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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

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Wednesday, February 14, 1973
3:30 p.m.

The First Session of the Council for the year 1973, being the Seventh Session of the Twenty-Second Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory, was convened in the Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 1973.

The Members present were:

Mr. Norman S. Chamberlist, Whitehorse East
Mr. Michael G. Stutter, Dawson
Mr. Donald E. Taylor, Watson Lake
Mrs. Hilda P. Watson, Carmacks-Kluane Lake
Mr. J. Kenneth McKinnon, Whitehorse West

The Clerk reads the Proclamation.

Mr. Speaker enters the Council Chambers, announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker: Please be seated. Mr. Clerk is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Seventh Session of the Twenty-Second Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory will now come to order. Mr. Clerk, will you please ascertain when the Commissioner might be available to give his Opening Address to Council?

Mr. Clerk leaves the Chambers to confer with the Commissioner, and returns.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner will give his Opening Address in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker: The Council now stands adjourned to hear the Commissioner's Opening Address in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker and the Members of Council are escorted to the Supreme Court by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Mr. James Smith, is ushered into the Supreme Court by his Aide-de-Camp.

Mr. Commissioner gives his Opening Address (set out in Sessional Paper No. 9).

Mr. Speaker and the Members of Council return to the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: I now call Council back to order, and wish to advise you that I have a copy of the Commissioner's Opening Address. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would move that the

Commissioner's Opening Address be given consideration on a day following.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mrs. Watson: I second that motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane that the opening Address of the Commissioner be given consideration on a day following. Are you prepared for the question? Agreed? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #1
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 1, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #2
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 2, an Ordinance intituled Public Inquiries Ordinance be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #3
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 3, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance To Amend The Pounds Ordinance be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #4
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 4, an Ordinance intituled Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time on a matter of personal privilege. Due to some urgent family matters, I will have to ask Council's permission to be absent from Chambers either tomorrow or Friday, and on some consecutive weekends on Fridays.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps Council would indicate their approval or otherwise. The Honourable Member has received permission. If there is nothing further I believe at this time we will now adjourn Council until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

ADJOURNED

ADJOURNED

Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett is absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. Under Orders for the Day we have for tabling Correspondence and Documents. Are there any Documents to be tabled.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling this afternoon Sessional Papers No. 1 to 7 inclusive and No. 9, Legislative Returns No. 1 to 5 inclusive, all regulations made since last Session of Council pursuant to section 37 of the Interpretations Ordinance, the Commissioner's Annual Report, the Annual Report of the Yukon Public Service Staff Relations Board pursuant to section 102 of the Yukon Public Service Staff Relations Ordinance, Annual Report of Transport Public Utilities Board pursuant to section 19 of the Transport Public Utilities Board Ordinance, and the Territorial Accounts pursuant to section 26 of the Yukon Act.

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Mr. Speaker: Are there any further tabling of Correspondence or Documents? We will then proceed to Reports of Committees. Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills.

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 5, an Ordinance intituled Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be introduced.

BILL #5
INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 6, an Ordinance intituled First Appropriation Ordinance 1973-74, be introduced.

BILL # 6
INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 97, intituled Financial Agreement Ordinance 1973...

BILL #7
INTRODUCED

Mr. Speaker: Bill No. 7 that should be.

Mr. Chamberlist: Bill No. 7, I beg your pardon.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East and seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that leave be granted to introduce Bill No. 7, namely a Financial Agreement Ordinance 1973. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 8, intituled Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, be introduced.

BILL #8
INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 9, intituled Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be introduced.

BILL #9
INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 10, intituled City of Dawson General Purposes Loan, be introduced.

BILL #10
INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

BILL #11
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 11, intituled Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #12
INTRODUCED

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce Bill No. 25, beg your pardon, Bill No. 12, an Ordinance intituled Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that leave be granted to introduce Bill No. 12, namely Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance. Are you prepared for the question?

Mr. McKinnon: Before the question is called, Mr. Speaker, Bill No. 12 is to introduce the tax on fuel oil use for heating purposes. I would like to state at this time, Mr. Speaker, that I will be opposing the Introduction, the First Reading, Second Reading and passage of this Bill in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

Mr. McKinnon: Division.

Mr. Chamberlist: For Introduction?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, would you poll the house.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Carmacks-Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Agreed.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Whitehorse West?

Mr. McKinnon: Disagreed.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Dawson City?

Mr. Stutter: Agreed.

Mr. Clerk: I beg your pardon?

Mr. Stutter: Agreed.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Whitehorse East?

Mr. Chamberlist: Agreed.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Whitehorse North?

Mr. Tanner: Agreed.

Mr. Clerk: The division, Mr. Speaker is four yea and one nay.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #13
INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 13, intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I have three Notices of Motion. The first Notice of Motion reads, subject to...moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Watson...subject to section 15(2) of the

Mr. Chamberlist continues:

Taxation Ordinance, it is hereby moved that the general purpose mill rate will be increased by two mills over the rate in effect for the 1972 taxation year to 12 mills for the 1973 taxation year. The second Notice of Motion reads: Yukon Indian Land Claims Submission, moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Watson, that the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, be requested to provide all Territorial Councillors with copies of the Yukon Indian Land Claims presented to the Prime Minister of Canada by the Yukon Native Brotherhood. Notice of Motion of the third motion, which is an associated motion, moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Watson; that the people of the Yukon, through the Yukon Territorial Council, seek means of becoming involved in any negotiations which may be conducted by the Government of Canada or any group sponsored by the Government of Canada so that all Yukoners have input into the future disposal or transfer of benefits of Yukon lands or Yukon mineral and natural resources and that funds be made available in a similar manner to which funds were made available to other organizations for the search, preparation and submission of a report for the Government.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motions? At this time, Mr. Clerk, would you determine when the Commissioner would be available for the Question Period?

RECESS

RECESS

Mr. Speaker: I will call Committee back to order. We will proceed with the question period. Are there any questions?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner which requires a written answer. It is a three part question:

QUESTION #1 -

- (a) Can the Commissioner advise Council of the status of the negotiations being carried on between the Yukon Public Service Alliance and the Government?
- (b) If negotiations have broken down, in what area or areas has this happened?
- (c) What would be the gross cost to the Government if the Yukon Public Service Alliance demands are met as originally presented?

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have a further question for the Minister of Health. What consideration is being given to the resolution carried in this Council at the last Session on medical evacuation? Is any consideration being given to increasing the benefits under the Medicare Plan?

QUESTION RE
MEDICAL
EVACUATION
& MEDICARE
PLAN

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I must take them as two questions because they deal with two separate factors. With reference to the resolution -- the motion -- that was passed by majority of this Council vis-a-vis medical evacuation, I believe that it was on the twelfth or thirteenth of this month, a new Commissioner's Order was signed waiving the previous one hundred dollars that had to be paid on medical evacuation. So, in this regard we have acceded to the request of Territorial Council. In relation to the second part of the question, the Government has always taken the attitude that it is required that we have a full year of operation of the Medicare Plan to see exactly what are the costs involved in the carrying out of the Plan and to deal in that particular manner before making any decision as to any additional benefits. I am sure all Members would appreciate, Mr. Speaker, that in a fiscal year, the first fiscal year, that is from April the first to March the thirty-first of this year, although twelve months is in it, there are only ten months of records that will show the result of the two months' lag behind in meeting commitments and receiving billing. And so, it will take anywhere from fourteen months to sixteen months before we have actually been in a full year of operation. Once that is done, consideration to any additional benefits or any additional arrangements can be made. I can say that the government is seriously considering whether it would be convenient at that time after a year's operation to at least alleviating for the benefit of old age pensioners the premiums to be paid. This is under very close consideration. I trust that this is the answer that the Honourable Member is seeking.

Mr. Stutter: Supplementary question to that, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Health. In the Commissioner's opening remarks yesterday he pointed out that he would be presenting a paper as to the standing of Medicare at this particular Session. Can we take it from your remarks that this paper will not be forthcoming now?

Mr. Chamberlist: With respect, Mr. Speaker, there is a Legislative Return dealing with the Medicare Program already amongst the -- it is Legislative Return No. 5 giving a report on the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Commissioner. Could the Commissioner inform the House of what steps have been taken by this Government and what steps have been taken by the City Government with regard to the resolution passed in the last Session of Council with regard, in particular, to the Hardy Report and whether or not this Government has received the financial information that it requested from the City Government?

QUESTION
RE
HARDY REPORT

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge the resolution that was passed by the Councillors at the last Session called for an examination of the City of Whitehorse's financial statement in relation to the Hardy Report after we had received a financial statement from them and a proposed budget for this coming year. As far as I am aware, I believe that the proposed budget for this coming year has been presented to the Territorial Government, but whether or not a financial statement of last year has, I can't answer that. I am sure, Mr. Speaker, I would have to determine that and if the Honourable Member would be permitted to give me the opportunity to answer that tomorrow . . .

**QUESTION RE
CONSOLIDATION**

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Clerk of Council. I wonder if he could tell me if the Consolidation of the Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory are yet ready and when we can expect them?

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, we have Volume I of the Consolidation here, and I was assured by telephone from Ottawa this morning that Volume II would be mailed within a week.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Stutter: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if we might be given some indication when we might receive even Volume I?

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that we don't get caught in the bind of having to distribute them one volume at a time. If they are here within the week, then I would respectfully suggest that we wait and distribute them as a package at that time.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

**QUESTION RE
RIGHT-OF-WAY
TO BRITISH
COLUMBIA VIA
CARCROSS-
SKAGWAY ROAD**

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner in his opening address said that arrangements agreeable to all parties for the right-of-way to British Columbia for the Carcross-Skagway Road had been concluded. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if Mr. Commissioner could inform Members of the Yukon Legislative Council just what these agreeable arrangements were?

Mr. Commissioner: I will do my best from memory, Mr. Speaker: that British Columbia would provide the right-of-way; that it would be up to Yukon to purchase any land, any private land that this right-of-way passed over, and certainly with any mineral claims or mineral leases that it passed over; that arrangements at some future date, if it was desirable to turn this highway over to British Columbia as part of their highway system, that arrangements would be made at that time between British Columbia and the Federal Government; that the Canadian Federal Government will completely fund the building of the road and the cost of maintaining it; that British Columbia provincial laws will be applicable on that section of the highway in a similar manner to what they apply on those portions of the Alaska Highway on the Haines Road that we already maintain but pass through British Columbia. I think that about covers it, Mr. Speaker, and, of course, the big question has been resolved that as soon as engineering profiles are available, that the British Columbia Government will gazette the route and remove it from disposal in any other manner, and we have been also assured that search of British Columbia's files indicate that there is no private land holdings on the proposed right-of-way and that there are no mineral claims on the proposed right-of-way. I believe that covers it pretty well, Mr. Speaker.

**QUESTION RE
CHANGE OF NAME
OF HAINES
JUNCTION TO
KLUANE JUNCTION**

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask the Commissioner whether he could assure this House that the name of Haines Junction will not be changed to Kluane Junction until a plebiscite is conducted where all the people affected in the area will have a chance to vote on the name change?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, first I think it will be only fair for me to state that I have not received any request that I am aware of to change the name of Haines Junction; so, I would find it very difficult to give any assurance one way or the other, Mr. Speaker. Also, I would question my authority concerning any name change. I don't know even where the authority for this name rests.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner. Could the Commissioner inform the Council as to whether or not he has brought the regulations under the Lands Ordinance into effect.

QUESTION RE
LANDS
ORDINANCE

Mr. Commissioner: The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? I believe at this time Mr. Commissioner wishes to say something. Mr. Clerk has advised me that we should proceed with the Order Paper through the Notices of Motion -- pardon me, through the Public Bills and Orders. We have first, Bill No. 1, First and Second Reading. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 1, An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #1,
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 1, An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be given Second Reading.

BILL #1,
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 2, the Public Inquiries Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #2,
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 2, the Public Inquiries Ordinance, be given Second Reading.

BILL #2,
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Pounds Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #3,
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Pounds Ordinance, be given Second Reading.

BILL #3,
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 4, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #4
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 4, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance, be given Second Reading.

BILL #4,
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Commissioner has an address on the budget to present at this time.

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Mr. Speaker: At this time we will call a short recess.

RECESS

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order at this time. I believe Mr. Commissioner wishes to address Council.

Mr. Commissioner: (Gives Budget Speech, Sessional Paper No. 10.)

SESSIONAL PAPER
#10

Mr. Speaker: The Chair wishes to thank Mr. Commissioner for his most informative address. Honourable Member for Dawson?

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, rising on a point of privilege, last November or rather last February 9th, in accepting the third elected position on the Financial Advisory Committee, I gave my reasons for feeling that that third member should not be on that committee for more than a year and I would like to point out at this time that in handing in my resignation from that committee, that I do so completely of my own free will, that I have had no major discourses or disagreements with the other elected members, but I still feel that all members should be given the chance to accept at least one year position on that committee. The experience and understanding that I have gained on it are extremely worthwhile and it certainly helps in understanding how Government budgets are prepared. I would like to tender my resignation now.

Mr. Speaker: I wonder if the Honourable Member perhaps could at some later time today give the Chair a copy. Having concluded the Order Paper, the Chair would entertain a motion to revert to Committee.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself in Committee of the Whole for discussing Bills.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Tanner: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: The Honourable Member for Dawson will now take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before calling Committee to order, I think I'll declare a brief recess.

RECESS

RECESS

Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this time I'll call Committee to order. We have before us Bills 1 to 4 inclusive.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would to read the Explanatory Note for the record of Bill No. 1. "The purpose of this Bill is: (a) to give officials of the Territorial Government the protection of being peace officers while carrying out their official duties; (b) to resolve doubts by providing that the Criminal Code procedures apply to all Territorial and municipal by-law enforcement cases including procedures for dealing with seizures. Opportunity is taken to update the definition of 'Court'."

BILL #1,
EXPLANATORY
NOTE

Mr. Deputy Chairman: We will proceed with the reading of the Bill. (Reads section 1 and 2(3)).

Mr. Legal Adviser: I haven't got the former draft with me, but the former draft is a bit looser and this ties it down. We don't

Mr. Legal Adviser continues:

BILL #1

have, as it happens in the provinces, a Summary Convictions Act which applies to all these procedures. We use the Criminal Code. We have got to make it precisely clear that the fact does apply to all the other procedures besides the main procedure of information and summons. The same thing would apply for subsection (5) when we come to it. We found that in dealing with seizures on the Liquor Ordinance, because there was no procedure laid down on the Liquor Ordinance, there was a gap, because our Interpretation Ordinance does not apply Criminal Code procedures to seizures, so we didn't know what to do. The sensible thing to do was to amend the Ordinance to provide that when liquor is seized, it comes before the Court and subject to magisterial order in the normal way as stolen property would be when it becomes part of the evidence in a case, so the person can make a representation to the Court containing, that have the goods, respecting what should be done with the seizure at the end of a case.

Mr. McKinnon: What generally are the differences under the summary convictions procedure as in the provinces as against the procedures in the Criminal Code? Are they pretty well parallel?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Not normally; the provinces are much tougher usually than the Criminal Code. The Criminal Code sets out a series of procedures whereby the person can say to the Court that, he owns, and other people can say, I own, and so on and the Court can deal with it. In the provincial summary conviction procedure, they either don't deal with it or they deal with it a couple of times, just allowing, as in our own Liquor Act, that the Director of Liquor Control or the Board just seizes it and sells it and that's it. But the police were in difficulty over what to do with it...seizures.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on (3)? (Reads section 2(4))

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could direct a question to Mr. Legal Adviser and ask him to explain to us who, indeed, the officers of the Territory or a municipality actually consist of -- Who are these people?

Mr. Legal Adviser: A civil servant or a municipal civil servant... a public servant. What we are thinking of here is that inspectors under the Liquor Act and the various inspectors need the protection of being peace officers, and other people do too. The game guardians, game officers, need the powers of a peace officer. It is inserted here in a general way because hither to we would have to prepare lists of people and have each person appointed. It doesn't give him any extra power to make an arrest or anything like that, but it does give him this protection, that when he has reason to believe that an offence is committed by a certain person, then a person resisting is guilty of an offence, and he is protected from personal suit provided he acts on reasonable grounds. This protection would not come to an ordinary private citizen who acted. He would only be protected if the crime had actually been committed, and he saw it being committed and could prove it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it has always been my understanding that game officers and inspection officers within the Government have been given their authority under all the Ordinances to act. I certainly cannot agree that we can consider giving blanket authority to any officer of the Government of the Territory or indeed to a municipality, the authority of a peace officer. I think the people of the Yukon in some cases have been harassed enough without giving these officers the authority. I certainly could not hold to the acceptance of subsection (4) of section 2. It is just unthinkable that I could ever go along with that.

Mr. Chamberlist: With respect, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member should read the whole item in proper context because it is not simply any officer of the Territory or the municipality. It is any officer of the Territory or municipality charged with the enforcement of an enactment or a by-law, so that really you are limited to-- you have limited it to a certain group of people; those people who are enforcement officers. Now, as you well know, the Territorial Government has an Inspection Department and they have inspection people who are charged under various Ordinances with enforcing Territorial laws. This is simply to interpret within the Interpretation Ordinance exactly their power and to give them the back-up of a peace officer. And certainly the municipality, themselves, require that their enforcement officers have the power of a peace officer. It is in some areas given already in local by-laws, this enforcement policy in peace officers. I am sure the municipalities would be quite happy for this situation. Really there is not much more that I can say. But the intent is to make sure that these people who are in charge of the enforcements are indeed given the power of peace officers.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, maybe Mr. Legal Adviser could advise me under what Ordinance, Game Ordinance or otherwise, involving game officers and involving inspectors--under what Ordinance do they not have the powers of a peace officer at this time.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, no officer at the moment has the power of a peace officer and it leaves the people enforcing game or other things quite naked in their method of dealing with the public.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder, Mr. Legal Adviser, if I could ask a question from the Chair. Could you tell us just exactly, broadly, what the powers of a peace officer are when it comes--when it comes to the ...

Mr. Legal Adviser: These are part of the Criminal Code. The definition of a peace officer is contained in section 2 of the Criminal Code and is already very wide, and includes sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, Reeves and so forth, but does not include provincial authority in the definition, and that is the purpose of this; to include him in the definition. Any person appointed to be a peace officer would be, but we don't have the power to appoint peace officers basically within our powers of reference at all, on our own laws. But a peace officer, these peace officers are not being appointed to give them the power so much as to give them the protection in case anything occurred to them during the execution of their duty.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are you talking about carrying a side arm?

Mr. Legal Adviser: No there will be no carrying a side arm. Side arms are not something which automatically any person as a peace officer has. Mayor Wybrew is a peace officer; I don't see him carrying a pistol around.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Legal Adviser, I have a question that is quite close to my heart. It seems to me when last I referred to Mr. Legal Adviser privately, we were looking up the definition of peace officer, and it did say that they could carry side arms.

Mr. Legal Adviser: I'm not saying that any peace officer cannot carry side arms, but merely to make our important officers, peace officers, is not something that should enable them to carry side arms.

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Mr. McKinnon: If they could, where do they get the permission?

Mr. Legal Adviser: I don't know. As far as I'm concerned, I don't remember looking it up for the Honourable Member. I can remember him requesting me to look it up or something, but I don't think we ever got together to look it up. He was maintaining that this was an automatic power, but I wasn't inclined to agree.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I could take a moment to get out the Game Ordinance, under the Game Ordinance and under game guardian, it says, while acting as game guardians, while acting under the said provisions of this Ordinance, have and possess the powers of the Commissioner in taking applications. Every game guardian has the power to enforce and carry out the provisions of this Ordinance or regulations. Any game guardian who finds a person committing an offence under this Ordinance or regulations may arrest that person without warrant. This is what I say again, the Game Ordinance or the game guardian, by the Ordinance, has sufficient power today without involving the other officers of the Government of the Yukon Territory, giving them peace officer status. And as I say, I'm certain I wouldn't think that anyone else representing the people would...

Mr. Legal Adviser: The fact that they have certain powers in the Game Ordinance, Mr. Chairman, does not make them a peace officer and doesn't give them any personal protection, which I think is the duty of the Government to give to him. In these situations it could be very dangerous.

