed to On Labour Services

Mr. McLachlan: I maybe cannot pick it up quickly enough out of the statistics, but I am curious about the Minister's comments regarding the number of complaints, inquiries or requests for investigation in the Labour Services Branch as a result of the new legislation coming in at the beginning of 1985. One? Two? 10? 400? 20?

We have new legislation, and I am wondering how controversial it is.

²⁶ Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: Unfortunately, I do not know. I can say generally that it is not very controversial at all. It has not been a matter that has required political direction at all. As to the specific number of complaints or enquiries, I will research that and let the Member know.

Labour Services in the amount of \$617,000 agreed to Consumer and Corporate Affairs in the amount of \$1,190,000 agreed to

On Administration

On Deputy Minister's Office

Deputy Minister's Office in the amount of \$170,000 agreed to On Assistant Deputy Minister's Office

Assistant Deputy Minister's Office in the amount of \$116,000 agreed to

On Policy and Planning Branch

Policy and Planning Branch in the amount of \$142,000 agreed to On Administrative Services

Administrative Services in the amount of \$406,000 agreed to On Human Rights

Human Rights in the amount of \$75,000 agreed to Administration in the amount of \$909,000 agreed to On Corrections

On Community Probations

Community Probations in the amount of \$509,000 agreed to On Institutional Whitehorse Correctional Centre

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: Despite the lack of interest of the opposition, I know that the public is interested, so I am going to make a statement about this particular line.

We are, as a pilot project, establishing a satellite correction centre which we hope will be not in, but close to, Haines Junction for the first six months of its operation, or as an experiment.

This is designed as a work camp. The correctional philosophy, if

you will, is that the residents at the camp will be working at meaningful work. They will be instructed in good work habits. The work will not displace work that would otherwise be done by the private sector.

It is also an experiment in the decentralization of the government. If it is successful, we will have an opportunity of spreading the wealth and the jobs into the rural communities.

 $_{27}$ I know the Members opposite are not interested, but I thought the public would be.

Mr. Brewster: I just want to ask the Minister one question. I realize that this government is going into a deficit budget. Is this the start of slave labour to pick up the things?

On Annex Work Camp

Annex Work Camp in the amount of \$21,000 agreed to Corrections in the total amount of \$3,060,000 agreed to On Revenue and Recoveries

Revenues in the recovery of \$5,629,000, and Expenditure Recoveries in the recovery of \$453,000 agreed to

On Grants, Contributions and Other Transfer Payments

Mr. McLachlan: This is aside from page 209, Mr. Chairman. before you finish with the whole department, I have a couple of general questions which I would like to ask if no-one else has any other further comments?

During debate last week, the Minister of Justice indicated that he foresaw a situation which had a large number, two, of deputy judges coming into the territory for what could be construed as a long-term period. That could mean, in my estimation, anywhere between six and twelve months, I am not sure. One of the concerns I have is this: there is not a businessman anywhere in this territory who is not aware of the fact that his own employees cost less than contract employees. That is largely due to the fact that bringing people in costs money: air fares in, air fares out or lodgings while they are here. The minister has entered into some sort of arrangement at least where the judges are in apartments. That means they are not in the royal suite at the Sheffield at \$250 a day, but the point of the matter remains that to bring people in costs money. I am not sure why it is taking so long to fill one vacancy and replace the one who is on a leave of absence.

I am bothered by the fact that surely the minister must admit it costs more to do it this way than to have our own deputy judge. For example, I am curious also about the apartment. Are we locked into a long-term lease? Does that then mean the judges will be coming for two or three years? Do we get out of it on a 30-day notice, therefore indicating he is not planning on keeping deputy judges around long? I am wondering if there is a financial implication that is impossible to see in these statistics as to how much the judge's apartment will cost us.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: We are in an unfortunate position with regard to the recruitment of judges, I am going to say, almost entirely because of the actions of the previous government who set in motion a recruitment process which the Member should know is by statute, supervised by the Judicial Council, not the Minister or the government. After lengthy deliberations, the recommendations of that Council were not accepted by the previous government and the Judicial Council has then been in the position of having to do it all over again

²⁸ I met with the Judicial Council, very shortly after I became the Minister. I believe that it was in mid-June. I spoke to them about judges, and the recruitment of territorial judges. There were two meetings. The Member for Whitehorse Riverdale North attended one. I said it would be desirable to have a judge appointed at the earliest possible moment. I suggested that I hoped that could be done by the 1st of September. You will recognize that this is a process over which the Judicial Council has statutory authority to recommend. I cannot say that I can give the government a list by the 1st of September, but I do have a role in communicating to the council the position of the government. I did mention that date.

I also said that it would be highly desirable if the judiciary were appointed from the local bar. I believe that it is in keeping with our local hire and our philosophy that those who are in positions of power should reflect the population. That is why we are striving for a racial and gender balance on boards.

Incidentally, on the Judicial Council there has never been a gender balance and by the recent appointments we are approaching that as much as is possible. It appears that it will not be possible to have a judicial appointment from the local bar. That is most unfortunate, and because of that fact it will likely take longer. The Judicial Council has advertised, and the closing date for applications is October 26. I am expecting that interviews and whatever will occur shortly after that, and the government will take appropriate action after the receipt of the recommendation.

29 Mr. McLachlan: Did you have any applicants from the local

bar? If so, why were none chosen locally if there were applicants? **Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** That process is under the statutory authority of the Judicial Council. I do not have a key role. I am under the impression, and I am choosing my words carefully, that there are no local applicants. I am under that impression, but it is not a process over which I have specific knowledge, and I could not as it is under the statutory authority of the Council.

Mr. McLachlan: You are under the impression that there were no local applicants?

Am I not correct in presuming that the Minister of Justice at least knows who applies, even though he may have no eventual choice in the selection?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: I know the local Bar very well and I listen to the local gossip and I am aware of what people are saying. It is my impression that there are no local applicants. I believe that is true. I have no specific knowledge of that. I have no supervisory power over the Judicial Council. That is an independent statutory body. They will make recommendations to me, and I will bring a submission to Cabinet in the normal course.

Mr. McLachian: In order to, again, keep the Department of Justice's costs down as best as possible, may I take this opportunity to ask the Minister, with that thought in mind, when the applications come for the next Deputy Court Judge to be selected, if we are two short, is the Minister considering taking two from that list to fill the outstanding vacancies, or will we move out through the whole advertising process again to get number three?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: It is a hypothetical question. There is one vacancy. We are advertising for one. If a second vacancy occurs, which I suggest is unlikely in the immediate future, we would fill it as expeditiously and efficiently as we can.

