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1. Motion #97 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader
Debated February 24, 1998
Carried February 24, 1998

THAT this House accepts the recommendations of the Yukon Commission on Unity;

THAT this House supports the Principles for National Unity in the Calgary Declaration as follows:

- 1) All Canadians are equal and have rights protected by law.
- 2) All provinces, while diverse in their characteristics, have equality of status.
- 3) Canada is graced by a diversity, tolerance, compassion and an equality of opportunity that is without rival in the world.
- 4) Canada's rich diversity includes Aboriginal peoples and cultures, the vitality of the English and French languages and cultures and a multicultural citizenry drawn from all parts of the world.
- 5) In Canada's federal system, where respect for diversity and equality underlies unity, the unique character of Quebec society, including its French-speaking majority, its culture and its tradition of civil law, is fundamental to the well-being of Canada. Consequently, the legislature and Government of Quebec have a role to protect and develop the unique character of Quebec society within Canada.
- 6) If any future constitutional amendment confers powers on one province, these powers must be available to all provinces.
- 7) Canada is a federal system where federal, provincial and territorial governments work in partnership while respecting each other's jurisdictions. Canadians want their governments to work cooperatively and with flexibility to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the federation. Canadians want their governments to work together particularly in the delivery of their social programs. Provinces and territories renew their commitment to work in partnership with the Government of Canada to best serve the needs of Canadians.

and supports continued efforts by Canadians and their elected leaders to seek a resolution to this issue;

THAT this House endorses the Framework for Discussion on Relationships presented to the premiers and territorial leaders by the leaders of the five national Aboriginal organizations in Winnipeg on November 18, 1997;

THAT this House's support for the Calgary declaration does not compromise the future constitutional development of the Yukon;

THAT this House supports minority rights of French communities outside Quebec and English communities inside Quebec; and

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to involve Yukon people in the unity processes, and to continue to fully contribute towards the renewal of a healthy and vibrant Canada.

2. Motion #96 - Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre
Debated February 25, 1998
Carried February 25, 1998

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) Yukon people and businesses require a range of financial services to adequately meet their individual and commercial needs;
- (2) it grows increasingly difficult for small businesses to secure capital loans; and
- (3) the Access to Capital Forum, held in Whitehorse the fall of 1997, underlined the growing need and desire for greater access to capital options; and

THAT this House supports the efforts of the Yukon Government to explore and encourage alternative banking activities such as (1) establishing credit unions and co-operatives, (2) providing for micro and small business loans, (3) creating services and assistance for small business start-ups and on-going capital needs, and similar efforts aimed at empowering individuals, small businesses, and communities to diversify the economy and create new employment opportunities.

3. Motion #106 - Hon. Mr. Keenan, Acting Minister of Justice
Debated March 26, 1998
Carried March 26, 1998

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 16 of the *Human Rights Act*, appoint Geraldine Hutchings to be a member of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

4. Motion #103 - Mr. Fentie, Member for Watson Lake
Debated April 1, 1998
Carried April 1, 1998

THAT this House recognizes that:

- (a) fire safety around Yukon communities is a significant concern; and
- (b) there are opportunities to lessen the fire risk around communities while creating jobs and accessing fiber for Yukon's forest industry;

THAT it is the opinion of this House that a community fire-safety program could reduce the fire risk around our communities and create jobs by helping to address the allocation needs of the forest industry; and

THAT the Federal, Yukon, First Nation and Municipal governments should work together to achieve these goals.

5. Motion #120 - Hon. Ms. Moorcroft, Minister of Justice
Debated April 16, 1998
Carried April 16, 1998

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to subsection 16(1) of the *Human Rights Act*, appoint Lillian Nakamura McGuire and Robert Oliphant to be members of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

6. Motion #121 - Hon. Ms. Moorcroft, Minister of Justice
Debated April 16, 1998
Carried April 16, 1998

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 21 of the *Human Rights Act*, appoint Michael Dougherty and Brenda Jackson and reappoint Jan Kulicki to the Yukon Human Rights Board of Adjudication.

7. Motion #123 - Hon. Ms. Moorcroft, Minister of Justice
Debated April 20, 1998
Carried April 20, 1998

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 21 of the *Human Rights Act*: (1) appoint Lee Francoeur as Chief Adjudicator.

8. Motion #105 - Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre
Debated April 29, 1998
Carried April 29, 1998

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) people in the Yukon may be subject to discrimination based on source of income when seeking accommodation, applying for work, using a public facility or receiving or requesting a public service; and
- (2) denial of equal treatment based on source of income should be considered a violation of basic human rights;

THAT this House recognizes that, at present, source of income is not included as a prohibited ground of discrimination within the Yukon *Human Rights Act*, and

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to introduce legislation which would amend the Yukon *Human Rights Act* to provide protection from discrimination based on source of income.