Mr. Stutter: That's why they carry guns, then.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, perhaps Mr. Legal Adviser could correct me. If a person who is carrying out an inspection, and has the authority of the Ordinance to carry out the inspection, does something, he has no -- something which might be objectional to the particular person or to the particular firm that he is carrying out with. He is left open to perhaps a criminal suit or a criminal charge because he hasn't the protection of having going there as a Government official protected as a peace officer. Now this is what we are really saying. We want those people who are employed to enact rather than to enforce the laws of the Territory to be given the authority and protection that the Government should give them. Because after all, their function is to carry out the enforcement that they have been hired -- the purpose that they have been hired for. Really, I would object myself if there was information that because an inspector who was inspecting a toilet facility is allowed to wear at large a side arm to inspect a toilet facility. Certainly, I would object to that, but he should be able to inspect that toilet facility with the protection behind him, as a peace officer in keeping the peace. This is done, I would say, in every jurisdiction that inspectors are given the powers of a peace officer. There is a separate definition in the Criminal Code of a peace officer. Mr. Legal Adviser.

Mr. Legal Adviser: The definition from the Criminal Code says, 'peace officer' includes (a) a mayor, warden, reeve, sheriff, deputy sheriff, sheriff's officer and justice of the peace, (b) a warden, deputy warden, instructor, keeper, gaoler, guard and any other officer or permanent employee of a prison, (c) a police officer, police constable, bailiff, constable, or other person employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace or for the service or execution of civil process, (d) an officer or person having the powers of a customs or excise officer when performing any duty in the administration of the Customs Act or the Excise Act, (e) the pilot in command of an aircraft registered in Canada, (f) officers and men of the Canadian Forces

Mr. Legal Adviser continues:

who are appointed for the purpose of the National Defence Act or employed on duties that the Governor in Council has prescribed to be of such a kind as to necessitate that they have the powers of a peace officer. So there is a very, very long list of quite casual people and various protections given under the Criminal Code apply to these people. It just so happens we operate the procedures of the Criminal Code, but our staff is operating without the protection which is given to other people who operate the Criminal Code, the same as a Customs Officer.

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Mr. Taylor: I've been looking at my Criminal Code. I think that if *BILL #1* you took this at some length, you'd find that a peace officer has a lot of protection really. And, as I stated earlier, even today where the citizenry, or the public, can be harassed by often over-zealous, shall we say, public servants. I don't think that we should extend the powers any further than that. I think that where the game officers or inspectors are required to do anything under these Ordinances, they have sufficient authority to do it, and I don't think that it is necessary at this time to give *carte blanche* to any officer of the Territory this function of a peace officer. I think that if there were problems in the Game Ordinance, for instance, I can't see any myself, then specifically we could say, "Well, let's spell it out in the Game Ordinance." But there is no way I could ever condone under this form of government, giving these powers of arrest and the powers of the peace officer to an unknown quantity, and that's an officer of the Government of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Legal Adviser: There is one further point I should mention, Mr. Chairman. The Labour Department and liquor inspectors find themselves in difficulty when proceedings are being issued under the appropriate Territorial Ordinance. Only a peace officer can viably serve people with many forms of process; so, they must come back here and go back to the R.C.M.P. and have it served by an R.C.M.P. officer. They cannot serve it themselves. They have complained from time to time that they know exactly where a person is residing and living, but the R.C.M.P. officer, not necessarily knowing the area as well as them, can't find the person, and we go three, four, five weeks without being able to affect service, and the R.C.M.P. may have ten, fifteen, twenty, fifty pieces of paper to serve, and they don't get served. The efficiency of the operation is impeded.

Mr. Chamberlist: I would agree, Mr. Chairman, with one point that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake made and that is, if there was, indeed, *carte blanche* authority given to any officer of the Government, whether it be Municipal or Territorial Government, I would agree with him, or I would object with him quite strongly. But, because it specifies only those officers who are responsible for the enactment of legislation, this is the part that I ask the Honourable Member to recognize; that it certainly is only for a certain limited group of people. I think that we must give that protection. I know that the Honourable Member is very interested in, for instance, the Game Ordinance; he has spoken of it often. Surely he wants to give those people that protection. But, on the contrary, it is not clear because they haven't got the protection of a peace officer. They can do certain things, but they haven't the protection of the peace officer. In this, I would suggest is the very important factor. I would ask, Mr. Chairman, if we have to, we should vote on the situation to find out exactly what Members of the Council feel.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I must insist on reply. The Honourable Member states that the Game Ordinance, as I read it out this morning, gives all the authority required for a peace officer -- or I should say, a game guardian to carry out its functions. If that is not clear, then bring in an amendment to the Game Ordinance providing this power to, specifically, a game guardian. Great. Fine. It is no problem with me. These are people trained in law enforcement. These are people who know a little bit about it, or should know how to handle that authority because that is a pretty awesome authority. To give a *carte blanche* to any officer of the Territory, whether he is enacting or not enacting, is not material. When I have seen officers of this Government, in some instances, virtually running around the Territory dictating to people and making it pretty darn tough on them, I certainly would not condone

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Mr. Taylor continues:

giving them additional powers, for instance, arrest and that sort of thing, which a peace officer could have. I think that individually under these various Ordinances involving inspection, these people have sufficient authority right now, and I think that is very good if they have to come back if they want a document served, to have to go through the judicial process. That is what it is here for, and, I say, I would urge Members to refuse this section for this particular Bill. It is too dictatorial. If this were a responsible Government, possibly one could view it a little differently, but it is obviously not. I won't go along with it, and I hope that nobody else will.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further comments on the floor, or would you prefer to put it to a vote?

Mr. McKinnon: If a building inspector, working out of the Territorial Secretary's office, went to a place which a person was building and said -- went as a building inspector, and something was obviously not going along with the terms of the Building Code, and I think that there are arrangements set, and if you don't you are subject to -- could that person then, being an officer of the Crown, on the moment say, "You are not agreeing with section such-and-such of the Building Code, and I hereby place you under arrest. Come with me" type of thing?

Mr. Legal Adviser: He gets no greater power of arrest by being a peace officer nor does he get any greater power of search or entry into premises. That must be specified in the particular orders under which he acts. And, if it is set out, then he would have the power of entry, whether or not he was a peace officer. He would be appointed as an inspector. He has no greater power to do anything, but it is a deterrent from assault; it is a protection from suit; and it enables him to serve legal processes that otherwise he would not be able to serve, that he would have to get the R.C.M.P. to do for him, and our forces could do that themselves more efficiently.

Mr. McKinnon: But this could be a difficulty just the other way. If there was an over-zealous inspector here in some branch of the Government, God forbid, and he was harassing an individual, and he was a peace officer, then that person would not be liable for any legitimate suit that the person who he was harassing had against him acting as an officer. And, there are times when Government officials, really the public needs protection from some of these officials, rather than the public official having more protection; so, if he were given the term of a peace officer, even if he was harassing a member of the public, that member would have no liability against him because we had designated him a peace officer. Whereas now we can start proceedings against an officer of the Territorial Government if he is over-zealous or does over-step his boundaries. So, it seems to me the way it is now, the public has some protection that it wouldn't have if we did appoint all these inspectors as peace officers.

Mr. Legal Adviser: With respect, Mr. Chairman, I am not sure exactly what the objection is. If any officer of the Territory does something which is legally wrong, harasses an individual improperly, he is open to an action whether or not he is a peace officer. And, the Territory is open to an action. The Territory has never refused to accept responsibility for the wrongful acts of its own employees. And with all respect, if it is a case involving damages, has always been prepared to pay the damages involved and would never defend it on technical grounds.

Mr. McKinnon: But the protection you were asking was -- you said it would be protection against suit. Now, I don't understand it because you say that now he is still liable for suit if he does, if he acts wrongly.

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Mr. Legal Adviser: The basic legal position is that every citizen has most of the rights of a peace officer. Every citizen has the right, in a proper case, to arrest a wrong-doer, but in the event of a suit following an arrest by the wrong-doer -- that is, false arrest or malicious or false imprisonment -- then the peace officer has a greater defence than the private citizen. The private citizen must prove that a crime was committed and that that individual actually committed the crime, or otherwise he is liable for false arrest. The peace officer can defend on the grounds that a crime was committed and that he had reasonable grounds to believe that that person committed the crime, which gives him extra protection. This protection, the R.C.M.P. have, and all police constables have it. It is a necessary protection to give to the individual. It does not absolve the Crown from a false arrest if there are no grounds for the arrest, but it absolves the individual who is acting on reasonable grounds. I would think the House would want to give its own public servants protection where they are acting on reasonable grounds, and an offence was committed which justifies an arrest. But from the everyday point of view, none of the Territory's inspectors have any authority to arrest anyone, except possibly in some outrageous circumstances. But, building inspectors have no right to arrest anybody. The liquor inspectors have no right to take anyone into custody. Automatically, they would be liable for false arrest if they attempted it.

Mr. McKinnon: They would have that right as peace officers, wouldn't they?

Mr. Legal Adviser: No. No more than an R.C.M.P. officer has.

Mr. Tanner: Part of that paragraph says that that power can be delegated to a municipality. The way I read it, it covers the municipality if the municipality wishes to appoint a private firm, for example, to protect property; then at the same time appoint them peace officers; then they could apply to the R.C.M.P. and carry sidearms. And, in fact, that is what happened a year ago.

Mr. Legal Adviser: As far as I understand, what happened a year ago, Mr. Chairman, was that a firm carrying out protection duties, applied to the police for permission to carry sidearms, and were given the permission on a series of single instances, and they were, that when they were carrying large sums of money late at night from a particular place to deposit in the night deposit box at the bank, they were permitted for the duration of that journey, and that journey alone, to carry sidearms. Now, true, some individuals may carry a holster at later times which creates the impression that a gun is in the holster, but if they place the gun in the holster, then they would be committing an offence.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, you know, there are a couple of things that I think that I should bring to the Council's attention. From time to time Council has been criticized for not trying to give to municipalities, and their administrations, greater responsibility. In this piece of legislation we are giving the municipalities equal responsibility of being able to administer their own by-laws by providing the legislation that their inspection people can be made peace officers. This is really what is being done. The question here that my Honourable friend has suggested with reference to the carrying of firearms, I am pointing out that bank messengers now, between the banks in this town, when they go to the Post Office, carry a firearm and conceal the firearm. You don't see it on the side holster. Usually the holster is inside.

Mr. Chamberlist continues:

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Now, it is an offence in many areas to carry a concealed firearm. They, too, are not necessarily peace officers, I don't know; they might have been appointed, but I haven't seen any records of any of these people in the banks being appointed peace officers, but they carry sidearms. I am sure that many Members would have seen this; when they go to the Post Office, perhaps to pick up documentations or funds, they carry sidearms. I don't think this, itself, is the criteria, and I think that there is only one area that must be recognized, and I have to repeat that, that the only officers of the Territory, or of any municipality, who will be designated as peace officers in this particular area are those people who are charged with the enforcement of an enactment or a by-law. Now, you have by-law enforcement officers within the municipality of the City of Whitehorse. Yet at this time, they haven't got the authority, without the section of the Interpretation Ordinance, of being considered to be peace officers, although they have passed a by-law to indicate that they are peace officers. But, they haven't got the legislative authority from the senior government to do this. Right, so we come to that stage there. Now, if we do not have this piece of legislation here, we could go through every Ordinance that has an inspector involved and say, "For the purposes of this Ordinance, an inspector shall be deemed to have the powers of a peace officer." So, what we are really, instead of saying in thirty Ordinances that this should happen, we are simply putting a section in the Interpretation section which would cover all of the pieces of legislation. Really, and I have used this expression before, there is nothing sinister within what is being attempted here. It is just simply to give certain credence to the inspection division to make sure that they have the powers of a peace officer as Territorial enforcement officers; and in municipalities, that they in turn will be able to give to their enforcement people the powers of peace officers.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can only say, after that great smoke screen has settled, that I do not lend my name in any way, shape or form to any acceptance of this, because I do believe it is going to be railroaded through as most other things are. I don't think it has been properly explained; I don't think the need has been shown for this covering all Ordinances of the Territory, and officers of the Territory. As I stated earlier, I think the Game Ordinance, if they're having problems with the game guardians themselves, an amendment to the Game Ordinance, and I believe that's in force anyway, could be done to cure that little problem. But, I certainly couldn't lend my vote to anything of this nature. BILL #1

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there anything further on subsection (4)?
(Reads subsection (5)) Clear on (5)? Mr. Legal Adviser:

Mr. Legal Adviser: I'm just referring to the Criminal Code, Mr. Chairman. There is a long number of sections dealing with seizures. It's hard to find a section; there're so many sections dealing with it. Does the House wish an explanation as to what happens with seizures?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think if the Administration brings down these Bills, and they don't understand, then how are we to understand.

Mr. Legal Adviser: It's not a question of the Administration not understanding it.

Mr. Taylor: Well, explain it then.

Mr. Legal Adviser: I thought I had already explained it. When goods are seized in the course of a law case, they are brought before the court, and then they are to be dealt with by the court. The magistrate, at the end of the case, will order what actually is to be done with them. One of the things is that if there is no offence committed, the goods, unless they are otherwise unlawful for some special purpose, they are ordered to be returned to the accused, or former accused. If an offence has been proved in relation to them, then a forfeiture is in order, and they are destroyed or sold or whatever happens to be. There is an appeal procedure whereby the accused can deal with his rights. As it stands, we don't have any proper procedure for giving rights to a person from whom goods are seized in the course of a case. A case arose in, I think it was, traffic in liquor; some liquor was seized by the R.C.M.P., and when it came to dealing with it, there were no proper sections set out dealing with it because there was a deficient section in the Interpretation Ordinance which did not apply the provisions dealing with seizures to Territorial offences as it was probably intended in the first place. So, this makes it quite clear that the person gets a fair deal when a seizure is made; otherwise, he doesn't.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are you clear on (5)?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm clear on everything except subsection (4). The case just hasn't been made strong enough to me that it is necessary to give officers of the Yukon Territory the further powers and protection of being peace officers in the enactment of their duties. It seems to me, in all the Ordinances I can recall, that the inspectors have enough powers to be able to enforce the terms of the Ordinance without getting into the area of making all these officers peace officers in the involvement of their duties. I move, Mr. Chairman, that subsection (4) of section 2 of Bill No. 1 be deleted. I just haven't had a strong enough case made to me in any way, shape or form that it is necessary at this time that they be declared peace officers.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before I call for the question on that matter, I wonder if there is any specific area where more information is requested in, rather than delete the section itself?

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Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I see the public health officers at work, I see the building inspectors at work, I see the liquor inspectors at work, and all of them seem to have the co-operation and enough terms of reference in the Ordinance to be able to conduct their business and the business of the Territory with no problems whatsoever. Now, why should they have the added powers of being peace officers, which I think would probably cause more hassles with the people they are dealing with than if they were just inspectors, and not peace officers with all the powers of a peace officer. I just don't think it's necessary. I haven't heard of any specific problems where people dealing with the public of the Territory are running into problems because they are not peace officers. I think it would cause more problems than it is meant to solve. A great thing was made of protection and really, when it was questioned, it didn't really give that much more protection at all to the public servant of the Territory in conducting his affairs. That's a pretty weak case by the government in putting this through.

Mr. Chamberlist: I think perhaps, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member who has just spoken, of course, by deleting the whole section, is depriving municipalities of their people having the powers of peace officers as well. This would be a shame because I know the Honourable Member is always concerned with the administration of municipalities, and now it appears that he wants to deprive some of these people, so I have to have some doubt about it. I wonder if Mr. Legal Adviser could indicate the reasons why these particular changes are recommended. It just slips my memory, but there was a specific need for it.

Mr. Legal Adviser: We've been getting continual requests from the Labour Standards Office and the Game Department to make their people peace officers, because the civil servants involved are frightened of going into certain situations unless they have the same protection from attack, from assault, as an R.C.M.P. officer, or that Constable Briggs of the City of Whitehorse has when he is walking down the street, or used to. They feel that they should have the same rights when they are carrying out the law for the Territory as any officer carrying out the law of Canada. Specifically, the inspectors in the Labour Department want the power of being able to issue summonses to people, and serve them, because a summons is not a valid summons to a court unless it is delivered by a peace officer. They are continually being obstructed by the necessity to go through the R.C.M.P., who do the best they can, but don't know the people involved. We've got to give it a long time in advance to people, naming a forward date to come to court. Several problems were arising. The summons was being issued, naming a day three weeks ahead for the person to come to court, and the summons would not be delivered into that person's hands until the day before or the day of the court, and the person would come to court and say, "I haven't been served with this until this morning. I've got to come to court. I have no way of getting a lawyer and no way of getting advice." He would complain, and the case would be adjourned. It might be two or three visits to court, unnecessarily caused, for the inspectors would be going to court two or three times where once would do, or wasting a whole morning hanging around the court, waiting for people to turn up. Then they would have to serve again, and again, and again. This is putting them to quite a lot of trouble. They require, for the administration of their normal duties, to be able to serve a summons. Now, we cannot amend the Criminal Code. The Criminal Code says the summons must be served by a peace officer. The only way around that problem is to make them peace officers so that when the necessity arises, they can actually serve a summons. This is costing us quite a bit of money -- not being able to serve a summons.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Speaking from the Chair, I would like to ask the Legal Advisor what is now, as far as I can see, clouding the issue by saying that this protection is going to give them protection against assault in many cases. The very fact that a summons is being issued on a person is enough to incite assault. What physical protection does he have if he isn't carrying a billy stick or a sidearm?

Mr. Legal Adviser: The fact is that if he is a peace officer, it is more serious to assault a peace officer than it is to assault a private individual. We have had our inspectors, from time to time, taken by the seat of the pants and carried one hundred yards and dropped in a ditch. May be a good thing sometimes. BILL #1

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, again I see smoke screens arising from the far end too. This room is going to get right full of smoke pretty soon. Section 232 of the Criminal Code of Canada: "(1) Every one who assaults a person with intent to commit an indictable offence is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for five years." Now, that is any person; that is anybody; so, he has got the protection of the Criminal Code already, notwithstanding what has been emanating from the far end of the table. "(2) Every one who, (a) assaults a public officer or peace officer engaged in the execution of his duty, or a person acting in aid of such officer; (b) assaults a person with intent to resist or prevent the lawful arrest or detention of himself or another person; or (c) assaults a person (i) who is engaged in the lawful execution of a process against lands or goods, or in the making of a lawful seizure, or (ii) with intent to rescue anything taken under a lawful process or seizure, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years." Now if you just assault anybody, you get five years. Now if we make people peace officers, the penalty will only be two years. That's how stupid this whole thing is. I heard a lot of guff about seizure; under the Game Ordinance again a little piece of legislation belonging to this government -- a big section on seizures, and it was stated here that the people had no protection right now, whereas if we had this seizure section in here this thing could be cured, but it says here, "upon being found by a game guardian, be forthwith seized by him, and when so seized, he shall be taken before a justice." Next section, same thing and so forth. The minute you go before a justice, you are into the judiciary; you should have all the protection in the world because you have the protection of the courts. So, I still see no necessity for this. It is all a smoke screen, and Mr. Chairman, I would like to second the motion made by Councillor McKinnon.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that section 2(4) of An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance be hereby deleted. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

Mr. Chamberlist: Division.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Will the Members please show their hands in favour? I declare that section 2(4) has been deleted. Are you clear on (5)? (Reads section 3). What is your pleasure on this particular Bill?

Mr. Chamberlist: I would move that Bill No. 1 be passed out of Committee as amended.

Mr. Tanner: I second it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor from Whitehorse East, seconded by Councillor from Whitehorse North, that Bill No. 1 be passed out of Committee as amended. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next Bill is Bill No. 2.

BILL #2

Mr. Chamberlist: Explanatory note for the record, Mr. Chairman: "The purpose of this Bill is to enable the Government to set up from time to time a Board of Inquiry into matters of public concern. The Bill follows in general form an earlier Bill which was placed before the Council, but not proceeded with. The Bill, which is a short one, contains the normal powers and duties which are given the Commissions of Inquiry in provincial jurisdictions. One change of interest in the Bill is a section enabling any person whose conduct is called into question during the course of the inquiry to have the right of representation by Council or agent."