Mr. McLachlan: Not knowing the per-week cost of keeping a visiting judge here versus a local judge, can the Minister tell the Assembly that it costs more to bring someone in to fill the vacancy than it would to have a local judge handling the circuit courts?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: There are extra costs for travel and the per diem expenses of the visiting Deputy Judges. The Member ought to know that judges are not cheap. They appear to require other things aside from salary. It so happens that we can, without losing court time, fill the vacancies without spending extra money.

Mr. McLachlan: Does the Minister regard court time set four or five months from now to be a long period of waiting to establish trial dates?

He indicated earlier in *Hansard* that he would make comments on it during debate. I wonder if this is the time.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: The time was in general debate, which passed. I am utterly amazed that the Members of the Opposition did not want to talk about that. It is my position that the delay of four or five months is unacceptable and that we can do substantially better here. We are going to.

The delay in some southern centres is as long as two years. In many places, it is six or seven months. That fact is raised as an argument that our system here is pretty good, and we do not have to change it at all. That argument is garbage and is almost unworthy of repetition. For the small population here, we have a very large system in terms of the person-years and the expenses on a per capita basis. Our programs here are very rich. We can do substantially better, and we will.

It is especially important in the rural communities that cases not be adjourned from one circuit to the next, because the communities are very clearly saying that that is unacceptable to the appearance of justice in their communities. I think they are right. I am discussing that question with all segments of the judicial system and the court

system. In fact, I hope that an objective measure of my success as a Minister, perhaps as an administrator, is that those delays are substantially reduced a year from now.

³¹ Mr. McLachlan: What would the Minister see as a suitable time period for going to trial date when we get up to full staffing levels?

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: From the alleged offence date to the disposition in the territorial court, 90 days.

Mr. Phelps: Given all the partisan comments of the Minister, let us just go through a few things. We will be raising the courtworker issue again in what we consider the appropriate way. The Minister talks about consultation and having everybody on side and so on. All this talk is great stuff. The fact is that with the courtworkers, for example, he does not have the support of the CYI. He does not have the support of most of the Bands. A motion was quoted at the assembly. The Minister wanted to speak to the assembly, they did not want him to. Some of this talk, in the face of the facts becomes a little nauseous.

We are going to clear the item because it is a budget that he has not changed. If he wants to make statements about the great things that he is doing he can do it in ministerial statement and so on. Let us get back to the work of the House. Let us get back to the factual situation before us. Let us get back to policies in place instead of vague promises, and clear this budget.

Department of Justice in the amount of \$14,363,000 agreed to

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I wonder if I might give the House the courtesy of a couple of answers to questions that were previously asked. These were questions arising from the finance estimates that I agreed to get back to Members before we cleared them. In response to the question of the investment income asked by Mr. Lang, as he pointed out the 1984-85 forecast is approximately \$5.2 million and the 1985-86 estimate is a conservative estimate of \$3.25 million. There is a liberal estimate that could be as high as \$4 million. The most generous or new democratic estimate could be as high as \$5.5 million. We will not know until we get the actuals.

The second answer had to do with the Member for Faro. The question was about legal actions on outstanding accounts. There are 578 files in the operational account receivable subject to normal collection action. Subject to legal action, there are two. Accounts outstanding, for which a judgement has been received, are three. This gives us a total of 583. Property taxes, accounts receivable, subject to norman collection action, 1,184; subject to tax lien action through land titles pursuant to the Taxation and Assessment Act, 306; for a total of 1,490. In the past two years approximately 60 properties have been acquired for tax arrears.

Hon. Mr. Kimmerly: On the same general item, I promised information about the colour of the government cars. In the long run, it saves money as we do not paint the new cars the black and orange, or the orange portion in any event. It is \$428 per car and there are 23 cars involved.

Mr. Lang: So it is \$10,000 worth of paint.

Mr. Phelps: Just on a minor point of order, Mr. Chairman, if I may. I am just wondering whether, when responding to questions with answers consisting of a whole bunch of figures and so on, it would be possible to table the answers?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I have no problem doing that whatsoever. I will table them and make sure they are copied. I can do that in the case of court actions; the other investment income numbers there are not in that form.

Mr. Lang: Further to that, if you will recall, I asked about the breakdown of the capital budget. Could we have those perhaps delivered to our offices tomorrow, if the bird counts are available, so that at least we have an opportunity to go through them, if it is possible, or Tuesday morning?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I understand that Community Services, which is the largest chunk for that purpose, is ready. I do not know about the others. We can deliver what is ready.

Mr. Lang: That is my point. As soon as they are ready, if they can just photostat them and bring them to our offices. It would expedite things as opposed to waiting and then hearing figures and

then having to wait for the paper to read it and see what actually is in them.

Hon. Mr. Penikett: On that same point, just so that the acting Deputy Minister of Finance can hear perfectly clearly what it is we are asking for, we want the community breakdown of the spending in the Capital Mains and Capital Supps. That is the request.

Mr. McLachlan: May I ask the Government Leader, since some of us are going back to the communities over the weekend, when will they have it ready? Would that be ready tomorrow by four?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: We would normally only table items in the House when the House is sitting, but we are going to undertake—if the information is available—to get it to the offices of the Members opposite as soon as it is available. If it is available today, typed and in a form we can give it to you in, we will give it to you today.

On Department of Tourism

Chairman: A certificate has been filed for a witness, Mr. George Sinfield, to appear before this Committee. Are we agreed? Some Members: Agreed.

(Witness introduced)

Chairman: At this time, I would like to welcome the witness, Mr. Sinfield.

Hon. Mr. Porter: On the question of the colour of government cars and if the Opposition agrees, they can all be painted the colour of the Government Leader's tie and we will really notice them.

To get on with the debate for the Committee, a debate which hopefully will progress quite smoothly, I would like to present the estimates for the Department of Tourism.

Those estimates reflect three basic priorities of this government as well as the program of departmental objectives and the department as stated in the estimates: one, increased priority for the tourism industry as a primary source of economic activity and benefit to the territory; two, reliance on the cooperation with the industry in developing new and innovative initiatives as well as maintaining our efforts in existing markets and programs; three, achieving the greatest efficiencies and effectiveness possible in program administration for the benefits of increased planning and research and careful evaluation of alternative projects and development of new markets

33 We all recognize the importance of tourism. I am certain that all Members will be pleased to see the total expenditures for the department have increased by some \$960,000 over last year's estimates, and by approximately \$620,000 over last year's forecast of financial expenditures.

I would be lax if I did acknowledge that many of the initiatives, with respect to the resulting increase, were made by the former government.

