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Substantive Motions

1. Motion #102 - Mr. Fentie, Member for Watson Lake
Carried February 24, 1999

THAT this House recognizes that:

- (1) the federal government provides economic assistance programs in other Canadian regions such as Western Diversification Canada and Atlantic Opportunities Canada;
- (2) the Yukon has not received direct help from the federal government in this area since the termination of the Economic Development Assistance (EDA) programs; and
- (3) the 1998-99 federal budget has committed to work with northern governments on economic development and diversification;

THAT it is the opinion of this House that an economic assistance initiative could play a helpful role in diversifying the Yukon economy, creating jobs and developing new economic opportunities; and

THAT this House urges the federal government to cooperate with the Yukon Government to enter immediately into negotiations to create new economic development and diversification initiatives for the Yukon.

2. Motion #157 - Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre
Carried March 10, 1999

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) the Federal Government's intention to take control of the \$30 billion surplus in the Public Service Superannuation Plan abuses the rights of public service employees;
- (2) the Federal Government's intention to require employers such as the Territorial Government to assume a much greater percentage of pension costs (while also increasing the employees' contribution) could cost Yukon taxpayers more than \$11 million per year and result in service reductions and staff lay-offs;
- (3) the Federal Government's decision not to institute a Joint Management Board to oversee the pension fund and its surplus, but to institute an Investment Board without labour representation, is a gross breach of trust and a serious attack on the rights and well-being of public servants; and

THAT this House calls for the Federal Government to return to negotiations with unions and pensioners to resolve outstanding issues and in the interim cease all plans to implement its proposed changes to the Public Service Superannuation Plan.

Amended

3. Motion #162 - Mr. Fentie, Member for Watson Lake
Carried March 31, 1999

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) Yukon people want and deserve a justice system that is accountable to them and reflects their values as a society; and
 - (2) Yukon's justice system can become more open and accountable by community participation in crime prevention, meeting victim's needs and offender rehabilitation and correctional reform;
- and

THAT this House supports:

- (1) the pursuit of innovative approaches to crime prevention and criminal justice based on the principles of restorative justice and community decision-making; and
- (2) the government's restorative justice consultations which will provide the Yukon public with an opportunity to shape positive changes to the Yukon justice system including an evaluation of the use of circle sentencing for violent and non-violent crimes.

Amended

4. Motion #165 - Mr. Ostashek, Leader of the Official Opposition
Carried April 7, 1999

THAT this House recognizes and respects the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement which give the Inuvialuit economic opportunities on a preferred basis in Ivvavik and Qikiqtaruk Parks, and provide the Inuvialuit Development Corporation a 'reasonable share' of Government of Canada contracts for goods and services in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region;

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the proposal to sole source an eleven million dollar contract for environmental clean-up work at Komakuk Beach in northern Yukon to a Northwest Territories company is unfair to Yukon contractors who are fully capable of undertaking this work, given the opportunity to bid on the project; and

THAT this House urges the Department of National Defense to publicly tender the Distant Early Warning Line Clean-Up Project in northern Yukon allowing Yukon contractors to submit bids on the project.

Amended

5. Motion #166 - Mr. Jenkins, Member for Klondike
Carried April 7, 1999

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the federal Liberal Government is failing to meet its special fiduciary responsibility to Yukon First Nations by off-loading health and social costs for Yukon First Nation citizens onto the Yukon Government;

THAT this House recognizes that:

- (1) the federal Liberal Government currently owes the Government of Yukon approximately \$40 million in unpaid bills for providing health care and social services to Yukon First Nation citizens in Yukon Government facilities; and

- (2) this bill for these services has been left outstanding for many years and is continuing to increase annually; and

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to advise Yukon First Nations, the Council of Yukon First Nations and the Assembly of First Nations of this serious breach by the federal Liberal Government of its fiduciary responsibility to First Nations and to encourage them, as well as the Government of Yukon itself, to protest this breach in the strongest possible terms to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

6. Motion #171 - Hon. Mr. McDonald, Government Leader

Carried April 27, 1999

THAT, pursuant to section 18 of the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the Legislative Assembly reappoint Ted Hughes as a Member of the Conflict of Interest Commission for a three-year period effective May 2, 1999.