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Bill No. 2, an Ordinance--- the Public Inquiries Ordinance. (Reads section 1; reads section 2(1); reads section 3(1)).

Mr. Taylor: Mr Chairman, at this juncture, I would like to ask Mr. Legal Adviser, or indeed anyone who can tell me, just what specifically -- where is the administration hampered at this present moment -- what gave rise to this Bill?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Without giving a definitive answer, when the Government was considering during the year a Board of Inquiry, they found that they didn't have sufficient legal powers at that time to constitute one, and they were hampered in the operation of the public business. And, they had to get around the lack of it by a device in setting up a committee. This gave cause for concern.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 3? (Reads section 4) Clear on 4? BILL #2

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, do I take it then that the Commissioner by regulation sets down the routine by which the board is established -- where they come from?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, under 8(1) you can see...

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 4? (Reads section 5(1))

Mr. Taylor: Again, Mr. Chairman, I have trouble with it and I'd like to hear some debate and discussion on this. Here again we're giving the Commissioner a lot of power virtually through this board: of summoning any person as a witness; of requiring them to give evidence under an oath; to produce all these documents and things that the board considers necessary. I still have a little difficulty with that.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that the Honourable Member for Watson Lake allow us to read the whole Ordinance through and then go back if he has any questions.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we come back then to 5(1)?

Mr. Taylor: No, Mr. Chairman, I'm not passing this by.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads sections 6, 7, 8, 9) Did we still wish to go back to section 6, Councillor Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Section 5(1), Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Section 5(1), sorry.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, this Bill as drafted is almost a replica in slightly more modern English than the Ordinance which was in force in the Territory from 1898 until about 1955, I think. It was one of a long number of Ordinances which were repealed -- about ten or fifteen of them were repealed and I've never been able to find out quite why, in that period in a tidying up process which was limiting down Ordinances in order to print the green books. All the powers which are granted to the board here are the same and no different from those which are granted to any board which is set up by any provincial government, any normal magistrate's court or justice of the peace court; they're all just normal routine powers to enable it to carry out its business. The one extra point which is referred to in the explanatory note, is to give a person whose conduct is called to question, an automatic legal right to go in there and be represented and say his peace. This is not a normal right in the sense that it's a right in law, but it's the normal courtesy that every board will give a person. This is to ensure that justice will be done to any individual whose character has been attacked. Otherwise, all the powers are exactly the same as hundreds and hundreds of boards throughout Canada.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there's just one little bit of phraseology which doesn't sound like that of our legal adviser and it looks like sort of loose drafting. 6(1)(c), "to compel them to produce documents and things"; is "things" the best phraseology you could come up with?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member who's sitting not a thousand miles away from you, debated this at the drafting process for hours and in the end we couldn't come up with any other word except "thing".

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'd really like to know of a practical example of when the Public Inquiries Ordinance would be used. Why is it necessary and when will it be used? Does it mean that any citizen can come to the Commissioner and say "look, I don't like the way so-and-so dresses when conducting the public business of the Territory; hold an inquiry will you, a public inquiry about it."

Mr. McKinnon continues:

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Who decides if it is a public concern; who decides if it is connected with the public business of the Territory? Who decides whether it is an important enough issue of public concern to hold a public inquiry into it? Who decides if it is a dealing of the Commissioner, if it's the Commissioner's office the public wants investigated? Who do they go to see if there could be a public inquiry commission set up to investigate some procedure of government that might be embarrassing to the powers-that-be in this government? What is its practical purpose?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, its practical purpose would have been, if this Ordinance had been in force earlier in 1972, it would have been the vehicle to be used for carrying out an inquiry into the desirable policy for education in the Territory; but we just didn't have it.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there was no difficulty in arranging a committee of inquiry.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, it was a device which was used, but one we were not happy about.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that even supposing something happened during the hearing of a particular case in court; surely a court can then order the Commissioner to conduct a public inquiry -- they couldn't do that; Mr. Legal Adviser says no, but it seems that there is reason enough for an area of where a public inquiry can be held for many purposes. The Honourable Member for Whitehorse West certainly raises an important point and I would agree with him in this instance, as to the areas in where a public inquiry could be held. I think we have to satisfy Members of Council that there is a need, a general need for public inquiries legislation, so that when the government is called upon to have an inquiry into something, the Commissioner then has reason to call a public inquiry. I think this must be explained to them.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, there are two main areas where this Ordinance may operate: one is that it gives the power to the government to set up what would be referred to outside as a commission; we don't say Commission of Inquiry merely because the members of a Commission of Inquiry would be known as Commissioners of Inquiry with a short form Commissioners, and there might be confusion with the illustrious holder of the present office.

Mr. Chamberlist: Illustrious?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, there's a second area which is not of major public concern in the setting of policy: whether or not there should be a bridge across the Yukon River; whether or not there should be a Capitol Building, and what its cost will be. There's an area where attacks are made on the Administration; allegations of fraud are made of misuse of public funds; of complete inefficiency in a department. The McKuer Commission investigated public rights. There were police inquiries in various places, into allegations of corruption in the police -- say in Vancouver, for instance, dealing with the Gastown riots. There were allegations in Toronto at various times, of brutality by the police, or involvement by the police in scandal. When allegations are made that are serious, it is sometimes a wise course of conduct for a government to adopt, to appoint an independent commission or board to inquire into the allegations and either have them proved or disproved. The government -- not that we visualize that this is an everyday happening -- the government needs, at a moment's notice sometimes, to be able to set up a Commission of Inquiry into something of major public interest. There won't be many of them, but when the decision is taken, it should not require a special meeting of this House to put through an individual Bill enabling this to be done. It's an ordinary adjunct of government policy. I know of no government off-hand that does not have this power as an automatic power.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but those are responsible governments. *BILL #2*

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, this is a responsible government.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please. Is there anything further on Bill No. 2?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 2 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'll second that motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 2, An Ordinance intituled Public Inquiries Ordinance, be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, Bill No. 3, the explanatory note for the record: "The purpose of this Bill is to revert to an earlier legal obligation that animals not be turned loose to pasture in winter unless they are in good condition and have food and water available to them. New provisions are enacted providing for impoundment of animals in weak condition and obligations on their owners. It is hoped to enable the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Territorial officials to have greater control in this area." That's the reason for peace officers. *BILL #3*

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before we continue with Bill No. 3, I'd like to point out that I didn't read the top portion of Bill No. 2. In regard to Bill No. 2, An Ordinance intituled Public Inquiries Ordinance, "The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the Yukon Territory, enacts as follows"; now we're on Bill No. 3. *BILL #2*

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would prefer now that you've read it, I would move that Bill No. 2 pass out of Committee -- be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would think that that would be out of order because the matter has now been decided and that particular question cannot be raised again at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: Come now, Mr. Chairman, we're in Committee, this is not in the House.

Mr. Taylor: It's the same thing, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: With respect, I believe it was an oversight on my part and I would request that Committee....

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'll second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 2, An Ordinance intituled Public Inquiries Ordinance, be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Now, with respect to Bill No. 3. *BILL #3*

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the explanatory note is already in the record.

BILL #3

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads section 1) Clear on 1?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, it sounds to me like it's a great idea but the fact is, it would be practically unenforceable.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: In speaking from the Chair, is it the thought that each animal will be inspected before it's turned loose?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Oh no, Mr. Chairman, it is intended to have inspectors at every point so that you can turn them loose where a police officer will be there to inspect them. They will bring the animals to the inspector.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we always seem to be strapped, if you're on the people's side of the government around this Territory; these things have all had the confidential stamp on them until yesterday, and it's not been possible for one trying to be honest about this ballgame, to discuss this with anybody. We're blatantly asked to sit down and accept the smokey-type explanations made by the government at this point, and I can see where this Bill could lead to abuses; where you're saying that no animal is to be turned loose to pasture after the thirtieth day of October. I know that many cases where a packteam will come out of the bush after hunting all fall, and may, in someone's opinion, they may not be in the best of condition. They've got to be fed and fattened up, which is usually what they do. Possibly at that point in time, it may be considered that the horses were too thin for some reason. They've been working up in the mountains where there isn't the necessary amount of nutritious feed and as I say, I'm having just a little difficulty just grabbing this at face value. It would have been nice if somehow we could get these things in such a manner that we could consider them at some length and get some advice. I would like, if Committee would agree, after we've read through this, to defer processing of it long enough to give us a couple of days, maybe the weekend, to think about it, now that it's made public.

Mr. Chamberlist: No objection, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: There is just one point I would like to make from the Chair, and that is, surely in the wording, Mr. Legal Adviser, it says that no animal is to be turned loose to pasture between the thirtieth day of October and the thirtieth day of March; what happens if he wants to turn it loose on the twenty-ninth day of October? Is not the meaning that it should not be at large, at pasture, at any time during that period?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, this is only intended to operate on the horse owner who is going to turn the animals loose for winter grazing. The fact that they may be found in weak condition and the ownership be attributive to an individual, is not in itself an offence. He's put under a duty not to turn the animal loose unless it is fit for being turned loose and unless there's water and some pasture there. This is the -- there've been a tremendous number of days devoted to this in this Chamber, over the problem of horses starving on the highways and it's a recurrent subject for debate in the House.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Can we proceed with reading the Bill now and then report progress on it? (Reads section 2 -- 20.(1)) Councillor Tanner?

Mr. Tanner: What is a resource management officer?

BILL #3

Mr. Legal Adviser: I'm not actually sure, I think Mr. Commissioner might be able to tell you what it is. It is a new type of a somebody, but I'm not sure what it is.

Mr. Tanner: May I direct my question to the Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is a terminology that is given to a whole group of people who are ex officio game guardians under the Ordinance at the present time. They used to be called forestry wardens. There are quite a few other terms that are in common usage which have been obliterated in favour of the words, 'resource management officer'. And generally speaking, employees of the Federal Government of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, with Northern Economical Development Branch, are stationed at points throughout the Territory. We find them very useful people in assisting us in implementation of the Game Ordinance.

Mr. Tanner: Well, Mr. Chairman, that would include, of course, then, the management of a mine, and things like that.

Mr. Commissioner: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, if I have inferred that this term will be on the civil servant, I'm sorry, these people are Federal civil servants.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2, or rather on 20(1)?
(Reads section 20(2))

Mr. Taylor: Hold it, Mr. Chairman. Who in heaven's name is a resource management officer?

Mr. Chamberlist: We just did that; wake up buddy.

Mr. Taylor: Well I assumed, I wasn't sure. You are talking about the Federal people from the Environment Branch; correct?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I thought I had covered that these people are -- well these people are employees of the Federal Government who are ex officio game guardians under our Ordinance and the new terminology used for them is resource management officers. They are forestry officers and people of this section, officially.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads section 20(3)) Clear?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm confused. There are a couple of peculiarities here. I feel section 12 is similar to the original Ordinance, but I know by personal knowledge that last year the pound that the Territory was operating, was not operating that efficiently, and also, I happen to know that the gentleman who was operating the pound for us has left the Territory. It is all very well to write legislation to control these things, but hasn't the Territory now got a pound that is operating efficiently and, if not, what is the point of putting that in?

Mr. Legal Adviser: As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, the orders are not to be put into force in relation to these sections until a pounds system is developed and people in charge of it have a place where they can be put.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, if I may suggest, that this is one of the reasons apparently, or one of the conditions that people who want to operate pounds as commercial enterprises, are encouraging our game officer to attempt to get this kind of legislation accepted by Council, so that there will be a reason for pounds to

Mr. Commissioner continues:

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operate and hope that they will be economical operations. This is basically the idea.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads section 3) Question? (Reads section 4)

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, a point of interest, section 2, 20(1), there is an obligation of people finding weak or sick animals to notify the police, and in section 22(1), a person who doesn't do that is in violation of this Ordinance and liable to a fine of five hundred dollars. Is that correct?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Yes, it is like that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, was it not the intent of this Bill -- I know we have often discussed the general subject around the Table. Was it not the intent, though, to insure that, indeed, these situations didn't occur whereby the animal was starving. We would force the people who let their livestock go hungry and thirsty and I think we would encourage them to feed them before they died of starvation. I know that right now, under the Criminal Code there is all sorts of power to deal with these people if they do let their animals get to this sad condition, because section 387 of the Criminal Code, everyone commits an offence who willfully causes or willfully permits unnecessary pain suffered, injury; under (b), neglects or causes damage to injured animals, being the owner or the person having the custody or control of a domestic animal or bird, or animal or bird wild by nature -- blah, blah -- abandons it in distress such as somebody just walking away and leaving it, the poor thing, and that's the end of it; or willfully neglects or fails to provide suitable and adequate food, water, shelter, and care for; all these are provided for under the Criminal Code. I am just wondering, if we are not duplicating here. If we are not duplicating, maybe we should be taking another look at this and to force people to feed their animals other than react when they get into a position of starving their domestic stock.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with respect, what we are attempting to do with these amendments of the Pounds Ordinance is to encourage the establishment of a pound on the commercial basis. Now this is what the encouragement--this is the whole basic idea. Therefore, we hope to have them established and have them operated by a private individual as a business, and this is the authority of the immediate course, or the immediate recourse, that anyone in authority has to handle or deal with a very obviously starving animal. Now, this does not interfere and Mr. Legal Adviser, I think can speak to this. This does not interfere with the ultimate penalty that may be imposed upon the owner, either by the Criminal Code or otherwise. Would this be a correct situation?

Mr. Legal Adviser: This is correct, Mr. Chairman. The difference with the Criminal Code is that, if you catch a man and his horse together, you still have to prove that it is his horse and that he caused the damage. It is impossible to prove and the police have failed time and again to get any evidence unless the animal is branded, and only stallions have to be branded and then not all of them are branded. Every time we go looking for the owner of a horse, the owner says "that is not my horse," not even if you threaten to shoot the animal will he admit that it is his horse. And it is impossible to work out on a day-to-day basis the Criminal Code without real evidence of branding, registration of brand on every animal. Some people have suggested from time-to-time we should have the obligation that every horse must be branded

Mr. Legal Adviser continues:

or otherwise it should be decided to be shot. But this is not going to be perfect, but it is an attempt to deal with the problem which admittedly is a problem.

BILL #3

Mr. Chamberlist: Even under the Criminal Code the R.C.M.P. are not compelled to impound the animal, you know there is no place to impound it. Here, the R.C.M.P. can take the animal so as to encourage somebody to have a pound. This would give the R.C.M.P. some place to go to take the animal into custody.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I had a case--I had an opportunity to be involved in something in my constituency this past fall, where four horses were moved from Dawson--from the Dawson area down to Whitehorse; one died in a truck; one fell off the truck and died; one was finally tried to be kept alive in the back garden of a house in my constituency; and the fourth one was finally let go and got killed out in the Carcross area. The whole problem was compounded by the very lack of a pound and if the explanation that the Commissioner gives here is a correct one, and I am quite sure it is, I don't think any Member should oppose this, we should push this through because there is a very definite need. Incidentally, there is a corollary to that story; the R.C.M.P. did kill one--shoot one horse and they took it out to the city dump here and left it there and if--I think somewhere in the regulations there should be some enforcement of what they are to do with the carcass, because in this particular case, it was extremely unfortunate, because the children of the supposed owner, happened to go to the dump and see this dead horse there, so I would like to see within the regulations, a suggestion, something; some stipulation to dispose of the carcass some way.

Mr. Chamberlist: It is in the Ordinance, here. It's in the Ordinance.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please. (Reads section 5 and 6)

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if perhaps Councillor Taylor still wishes to have time or can we deal with his specific objection?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like time to consider that section 19.1(1).

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is it agreed that we report progress on Bill No. 3? Next Bill is Bill No. 4.

BILL #4

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, for the record--the Explanatory Note: "the purpose of this Bill is to enable the Government of the Territory to arrange that persons undertaking civil defense work will be covered by Workmen's Compensation and a contribution towards the cost of the compensation will be paid by the Government of Canada. The terms of the Bill reflect the proposed agreement which will be entered into if the Bill is passed." I think, Mr. Chairman, I should add that this was something that was requested by the Honourable Member for Watson Lake some time ago.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Bill No. 4, an Ordinance intituled, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance. (Reads sections 1, 2(1), 3(1), 4(1), 5(1) and 6(1))

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 4 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder for the motion?

BILL #4

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I second that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just before the question is called, I would just like to direct a question to the Commissioner and ask him if indeed, the actual agreement or the work on the agreement itself, between the Territory and the Federal Government, has been done and how quickly will we be able to implement this Bill?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think it can be dealt with quite promptly. I would suggest that there should be no difficulty in getting this thing wrapped up and into force some time during the course of the next thirty days, as far as I'm aware. I am not aware of any impediments, except simply the whole paper, Mr. Chairman, to give effect to this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 4, an Ordinance intituled Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance, be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Chairman: And that I believe concludes the work that we have before us in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker would now resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Taylor: I second that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Taylor that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. We will now have the Report of the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we convened at 3:50 p.m. Bill No. 1, intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance was under discussion. It was moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that section 2 (4) be deleted and that motion carried. It was then moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 1, an Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be passed out of Committee as amended. This motion carried. In discussing Bill No. 2, an Ordinance intituled Public Inquiries Ordinance, it was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that the Bill be passed out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. In discussing Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Pounds Ordinance, it was discussed at some length and I can report progress. Bill No. 4, an Ordinance intituled, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance. It was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the Bill be passed out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. At 4:40 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: We have heard the Report of the Chairman of Committees, are we agreed? What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I can report that tomorrow we have before us Bills of money matters to be put before Committee. I beg your pardon, and motions, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I move that we now call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker, I beg your pardon, I move we now call it 9:30.

Mr. Speaker: Do I understand the Member wishes to move a motion of adjournment?

Mr. Chamberlist: Quite.

Mr. Tanner: I'll second it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, that we now adjourn. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Council now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Chamberlist: Two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: No.

Mr. Chamberlist: That's right.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

ADJOURNED

ADJOURNED

Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett is absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order. Under Orders of the Day, is there any tabling of Correspondence and Documents?

Mr. Chamberlist: I have for tabling this morning; Sessional Paper No. 8, Campgrounds; Sessional Paper No. 10, Budget Speech; Sessional Paper No. 11, Equalization of Heating Fuel Costs.

TABLING OF
S.P. 8, 10, &
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Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have Notice of Motion this morning, moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Watson, concerning the appointment of Councillor Stutter to the Advisory Committee of Finance.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Honourable Member for Dawson?

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion, regarding time in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? Daily Routine under Motions: Motion No. 1; it was moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that subject to subsection 50(2) of the Taxation Ordinance, it is hereby moved that the General Purposes Mill Rate will be increased by two mills over the rate in effect for the 1972 taxation year, to twelve mills for the 1973 taxation year. Are you prepared to discuss the motion?

MOTION #1

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the motion, of course, is brought about as a result of the requirements by Territorial Council, that prior to there being a taxation increase of two mills -- it has already been agreed upon over the past two or three years, that it would be done by approval of Council by way of motion, and this is the purpose of this motion, why this motion was brought forward, because it was the wish of the Council.

Mr. Speaker: Any discussion on the motion? Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The next motion is Motion No. 2. Moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, be requested to provide all Territorial Councillors with copies of the Yukon Indian Land Claims presented to the Prime Minister of Canada by the Yukon Native Brotherhood.

MOTION #2

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention today that there is a possibility that these -- that copies of these claims might be made available on the local level. However, I would ask Honourable Members to agree to the motion and if we can get the documents any earlier, it would be all to the better. I would ask that the question be called and approval be given.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should speak on this, just to help clarify matters. It was the intention, I have found from

Mr. McKinnon continues:

MOTION #2

discussion with the Yukon Native Brotherhood, that all Members of the Yukon Legislative Council plus the Commissioner were to be given copies of these land policy proposals as soon as they were made public. However, there was such a demand from Federal officials on the original printing that only two or three remained in the Yukon Native Brotherhood office. Two of those copies are now being brought to the Clerk of the Territorial Council's office so that Council can peruse them at their leisure. All Members of Council will be given copies from the local office of the Yukon Native Brotherhood as soon as the next printing is finished, which should be at the end of this weekend or the beginning of next week. There was no attempt at all, or any oversight, because all Members of Council were initially on the list to receive copies of the document; however, because of the demand from the other end for copies, they were not made available to all Members.