The largest single increase in spending relates to Expo '86, which has risen to \$625,000 for the current year. This figure represents a full year of planning and operation of the Expo office leading to Expo '86 in Vancouver next May 2. The government is fully committed to the success of our participation in Expo '86. The Members will be pleased to know that the project is entirely on schedule and on budget. We have recently awarded production of Expo audio-visuals to a local company. We have also completed initial recruitment and screening of applicants for Expo pavillion staffing and have determined a short list of qualified personnel entirely from the Yukon and representing a broad base of communities, both Native and non-Native people, and having a good base of experience in the tourism industry.

We will shortly be announcing the awarding of entertainment and literature production contracts, both, in all likelihood, to Yukon firms. In addition, we have advanced recruitment of an assistant Expo coordinator to this fiscal year to work with local arts and entertainment groups in Expo-related promotions and to assist in pre-Expo marketing business development initiatives.

The administrative expenditures for the department have been decreased, our intention being to allocate the largest percentile spending possible directly towards program delivery. At the same time, we have re-established two administrative positions lost or

transferred elsewhere in the series of reorganizations which took place under the former government. These positions are currently under recruitment and will be filled as soon as possible to provide the necessary support for efficient and effective program delivery.

Heritage branch expenditures have been increased, principally in two areas. With a recoverable grant from National Museums of Canada we will be able to produce an operational handbook and to obtain additional reference technical materials which will be available and of assistance to all Yukon museums.

We have also initiated a new Curator Director Assistants Program in the form of matching grants to our two largest museums, Dawson and McBride. This is to assist them in their efforts to become increasingly professional and successful. Tourism development has been strengthened through permanent staffing of two positions previously occupied by casual employees funded from capital program funds. It should be noted that these two additions do not represent any net increase in government expenditure. The change has been made out of fairness to the employees concerned to provide a more realistic and more accurate picture of the expenditures to the Assembly and to provide some additional support and stability in the section which is so critical to long term planning and development of the industry.

In addition, necessary funds have been provided for the production and publication of the annual industry highlights report, and related research.

Tourism marketing, as in the past, continues to receive the bulk of departmental funding. We in this government are fully cognizant of the value and necessity of effective marketing, and we are appreciative of the cooperation received from industry, and particularly the Yukon Visitors Association in this area.

34 As we proceed through debate on the specific program details, you will see that the major increases in the area are increases in convention funding and administrative contributions to the Yukon Visitors Association.

We have also provided new funds to be used in specific market research and testing projects which will allow us to even better target our prospective visitors, reverse the pattern of rural spending declines and ensure that we are meeting visitor expectations in future years.

The efforts of the federal government and the national Task Force on Tourism data, in which we are participating in an increasingly competitive and sophisticated marketing environment, we must also keep pace if we are to enjoy continued industry growth and success.

Aside from the items noted above, we have very deliberately left the majority of programs largely unaffected. Many of the specific projects included under each program were, as the Members all know, either underway or committed at the time this government assumed office. To ensure stability and success for this year's activities, which will largely be reflected in next year's visitation figures, we have maintained the basic directions of cooperative planning, arrangements and program delivery with the local industry.

We will be continuing the cooperative process in the months and years ahead. To ensure the long term health and diversity of the industry with resultant, hopefully, positive economic benefits to all of the people in Yukon.

Those are the opening statements with respect to the Tourism department, and I welcome debate from Members opposite.

Mr. Lang: The budget looks pretty familiar, very familiar, so I do not have any questions as far as the financial side of the budget is concerned.

I have a question for the Minister. Is it his intention to follow the general policy that has been followed for probably the last eight years in the cooperative marketing program set up between the Yukon Visitors Association and the Government of the Yukon Territory, as far as giving general direction to government to see what areas they should be marketing in and various things of that nature? Is he going to continue that policy that has been followed for the past eight years?

Hon. Mr. Porter: The short answer to that is yes. I understand that this year, for one reason or another, we are a little bit slow in terms of the meetings that are taking place. Those meetings are

ongoing between industry and government with respect to a cooperative marketing venture.

Mr. Lang: Is it also the policy of the government to continue the relationship with Alaska in the Worlds of Alaska and Canada's Yukon to jointly market and use that vehicle as well?

Hon. Mr. Porter: Yes. Clearly, that initiative was a good one. We realized considerable benefit from our participation with the cooperative marketing efforts with the Alaskan government. It is costing us more. I believe that they requested somewhere in the neighbourhood of a 15 percent increase. We have been negotiating with Alaska and, in 1986-87, we may have to reflect an increase in the dollars expended. From my point of view, and I think from the Yukon industry's point of view, it is a program that is well worth the money invested. In all probability, we will continue to negotiate a fair arrangement between ourselves and our Alaskan neighbours. 35 Mr. Lang: I have another question for the Minister regarding wilderness travel. It was brought up a number of times at the open forum hosted by the federal government and the Government of Yukon. There was a survey done in the United States, which I think is probably a pretty sophisticated study, on what people want in the way of travel. It was in the newspaper the other day and I do not have a copy of it, but I believe it was in the local papers here as well. What kind of money are we going to be spending for marketing wilderness travel in the forthcoming year? Is it going to be taken from the amount of dollars originally set for the marketing strategy or is it going to be money over and above that?

Hon. Mr. Porter: I believe the Member is referring to a major initiative on the part of Tourism Canada in which they went to the United States and solicited direct interviews with something in the line of 9,000 people. I guess the results are in. I have not had an opportunity to review the results of that particular study. I guess there was a comment to the effect that moose and mounties are not the only things that United States visitors want to see when they come to Canada.

In terms of reacting specifically as to whether or not the theme of wilderness has been one that has been displaced with other themes, I really do not know if that is a clear indication of that study. I will wait to receive the study and review it.

This government's initiatives, and monies expended to realize those initiatives, will be moving toward developing, in one form or another, wilderness marketing in Tourism.

We will not be taking monies out of existing marketing dollars and reappropriating those monies to reflect the attitude towards wilderness development. In other words, we will not be decreasing the existing dollars we have for marketing. They will not be touched. It will be new money that we bring in to the government for any initiatives with respect to wilderness development. As the Member is aware, we have done some preliminary costing with respect to the supplementary capital and also, I believe, the capital may have some dollars allocated to that.

As to how much money we are going to spend in 1986-87 with respect to wilderness, that is not known yet and I would leave it up to the cooperative process and, as well, the government itself to make that decision when we get to that budget item.

Mr. Lang: As I have said, I am quite familiar with the budget and do not have any further questions.