Mr. Speaker: Any further discussion on the motion?

Mr. Chamberlist: Question.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that we proceed with the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Mr. McKinnon: No.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Mr. McKinnon: Disagree.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #3

Mr. Speaker: The next motion is Motion No. 3. It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that the people of the Yukon, through the Yukon Territorial Council, seek means of becoming involved in any negotiations which may be conducted by the Government of Canada, or any group sponsored by the Government of Canada, so that all Yukoners have input into the future disposal or transfer of benefits of Yukon lands or Yukon mineral and natural resources, and that funds be made available in a similar manner to which funds were made available to other organizations for research, preparation and submission of a report to the Government of Canada. Councillor Chamberlist?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, the subject of this motion, I can see, is of the utmost importance to the future of Yukon and more specifically all the people of the Yukon, although I'm sure that every Member of this Council appreciates the problems and difficulties of our native citizens over many years and the difficulties that they have had. I feel sure there is much sympathy in the philosophy that they have certain entitlements. I believe the majority of the citizens of the Yukon must not in any way be placed in a secondary detrimental area as a result. I believe that it is a requirement that every Member of this Council makes it clear that we don't represent only the minority within the Territory, but, indeed, we represent all the people of the Territory. I think there is a requirement on us to make sure that if there are to be any negotiations or discussions which will affect in any way the people and the future, we, as the elected people of the Territory and especially because our native people have helped to get us elected to speak for them here, have a responsibility to certainly make sure that the Federal Government give due consideration to all the people of the Yukon and have us participate in any part of the negotiations that have been

Mr. Chamberlist continues:

proposed. My seconder for this motion will no doubt have some words to say in this area, but I would like to quote an answer to a telegram that was sent to the Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau, in November of 1969, when he said in part, I sincerely asked for the cooperation of the Yukon Council and all residents of the Territory in working out the difficult but important developments which will be required to give the elected representatives in the Yukon a greater role in the conduct of their Government. Now what greater role can be given to the elected representatives of the people in the Territory than being able to speak for all the people in the Territory. And, Mr. Speaker, there is a specific area that concerns me, that the routes that have been taken now obviously by the Federal Government is the wrong route inasmuch as the routes should be that there be created a responsible government of the Yukon and then the role of the government in the Yukon then becomes clear. That has been continually requested in relation to lands, minerals, natural resources. We must consider the various industries that have been built up during the years by the people in the Yukon and I think, there is so much that can be said on this discussion, in this discussion, and it is so important that I hope that after Councillor Watson has something to say in regard to this motion, that there be a procedural motion put to this House so that it may be passed into Committee of the Whole for general discussion, so that the whole method and manner in which effect of what may take place is given ample news publicity recognition by the Federal Government and recognition by, indeed, all Canadians everywhere. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION #3

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote a statement made by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on the position of Canada in regards to the ownership of the mineral and natural resources of the North. "I have been asked what we would do with the resources. Are we going to keep them in a trusteeship for the residents of the North or are they to be shared by the whole population of Canada. It is a fundamental question. Some resolutions have been taken on this problem. Some people think that they should benefit all Canadians. Others think that we should keep them under a trusteeship for the northern residents. Up to now the government has been quite neutral; that is to say, we do not keep them under trusteeship and we have not made a final decision on a long-term basis. But as you said, this question should perhaps be debated by the constitution committee which should submit a report. The Cabinet would certainly be very grateful for knowing your opinion on the subject." Mr. Speaker, it is quite obvious that a decision has now been made by the Government of Canada regarding the ownership of the minerals and the natural resources of the North. They are now prepared to enter into negotiations with certain sectors of our Yukon population without any previous consultation or involvement of the Territorial Council of the Yukon Territory, which is an elected legislative body of all Yukon. It is most vital that all of the people of the Yukon Territory, or their elected representatives, have their positions as to the benefit of the minerals and natural resources of the Yukon clarified for them and for future Yukoners. It is most important that the rights of all Yukoners be established in a formal presentation to the Government of Canada. I am hopeful that by this motion we will have unanimous support by all the elected Members to request funds from the Government of Canada to begin this task as soon as possible.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I think the mover of the motion made an important point when he said that the whole problem deserves a lot more attention than a speech from each one of us today, and I, therefore, would move Motion No. 3 to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Mr. Stutter: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Dawson, that Motion No. 3 be referred to Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, before the question is called I would like to speak on a subject of Motion No. 3. Of course, it brings before this

Mr. Chamberlist: Point of order.

Mrs. Watson: Question.

Mr. Chamberlist: That is the purpose of referring it to Committee to discuss. The Honourable Member says he wishes to speak on the main motion. It is a procedural motion that is on the floor now, with respect, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I believe the mover of the motion has not yet spoken twice to the motion, and it still leaves the Member the opportunity to proceed.

Mr. McKinnon: Question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Now, I wonder, if we would like to proceed with the Question Period. We have Mr. Commissioner with us today. Would you proceed.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Stutter.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner. On December 6, 1972, I put forth a motion which was unanimously carried in Council that -- the wording of the motion was: "that the Territorial Council unanimously request that the Federal Government take immediate action to halt the rapid rate of erosion of the river bank adjacent to the Village of Old Crow, thereby eliminating the very strong probability of loss of life and buildings." Could the Commissioner tell us whether there has been any correspondence whatsoever with the Federal Departments, and, if so, what was the outcome?

QUESTION RE
EROSION OF
RIVER BANK
AT OLD CROW

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I can report that there has been considerable communication -- I don't know if it is all in the form of correspondence -- with Federal authorities on this matter. The present situation is that our Territorial Department of Highways and Public Works are actively engaged along with the Water Resources people in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Economic Development Branch. They are undertaking a proper analysis of what is the correct manner of stopping this erosion. I think that the Honourable Member from Dawson is aware that a proposal was put forward that there might be certain rock work done on the bank, and this has come up for further study. We have asked the engineers who are familiar with water -- I believe they have a name for them -- the people who are strictly water engineers are working on this problem right at the present time, Mr. Speaker. Every effort is being done to determine what, indeed, is the proper course of action to take. As soon as that information is available -- I am sure that it will be available fairly shortly -- I will be reporting either to the House or to the Honourable Member whose constituency this is in. I would like to assure the Member that this matter has not been shoved under the rug. We are actively investigating what is the proper course of action.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Dawson.

Mr. Stutter: I wonder if I could ask the Commissioner -- it is a bit of a hypothetical question, but nevertheless, I will be putting forward a motion regarding the time zones -- or rather the time across the Territory. I wonder if the Commissioner could give me some assurance that he will, in fact, abide by the wishes of this Council if it is put forward in the form of a motion?

QUESTION RE
TIME ZONES
IN YUKON

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, most assuredly. I think that the Honourable Members are aware that the authority is in the Interpretation Ordinance concerning the varying of standard time or the means of dealing with it or establishing it here in the Yukon. Irrespective of any other form of request that is made to me, the only action that I am prepared to take is action that is instituted or has the acceptance of the Territorial Council.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? We will then proceed to Public Bills and Orders. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 5, Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be given First Reading.

BILL #5,
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 5, Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be given Second Reading.

BILL #5,
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

BILL #6,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 6, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1973/74, be given
First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #6,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 6, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1973/74, be given
Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #7,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 7, Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1973, be given
First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #7,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 7, Financial Agreement Ordinance, 1973, be given
Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #8,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 8, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, be given
First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #8,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 8, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, be given
Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #9,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 9, Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be given
First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #9,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 9, Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be given
Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #10,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 10, City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance,
be given First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #10,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 10, City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance,
be given Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #11,
FIRST READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 11, Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance,
be given First Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #11,
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson,
that Bill No. 11, Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance,
be given Second Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 12, Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #12,
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: When will the Bill be read for the second time?

Mr. Chamberlist: Now, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Second Reading be given to Bill No. 12, Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane, that Second Reading now be given to Bill No. 12, Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance. Are you prepared for the question?

BILL #12,
SECOND READING

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, before the question is called on the Bill to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance, Bill No. 12, I would like to speak on the principle of the Bill. As I understand the Bill through the explanatory notes, the purpose is: "to make adjustments in the exemptions from payment of fuel tax and to impose a one cent tax on all fuel oil used for heating purposes. Opportunity is taken to tighten up collection procedures and close gaps against possible evasions." Mr. Speaker, I am opposed, and I don't know how anyone could be more strongly opposed, to any tax on fuel oil that is used for heating purposes in the Yukon. Now, I know that the Government side of the House is going to argue that the reason for the tax is to be able to bring relief to people who are paying a higher price for oil outside of the metropolitan area of Whitehorse and in other areas of the Yukon -- a principle which I agree with and have asked to see put into effect in this House. However, I don't think that the way to go about bringing about equalization of fuel oil prices through the Territory is by introducing a tax on -- not a luxury item in the North, God knows -- but one of the absolute necessities of life which every consumer has seen bounce up a couple of cents a gallon for various purposes already this winter. Certainly, if one is going to make equalization grants, and make the fuel oil equalized throughout the Territory, one has to look through other funds to be able to do it; through funding through general purposes, through taxing on luxury items, but not in the North -- not in the Yukon -- starting a tax on fuel oil that is used for heating purposes. There isn't one of us who hasn't seen -- once the foot is in the door on a tax purpose like this tax put on heating fuel, or fuel oil used for heating purposes, one cent at this time -- the easiest thing in the world, once it is initiated and once there is a one cent tax on, is when another source of funds is having to be looked for that that tax -- once it is initiated, and once it has been accepted -- then it just starts going up and up and up, and everybody knows -- one just has to look at the increase in the gasoline tax; as some of us Members have sat around this Table, I think, it has gone from something like six to fourteen cents in the time that we have sat around this Table. Really, to -- it is just ghastly for me to think of this Council instituting a tax on fuel oil that is used for heating purposes. Any of the luxury items, even though I think that the cost of tobacco and booze is out of all proportions to what you get these days, I would be more amenable to making an equalization payment throughout the Territory on luxury items that the consumer doesn't need to exist, namely, booze and tobacco, rather than going on to taxing the fuel oil that is used by the consumer for heating purposes. Further into the Ordinance, Mr. Speaker, I see under section 5(3) that: "No tax is payable in respect of fuel oil used for heating ore as a part of a mineral extraction process"; so, the mining companies in the extraction process are eliminated from the fuel taxes going to be levied on the consumer. I am familiar with all of the arguments that the mining people use: that they create jobs; that they create a high standard of living through their union agreements. But, what does the Yukon really benefit other than that from the resource extraction

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industry. Do we get any royalties as the provinces do? Not a cent. Do we get anything in perpetuities from it? No, we do not, except the jobs while the mine is a viable process, and that is all. We are left with a non-renewable resource, with a hole in the ground that we can never make anything of in the future. Certainly, if the consumer is going to be nailed on this -- certainly, the person who is extracting a non-renewable resource, on which we get absolutely no royalties as the provinces do -- certainly, in this instance, then they also should be made to pay; in fact, if they were made to pay some tax on the oil that is used in this process, perhaps the one cent per gallon that is going to be levied on every consumer of fuel oil for heating purposes in the Yukon, might be able to be dropped. I just think that it is a horrible precedent -- a ghastly precedent -- one which I could not be more opposed to than seeing at this time in the Yukon's history, a tax on fuel oil used for heating purposes. It is just one of those abominable means of taxation upon the public of the Yukon. The public is just not willing, not going to accept -- albeit that it may be for a very high principle and purpose that the tax is being levied. We have to find another source of revenue. We have to find another source from either general revenue or from luxury items to be able to afford an equalization process for fuel oil throughout the Territory, and not through the taxation of an item that is an absolute necessity to be able to live in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chamberlist: With respect, Mr. Speaker, I think the Honourable Member has gone a little bit beyond the area of which he has spoken; however, when the Bill comes before Committee of the Whole for discussion, I am sure there will be certain aspects that will be shown to Honourable Members. He may then reconsider the position he has taken at that time. That's all I can say at this time. BILL #12

Mr. Tanner: Since everybody is taking the opportunity to speak on the Bill, I do have, excuse me, I do have reservations on this Bill. The only reason I bring it up now is because when it comes into Committee of the Whole, we can all discuss it. But I want to give notice that I have reservations on this particular Bill as well.

Mr. Speaker: Are you now prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
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Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be given First Reading.

BILL #13
FIRST READING

MOTION CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be given Second Reading.

BILL #13
SECOND READING

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would move that First Reading be given to the amendments of Bill No. 1.

Mrs. Watson: I'll second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that First Reading be given to the amendments of Bill No. 1. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Second Reading be given to the amendments of Bill No. 1.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East -- I would like to point out that inadvertently, Mr. Clerk, would the records show the title of Bill No. 1 in the last motion, (Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance). I believe I inadvertently left it out. It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that Second Reading be given to the amendments of Bill No. 1, namely an Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by the Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 1, An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be given Third Reading.

BILL #1
THIRD READING

MOTION CARRIED

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TITLE
ADOPTED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 1, An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 1 has passed this House.

BILL #2
THIRD READING

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Third Reading be given to Bill No. 2, Public Inquiries Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane, that First Reading be given to the amendment to Bill No. 2...

Mr. Chamberlist: Third Reading given to the Bill, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry -- Third Reading be given to Bill No. 2, namely, the Public Inquiries Ordinance. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt a title to the Bill.

BILL #2
TITLE
ADOPTED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 2, Public Inquiries Ordinance, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 2 has passed this House.

BILL #4
THIRD READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 4, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance, be given Third Reading.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #4
TITLE
ADOPTED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 4, Civil Defence Workers' Compensation Agreement Ordinance, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 4 has passed this House.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills and motions.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Tanner: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills and Sessional Papers and motions. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member for Dawson will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before calling Committee to order, we will have a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this time I'll call Committee to order. *BILL #5*
We have before us Bill No. 5, Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73.
I wonder if we couldn't have the Treasurer in, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Tanner: Before we get into Bill No. 5, I wonder whether Committee wanted to clear up Bill No. 3, and get it out of the way if the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has satisfied his questions on it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there hasn't been sufficient time available to contact the people I wish to contact in relation to the matter. Unless there is some great urgency to it, possibly we can defer it until next week sometime.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mrs. Watson, did you care to read the explanatory note of this Bill?

Mrs. Watson: "The purpose of this Bill is to appropriate \$2,591,726.89."

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads Bill No. 5) Schedule "A":
Administrative Services, \$6,064.00.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, before we get into the Schedule and the detail -- supplementary estimates, of course, are always things that elected members of legislatures aren't too happy with, because generally what they do is show monies that have already been expended by the Government. The Government is asking for approval of the expenditures that have already been made. What it also means is that the Main Estimates have been short, in this case, of some \$2,500,000 which is a sizeable sum of money. I have heard the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East proclaim at the last Budget Session of how realistic the budget was for the fiscal year, and how there would not probably be major supplementary estimates because of the fine work of the Executive Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee. I think I could find such statements in the Votes and Proceedings if I wanted to look them up. Of course, anytime that supplementary estimates do appear in any shape or form, it means that the forecasting has been unrealistic in the Main Estimates. It really lessens whatever little control, and heaven knows it is small enough on the Territorial level right now, from the Members in control of the public funds of the Territory. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether Mr. Treasurer can tell us primarily the reason why we see the supplementary estimates of some \$2,500,000 in the last fiscal year coming before the Territorial Council at this time.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this supplementary estimate includes primarily the revoting of funds for capital projects which were not completed last year. It also includes provision for funds which are being advanced from next year in the construction area because of construction schedules proceeding faster than we had anticipated. There are a couple of items in here which were of an emergency nature -- an administrative emergency nature -- the last item of significance is the loan amortization question, and that is really to clear up some deficiencies that have gone on in the past. Funds are available to do this.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just for the record, I note the difference between the original sum voted in operation and maintenance, and we find that in Supplementary No. 2 that there is no mention made of the funds that were voted in Supplementary No. 1 which -- just for the record -- I believe involves the takeover of the Alaska Highway. I just wondered why the figures were not available on Supplementary No. 1?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think what I'll do with this Bill, if it's agreeable to Committee -- I will read the items, and then turn them over to the Territorial Treasurer to explain them in the back-up information. The first one is Administrative Services, \$6,064.00.

BILL #5

Mr. Miller: This is a decrease, Mr. Chairman. It relates to a change in policy which, I believe, was brought forward at the last Session of Council, but we did not have an opportunity to reflect it in the Budget. It relates to a change in our policy regarding leasing of office equipment. We discontinued this practice, and we are now purchasing office equipment. Our Main Estimate last year had provision in it for the leasing. We are now asking for a transfer from leasing funds in O & M to purchase funds for capital.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Department of Treasury, \$53,981.00.

Mr. Miller: Two items in this, Mr. Chairman: The first one is reduction for the leasing of office equipment; the second one reflects a transfer of the Central Purchasing function from the Department of Highways and Public Works to the Department of Treasury. You will find an offsetting amount in the Department of Highways and Public Works for Central Purchasing in the same amount.

Mr. McKinnon: Is there one Central Purchasing operation now set up in the Territorial Government that includes the Department of Highways and Public Works purchasing office?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Central Purchasing is now in operation on a centralized basis for the entire government.

Mr. McKinnon: How long has it been in operation?

Mr. Miller: Well, in essence, it has been since a year and one half ago. The transfer to Treasury took place April first of 1972. We hired a Director of Central Purchasing in October of 1972 who is now looking after the entire operation.

Mr. McKinnon: How much flexibility does it allow something like the Department of Education or the Department of Highways and Public Works -- say they need a part immediately, or something of an emergency nature. Do they have a contingency up to a certain amount that they can go out and get that part or get that needed piece of equipment immediately?

Mr. Miller: Yes, there is provision in our procedures for emergency purchases for all departments. It is recognized as a need in this country, and we have made the provision in our procedures orders.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that when we consider Bill No. 6, it will be quite apparent to the Members of the Council that there has been savings realized even in this short time by centralizing our purchasing to one agency for the Government. We have noticed it very specifically in the Department of Education.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, you mentioned that, in effect, the biggest part of this item is \$48,000 for wages, and you said that you have hired a Central Purchasing manager. One would assume that before it was all centralized, there were people who were purchasing for the other departments. Have you created another department and those other people are still filling a purchasing function within the other departments of the Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the operation of Central Purchasing for approximately a year was under the direction of the Assistant Territorial Engineer. He did this on a part-time basis. The buyers really ran the department. It was our feeling that we needed some expertise in this field, and, as a result of that, we did acquire a position by reclassification. We have hired an individual to run the Central Purchasing operation who has many, many years of experience in this field; the object being to set the department up, get it functioning properly, develop the procedures in this area so that we can, hopefully, achieve greater advantages than we could by just straight centralizing of purchasing.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with respect -- I think the question *BILL #5* asked by the Honourable Member is: Do we still have purchasing officers scattered throughout the departments? The answer is: No, they have been moved bodily to the Central Purchasing Department.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on the Department of Treasury? - Department of Education, saving of \$20,941.00.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is just for the leasing of equipment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on the Department of Education? Department of Secretary and Registrar General, again a reduction of \$8,975.00.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this reflects the provision for the leasing of equipment again.