On Administration

On General Administration

General Administration in the amount of \$237,000 agreed to On Heritage

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$95,000 agreed to On Museums

Museums in the amount of \$141,000 agreed to

On Historic Sites

Historic Sites in the amount of \$75,000 agreed to On Art Gallery

Art Gallery in the amount of \$49,000 agreed to Heritage in the amount of \$360,000 agreed to On Development

Development in the amount of \$204,000 agreed to On Marketing

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$782,000 agreed to On Information Services

Information Services in the amouunt of \$436,000 agreed to On Publicity

Publicity in the amount of \$456,000 agreed to

On Industry Liaison

Industry Liaison in the amount of \$82,000 agreed to Marketing in the amount of \$1,756,000 agreed to On Expo '86

Mr. McLachlan: Can the Minister advise us about where he intends to put the pavillion when we are finished with it?

Hon. Mr. Porter: That question has not been decided. I think that it is Capital where we bring forward \$100,000 with which to move the pavillion to wherever in the Yukon. What we are going to do is set up a committee in the government to advise the government as to what the best use is. There has already been some suggestions. Somebody talked about a grader station for it, others have talked about possible additions to museums. There have been suggestions already received by the government and the decision has not been made. The way in which we would make that decision is to invite further participation by the public, and the communities to write in and then a committee of the government would make recommendations to the Cabinet as to where the building should go.

On Development

Development in the amount of \$625,000 agreed to Expo '86 in the amount of \$625,000 agreed to

On Revenue and Recoveries

Revenue and Recoveries in the recovery of \$226,000 agreed to Department of Tourism in the amount of \$3,182,000 agreed to

Chairman: I would like to thank the witness for appearing before the committee. You may be excused.

37 On Department of Economic Development: Mines and Small Business

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I am going to be joined shortly on the floor by some officials of my department, so that as we get into the third, fourth and fifth day of this discussion I will be able to provide them with the detail we need.

The first thing I should say about this department is that it has suffered from almost constant reorganization since it was started. There are still a significant number of vacancies in the department, which explains the difference between the 1984-85 figures, in some cases, and the 1985-86 estimates, which reflect, for the most part, a full staff complement. Those positions are now being filled.

The acting Deputy Minister in the department and the officials of the Energy and Mines Branch particularly have been extremely busy the last few months with two projects, on which the House will hear reports later: the efforts to reopen the mine at Faro and the potential transfer of the Northern Canada Power Commission.

As well, we have a very important initiative for us, which is the opening of the one-stop business shop, which I understand will take place officially on the 18th of this month. There are some new positions approved there which will be going into that shop, which is in the downtown business district in Whitehorse.

The Economic Policy, Planning and Research end has been busy, as the Members opposite had experience with it on a number of ongoing projects. We have also. Since we talked about having an economic strategy in this House since 1979, we have done the work on that. That has been initiated with a decision by our Cabinet to establish a planning framework group, which is interdepartmental. It includes senior policy people from a number of departments with economic interests. That will be the overall group that supervises and coordinates the work actually be done by Economic Planning and Research, which will function as a secretary to it.

The reason for having an interdepartmental group is because not all the economic activities of the government are contained within this one department. It is absolutely necessary to achieve the cooperation and a good working relationship with the other economic ministries, to have a supervisory group which includes all these people.

As well, the Economic Council has been restructured and the

Economic Council will play a role as a group to receive and comment upon the economic strategies, as it is developed in various stages and various drafts.

38 As well, under the Economic Development Agreements, which have previously been referred to by all Members in this House, the one initiative that we have taken in that area since taking office is to respond to the concern expressed by the Chamber of Commerce of Whitehorse — at the first meeting I had with them — about inadequate consultative mechanisms and concern by the communities and Indian Bands about a lack of information and consultation about the EDA process. As a result of that, there has been one conference with the AYC and the CYI. Our officials will be doing some traveling and outreach in the outlying communities this fall to meet with groups and individuals to explain the programs here.

I am hoping that the department, now that the reorganization is complete and final, will be able to settle down to its work and get on with doing the important job that we want to see it doing of delivering programs and services to the small business community, developing the economic strategies that this territory needs and assuming an increasingly important role in both the energy and mineral policy field.

Mr. Chairman: Economic Development, page 68. Administration, any general discussion.

On Administration

Administration in the amount \$307,000 agreed to

On Energy and Mines

Administration

Administration in the amount of \$110,000 agreed to

On Energy Programs

Energy Programs in the amount of \$2,144,000 agreed to

On Policy, Planning Energy

Policy, Planning Energy in the amount of \$62,000 agreed to On Mines

Mines in the amount of \$172,000 agreed to

Energy and Mines in the total amount of \$2,488,000 agreed to

On Economic Policy Planning

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$138,000 agreed to

On Research

Research in the amount of \$54,000 agreed to

On Policy and Planning

Policy and Planning in the amount of \$101,000 agreed to

On Special Projects

Special Projects in the amount of \$68,000 agreed to

On Yukon Economic Council

Mr. McLachlan: What about the 900 percent increase in that line item. Is that due to a new council? Does that have any effect with that plan? Could the Minister explain?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: This was an amount budgetted by the previous government. Included in that amount were significant dollars for the contract research assistant, meetings, seminars, conferences, public meetings, travel and so forth for the council members in an amount of almost \$40,000. Professional fees for consultants to conduct studies, something in the neighbourhood of \$40,000 there, as well.

Because the new council has just been restructured, I do not know if this money will all be necessary. That was what was built into the budget.

Mr. McLachlan: What slot are you running all your particular expenses through to deal with all of the work that has gone in the Cyprus Anvil mine reopening? Is the particular relevant item under Administration and Energy, Mines? Is it grouped somewhere else? Will it come out, or be added on to any eventual cost tag?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: The most significant cost is personnel cost, and the two people in the Department who have been most involved in that have been Mr. Lindsay, whose salary and income is, as the Deputy Minister, built into the administration item. Mr. Robert Grant is the second busiest person on the subject.

Basically, the administration vote here covers the management group in the department, and that would include most of the senior people. Obviously, there have been a lot of staff time and work also involved in the other people of the Energy and Mines branch, which we just passed by.

Mr. McLachlan: Since they are travelling all over the country on a lot of trips, I presume that the travel budget is gone up because of this too?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: Not exactly. I am somewhat having trouble with the people in the department for having cut back travel considerably and on other things.

On Small Business

On Administration

Administration in the amount of \$61,000 agreed to

On Development

Development in the amount of \$341,000 agreed to

Small Business in the amount of \$402,000 agreed to

On Revenue and Recoveries

Revenue and Recoveries in the recovery of \$2,157,000 agreed to Department of Economic Development: Mines and Small Business in the amount of \$3;689,000 agreed to

On Loan Capital and Loan Amortization

Mr. McLachian: It seems to me that there is probably a very large and significant amount of this is the land loans, or loans on land development to Faro, which the government may or may not get back. How much of the \$3.9 million is related to Faro costs?