Mr. McKinnon: What is actually the policy of the department? As I understand it, there seems to be a reversal. There was a philosophy at one time that it was much better to lease equipment than to purchase it, and funds were to remain available in Operation and Maintenance rather than in Capital to be able to lease equipment. Now it seems that the exact opposite is true, that the policy has been changed to purchase equipment rather than to lease it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the philosophy of leasing versus purchasing of office equipment is one which we spent many hours on. We are still leasing certain office equipment -- and when I say certain, it relates to those items which are in technological change, such as photocopy equipment and this type of a thing. We don't purchase any of these, but regular office equipment, such as adding machines, typewriters, this type of equipment -- it is considerably cheaper for us to buy it outright than it is to lease it. This is why we have made the change.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions? Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, again a reduction of \$4,766.00. Any questions on this? Department of Local Government, an increase of \$11,000.00. Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this reflects the reduction for the leasing of office equipment; it also provides for \$15,000.00 to repair water and sewer lines at Mayo. This was in the nature of an emergency repair that had to be carried out.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, again a reduction of \$8,285.00. Department of Legal Affairs, reduction of \$1,860.00. Department of Highways and Public Works, reduction of \$58,352.00.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this relates to the transfer of the Central Purchasing function from Highways and Public Works to Treasury and a reduction for the leasing of office equipment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Project and Loan Capital, an increase of \$1,800,671.89.

HILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, under Establishment 2003, Community Development Grants, I'm wondering at this point of time if preparatory discussion to the main budget, if we could have a breakdown just where the Community Development Grant money sits right at the present moment, for this current fiscal year -- the unexpended, the revoted money.

EST. 2003

Mr. Commissioner: Is the Honourable Member asking for our recap such as we have tabled before for Council Members at the end of the fiscal year? Is that what--we can have that. Mr. Chairman, I -- perhaps I'm just reading here--this printing--the detailed package and the schedule differ to the tune of \$100,000. Which figure is right? \$1,800,000 or \$1,700,00? It is probably an addition in the details.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is an item further on under Loan Capital for an even \$100,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there questions on Project and Loan Capital? Did you wish to go through the detail itself? Is it the wish of Committee to go through the detail? I wonder then, perhaps I can get the Treasurer to run through the details and explain it as he goes.

Mr. Miller: The first item is Establishment 2003, Community Development Grant, \$18,368.81. This is the revote of grants that were unexpended at the close of the 1971/72 fiscal year.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, they're itemized by each area of each elected Member.

Mr. Miller: Yes, they can be made available in the fashion.

Mr. Chamberlist: They are available in this year then?

Mr. Miller: That's right, these are non-lapsable. Item, Establishment 2317, Vocational School House, \$5,117.03. This was to provide funds for building a residential house by the Vocational School Carpentry Class during the last fiscal year.

EST. 2317

Mr. Taylor: One question on this. Are these houses--when I saw the Vocational School House and I have also seen the swimming pool, and there is some substandard construction within them. Are these things inspected before or during construction or before they are actually placed into use?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the houses certainly are. In relation to the swimming pools, they are just -- you must realize that they are not constructed on site. It is the panel that is constructed at the Vocational School and then they are shipped to the community, and the community erects them. The houses are inspected. The Vocational School house last year was constructed on--at the Vocational School site and it was set up for tender but there were no bids on it. This year we are going to have them build it on a lot, and C.M.H.C. doesn't anticipate any problem with their inspections. This house that we are referring to is being used by accommodation for government. It's a transfer, yes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2317?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2323, Whitehorse Junior High School, \$300,000. This is to advance funds from next year's Main Estimates. The construction stage of the school is ahead of what we had anticipated in our funding requirements.

EST. 2323

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2323?

BILL #5
EST. 2502

Mr. Miller: Item 2502, Faro Nursing Station, \$3,100. This is to provide funds for the paving and landscaping at the Faro Nursing Station. Funds are recoverable under the Hospital Construction Grant Program.

Mr. Taylor: At this point, what is the Hospital Construction Grant Program, just generally, and how available are funds from it for other communities then?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this relates to the Health Services Agreement and the cost-sharing formula which appears in that agreement applies to the O & M and the Capital costing. I believe that the Treasurer can give you an idea of just what unexpended funds we have available in this. At the moment, I'm not too sure, but it does appear, I believe, in the Territorial Accounts.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this Hospital Construction Grant was a scheme that was discontinued effectively in 1971. Prior to that there was a Hospital Construction Grant Program put out by the Federal Government, whereby certain facilities were eligible for 100 percent or some portion up to 100 percent of their construction costs. At the time, the Federal Government discontinued the program, transferred all the unexpended funds that they had relating to the Yukon, to us, in one lump sum, on the understanding that we would spend it in accordance with the original plan. At the end of December in 1972, we had \$134,063.43 available in that fund.

Mr. Taylor: Then I take it that there is no useful purpose served in inquiring further into the grant because the grant will no longer exist; the program.

Mr. Miller: That is quite correct, Mr. Chairman. The program has been discontinued and all health facilities now come under the health services cost-sharing arrangement, which is a percentage split.

Mr. Taylor: Just one further question on that. Do we then consider that the health plan as we use to know it, when Council use to get these things -- it no longer exists either, the five year health plan?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it wouldn't be fair to say that it doesn't exist; it is just be administered under -- in a different manner. Is that a correct statement, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: Well, no. This particular plan, this particular construction plan has been discontinued, but funding for facilities is now included within the Health Services Plan. The Health Services Plan has been extended on a yearly basis, and based on the original 62-67 plan, still exists. Next item. Y.T.G. portion of National Health & Welfare Expenditures \$30,865. This is -- these are items that have been purchased by National Health and Welfare and we cost-share under the Health Services Plan.

Mr. Tanner: What is the split on that cost-sharing?

Mr. Miller: It varies for every nursing station or every facility in the Territory, but in broad terms, 70-30 split. We pay 70 percent; they pay 30 percent.

Mr. Tanner: Would it be true to say then, Mr. Treasurer, that we are spending 70 percent of Territorial funds and they are making the decisions on what they are going to buy?

Mrs. Watson: That's right. Another reason that it is in the Supplementary Budget is because we didn't have permission and time to put it in the regular Budget.

BILL #5
EST. 2502

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 2502?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2541, Children's Group Home - Dawson City, \$65,000. This is to provide for the purchase and renovation of a children's group home in Dawson City.

EST. 2541

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: We have had quite a bit of paper presented to us in the last few days and it seems to me that somewhere in there, I thought we were going to buy one of the low-cost houses already constructed in Dawson for this purpose. Am I correct?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: This is quite correct, Mr. Chairman. One duplex -- is that the correct terminology -- this is in lieu of building another facility of our own because the cost at which, or at least the tenders that we opened on this were, I believe they were practically double what we had available, and the Public Housing Program appeared to be over filled, at least for the time being. Central Mortgage agreed to build Y.T.G. one of the duplexes and certain renovations had been authorized to be done in this, and this is basically what we are leading up to.

Mr. Tanner: My question related to the Councillor for Dawson. I wonder if he could tell me what the houses are like? The houses that we bought were being built here, were something like \$18,000--\$18,000 to \$22,000 apiece, but it appears in Dawson that they are \$32,000 apiece.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: If I could just answer that one from the Chair, the house that we are talking about in Dawson is a duplex and it is one of the public housing units, not the rental-purchase unit. This is the one in question, it is on a full cement base. As a matter of fact, we are realizing a saving of close to \$20,000 by doing it this way, rather than going to individual tender.

Mr. Tanner: Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2541?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2607, Public Housing, \$206,000. This is to provide the Government's share of construction costs for low rental accommodation. Properly defined, it is the Public Housing Program.

EST. 2607

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: I understood that we voted these sums and this is \$6,000 in excess of what we voted for our Budget for this purpose?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, \$75,000 of the funds are revoted from 1971-72, which was set up originally for handling the Whitehorse Public Housing, or at least to start the Whitehorse Public Housing Project, but it didn't get off the ground in time. The balance of these funds is required because of tenders coming in higher than funds available in the estimates.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Just speaking from the Chair, is it not correct to say that the overall cost of the program remains the same and that it is just the number of units, in actual fact, that were reduced because of the ...

BILL #5
EST. 2607

Mr. Miller: Not under the Public Housing Program. Under the Rental-Purchase Housing Program, that would be correct.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, is there any way of ascertaining in the future, if these costs going to escalate all the time, are we going to have to have supplementary budget each year to take care of this, or is there some control set up?

Mr. Miller: As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, this will be the last Public Housing Program that we will undertake. The balance of our program will now be under the Rental-Purchase Housing Program of which--maybe I can just explain this a little further, Mr. Chairman -- which this Council passed an Ordinance at the Spring Session last year for a total funding requirements of some \$7,500,000, that is the approved program and that is what we are going to have to work within.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am very, very pleased to hear that they are going to discontinue the Public Housing Program at this point of time because they have built, I know, in the community of Watson Lake these edifices and I might say, I don't think they were built on need because they had a great difficulty in trying to get people to move into these places. I think they have all but one pretty well occupied now. It has been a real struggle. They have had to do many changes in their quality. In any event, what I am concerned about at this point in time is the rental-purchase houses that are to be built in this upcoming year and that is, will the Government change their policy and build these things on need rather than just going into a community and saying "Now, you are going to have these houses" and just build a bunch of houses and later go see if they can find some tenants for them. Will these now be based on need rather than decisions arbitrarily made by these great wizards here in Whitehorse?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Watson.

Mrs. Watson: I would like to reply to that question. The Housing Corporation are responsible for the building of these houses and they had done a survey of the needs of housing in the Territory. If you look at the Sessional Paper that was tabled for your information, you will note where they are proposing to put these rental-purchase houses and I believe a large portion of these, this coming year, will be built in Whitehorse where there is quite a great need.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I am sure all Honourable Members know that the time element between the time that we first had the opportunity of participating in this program and using the last building season to the best advantage that we could, hardly presented anything other than what you would call an eyeball look at the whole situation. In the meantime, a proper need and demand survey has been made and that is why the proposed program changes for next year was submitted to me in the form of a paper from the House. So really, the point the Honourable Member raises is a very valid question and the answers which are already -- in other words, there's not any more building on the spur of the moment so to speak. It is going to be done on a basis of demand and need.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased to hear that, because it seems that in this program, more and more people are being subjected to forced programs and having things shoved down their throats. It has only been the last two or three years that this has really happened to any extent but this housing is pretty important. I might say, while on this subject, what the people of the Yukon want is not necessarily these rental-purchase homes. Certainly, there are some that would and will continue to want more. What people want is the money they can borrow to build their own homes. Homes of their own design, homes of their own construction in many cases, but they want money at low interest, long-term loan interest rates and we find in Canada, we are making loans at the national level at least or the international level, we are lending out foreign aid money at, I've heard, 2 and 4% and I have heard many figures in that area. Why can't we get some money here in the North at maybe 6%, or 4 to 6%, and instead of building these homes and telling people they must move into them, let them build their own and let them repay this money over a period of time. We need mortgage money; that's what we need and I think that every effort should be placed by the Administration into this area, to Ottawa looking for those funds, because I likely need to build seven million dollars worth of homes; the Governments don't have to. Let the people build the homes; lend the money, let them build them. And along that line, I was wondering, now that we've brought the subject up, if the Commissioner could give

or Mr. Treasurer give us any information. Is the Administration planning anything along these lines or has this been turned down by Ottawa?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to say the Administration have any plans to do such a thing would be wrong. We do not have such a plan but this was one of the reasons that the establishment of the Housing Corporation for the innovative programs or things of this nature could be encouraged, but the possibility of getting long-term mortgage money, you know, less than the going rate of interest, is something that I think is being asked for all across Canada. Perhaps the Treasurer might have a word to say on this and, of course, this is where the whole thing is foundering. It just does not seem to be available and this is the best answer we have been able to come up with. These kind of programs, at which basically, the Government is attempting to subsidize the cost of housing by means other than subsidizing the interest payments, is what really is being done. So while the question is being raised by the Honourable Member, Mr. Chairman, is one which we thoroughly appreciate, I don't think it would be fair for me to say that we have any hope of any answers along these lines at the present time.

Mr. Taylor: If we have voted seven million dollars, I believe there was an item railroaded through Council here when we first discussed this matter last year, now, could we not take two million dollars of that and set up a low-cost housing scheme within the Territory with that money and, as they say, instead of the Government saying we'll build houses and you can move into them, we will build the houses for you - let the people build the houses. Can we not do this? Take two million dollars; fund it.

Mr. Tanner: The Honourable Member is aware of the fact that I live in an area where that happened. And I live in an area where people had money loaned to them to build houses, first \$8,000 then \$10,000 then \$12,000, which was just sufficient money to get them into trouble and I now live in an area, Mr. Chairman, where an awful lot of people are in trouble because they couldn't get any more money than was available then, and if you took two million dollars, it wouldn't nearly be enough. You are talking about twenty or twenty-five million now. You've got to have a revolving fund at very low rates and I couldn't agree less with the Honourable Member when he thinks we can take some portion of that seven and a half million we voted last time, set it aside for people to build their own houses because then it is going to get into worse trouble than Porter Creek.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, possibly other people in the Yukon are not quite as affluent as some Members here are but I might say that people building homes, as he suggests they have done in his area, based on the former Low-Cost Housing Ordinance, I think he is right to the extent that they could not borrow sufficient money to really complete or properly or adequately provide for the construction they desired, but nevertheless they did, and I will also say that if you lend money to individuals to build homes, in most cases they will effect economies that certainly Government will never effect, certainly the Housing Corporation. You go and look at some of the of this public housing and see the money that has been wasted there. Now if you let people take that money and build a house of their own design it'll affect economy. I can't agree with the Honourable Member that this would be a loss. I think if you made available a million or two million dollars, at least it would allow some people and many people in the Yukon build their own homes and build them where they want to build them. And I think this would be a good move and I think that the Administration should look into this area and see if it could not be possible to take a million or two million out of that fund and make it available for the purposes of low interest, long-term mortgage loans for the people of the Yukon to build their own homes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there anything further on 2607?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2608, Staff Housing - \$54,000 to provide for the purchase and location of mobile offices and residences and to provide furnishings for additional accommodation.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if we could have some idea where these offices and homes are required? In other words, where are they disbursed; for what reason are they required?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these were Welfare resident offices at Ross River and Mayo - two house trailers.

Mrs. Watson: Also furnishings for the Corporal's house in Dawson City.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2609, Territorial Capitol Building - \$40,000, to provide funds for the land. Balance of land purchase and the soil testing. The Territorial Capitol Building trade.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, we have other budgets to provide for soil-testing and this same item. Why are we again -- is this a revote, because it seems to me a familiar item. No. 2; I am wondering if we could have a report from the Commissioner as to status of this Capitol Building, at the present moment.

Mr. Commissioner: First, Mr. Chairman, there is no revote here. It was simply that more money is required to do these things than what we originally anticipated and secondly, I was hopeful of having something to say today to the Honourable Members concerning this. We are waiting to hear from the Treasury Board in Ottawa. The items have been on on the Treasury Board agenda for at least the last three weeks and we were hopeful that it got on the active agenda yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Treasury Board, but I am hopeful that within the next few days, I will be able to give you a report concerning status of this whole building program. That is where it is at the present time.

Mr. McKinnon: Are the plans available?

Mr. Commissioner: I cannot say that plans would be available, Mr. Chairman, at this time but certainly the basic concept should be available as quickly as the Board approves them.

Mr. Taylor: Just one other question, probably of an engineering nature. I assume that this work has been done now because of the soil testing and I take it that it hasn't really shown that the sub-soils underneath this site downtown here will handle the building. In other words, it won't tip over, undermine or erode.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, this we have to depend on the engineers and it is my assumption that the basic concept of the building or the design of the building would take into account the factual situation that has been found as a consequence of the building.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2609? I think, in view of the time, I will call the Committee to recess. Mr. Treasurer if you would be present again at 2 p.m.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think at this time we'll call Committee back to order and we're now presently discussing Bill No. 5. Next item under consideration is 2610 under the Project and Loan Capital section. Mr. Treasurer.

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EST. 2610

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2610, Mayo Water System, \$18,880.43. This is the revote of funds provided in 1971-72 for the replacement of water lines in the Mayo water system.

Mr. Taylor: We had an item

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is that recoverable?

Mr. Miller: No, sir, that is not recoverable. The Government of the Yukon Territory owns the system and it's run by the Mayo L.I.D.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, within the L.I.D. of Mayo, is there no front footage tax or anything like that?

Mr. Miller: There is a front footage tax but that was based on the original installation cost, not on extraordinary repairs. This system has undergone some major renovations because of breaks in the water system in the past year and they've had to do some extensive renovations to the system: replacing water lines, etc. They also had an oil seepage problem this last spring which they had to repair -- dig a new well, backfill the old one.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, this might be an unfair question, but could Mr. Treasurer tell me who owns the water system in Porter Creek?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I don't consider that relevant to this particular point.

Mr. Miller: Technically, I think I can answer that question, Mr. Chairman. Technically, the water system was installed by the Government of the Yukon Territory. The Commissioner has signed a Commissioner's Order imposing a front footage charge on it for the next eighteen years and the City of Whitehorse passed a by-law to impose and collect a front footage charge on our behalf for the next eighteen years.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this brings me to a question; where we have a system in the Territory, I'm speaking mostly this time of Faro, and where we have a bad freeze-up something of a very urgent nature occurs, and I assume you could class this as an emergency measure, would then the people of that community be asked to compensate the Government for the cost of re-establishing services, or indeed, can this be considered of a sufficiently urgent nature that Government would then fund those repairs under those conditions and circumstances?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in this particular instance, the Commissioner has signed a Commissioner's Order yesterday, on the operation and maintenance costs of this system which sets a rate at the same rate as the prior year, so we did not take into account these extraordinary repairs in setting the operation and maintenance cost rate for this system.

Mr. Taylor: Right, Mr. Chairman. So, does that mean that when these unforeseen circumstances present themselves, and there are expenditures, substantial expenditures, Mr. Chairman, will they be borne by the Territorial Government, or will these expenditures be recovered by taxation from the people in that community?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in this particular instance, the extraordinary repairs will be borne by the Government through general taxation.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that it should be pointed out that in this instance, with the Mayo sewer system, there was some question, I believe, on deficiencies in the original construction and this is the reason why the Territorial Government had to step in and correct some

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of these deficiencies. Now, if there was an emergency as a result of the operation and maintenance of the system, then that would be borne by the people who are using the system.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, this really isn't the place to discuss this, but I think it's a very interesting point and I intend to pursue it because right now you've got a very inequitable situation. You have a major breakdown in Mayo and the Territory pays for it; but I suspect that if we had a major breakdown in the system in Porter Creek, the Porter Creek citizens, and in particular, those people fronting on the water system, would pay for it. There's got to be some policy set down in this regard.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the operation and maintenance of a water system is the responsibility of the municipality. The operation and maintenance of the sewer system and water system in an L.I.D. is the responsibility of the L.I.D. They carry out the operation and maintenance on behalf of the Government of the Yukon Territory. In this case, as I pointed out, it wasn't an operation and maintenance problem; it was an original deficiency in the structure of the system itself. I can't see what the Honourable Member is driving at; he feels that every time you have a line break in a water main or in the sewer system, that the Territorial Government should go in and pay for the cost of repair? That's not being realistic at all.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think that

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please. Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I think this warrants further discussion, and I don't really think this is the place we should discuss it. Maybe we could discuss it further on in the Budget.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think I would agree; we seem to be getting into a general debate on an issue that isn't directly related.

Mr. Taylor: Well, I respectfully submit, Mr. Chairman, it is, because we are talking about extraordinary repairs to a sewer system.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is the Member still talking about the Mayo water system?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the principle behind the expenditure of these funds and this is what I'm trying to determine -- just what the policy is. I don't think it has really been clearly defined and I'm wondering if maybe we could refer this to the Commissioner when he next comes before us; either during the discussion on this supplementary or in the main Budget, because I think it should be clarified. It's very important.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, 2610 is just a revote of funds that were already voted in 1971-72, for the replacement of water lines in the Mayo water system. Has the work been completed now, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the system is now fully in operation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2610?

EST. 2611

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2611, Second Avenue Extension, \$210,955.04. This was the completion of the Second Avenue extension. Funds were voted in 1971-72 for this. Mr. Chairman, this road was started in 1971-72 but it was not completed. They had to wait for spring to get the paving done and to get some of the final surfacing done.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, what was the total cost of it?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I don't have that figure at my fingertips; I can bring it forward.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't reckon that road is more than half a mile long. From this, it must be one of the most expensive pieces of road in the Territory. It would be interesting to know what was spent on that road, and whether it was put out to bid.