Hon. Mr. penikett: I have to get back on that specific question. The \$3.9 million is the forecast. We have had some very large numbers, particularly for loans to municipalities in the estimates. They are ranging from \$1 million up to as high as \$6.5 million in the 1982-83 estimates. Most of the money relates to funds made available to be loaned to municipalities. With the increased number of incorporated communities, from three to eight, we anticipate these funds being made available for third party loans when they are required. Last year we had loans basically for the Cities of Whitehorse and Dawson, and that was all last year.

40Mr. Lang: Is the point not that, because of the surplus dollars you have within the government, you are essentially taking the money out of working capital for the purposes of land development as opposed to going out and borrowing it on the open market?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: We do not have to borrow on the open market to develop land.

Loan Capital in the amount of \$3,900,000 agreed to Loan Amortization in the amount of \$1,839,000 agreed to On Schedule A

On Yukon Legislative Assembly

Yukon Legislative Assembly in the amount of \$1,750,000 agreed

On Executive Council Office

Executive Council Office in the amount of \$3,915,000 agreed to On Community and Transportation Services

Community and Transportation Services in the amount of \$40,699,000 agreed to

On Economic Development: Mines and Small Business Economic Development: Mines and Small Business in the amount of \$3,689,000 agreed to

On Education

Education in the amount of \$36,263,000 agreed to On Finance

Finance in the amount of \$2,902,000 agreed to On Government Services

Government Services in the amount of \$10,437,000 agreed to On Health and Human Resources

Health and Human Resources in the amount of \$35,013,000 agreed to

On Justice

Justice in the amount of \$14,363,000 agreed to

On Public Service Commission

Public Service Commission in the amount of \$2,484,000 agreed

On Renewable Resources

Renewable Resources in the amount of \$5,444,000 agreed to On Tourism

Tourism in the amount of \$3,182,000 agreed to

On Loan Capital

Loan Capital in the amount of \$3,900,000 agreed to

On Loan Amortization

Loan Amortization in the amount of \$1,839,000 agreed to Total O&M Appropriation amount of \$165,880,000 agreed to On Clause 2

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Clause 3 agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I move that Mr. Chairman report Bill No. 2, Second Appropriation Act, 1985-86, without amendment. Motion agreed to

Chairman: At this time, we will take a brief recess for 10 minutes.

Recess

Chairman: I will now call Committee to order.

41 Bill No. 40: Third Appropriation Act, 1985-86

On Clause 1

Mr. Lang: You will recall that earlier this afternoon we asked for a breakdown on the Capital sides of the budget, and the Government Leader indicated the Capital Supplementaries, and quite frankly that was not my intention; it was the Capital Mains themselves. I want to go on the record in that respect, as it is pretty well detailed here as to the amounts of monies are concerned.

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I appreciate that as there are 15,000 people going crazy trying to do it in the 15-minute coffee break, and it was not humanly possible.

On Executive Council Office

Mr. Lang: Perhaps we could expedite business here. As we get to the Minister's various responsibilites, they could outline what new initiative there were since the Capital Budget was passed in the fall of 1985-86. If there were any new policy ventures or anything of that nature then we could key into those areas as opposed to getting into questions and realizing that you already knew the answer. Is that satisfactory?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: In the case of this vote, we are talking about a one-dollar item. There really is not anything to announce here, and I do not know how long I could speak about the one dollar.

On Community and Transportation Services

Hon. Mr. McDonald: There are some items which I think are worth discussing here. They are not all initiatives that were taken by the previous government. There are a significant number of projects that are enhanced that were initiated by the previous government. There are funds here that the previous government will understand, as they are merely this year's update on old programs. I am sure that the more experienced Members of the House will be able to identify those with ease. Those would include, for example, the Engineering Services Agreement.

I think it is quite clear that the major initiative here is the Local Employment Opportunities Program. There are a number of items in each of the line items which I think are probably worth noting. I would be happy to explain those as we get to them.

With respect to the Local Employment Opportunities Program, it is our intention that this will assist local governments, Indian Bands, registered societies, recognized non-profit institutions to undertake projects that normally would not have been undertaken due to a lack of funding. The program will fund capital projects that are labour intensive, will improve the quality of life, will be a measurable asset to the community as a whole. The program will also stimulate the economy at the local level, as one of the concrete examples of the government's commitment to jobs for Yukon people.

Not only will the program create direct and spinoff employment, but it will hopefully improve the quality of life in Yukon communities. If we can be assured that the projects will be beneficial to communities, then some funding will be directed to the local organizations which are attuned to the needs of those communities. Projects which local organizations wish to carry out will meet real community needs. There will also be considerable spinoff benefits to the private sector. The private sector will benefit from the program emphasis on the purchase of local materials and supplies. It will also benefit from the additional consumer spending from the wages the programs provide.

We anticipate that this initiative will create at least 1,900 person-weeks of employment directly for Yukoners during the next six months and additional employment due to spinoff benefits. A direct job creation will have an immediate impact on all Yukon communities, particularly in rural communities where unemployment levels are intolerably high.

Applications will be reviewed by the government, by a selection committee comprised of representatives from various government departments, and will recommend those projects to the government's management board. Projects must be designed for completion prior to May 31st, 1986. Priority will be given to projects that do not exceed \$100,000 in total cost. The terms of reference respecting each approved application will be spelled out in each letter of agreement.

An example of one of these terms would be that the approved budgets can receive immediate start-up funding if required in order that the project can get underway as soon as possible. Additional funding will be available after an accounting of all or part of the start-up funding has been received and checked by the department. The department I am referring to is the Department of Community and Transportation Services.

Applicants for the program will be responsible for hiring their own employees and for carrying out all administrative functions connected with the project. We will ensure that each sponsoring organization receives the support they require to administer their project. Projects will be inspected on site as required. Applicants will be required to complete a brief questionnaire at the completion of the project. Information folders and application forms will be available shortly, after the program's budget receives the approval of this House.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that it is the government's, and my, desire to increase economic and social benefits to Yukoners and we believe that the Local Employment Opportunities Program will do just that. There are a number of concerns that the Member for Porter Creek East identified, which included that he felt it was necessary for the "old hands" or professional fund-getters not be the only people who have access to these funds, and that is of great concern to this government.