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Mrs. Watson: Oh yes, Mr. Chairman, it was put out to bid. There was relocation of the tracks involved here and this is why the cost. I believe this was the agreement before the amalgamation; in order to construct the road, the track had to be relocated and it did go out to bid. I'm sure the Treasurer can get you the total sum that was expended.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could you ask Mr. Treasurer to make that available.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes, I wonder, Mr. Treasurer, if you would make note of that and provide that information at a later date. Can we go on to 2614, then, awaiting the information on 2611?

EST. 2614

Mr. Miller: 2614, Porter Creek Water System, \$1,101.98.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, it's obvious here and I don't think I have to say anything else; it's \$15,000.00 in Mayo and it's only \$1,000.00 in Porter Creek.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2614?

Mr. Miller: Item 2620, Rental-Purchase Housing, \$165,000.000. This is to provide additional funds for construction of additional rental-purchase houses; \$93,000.00 of this is recoverable from Central Mortgage and Housing.

EST. 2620

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any questions on 2620?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have, but I'll wait until we get on the main Budget.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2706, Special Employment Plan, 1971-72, \$1,169.40. This is the completion of the Special Employment Plan under the Winter Works Program in the Tourism and Information area, which was carried out last winter and early this past spring, and is fully recoverable from the Federal Government.

EST. 2706

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2706?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2901, Furniture and Office Equipment, \$59,262.00. These were the leasing funds that we had previously provided under Operation and Maintenance; we're now asking for them under the Capital area to purchase the equipment rather than lease it.

EST. 2901

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This would be in the nature of typewriters and other office equipment?

Mr. Miller: This is all office furniture and equipment: typewriters, adding machines, desks, filing cabinets, etc.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2901?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2920, Ogilvie River Maintenance Camp, \$34,463.50. This was for the completion of the camp; funds were provided in 1971-72 but they couldn't get the work done in that fiscal year. They completed it this past summer.

EST. 2920

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on Establishment 2920? *BILL #5*

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2921, Faro Airport, \$100,000.00. *EST. #2921*

Mr. Taylor: I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, how much of this money has been expended, and how much is left at this time?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge, we will have spent practically all of the \$100,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: The reason I asked, Mr. Chairman, is because the project is not yet complete, and I was just wondering where the funds will come from to complete it. For instance, it is built on sand, and they have taken water trucks and sprayed water across this sand in order to give a hard surface to the runway so that the airplanes won't sink into it. But, certainly, come spring, we are going to have a problem, and funds will be required to do gravelling and this type of thing. That is why I wondered if there was any money left out of the \$100,000.00 sufficient to do this.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, expenditures to the end of January were \$90,441.14 on this project. It is my understanding that we are now attempting to get from the Ministry of Transport additional funding to complete the project. This has not as yet been arranged.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on that part of 2921?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Beaver Creek Airport, \$20,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2921?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2922, Dawson Airport, \$33,000.00. *EST. #2922*

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there is one point that I am still not clear on. Most of the amounts that are showing on Schedule "A" in brackets, are those which we saved by not leasing. Am I correct?

Mr. Miller: That is correct.

Mr. Tanner: The amount of furniture and office equipment that you are now going to have to purchase is \$59,000.00 approximately. The amount that we saved is \$105,000.00. Is that an actual saving which will be carried here?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the amount of money that we have transferred from Operation and Maintenance is the \$59,000.00. It is the precise amount that we had in for leasing, and we are now asking for that same amount in the Capital area. In future years, in our 1973-74 Main Estimates, there is no provision for leasing and, there is provision for purchase in the amount of \$30,000.00, I believe. So, in essence, we are saving in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00 per annum in not leasing equipment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next item is 2931, the Skagway Road. *EST. #2931*

Mr. Miller: \$100,000.00 under this project for the photography mapping pre-engineering on the proposed Carcross-Skagway Road.

Mr. McKinnon: How much has been spent so far? How far is it underway?

Mr. Miller: Our costs to date are approximately \$25,000.00. The project is being done by D.P.W. for us. So, they have additional billings coming in between now and the end of the year on this item.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 2931?

EST. #2949

Mr. Miller: Establishment No. 2949, Old Crow Airport, \$2,388.50.
Establishment No. 2953, Mayo Residence, Yukon Forest Service,
\$30,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Is that a house, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: This is a residence; correct, Mr. Chairman. It is recoverable under the Engineering Services Agreement.

Mr. McKinnon: Is there an extra man going there besides the one they already have, or what? In all these places.

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, these are accommodations for the people that they have at these locations, to the best of my knowledge. We built these facilities on behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development under the Engineering Services Agreement. They are all one hundred percent recoverable.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think, though, that there will come a time when we have got to start asking government to try to attempt to hire people who can live in their own accommodations. It seems to me that you will find that Federal or no, you might say it is Federal today and -- sure we can keep checking these things off as we do every year, but in time this will be turned over as a responsibility of the Territorial Government. We will be charged with the operation and maintenance of these buildings. I think that the Administration should get together with the Federal Government and the Federal Government departments and see if they cannot arrive at a policy whereby we can start hiring local people in some of these positions and training them, whereby they live in their own accommodations. We are going to get it eventually.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on 2953?

EST. #2954

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2954, Carmacks Residence, Yukon Forest Service, \$30,000.00. Establishment 2955, Watson Lake Residence, Yukon Forest Service, \$30,000.00.

EST. #2955

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at Watson Lake there are two. They just finished building another; one is empty, and the new one is occupied. Now we are building a third.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe that this is the third one. These were actually built this past summer.

Mr. Taylor: This is the second one.

Mr. Miller: Well, the second one. These houses have now virtually been completed. They were built this past summer.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on 2955?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, why is the Territorial Government getting into the business of building houses for the Federal Government? Why don't they do it themselves? What is the advantage to us?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under the Engineering Services Agreement we undertake to do a lot of the engineering and contract and tender letting in the Yukon Territory on behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. As the Yukon Forest Service comes under that Department, we look after that aspect for them. Their alternative would be to contract with Department of Public Works to have it done at the Federal level.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it should also be pointed out that, as I have often stated in this House, this is just another case of where the Administration of the Federal Government can smoke screen our revenue position and say, for instance, here, this is all included in our grant, and they say, "Oh well, you guys spend the money. Put it through your Budget, and we will repay you." Such

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as deficit grants. And, then they go to the people of Canada and say, "Look at the money we are pouring into the Territory to that government, that Government of the Yukon Territory." But, they don't isolate those charges that our government makes to the Federal Government for services rendered, as is school and education in all areas of government. And, this is how they decload the people of the Yukon, and generally, the people of Canada as a whole. This is how the figures come out the way they come out -- the Federal Government bring them out. Smokescreen.

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EST. #2956

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2956, Ross River Residence, Yukon Forest Service, \$30,000.00. Establishment 2957, Old Crow Residence, Yukon Forest Service, \$30,000.00.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might ask from the Chair, what the actual costs were there? It seems funny that all areas were \$30,000.00, regardless of the fact that Old Crow must be considerably more expensive to construct.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we don't have all the final bills in on all these residences. I can tell you, in the case of Watson Lake, because it is complete, it did cost \$35,150.42. The additional funds will have to come from the Federal Government to pay for this.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: And we will not be required to vote them?

Mr. Miller: In this case, some of these homes will not be complete this particular year; so, we will be able to offset a few unders with a few overs and come out nil balance, if you like.

Mr. Tanner: Is that the actual cost of the house in Watson Lake, thirty-five thousand and some odd dollars?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is.

Mr. Tanner: Do you know right offhand how many bedrooms are in that house?

Mrs. Watson: Three.

Mr. Taylor: It is a huge house, I will tell you that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that most of those bids came in at about \$34,000.00 for all of these, other than the Old Crow one.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2958, Old Crow Complex, \$70,000.00.

EST. #2958

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This seems to be a more realistic figure.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2959, Northern Transportation Study, \$12,000.

EST. #2959

Mr. Deputy Chairman: That completes the Project and Loan Capital.

Mr. Miller: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, there is one further item. It is Vote 29, about three pages down in your Estimates. Establishment 2981, Low Cost Housing First Mortgage Loans, \$100,000.00.

EST. #2981

Mr. Taylor: These funds are still available?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, these are funds that were received under the First Mortgage Loan Program and are still being paid out to those people who are in the process of completing their homes at the present time.

Mr. Taylor: How much money would be left in the fund at this present time?

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe the fund had \$160,000.00, approximately, at the end of December.

Mr. Taylor: Then I imagine that some of this is committed funds. As soon as people complete their work, they -- the money is pretty well tied up, but there must be a fair portion of this money that can still be allocated for new housing. Is that possible?

Mr. Miller: These funds were all committed and loans were granted to the full \$2,000,000 level. The remaining funds are those that have not been drawn down because people have not completed the house to the stage of construction where they could get a draw down on it. The end of the pay out on this program will be the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Mr. Tanner: In effect, Mr. Chairman, those funds are already totally committed?

Mr. Miller: Those funds are totally committed. Right.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: That completes the Project and Loan Capital section. The next section is Loan Amortization, \$835,317.00.

EST. #1900

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in detail this is broken into three pieces -- or two pieces essentially -- there is Loan Interest. The first item of \$42,183 to provide funds is to pay the actual interest on loans. This is a problem that we run into every year, in that we draw money down from Ottawa after we table the Main Estimates. We are not sure of the interest rates at that time, but when we get the actual interest rate and the actual payments, we normally have to come back and ask for additional funds.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure what the rate was on these particular loans. Interest rates at the moment are running $7 \frac{3}{8}$ on money over twenty years, which is a little bit higher than what it has been running previously. BILL #5
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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can't get it through my thick skull on this. To provide funds to refund amortization grants, incorrectly requested and received, I still can't shape it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that is another part of the detail. Maybe the best way of handling this--the first item of \$42,183 under Loan Interest and the first item under principal payment of \$36,532, relates to those loans that we drew down late last spring and we didn't know the actual interest rate at the time we were tabling the estimates in Council. The remaining two items under Loan Interest: the first one \$14,153, relates to the funds in the principal payment of \$526,094. These are funds which we have loaned to third parties, either housing loans or municipalities, loans on self-amortizing projects; such as Riverdale subdivision. We have received money back from the third parties either through the sale of lots or in repayment of housing loans in excess of our need, to pay the amortization payments to Ottawa. So these funds have built up in our working capital, we would now like to liquidate some of these loans and get them off our books, so we are asking for authority here to do exactly that.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, what is the point of liquidating the loan? Why don't we put it somewhere else, it is costing us money, the rate is going up. Wouldn't we be wiser to use that money in another place or does the agreement not allow us to do that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, technically we could use the money in another place, however, we run into a problem over the next ten years say, of not having sufficient monies then to pay off the loan amortization payments that are required. As an example, I think the best example is the Riverdale subdivision loan that we have taken out in the past number of years. These loans were financed over a period of twenty-five years. We have sold virtually all the property that we have developed, and we have received the cash money for it. Now if we allow these loans to run their full term, what it means is that we would lose on Riverdale subdivision \$835,000 over the life of the twenty-five years. If we pay it off now, we would reduce that loss to a minimal loss for the whole subdivision.

Mr. Tanner: Can I put another proposition to you? When we are building those houses for the Forestry Service we put it through the books that we borrowed the money although it is fully recoverable. While we are using the Federal funds to build Federal houses, are we paying interest on that money?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we are not. Those are not loans, those are straight transfer of funds. It is not even a grant, it is a straight transfer of funds.

Mr. Tanner: Let me put another case to you. Supposing that, like the City has, we read an Ordinance this morning to lend the City of Whitehorse \$1,000,000. When we lend that money to the City of Whitehorse, we borrow it from Local Government, we administer the funds from ourselves to the City of Whitehorse. First of all the Federal Government charges for the sake of argument $7 \frac{3}{4}$ %, do we lend it to the City Government at the same rate?

Mr. Miller: Yes, we do.

Mr. Tanner: Who pays for the cost of administering the funds when it goes through our hands?

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Mr. Miller: The taxpayers of the Yukon. It is a charge against the general administrative cost of government.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, wouldn't it be wiser to pass that cost on to the people who are using it?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if it is fair to ask the Treasurer that question. I don't believe we should expect him to answer that question. Is there anything further on Loan Amortization?

Mr. McKinnon: I'm really interested in this \$835,000 deficit that would have been on Riverdale property had the twenty-five year Loan Amortization ran its course. It seems to me that somewhere in the background of the Territorial departments that there was a monumental skull pulled in thinking that this was suppose to have been a self-liquidating loan over a twenty-five year period. It appears that somebody was some \$835,000 out in their estimates.

Mr. Miller: I think that would be a fair comment, Mr. Chairman; the error happened if you like, a number of years ago, and we are now trying to rectify that error.

Mr. McKinnon: That was good value for money for awhile there. How many did you buy, Commissioner?

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please. Is there anything further on Loan Amortization? Is there anything further on Schedule "A", any recapping?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, maybe with Mr. Commissioner here, Mr. Chairman, we would get an answer to the question I asked in relation to unforeseen and urgent expenditures on sewage systems in the Yukon.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The question Mr. Commissioner, is in the cases of unforeseen emergencies in sewer and water system, does the Government itself, foot the bill or is that bill passed on to the local user of that system.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, it depends what the circumstances surrounding the situation are, Mr. Chairman. Certainly, in the case of the problems that are before you now, there is no way of passing this on to the users of the system because the burden is such that they just could not afford to pay even a portion of it. Now, I think, that without getting into the technicality of this situation, I am led to believe that the general installation of the Mayo Water and Sewer System left a lot to be desired and it is the remedying of some of these deficiencies that is the cause of a lot of the trouble and that the kind of expenditures that has occurred there in the process of the last year or eight months are hopefully--have hopefully corrected the situation, so that we will not have any further repetition of it. Now, this is one kind of a circumstance. Another situation is if possibly difficulties happen on peoples' home property. Now this is up to you, yourself to take care of that, but if the question relates to mains and are a major installation I think, a similar set of circumstances as transpired in Mayo and these small communities, have simply got to be carried by the Senior Government and if there has been any indication that some portion of it would be a reasonable charge against the users, why that will be done, but certainly not under the circumstances that these small systems are being amortized at the moment. We feel the burden of users is just about all that he can be expected to bear.

Mr. Taylor: My problem arises in this case, when let's hypothetically say in Faro, a municipality, where all of a sudden a big freeze-up occurs. The system freezes solid. This would have, in my estimation, have -- you could put in a perspective of being an emergency measures situation, at that point. Now let us hypothetically assume that \$35,000 is expended in order to get this sewer system going again and repair it so that it is functional at that time. Would then

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the municipality have to bear the cost or would the Senior Government absorb that cost under that hypothetical situation?

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Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to become involved in answers to hypothetical questions because they can become reality then I'm told that was an hypothetical answer that you gave. But certainly the Faro, you know, that you speak of, if such a thing happens the Faro municipality would certainly have to clearly show us that it was absolutely beyond their capabilities to do anything at all about it before we would be prepared to step in. Also, I think that the Honourable Members will go back to the time when the Faro townsite was originally put together and the Votes and Proceedings are abundantly clear that at no time was any of the cost of the Faro townsite development to be borne by the rest of the taxpayers in the Territory. So I think we are dealing with a very hypothetical situation. But certainly it would be up to the municipality to show us in no uncertain terms that they couldn't deal with this thing, that it could be that we could help them without interfering with this original concept that was laid down by the Territorial Council.

Mr. Taylor: Then there is no hard policy on this? Would the Administration consider preparing a policy in cases such as this, I'm not just -- Faro, Whitehorse and any L.I.D. and any community. I think there should a policy made in respect of this.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I think there would be as many policies as there are communities. Because everyone of these communities have sewer and water systems in varying degrees under just about every conceivable circumstance you can dream of. For example, at Dawson City, if the money was all added up, that has been put in by the Territorial Government into the rehabilitation of the Dawson City sewer and water system, you could pave the road between here and Dawson with it. You just can't -- it is just impossible to deal with it, but I think there has been an honest attempt with the small communities for the senior government to pick up the difference between what appears to us, likely a long-range of the reasonable assessment against the usage and what would be needed in order to keep the system operating. That has been the general policy and I think that the Treasurer would verify that statement.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: That completes the reading of Schedule "A". Back to the preamble of the Bill. (Reads preamble to Bill No. 5) That completes the reading of that Bill, what is your pleasure?

Mr. McKinnon: In the Bill, itself, I see no mention made any place of where the costs of the Hobbs Inquiry come in, under supplementary estimates, and what that will cost?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this would be an item under Special Services, would it not?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commissioner: And I think, are these monies already available under that Vote, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: There is a provision of funds under Administrative Services-Professional and Special Services, which was voted in the Main Estimates for special studies.

Mr. McKinnon: Are there any estimates that have been made by the Territorial Treasurer Department after the cost of the Hobbs Inquiry.

Mr. Miller: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't know what the figures would be on that.

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Mr. McKinnon: Could it brought to the attention of Council?

Mr. Miller: Yes. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we could bring forward an estimate of the costs.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Would you take note of that then, Mr. Treasurer,

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 5 be moved out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Tanner: I'll second that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 5, An Ordinance intituled Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be passed out of Committee without amendment. What is your pleasure? Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next item to consider, I think, is Bill No. 6.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this Bill is to provide the funds for the expenditures set out in the Main Estimates.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads Bill No. 6) Once again, I would ask that we take each item and have the Treasurer go over them. Administrative Services \$1,370,839.

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first item in this is on page 4, on the left hand side of the page. Establishment 100 - \$111,995. to provide funds for the statutory emoluments of Councillors and elected Members of Executive Committee.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions on Establishment 100? 120?

EST. 120

Mr. Miller: Establishment 120 - \$398,460 - to provide funds for the Territorial share of the expenses of Executive Committee and its subcommittees and general support services for the Council and Executive Committee.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at different times in Council we have asked for some assistance for those Council Members who represent the people rather than the Government. I would -- I couldn't let this go by without saying that the facilities available to a Member who is not on the Government side of the fence is disgraceful beyond any way shape or form. I think, if that is the way things are in the Northwest Territories, I think they must have better service than what we have available to us here. Both in the field of research, right from there, right down to having been considered trustworthy enough to retain a key to the men's washroom on the top floor of this building. Any office space that was ever granted to Council or Councillors I should say, has fast disappeared and engulfed up by the proliferation of the Administrative Services Department and the Legal Department, I believe. They have taken over our offices. We have no place in which to place our files, we have no specific steno staff for ourselves; we have nothing. I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if indeed, there are funds within the Budget under Establishment 120, Administrative Services, to provide some remedy to this, what I call a very very deplorable situation. Maybe somebody could answer that.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, unfortunately I have no different answer than what I have been able to give Councillors for the past four or five years. The remedy is on its way and until that new building is built, with proper accommodation for the Council Members and various staff that is reasonable for them to have, well, I just see no way of improving on the situation.

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Mr. Taylor: I don't think it's good enough, Mr. Chairman, to come back every year, whenever we come to the annual Budget and we raise this question and we're told "well, it's on its way". Well, so is Santa Claus; he's been around about five times and it's still on its way, next year. You walk into this Chamber from the hinterland and you say "well, we need this money fellas, and that's all there is to it and I've just got to tell you that if we don't get this money, we're in desperate trouble" and bango -- we find the money, someplace. Well, we want money for something for the people; something which is not for the government but for the people, to help the man in the street, or his representative, and it's "Oh, well I'm sorry, we just don't have the money". I'm not prepared to accept that. I think that if this Government has any respect at all left for the people, which I'm fast doubting, then I think that they could come up and find a few dollars -- there must be an empty closet around here we could use. That would be more than what we have. One that we could have a telephone in and make a phone call, and there must be people around this Administration with their feet up on desks at some time or another -- let us have that person for their research ability. While we're trying to sit and fight and argue in this Chamber, we could have somebody running around getting us information that we require to do a good job. This Budget has taken a couple of years of preparation, and we're expected to come in here in the course of an afternoon, and approve or disapprove of the thing. As I say, I think it's essential if a Councillor's to do any kind of a decent job for the people of the Yukon, then it is essential that he at least have some basic, minimal as it may be, support service. Right now we've got nothing and I couldn't let this go by without deploring the situation and virtually I would demand that the Administration give some consideration to this, and provide within this Budget, some assistance while in Council, for those Councillors who are not on the government side.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, well I sympathize with the Honourable Member from Watson Lake; the fact that the Territorial Councillors, the elected representatives, do not have some type of office accommodation for them within this building, and do not have some type of support services. I do object very much to the insinuations of the Honourable Member, that this entire Budget is prepared for the Administration of the Territory and not for the people. If you look through your Budget, every part of this Budget is prepared for the people of the Yukon and you may have to pay for some administration of this Budget, but this Budget is for the people. I think it's very irresponsible for the Honourable Member to even imply that the people of the Territory haven't been taken into consideration in every instance when this Budget has been prepared. Now, when you relate this to the fact that the Councillors do not have accommodation, it's a different matter altogether. I think the biggest problem is the lack of space, and as you say, "could we find a closet"; well, if you can find a closet, you can have it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would reply that the Honourable Member who has just spoken must have wax in her ears because she's off on some other tangent than I am. I might say that lacking of office space -- possibly we could cure this. Maybe the two Executive Members from this Council could share an office and maybe the rest of the Council Members could share the office now occupied by one. That would be something constructive.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member can move in with me any time he wants to.

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Mr. Taylor: That would be like moving into a den of rattlesnakes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please, order.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I can't let this go without a comment. In answer to the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane, I won't imply anything; I'll just give you the facts. It costs about \$100,000.00 in round figures, for the Council to receive their indemnities and it costs about \$400,000.00 for the Civil Service to take care of those Councillors, and if you just look at the first Establishment — 100 — the actual funds for the statutory emoluments of Councillors, have gone from \$162,022.00 in 1971-72 Actual, to \$113,995.00 in 1972-73, to \$111,995.00 in 1973-74, and the cost of Administrative Services to take care of us seven Members, has jumped from \$294,997.00 to \$359,143.00 to \$498,460.00 — almost four times the amount of services for the Administration to take care of us seven poor lonely Councillors around this Table. I'd sure like a breakdown of the \$400,000.00 because I can tell you something, I don't feel that I'm getting one-seventh of \$400,000.00 in my support and in my research work, and in my time and trouble, from the Administration of the Government of the Yukon Territory. I'm not implying anything, man; those are the facts.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The breakdown of that \$398,000.00 is pretty well there on the opposite page.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I think that all Councillors should take note that the cost of the Council salaries is going down by \$2,000.00. It looks like somebody's on the skids anyway.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, also, on the same subject, I'm wondering if there are funds within this Budget to provide those representatives who represent the people, with legal services so that we may have a legal advisor of our own. Has this been considered?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I didn't know that the Honourable Member needed legal advice, but maybe we could arrange legal aid.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can only say that this is entirely possible. I think that

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please, order.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, everytime we come around to this same question, demanding some assistance for the people, this point arises as well, Mr. Chairman, and I feel that at some point in time, we must have a legal advisor for the people and for the Council.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think that point has been well taken. It's one that has been brought up at almost every Session and it's one that I'm very much for. Anything further on 120?

Mr. Tanner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have one further thing. It is noticeable here that the salaries of the Councillors and Members of Executive Committee, are going down by \$2,000.00, but I do notice that the salaries for the support staff have gone up by twenty percent this year, which sounds like an awful lot of money. Are we anticipating more employees, or are we anticipating tremendous increases in salaries?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would refer you to page six of the Estimates, which details the man-years involved in each Establishment. You'll find an increase of three man-years in the Administrative Services area.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just for the edification of Members, the cost of providing a legal advisor for us — full-time salary per annum, \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00; part-time salary, that is on a Sessional basis, approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 per annum.

Mr. Taylor continued:

The matter was well researched on March 26, 1971.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on Establishment 120?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 140, Public Inquiries, \$1.00.

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Mr. Taylor: That's the dangerous \$1.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on Establishment 140?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 150, Plebiscites, \$1.00.

EST. 150

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 150?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 160, Personnel Office, \$114,000.00.

EST. 160

Mr. Taylor: While we're on the subject of personnel, what is the status of the collective bargaining now, between the Government of the Yukon Territory and the Public Service Alliance? Where is it sitting at the moment?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I have a written question on the Order Paper for that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The question has already been asked.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, what other functions of the Personnel Office are there, other than the hiring of employees under the public service of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there are a lot of varied services: the Classification Program and all the various things that go along with it; the administration of the Collective Agreement; employee grievances, and all the things that go along with that, and I can assure you that they're probably the busiest office of any department of the Government.

Mr. McKinnon: Including the Commissioner.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on Establishment 160?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you have one item here, Transportation of Non-Government Employees, in the amount of \$141,500.00. Am I to understand that this is teachers, and if so, would this not properly fall under the Education Vote.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this represents the cost of bringing into the Territory any civil servant hired outside the Territory, and of transferring civil servants from one area within the Territory, to another, for all departments.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, why do we call them Non-Government then, if they are in the Government?

Mr. Miller: Well essentially, Mr. Chairman, the biggest part of this cost is at the recruiting stage where we bring in two or three people before we've actually made a choice, so at that stage they are not Government employees; they are potential Government employees.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the idea is to differentiate these kinds of transportation costs as opposed to the transportation costs that are incurred within each department, for sending employees on government business. This is the whole idea of this.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Mr. Commissioner what the policy on personnel hiring is? How much advantage does a Yukon citizen with experience have over a person applying for that position from outside of the Yukon? Does the Personnel Office clearly give the Yukon citizen, with his roots here, with his home here, and some background in the Yukon, preferential treatment over an employee who has asked for a position in the Territorial Public Service, applying from outside of the Yukon Territory?

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the answer is yes, and the only way to prove what I am saying is to give the recruitment statistics for the last calendar year, and we will table that for Council's information, and you will find that something less than five percent of our total recruitment in calendar 1972, was for people who were not hired here in the Yukon Territory. We will table this complete information for Council. That is the only way to answer this question and we have it right up-to-date for the calendar year 1972, if the Clerk would see that this is made available for Council on Monday.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Clerk, would you make a note of that. Anything further on 160?

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Mr. Miller: Next item 180, Accommodation Services, \$446,382.00.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Commissioner or the Treasurer give us specifically who we're providing accommodation for; who we're subsidizing. I understood it was government policy to get out of the business of subsidizing housing.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, in the Recovery Section of the Budget, I don't know what page it's on, you will find that of that \$446,000.00 -- was there something close to \$400,000.00 recovered, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: That's right, Mr. Chairman, \$429,000.00 of this item is recoverable.

Mr. Commissioner: So, basically Mr. Chairman, we have something in the neighbourhood of about \$17,000.00 that is not fully recoverable. This is brought about by the fact that we retain a certain amount of housing units, particularly in the headquarters area, that may not necessarily be occupied all the time, and likewise, remember that the accommodation of school teachers, if it is vacated during the two or two and a half months of the summer vacation, we do not collect rent during the time that that type of accommodation is vacant. That is where this basic differential of approximately \$17,000.00 is.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, it might not be the appropriate time to ask, but perhaps the Commissioner could give the House some indication of how the transition of those employees who were working for D.P.W. on the Alaska Highway and probably did have subsidized housing, how the transition to becoming Territorial employees was worked out, and are they now, as all other Territorial employees, getting non-subsidized housing?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the terms and conditions for the people who were offered employment on the Alaska Highway takeover, were the same terms and conditions as what existed for our employees at that time. There is -- except for the rental rates which are established in the road maintenance camps along the Alaska Highway, to the best of my knowledge, there is no element of housing subsidies; perhaps the Treasurer could say this, but in the camps along the Alaska Highway, rentals are established in each one of them and there is no question that there is an element of subsidy involved with regard to them, but certainly not in the headquarters area. They have the same terms and conditions that apply to all our employees.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, a question on Accommodation Services. I would like to -- I was always of the understanding that once the Yukon Housing Corporation was set up, that this Housing Accommodation Services, under Establishment 180, would fall under the terms and conditions of the Yukon Housing Corporation, so that we really wouldn't have two sets of government bodies really involved in the field of housing. I understood that one government entity would be looking after all the accommodation and housing service plans in the Yukon Territory. I thought this was the intention of the Corporation.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it is in fact, the case. It's a matter of showing the Accommodation Services' costs here, and the recoveries as a Recovery item, are for budgeting purposes. We felt that this was the proper way to show it instead of showing it in the Housing Corporation, which is shown as a separate entity here. Administratively, the whole accommodation package is administered by the Housing Corporation and the Accommodations' Officers are physically located and come under the supervision of the Manager of the Housing Corporation.

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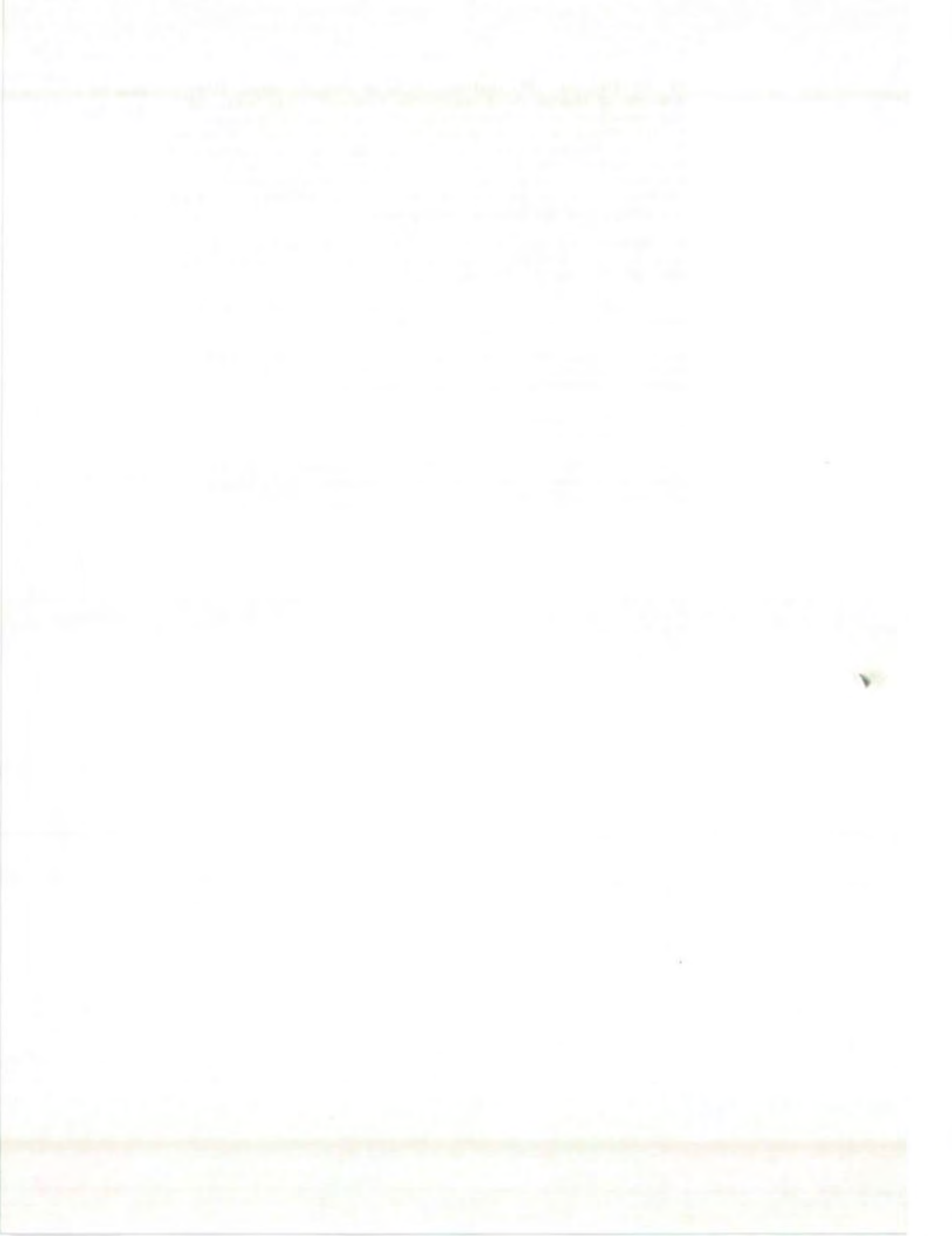
Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, also under Accommodation Services, you show Rental of Land and Building: recoveries from office rentals, \$334,287.00. How is this recovered?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is the amount of money that is charged back to each department, individually, through the Budget. Now, all the bills are paid initially out of this Vote and we charge back to each department, in the Whitehorse area, at the rate of \$6.00 per square foot. You'll find rental within each department's budget, offsetting this \$334,000.00 recovery, here.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This completes Administrative Services. Next is Department of Treasury, \$985,894.00.

Mr. Miller: The first item on this, Mr. Chairman, is on page eight, Establishment 200, Territorial Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, \$473,400.00.

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Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there's a significant decrease. I wonder if the Treasurer could explain to Council the reasons for this decrease. BILL #6
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Mr. Miller: Basically, we're dropping three man-years in this department. The Auditor's position has been transferred to the Administrative Services Vote; the other two positions are clerical positions, which we found we didn't need, so we're taking them out of the estimates, if you like.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what effect does the computer program within this department have on the personnel within the department, or is expected to have in the future?

Mr. Miller: At this stage, it has had, basically, no effect. We are anticipating that there will be some possible reduction in the future as a result of putting more things on to the computer but, at the moment, we have had no major decrease. One of the major jobs we have been in the process of doing is conversions, and this takes a lot of time and a lot of people. Once we get the conversions complete, there could be a possibility of, as people leave, we won't fill those positions. We're guesstimating really at this time.

Mr. Tanner: A point of interest, Mr. Chairman; why are these -- you say you dropped three people, you have three people less. Were they using up a lot of paper? Because, I see your Office Supplies and Services have been cut in half; it's gone from \$29,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Is that something to do with the computer?

Mr. Miller: It has something to do with the computer, yes. We're not using the specialized forms that we used to use. The computer is printing them a lot of them now as it produces the report.

Mr. Taylor: One further question, Mr. Chairman. Under Rental of Machinery and Office Equipment, I find only a figure of \$29,300.00. Does this include the computer rental cost?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it does -- for the year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 200? The next item is 201 - Insurance. EST. 201

Mr. Miller: \$67,000.00. This is for the general insurance for the Government.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on 201?

Mr. Taylor: Yes. In the matter of insurance, I'm wondering if the Administration has yet been able to determine what the 25 percent surcharge on insurance, such as fire insurance for the Yukon Territory, is composed of, or is that matter still considered confidential by the insurance underwriter?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we gave up on that at least a year or eighteen months ago, because the insurance companies are under no obligation at all to divulge to us their great calculations of inner workings. Unfortunately, there is no way that we have to answer the Honourable Member's question, which has been raised on this Floor before. We're dead on this one.

Mr. Taylor: Well, are we, Mr. Chairman? I wonder, as has been suggested some time ago, why, if these people will not give us this information, and claim it's confidential, why not have them charged jointly under the Combines Investigation Act; and this Government take the initiative and charge them. Then possibly, when they get before a Federal committee, they may feel that we're entitled to know why we're paying this 25 percent surcharge within the Territory.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the means, under the Combines Investigation Act, as I understand it, is for, I believe it's -- I don't know whether the number is twelve, but there is a number of people, who, if they send a complaint to the Combines Investigation people, that is the way that action is instituted under that Act of the Federal Government. Certainly, there is no prerogative available to the Territorial Government to get action under that. It's up to the individuals. The Treasurer might know the number, but I believe it is either twelve or fifteen that is required to lay a complaint.

Mr. Miller: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't know the number.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Honourable Member a question? Is the Honourable Member wondering why we pay more insurance here -- 25 percent more insurance here than they do, for example, in Vancouver? One of the simple reasons is that if you live in Prince George, you pay more than Vancouver, and if it's north of Prince George, you pay more; and the risks up in this part of the country are higher. In fact, I've been led to believe by some people in the insurance business that the rest of the country is carrying the Yukon's part of insurance risks, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the question I've asked continuously for many years is as the Commissioner's indicated. When the request goes to the insurance underwriters, I believe, to explain what the 25 percent surcharge is about, we get a little note back that in relation to that question, the matter is confidential. I think that anybody who pays this, should know what it consists of. I think that should be a matter of public knowledge and public concern. I think it behooves the elected representatives of the people at either the Territorial level or the Federal level, to attempt to get these answers. In relation to the Honourable Member's question, yes, if you went from Vancouver to Prince George, maybe your insurance rates, in terms of fire insurance, would go up, which is quite possible, I suppose, but when you go from Lower Post, British Columbia, to Watson Lake in the Yukon, a travel distance of fifteen miles, it goes up 25 percent, and remains that way throughout the Territory. This is something, I think, of great importance and great concern to the people. I think we are entitled, by some method or other, to get this information.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I noticed that the Treasurer is nodding his head, or not agreeing with what I said. I think it's within the memory -- or within the last three years that the Territory itself has suffered a great deal of fire loss. I'm not defending the insurance companies, but there is, from a strictly business point of view, a reason to be charging more insurance in the Yukon than in British Columbia. I can see the Member's point of view, when he happens to cross an imaginary line, his insurance goes up 25 percent, but on the other hand, the overall risks involved in the Territory it is greater here than it is in B.C., and it's greater in northern -- B.C. than it is in southern B.C.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I can clarify this a little. I've done a little work in this area, and I have been able to find that the insurance underwriters use essentially a five-year average of past experience in calculating their rates. Now, we in the Yukon are still being charged, if you like, what the cost of the major fire that went on at Anvil during the construction stage was. And, a few years back, I think, if you look at the fire statistics, you will find that the losses in the Yukon were extremely high. Certainly they're improving now, and I think the Fire Marshal's last report showed a tremendous improvement. But, the underwriters do not look at the future; they look at the past, the past five years. So, until we get rid of those bad years, we're stuck, essentially stuck, with the rates that they're setting. This is essentially how they calculate their rates.

Mr. Taylor: It must be understood, though, Mr. Chairman, that this was the case long before the Faro fire, and the Faro fire was what

Mr. Taylor continued:

has done it really. That's the biggest individual fire loss, and that put our fire losses that year, I think, over two million, or around there. But, that was one big loss. This, however, has been going on long before the Faro fire.

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Mr. Miller: But I think you'll find, Mr. Chairman, that if you go back long before the Faro fire, you'll find that our fire losses are extremely high for the insurable property in the Territory. Just thinking back a few years, you find that there was a Porter Creek school lost; there was an Old Crow school lost. These types of things, in relation to the insurable property in the Territory, are very significant.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I can give you an actual example. In the area of town in which I have a business established, the risk was so high a year ago, until this new building took place, you couldn't get any more insurance benefits. No one company wanted to take sufficient part of the risk to give any more insurance. The situation is improving in that respect, as anybody can see by just looking at Main Street; the type of buildings that are being built are now more insurable. But, that hasn't been the case in the Yukon up until the last three or four years. There's no doubt about it; our rates will go down, but you've got to take it over a certain period of time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm still not satisfied. I think all this is well and good, and everybody can kind of assume that this might be, and assume that that might be, but I think it behooves the Council and the Government to go and attempt to find out why. If I could get an answer from the insurance companies like I've had here today, then there would be no problem, but the insurance companies -- the underwriters make it quite clear that the matter is confidential and not for the ears of the general public. I would like to know why. I think that possibly we could deal with this under Orders of the Day. I think we should make another attempt to find out from the joint underwriters why we in the Yukon are being charged a 25 percent surcharge on many forms of our insurance.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think the Commissioner has pointed out that we can't find out, or at least bring about some ...