In the past, people in communities like Pelly Crossing, for example, have had difficulty getting access to funds because they simply were not informed in time or perhaps they did not have the expertise or knowledge of the workings of the government in order to make applications in a timely way. That is something we intend to rectify. We would hope that we could provide funding to projects in communities, to local governments, Indian Bands and societies, as I mentioned, which are not only labour-intensive and intensive in the use of local materials but where also there will be measurable benefits to all communities especially those who have a problem finding work for their constituents in the winter months.

44 Further to that, as I say, there are a number of major items which may be familiar to the Member for Porter Creek East and to other Members on the government side. There are a myriad of little items in each of the expenditures that are listed here in the capital budget.

Mr. Lang: I take it, after the Member read his speech, that when we go through the line item if there is anything outstanding he is going to raise it as opposed to us going through the exercise of having to ask him? I assume that is the procedure we are going to follow?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: Yes, of course, that was the expressed wish of the Member opposite and that is what I will do.

Mr. Lang: What can we say? Let us proceed.

On Facilities and Equipment

Hon. Mr. McDonald: There are a couple of things which are of importance here. The Blanchard River highway maintenance camp

is going to be absorbing just over \$500,000 of these funds. It will be the first stage in probably a two and a half million dollar project to construct a new highway maintenance camp on the Haines Road.

Mr. Lang: Has anybody thought of using the plans of, for example, the Klondike Highway camp, or something of that nature as opposed to trying to go ahead and spending \$200,000 on architects and the various other things that go into it. Is there any thought given to that as an option? I know that the facilities are required, but I am just wondering if we could not just transpose the plans and proceed.

Hon. Mr. McDonald: I am not sure how much are going to be going into architect's fees here, but I can tell you that that kind of planning has already been completed. It was on the shelf, essentially. We are using existing facilities at the Blanchard River site, facilities from the pipeline, I believe, and are hoping to keep the cost down as a result.

The reason we are moving, as the Member may know, is that the other camp on the road has been essentially condemned by the Workers' Compensation Board of BC.

45 Mr. Lang: I know, and I am the first one to say here that it is overdue. It is nice to see that we are proceeding. My only point is that you are planning on spending, I heard, \$2 million? I think that was the figure you just quoted, or as high as \$3 million. That is a lot of money, and if we are going into an existing facility and doing some renovations, surely the minister could get somebody, even independent, to go and have a look, or perhaps we could provide a very reasonable facility for \$750,00 as opposed to \$3 million? Three million dollars to house 20 or 25 men is a lot of money. I was just making the representation to the Member opposite that perhaps he had better have a look at exactly what is being asked for.

Hon. Mr. McDonald: The inference, I guess — I do not know whether it is the intention or not — is that I have not taken a close enough look at this particular project to determine whether or not the costs are realistic. Because similar projects, I understand, are a good deal higher than what is proposed here, the facilities we are moving into require, in fact, renovation. The only structure we are moving into for the Blanchard River camp is essentially a big barn of a place which we have to renovate to suit our purposes. That is all there is to this particular project.

Mr. Lang: I am not going to hold up the budget. The only point I am making is that maybe he could have a second look at how much money we are actually spending. I do not believe, when I take a look at the facilities up at the Fraser Camp or Klondike, that they came anywhere near \$3 million. They might have been in the million dollar mark. There may be an avenue to look at possibly redirecting dollars someplace else and still providing a good facility for our workforce. That is all I am saying. I am not trying to make any inferences to the Member opposite, and if he wishes to ignore me, that is fine.

Hon. Mr. McDonald: I will allow the Member to have the last word as I am sure that is what he wants out of this debate. I will endeavour to pull out the file. I will look at it again. I am not ignoring what the Member says. That was a concern of mine as well, that the costs seemed to be very high. If the Member wishes, I will review it again. I have no problem doing that. I am a really nice guy.

Mr. Lang: I will have the last word, thank you very much. Facilities and Equipment in the amount of \$1,440,000 agreed to On Community Roads and Streets

Community Roads and Streets in the amount of \$119,000 agreed to

On Railway Bridge - Carcross

46 Hon. Mr. McDonald: These funds were expended, approximately during the election, to resurface the railway bridge at Carcross. The bills came in, and we are paying them now.

Railway Bridge - Carcross in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to On Recreation

Recreation in the amount of \$653,000 agreed to

On Public Health and Safety

Public Health and Safety in the amount \$832,000 agreed to On Land Development/Public Land Acquisition

Land Development/Public Land Acquisition in the amount of

\$660,000 agreed to

On Highway Construction

Highway Construction in the amount of \$492,000 agreed to On Housing Construction and Renovation

Hon. Mr. McDonald: The Member for Tatchun will be interested to know, and perhaps the Member for Faro, that this includes funding for a staff housing unit at Pelly Crossing.

Mr. Lang: The staff housing is going to cost \$200,000?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: No. It will cost, we expect, \$100,000. There will be energy upgrading and interior repair of a general sort for housing units around the territory as well.

Housing Construction and Renovation in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to

On Engineering Services Agreement

Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$7,600,000

On Local Employment Opportunities Program

Local Employment Opportunities Program in the amount of \$2,000,000 agreed to

On Economic Development Agreement

Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$1.00 agreed

On Northern Oil and Gas Action Program

Northern Oil adn Gas Action Program in the amount of \$1.00 agreed to

Community and Transportation Services in the amount of \$14,016,000 agreed to

On Capital Recoveries

Capital Recoveries in the recovery of \$8,094,000 agreed to

On Department of Economic Development: Mines and Small **Business**

On Economic Development Agreement

Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$1,125,000

On Northern Oil and Gas Action Program

Northern Oil and Gas Action Program reduction in the amount of \$277,000 agreed to

On Opportunity Identification

Opportunity Identification in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to Department of Economic Development: Mines and Small Business in the amount of \$948,000 agreed to

On Capital Recoveries

Capital Recoveries in the amount of \$600,000 agreed to

On Department of Education

On Miscellaneous School Equipment

Miscellaneous School Equipment in the amount of \$371,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Elementary School Renovations

Whitehorse Elementary School Renovations in the amount of \$254,000 agreed to

On Jack Hulland School Renovations

Jack Hulland School Renovations in the amount of \$105,000 agreed to

On Christ the King Highschool Expansion

Christ the King Highschool Expansion in the amount of \$61,000

47 On Yukon College Renovations

Yukon College Renovations in the amount of \$128,000 agreed to On Whitehorse School Facilities Study

Mrs. Firth: Is that the Energy Efficiency Study?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: No, these are the funds that are required to do an analysis of existing school facilities in Whitehorse and develop a needs projection for the next ten years or so. This will help us to determine priority capital developments during that period, and will help us determine, for example, if Grey Mountain School should be a permanent facility. It will help us determine our needs in the City of Whitehorse, the needs that we will be requiring.

The Department has been faced with difficult projections in terms of what they expect for given schools. There is over-crowding in Whitehorse Elementary and some in Takhini. Around the periphery of the City of Whitehorse, there are developments which are going ahead which will put demands on the City of Whitehorse and we would like to prepare our position with respect to new construction in advance. That is the reason for this particular funding.

Mr. Lang: All that work is being done internally, and now we are going outside the department. Exactly who is doing this study and who is going to give us all these answers that we cannot get from the existing competent administrators?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: Private enterprise will be doing this study. We are going to contract this out to private enterprise to a starving researcher who knows a lot about this sort of work. There are actually firms in the country that do this kind of projection for a living. I am not sure if there are any existing in the Yukon. We will endeavour to contract locally if possible, but we look forward to a

very sophisticated analysis of student enrolment projections. Whitehorse School Facilities Study in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to

On Watson Lake High Heating System Review

Watson Lake High Heating System Review in the amount of \$6,000 agreed to

On Grey Mountain Primary Activity Room

Grey Mountain Primary Activity Room, a reduction in the amount of \$225,000 agreed to

On G.A. Jeckell Industrial Arts Facility

G.A. Jeckell Industrial Arts Facility in the amount of \$31,000 agreed to

On G.A. Jeckell Gym

G.A. Jeckell Gym in the amount of \$87,000 agreed to On Carcross School Upgrading

Carcross School Upgrading in the amount of \$2,000 agreed to On Robert Service School - Renovationspgrading

Robert Service School - Renovationspgrading in the amount of \$131,000 agreed to

48 On Watson Lake High School Upgrading

Watson Lake High School Upgrading in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to

On Elsa School Activity Room

Elsa School Activity Room in the amount of \$274,000 agreed to On St. Elias Residence - Equipment

St. Elias Residence - Equipment in the amount of \$20,000 agreed

On Ross River Industrial Arts Facility

Ross River Industrial Arts Facility in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to

On F.H. Collins Retrofit/Renovations

F.H. Collins Retrofit/Renovations in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On F.H. Collins Fire Alarm Upgrading

F.H. Collins Fire Alarm Upgrading in the amount of \$4,000 agreed to

On Installation of Computer Labs

Installation of Computer Labs in the amount of \$45,000 agreed to On French Language Centre Media Resources

French Language Centre Media Resources in the amount of \$15,000 agreed to

On French First Language Facilities

French First Language Facilities in the amount of \$172,000 agreed to

On Carcross Library Development

Carcross Library Development in the amount of \$45,000 agreed

On Library Development

Library Development in the amount of \$17,000 agreed to On Storage Equipment Facilities

Storage Equipment Facilities in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to On Reference Room

Reference Room in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to On Display Preparation and Maintenance

Display Preparation and Maintenance in the amount of \$25,000

agreed to

On Conservation Laboratory Equipment

Conservation Laboratory Equipment in the amount of \$15,000 agreed to

On Photographic Darkroom

Photographic Darkroom in the amount of \$17,000 agreed to On Library Archives Facility Planning

Library Archives Facility Planning in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to

On Northern Oil and Gas Action Program

Northern Oil and Gas Action Program in the amount of \$1.00 agreed to

Mr. McLachlan: It does not appear on the caps, what did the Faro school upgrading come in at? It is not on because I realize we are not doing it. It is not on next year, either, which is not a good sign. What did it come in at?

Hon. Mr. McDonald: I will endeavour to get that information if the Member is patient enough to wait. We can discuss it in the capital mains. If the Member will look closely, he will notice that there is a line item which does not show funding. I thought it would be irresponsible to ask the House for the funding to repair the school when we have no solid projections that there will be any children in the school in the next year.

As I have indicated to the Member many times before, we are aware of the problems associated with the Faro school. We have every intention of rectifying those problems before students are introduced to that school. We will do what we can to ensure that the school is a safe facility hopefully when there will be students next year.

Department of Education in the amount of \$3,250,000 agreed to On Capital Recoveries

Capital Recoveries in the recovery of \$172,000 agreed to

On Department of Government Services

Chairman: Any general discussion?

On Miscellaneous and Minor Projects

Miscellaneous and Minor Projects in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Computer Equipment and Systems Development

Computer Equipment and Systems Development in the amount of \$657,000 agreed to

On Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and Equipment in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to On Major Maintenance Public Buildings

Major Maintenance Public Buildings in the amount of \$515,000 agreed to

On Pre-Engineering Studies

Pre-Engineering Studies in the amount of \$151,000 agreed to On Asbestos Removal and Re-Insulation

Asbestos Removal and Re-Insulation in the amount of \$51,000 agreed to

40 On Internal Retrofit Program

Internal Retrofit Program in the amount of \$273,000 agreed to On Takhini Steam Plant

Takhini Steam Plant in the amount of \$224,000 agreed to On Whitehorse Grader Station

Whitehorse Grader Station in the amount of \$88,000 agreed to On Workshops and Equipment

Workshops and Equipment in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to On Supply Services Equipment

Supply Services Equipment in the amount of \$109,000 agreed to Government Services in the total amount of \$2,468,000 agreed to

On Department of Health and Human Resources

On Northern Health Services - Equipment and Construction Northern Health Services - Equipment and Construction in the amount of \$1,183,000 agreed to

On New Facility - Alcohol/Drug

New Facility - Alcohol/Drug in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to On Young Offenders Secure Facility Construction

Young Offenders Secure Facility Construction, reduction in the amount of \$2,250,000 agreed to

On Construction/Renovations - Child Welfare

Construction/Renovations - Child Welfare in the amount of

\$144,000 agreed to

On Dawson Senior Citizen Facilities Upgrade

Dawson Senior Citizen Facilities Upgrade in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Extended Care Facility Construction

Extended Care Facility Construction in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Macaulay Lodge Renovations - Phase III

Macaulay Lodge Renovations - Phase III in the amount of \$305,000 agreed to

Health and Human Resources reduction in the amount of \$368,000 agreed to

On Department of Justice

On Yukon Justice Centre

Yukon Justice Centre in the amount of \$2,571,000 agreed to On Deputy Minister/Solicitor Library

Deputy Minister/Solicitor Library in the amount of \$2,000 agreed to

On Correctional Centre - Perimeter Lighting

Correctional Centre - Perimeter Lighting in the amount of \$23,000 agreed to

On Community Release Centre

Community Release Centre in the amount of \$156,000 agreed to On Regional Facility Planning

Regional Facility Planning in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to On Liquor Corporation - Warehouse/Compound

Liquor Corporation - Warehouse/Compound in the amount of \$35,000 agreed to

Department of Justice in the total amount of \$2,887,000 agreed to

On Department of Renewable Resources

Hon. Mr. Penikett: Perhaps I could assist if you get desperate while one of my colleagues fetches the Minister.

On Tatchun/Frenchman Parkway

Tatchun/Frenchman Parkway reduction in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to

On Coal River Springs Planning Construction

Coal River Springs Planning Construction in the amount of \$190,000 agreed to

On Kusawa Lake Planning

Kusawa Lake Planning reduction in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to

On Fort Selkirk Planning

Fort Selkirk Planning in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to On Dempster Planning/Construction

Dempster Planning/Construction in the amount of \$60,000 agreed to

On Nahanni Planning/Construction

Nahanni Planning/Construction in the amount of \$45,000 agreed

50 On Watson Lake Campground Addition

Watson Lake Campground Addition in the amount of \$35,000 agreed to

On Campground Rehabilitation

Campground Rehabilitaion in the amount of \$82,000 agreed to On Recreation Access, Trailscenic Viewpoints

Recreation Access, Trailscenic Viewpoints in the amount of \$196,000 agreed to

On Interpretive Centre - Dempster

Interpretive Centre - Dempster in the amount of \$6,000 agreed to On Conservation Officer Facilities

Conservation Officer Facilities in the amount of \$12,000 agreed to

On Lab and Workshop Upgrade

Lab and Workshop Upgrade in the amount of \$6,000 agreed to On Northern Oil and Gas Action Program

Northern Oil and Gas Action Program in the amount of \$1.00 agreed to

On Economic Development Agreement

Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$1.00 agreed

Renewable Resources in the \$542,000 agreed to

On Department of Tourism

On Old Territorial Administration Building

Old Territorial Administration Building in the amount of \$595,000 agreed to

On S.S. Tutshi

S.S. Tutshi in the amount of \$67,000 agreed to

On Fort Selkirk

Fort Selkirk in the amount of \$33,000 agreed to

On Herschel Island

Herschel Island in the amount of \$15,000 agreed to

On Robinson Roadhouse

Robinson Roadhouse in the amount of \$8,000 agreed to

On Historic Sites Inventory

Historic Sites Inventory in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Museum Grants

Museum Grants in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to

On Yukon Museums - Development Plan

Yukon Museums - Development Plan in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to

On Conservation Projects - Museums

Conservation Projects - Museums in the amount of \$13,000 agreed to

On Point of Interest Signs

Point of Interest Signs in the amount of \$25,000 agreed to

On Tourism Incentives Program

Tourism Incentives Program in the amount of \$254,000 agreed to On Tourism Small Business Incentives

Tourism Small Business Incentives recovery in the amount of \$300,000 agreed to

On Tourism Facilities Program

Tourism Facilities Program in the amount of \$5,000 agreed to On Furnishings - Visitor Reception Centres

Furnishings - Visitor Reception Centres in the amount of \$39,000 agreed to

On Grounds - Visitor Reception Centres

Grounds - Visitor Reception Centres in the amount of \$32,000 agreed to

On Wilderness Development

Wilderness Development in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to On Travel Film Prints

Travel Film Prints in the amount of \$32,000 agreed to On Streetscape Development

Streetscape Development in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to On Art Gallery Upgrading

Art Gallery Upgrading in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to On Visual Arts Acquisition

Visual Arts Acquisition in the amount of \$135,000 agreed to On Economic Development Agreement

Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$1.00 agreed

On Northern Oil and Gas Action Program

Northern Oil and Gas Action Program in the amount of \$1.00 agreed to

Tourism in the amount of \$1,313,000 agreed to

51. On Schedule A

On Executive Council Office

Executive Council Office in the amount of \$1 agreed to On Community and Transportation Services

Community and Transportation Services in the amount of \$14,016,000 agreed to

On Economic Development: Mines and Small Business Economic Development: Mines and Small Business in the amount of \$948,000 agreed to

On Education

Education in the amount of \$3,250,000 agreed to

On Government Services

Government Services in the amount of \$2,468,000 agreed to On Health and Human Resources

Health and Human Resources reduction in the amount of \$368,000 agreed to

On Justice

Justice in the amount of \$2,887,000 agreed to

On Renewable Resources

Renewable Resources in the amount of \$542,000 agreed to

On Tourism

Tourism in the amount of \$1,313,000 agreed to

Capital in the total amount of \$25,056,000 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

Clause 1 agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Hon. Mr. Penikett: I move that you report passage of Bill No. 40, Third Appropriation Act, 1985-86, without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Porter: I move that you do now report Bill No. 2 and Bill No. 40 to the House without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Porter: I move that the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mrs. Firth: In light of the time, why are we reporting progress and not proceeding with the next bill, which is the Capital Estimates?

Hon. Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, with only three Members in the Opposition and having just voted a million dollars a minute for the last half-an-hour, I think it would be positively obscene to start with the capital budget now.

Hon. Mr. Porter: This has been discussed by the House Leaders and we have agreed to proceed with the Capital Supplementaries today and that we pick up the Capital Mains themselves at the next sitting of the Committee of the Whole.

Mrs. Firth: On a point of order, I appreciate the House Leader's comments. I do not appreciate the Government Leader's comments, however. He was very specific in his Throne Speech and in his capital estimate speeches and budget addresses. I think the government, after having been there only a few months ago and following his general direction, did a responsible job in approving the estimates. If he would like to ask me questions to ensure that I understood on behalf of my constituents and taxpayers, he can feel free to do so, but I do not like the allegation being made that we did something irresponsibly when we did it responsibly.

Chairman: Could I please hear the motion again?

52 Hon. Mr. Porter: I move that the Speaker do now resume the

Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Porter that the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Motion agreed to

Speaker resumes the Chair

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

May the House have a report from the Chairman of Committee? Mr. Webster: The Committee of the Whole has considered Bill No. 2, Second Appropriation Act, 1985-86 and Bill No. 40, Third Appropriation Act, 1985-86, and directed me to report the same without amendment.

Speaker: You have heard the report from the Chairman of Committee of the Whole. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: I declare the report carried.

May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Porter: I move that the House do now adjourn. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Government House

Leader that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to

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

The House adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

The following Sessional Papers were tabled October 10, 1985

85-2-7

Yukon Liquor Corporation, Auditor General of Canada report for the year ended March 31, 1985 (Kimmerly)

85-2-8

Yukon Workers' Compensation Fund, Auditor General of Canada report for year ended December 31, 1984 (Kimmerly)

85-2-9

Report on Regulations for period June 17, 1985 - September 26, 1985 (Penikett)

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