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I agree with the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, because all the years I've sat at this Table, one of the big arguments for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars -- in fact it has amounted into millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money -- for sprinkler systems for the schools, for piped water and sewer systems, for hydrant systems, for fire trucks, is because when we get all these things into operation under the Yukon Territorial Government, then the insurance underwriters are going to look at Yukon and they'll say that we no longer have the higher risks that are found everywhere else in the country, and the 25 percent surcharge will be dropped. I've used it as a selling point to constituents, saying, the Commissioner has stated, the Fire Marshal has stated, people have stated, that our insurance rates are going to drop if we go along with these services. We haven't seen a corresponding drop in the cost of fire insurance, and that surcharge that is applicable to Yukon citizens, even though we've spent millions of dollars in the instances of trying to control loss in the Yukon Territory. I couldn't agree with the Honourable Member from Watson Lake more. It is about time that somebody answered to the people of the Yukon Territory, why, after millions of dollars of expenditures out of yours and my pockets, we still do not have any corresponding drop in the insurance rates as they apply to the Yukon Territory. Somebody should bloody well answer.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we move on then, at this point, to 202?

Mr. Taylor: I have one further question in relation to insurance, Mr. Chairman. I believe I noticed this in the Commissioner's Opening

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Mr. Taylor continued:

Address, that it is intended to establish, possibly through this Budget, a Workmen's Compensation Board in the Yukon, and has this budgetarily been provided for?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we can't provide for it in this Budget until the necessary legislation is prepared and the actuarial work done in connection with the funding. I think that I reported at the last Session of Council to the Honourable Members, that we retained an ex-Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board man to do this work for us. We have made representations to our own Minister in Ottawa and more information was requested, I believe, by the Treasury Board. This is being compiled now. It is our intention, as explained in my Opening Address to Council, that as soon as we have these things put together, if necessary, we'll call a Special Session of the Council to seek Council's concurrence to bring this into effect. There will have to be a Supplementary Estimate at that time. It is not dealt with in this Budget.

Mr. Taylor: It would lead to the question that, though it is not dealt with in this Budget, how in the general scheme of financing for this forthcoming fiscal year has provision been made to support a Supplementary Estimate outside of this Budget? In other words, must we then start carving up this Budget to find the funds to provide the funding of the Workmen's Compensation Board?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the provision of a Workmen's Compensation Fund must be actuarially sound. In other words, it must be self-refunding. This is the work that we are in the process of doing now to make sure that the rate structure that we intend to charge will provide this self-liquidating aspect of the Workmen's Compensation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 202.

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Mr. Miller: Establishment 202, Electrical Rate Equalization, \$238,000.

Mr. Taylor: How much money has been paid out to date, Mr. Chairman, for this fiscal year so far?

Mr. Miller: Expenditures, and this is to the end of January on our books, are \$145,644.35. This would normally represent, these bills are normally about two months in arrears; so, essentially, we are looking at seven months at that stage.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the Budget this spring was \$173,000, but I note that you say here 1972-73, we have \$229,000. Is this provided by Supplementary?

Mr. Miller: This is a provision by Supplementary Estimate, I believe, Mr. Chairman. In Supplementary Estimate No. 1 there was a provision for \$56,000 additional.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on 202?

Mr. Taylor: No, Mr. Chairman, this gives rise to another question, a request which has come from people who have operated small businesses in and around the Territory, outside of Whitehorse. I am wondering when and if consideration will be given to the expansion of this program to at least some extent, some of these small businesses in the commercial enterprises out and around the Territory.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we recognize that Council wishes to see this program expanded, if at all possible, but, likewise, it has to be actuarially sound. We have given a contract to, just in recent days, to the man who originally made the presentation here to Council roughly three years ago, to re-examine the situation to see if the program can be further extended or what further benefits might be available. We would expect to have this

Mr. Commissioner continues:
report sometime in the course of the next couple of months, and we *BILL #6*
will see what has to be done at that time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, are representations related to the Electrical Rate Equalization, are they properly to find their way to the office of the Commissioner, or are they to find their way to the Board or the Boards that have been established?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to the Board and the secretarial services for the Board are provided by the Territorial Secretary's office. So, they should be addressed to the Public Utilities Board in care of the Territorial Secretary's office.

Mr. Taylor: I had another question that I wish to ask here. And that is, this Electrical Rate Equalization money generally comes from a rebate from the Federal Government for refund of the corporate taxes paid by the utility company in any given year, and I think it is delayed by one or two years. I am wondering what kind of payment did we receive for this fiscal year from the Federal Government? In other words, how much did this amount of money -- what was the sum?

Mr. Miller: I don't have that figure with me. I can bring it forward. BILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Maybe after recess.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, wouldn't that be in the Recoveries?

Mr. Miller: No, it is not, Mr. Chairman. This is handled in a different manner. The Recovery section here is the amount that we draw out of the fund. In other words, we are holding this money in trust.

Mr. Commissioner: By Council's wishes, Mr. Chairman, this money was to be separately accounted for, and that is the reason for this.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think then, at this point, I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this time I will call the Committee back to order. The next item to be discussed is Item 203, Central Purchasing and Stores. EST. #203

Mr. Miller: It is in the amount of \$121,000. This is for the Central Purchasing and Stores operation for the Government.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, did we get an answer over the recess to the question on Electrical Rate Equalization?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think that the Treasurer does have some answers if we just complete this section, and then we can go back to the answers to bring us up-to-date on that point.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it is possible to break down the corresponding decrease in the staffing of the various departments that used to have independent purchasing divisions. Just try to come to a figure of what actually the formation of a Central Purchasing and Stores is going to cost the Government of the Yukon.

Mr. Miller: Basically, Mr. Chairman, the two Purchasing Officers were our total purchasing, direct purchasing function, when they were in the departments. They have now been removed from the Department of Education and from the Department of Highways and Public Works and moved into this area. We did not operate the Central Stores operation except in connection with the garage operation, who used to handle a certain amount of this material. As an indication of potential savings, if you look at Appendix items A-1 and A-2 in the Estimates -- these are the long fold-out sheets -- you will find that under Office Supplies and Services in 1972-73, our Estimates were \$255,000. In 1973-74 we are showing a decrease to \$234,000. We are uncertain, really, as to how much saving we will accomplish in this area, but I think that, generally speaking, we can say that there should be an ongoing savings in all departments from here on with the establishment of this section.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there anything further on 203? 204 -- I wonder if I might suggest that we leave this particular item until the Sessional Paper and the Bill that are now tabled in Council are referred to Committee of the Whole? Mr. Treasurer, I believe you have some requested information to bring us up-to-date on the Establishment. EST. #204

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Mr. Miller: Yes, on the Electrical Rate Equalization Funds, the last refund we had from the Federal Government in respect to the 1969 taxation year was \$224,874.00.

Mr. Taylor: That would be received and applied in what year?

Mr. Miller: That was received in the spring of 1972. In other words, they're essentially two and one-quarter months in arrears in making this payment.

Mr. Taylor: Years, years not months? Two and one-quarter years?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A question from the Chair. This would cover the same period that we see in Actual then, wouldn't it, \$188,930 Actual for 1971-72?

Mr. Miller: No, this actually would be the year previous. This relates to the 1969 taxation year, which is a 1969 -- as a comparison you would use our 1969-70 fiscal year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: But in actual fact, is it very nearly one hundred per cent of the cost of the program? Roughly, what per cent refund is it of the cost of the program?

Mr. Miller: In essence, it has been higher than the cost of the program to date. In other words, the fund is continuing to build. And, as indicated by the Commissioner, this is one reason why we want to have the consultant have another look at the fund and at the program to see if we can't do something towards expanding it or providing a better type of equalization with the funds that we have available.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Was there any other information?

Mr. Miller: Yes, on the Community Development Grants, we have now tabled this paper showing the status as of March 31, 1972. The one other question that was asked earlier on today was the total cost of the Second Avenue Extension. The cost last year was \$72,606.67. The cost this year was \$210,955.04, for a total cost of \$283,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: And this includes the relocation of the track section?

Mr. Miller: This includes the relocation of the tracks, the relocation of certain squatters who were located on the right-of-way, plus the cost of the road itself, including paving.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I don't suppose that Mr. Treasurer would know, but at a guess, how long would you think that that road is? Do you have any idea?

Mr. Miller: I would guess three-quarters of a mile, maybe. That is a guess.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: That completes our first look at the Department of Treasury. We can move on to the Department of Education, \$7,691,306.

EST. #300

Mr. Miller: The first item on this is on page 12, Establishment 300, Administration-Education, \$469,029.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just in the Budget, your Actual is to what date?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Actual Expenditure shown there is the 1971-72 fiscal year actual cost.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: We are actually showing a reduction here then for 1973-74?

Mr. Miller: That is correct. Establishment 302, Schools,
Curriculum Supplies and Salaries, \$4,141,108.

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Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry. Could I go back to 300
again. What is the Department of Education renting in the way
of land and buildings?

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is the rental of office space
in the Lynn Building. It is the charge-back to the Department.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Page 18 shows the number.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to the Member representing the Education Department and ask, just generally, how the new programs were embarked upon by the Department of Education, during this current fiscal year. And just generally, how the situation is as far as personnel is concerned?

EST. #302

Mrs. Watson: In answer to the first question, there were no new programs per se. We were starting on this pilot project program with the teacher-aide in our schools. We just started a few months ago and will run to the end of June at which time we will assess it with the employed teacher-aides that work in some of our elementary schools in the outlying areas. The other new programs are part of the programs of the Vocational School. The Vocational School has to be changing its programs constantly but they are not overall new programs for the Department of Education. We haven't taken the administration of education as a reduction in the amount and the reason for that is, we have deleted one position - the audio-visual technician position. There is an error on the manpower summary, I believe, Mr. Treasurer because the position was deleted. We have taken a 5% increase in salary across the board for all employees and this pretty well accounts for the increase in the Education Vote this year. If you look at Establishment 302, you will see that we are estimating a teacherage Establishment of 250 teachers as compared to 257½, 1972-73. And as the Commissioner outlined in his address, the enrollment has become very constant in the Yukon and in the past years we didn't have the increase that we anticipated and we are budgeting for next year on that constant enrollment. We are not really budgeting for any increase in our enrollment. We are budgeting for the fact that there will be a different distribution of our students within our classrooms. Our Teacher Entitlement Policy varies with the elementary school and secondary school but the 5% increase in salaries is pretty well the reason why we have the increase.

Mr. Taylor: My concern was that there would possibly be new programs that would account for what would appear to be an increase in personnel during the last fiscal year and I see many people running around on many, many chores, and I just wondered why, and I wondered how that would relate to the personnel coming in this year. In other words, proliferation of the personnel side of the department is the one giving me concern. Because indeed, as the Honourable Member has pointed out, in teachers we are only increasing over last year as far as I can see in these Estimates, one and one half man years, so all the other increases are decreasing.

Mr. McKinnon: We have seven janitors.

Mr. Taylor: I don't see that because it states that the Estimates 1972-73 show 257.5 man years whereas Estimates 1973-74 show 259.

Mr. Miller: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Taylor has an incorrect page in his Estimates.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, and how many other pages in this thing are incorrect?

Mr. Miller: I am sorry. These pages were revised and we obviously erred in not getting the correct pages into the Estimates.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is true. There is extra staff in the custodial area because of the completion of the Jack Hulland School -- the addition to the Jack Hulland School; the junior secondary school being completed for the next school year and the addition to the Van Gorder, which will require extra staff at the custodial level.

Mr. McKinnon: A little difficulty, Mr. Chairman; maybe Mr. Treasurer

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can help me out. We have gone down seven and a half teachers and we are up 7.36 janitors by my figures of the two, but then the 5% increase in salaries, it would seem that the 5% increase of salaries would be a certain saw-off between the teachers and the custodial workers and that would amount to somewhere around the \$175,000 bracket whereas the actual increases in salaries is \$335,096. It seems to be more of 10% category of increase in salaries and wages and including both custodial workers and teachers. So there must be more than just teacher salaries included in this thing.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member must realize there is an increase in teachers' salaries that is built in and this is the actual computation of the teachers' salaries; they were greater than the 5% increase. In other words, in the neighborhood of 8 3/4% and the amount that's given is the actual teachers' salaries that we expect to pay for the 250 teachers.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 302? Next item.

EST. #303

Mr. Miller: Establishment 303, Custodial Supplies, Salaries, Leases and Rentals - \$1,361,955.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the last three years -- the third budget that I have looked at now and have a question every time. Has the department and the Administration given any consideration to putting this on a contract?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the Government did do a study on contracts for custodial services. I am not aware of the results of it.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we have taken a look at this not only with regard to schools but with regard to all public buildings here in the headquarters area and we are not particularly enamoured by the results of the studies we have done and secondly, we are waiting to see how the Federal Department of Public Works would make out with contracting out the custodial services of this building here and the two of them combined has chased us away completely from looking any further at this contract situation for at least the time being. I think that Honourable Members are aware that we have some of our buildings out on contract. At the present time, I believe the Library Archives is out on a contract; the Lynn Building, of course, is part of the cost of the rental that we pay over there -- the owner I believe has it on contract and we have the Health and Welfare offices on 4th Avenue, that is on a contract. But these are literally quite small packages and they seem to get attended to not too badly but we will have to seek some more visible evidence than what we have at the present time, to encourage us to go the whole way insofar as the school package is concerned - to put on.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 303?

Mr. Tanner: I notice you've got an item in here for a lawnsman for this year for a dollar. But, is that a new position? I don't recall seeing it last year.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it's a casual position. There will likely be two or three lawnsmen for this summer to take care of the grass area of Hullah and F.H. Collins.

Mr. Tanner: It is not the intention to have one at each school? These people move around?

Mrs. Watson: Oh, no.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, this item respecting transportation of non-Government employees again. Does this relate to teacher recruitment only or does this involve the removal and transportation of all the teachers as well as teacher recruitment?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, in Establishment 303, Transportation of Non-Government Employees - this is the cost of school bussing and transportation subsidy that we pay to parents who transport their own children and if the Members of Council are interested we were concerned about the bussing -- sometimes it's worthwhile to compare the efficiency of assistance with some other jurisdiction so we brought in a chap from Prince George and asked him to assess our school bussing situation to see whether we could improve in the efficiency of it, to see whether we could economize in certain areas and provide more service to more people and I have to report that if the Honourable Members are interested in receiving copies of this report, I will have it circulated. And the actual context of the report was that we had a very efficient service and compared to Prince George, that our cost was not at all out of line. BILL #6

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Speaking from the Chair, I personally would be interested in seeing a copy of that report. Next item 309, EST. #309 . Student Accommodation - \$105,573.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is there still a demand throughout the Territory - I believe there was a demand on the North Highway in the last year or two for hostel facilities for some children. Young people were having some difficulty in finding accommodation on the North Highway and I am wondering is the department still receiving representation along this line or is this problem pretty well resolved throughout the Territory.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is pretty well resolved. The Honourable Member is aware that we converted the Pelly Block into a boys' dorm last year and it's much better accommodation than it is possible to have at Tagish House and if you will notice in this Budget, we are proposing to do this to another block -- to provide accommodation for a road crew because we can foresee that the Tagish House will likely have to be phased out because of the structure of the Capitol Building and I feel that because of the better type of accommodation that we won't have any problems filling it at all and it will be real satisfying to the people. We have had representation respecting this type of accommodation.

Mr. Taylor: I was thinking more along the lines of accommodation outside of the City of Whitehorse, for the students.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a worthwhile point and we are certainly looking to this all the time. If we embark upon providing dormitory service to Watson Lake, it would have to be clearly understood by people in that region that any students would have to attend the Watson Lake school and reside in the Watson Lake dormitory. We couldn't give them a choice of either coming to Whitehorse or going to Watson Lake. We are finding it a little difficult for people to accept this concept. They feel the bigger the school, the better the school and this is not always true and when the people realize the type of Grade XII programs we offer in the smaller communities compares very well with what we are offering in Whitehorse. They don't get all the choice of electives that we have in Whitehorse but we have had some very good results and if we feel that there is a need and people are prepared to accept this concept, we certainly will consider it -- providing a dorm possibly in Dawson or Watson Lake.

Mr. Taylor: I just wish to make a point that I wasn't making a request for them, I was asking if there were representations requesting these facilities still in other parts of the Territory. I am not requesting them.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I realize that you were not requesting but I wanted to point out that we are aware of this need and that this is a possibility of what we could do. No, we have not had this much representation. I think they realize that they aren't going to have a choice - you know, if we build there, that is where they are going to have to go and they like the idea of coming into Whitehorse.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions under Student Accommodation?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is one other question I have. In view of the increased cost of living, has the Administration given any consideration to reviewing the subsidy given to students who do board away.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it will likely be part of our policy paper when it is tabled.

Mr. Taylor: I just wondered if it was reflected in this Budget at all.

Mr. Tanner: I understand it's the intention of the Minister of Education to bring down the proposal with regard to the new education policy later on in this Session. Can Members assume that this Budget will no way reflect any changes that are going to happen within those proposals. In other words, any suggestions that come from that new change will cut in next year's budget because I think in particular of kindergartens, should that be a proposal?

Mrs. Watson: That is right. We didn't feel that the Budget should be effected by the policy paper because the policy has to be accepted by the Territorial Councillors before we could present the Budget on behalf of that policy.

EST. #313

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on accommodation? Next item 313.

EST. #314

Mr. Miller: Handicapped and Retarded Children - \$25,000.
Establishment 314, Special Services and Grants for Post-secondary Training - \$182,000.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, a drop of almost \$20,000 from the year previous.

Mr. McKinnon: in the forecast fiscal year?

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Mrs. Watson: No, Mr. Chairman, we don't really anticipate an increase. Were there a change -- I believe, Mr. Chairman, there were some changes charged to this Establishment, wasn't there? I know that they had overestimated the cutback in the previous year.

Mr. Miller: Basically, it is an overestimate in the 1972-73 Estimates.

Mrs. Watson: Appendix 16 provides some backup on the number.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 314? Next item, 316.

EST. #316

Mr. Miller: Kindergartens, \$85,631.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions here. Although I understand that the school population is levelling off, it doesn't seem that there has been very much of an increase; it has been \$5,000 each year in the Kindergarten -- \$75,000 in 1971-72, then \$80,000, then \$85,000. I was wondering whether there are children being deprived of the opportunity of going to kindergarten because there is not sufficient facilities to accommodate them. I think, in particular, of Porter Creek where there was two kindergartens running; one of them is closed primarily because they ran out of funds, and they had to put the fees up \$10.00 because they couldn't get enough money for equipment.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the kindergartens are operated under the direction from the Territorial Council in acceptance of the kindergarten regulations. By these regulations and by the policy that was decided by the Territorial Council, kindergartens are operated by a kindergarten advisory committee. The Territorial Government pays the kindergarten instructor's salary and pays for materials and supplies for the kindergarten program. It is the responsibility of the community to provide facilities. Now we have had a decline in kindergarten enrollment. Now, it could be that there are facilities available, but by the same token, in many of our small communities we only have two or three or four children of kindergarten age, and you just can't justify it -- having a kindergarten for three children and paying the salary of an instructor for three children. I feel that the Department has carried out the instructions of the Territorial Council in their kindergarten programs.

Mr. Tanner: Would it be too earlier a date to ask what the thinking of the Department is with regard to the paper they are going to bring down, or should I remain patient and just wait for the paper?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as a matter of interest, the Honourable Member made reference to a kindergarten advisory committee. Just basically, what are the functions of this committee? Are they to advise the curriculum, and who do they consist of? Is this a governmental advisory committee or a public one?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this was a concept under which the kindergarten program was entered into originally, to have a kindergarten advisory committee in all of the communities and in the Whitehorse area. If they wanted to have a kindergarten, they could set up an advisory committee. In some communities -- and the committee was made up of people within the community; there were no government people on it -- and, in some communities they didn't function; they just sort of disbanded, and, actually, the advisory committees were to be responsible for paying the instructors' salaries. The government would be funding to the advisory committee, but this fell through; so, some of the instructors, the first few months, were waiting for their checks; so, the government has just paid them as any other employee.

EST. #319

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 316? The next item is 319.

Mr. Miller: Recreation and Amateur Sports, \$179,420.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is this the place that I should ask the question about how the money is allocated for areas around schools for recreation for school children? I have looked through the Budget, and I can't find any specific place where I could identify a figure that is going to be spent on the recreational areas around schools.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, are you implying Capital Expenditures -- Oh, it wouldn't be in ... Recreation O & M for the facility. We have Capital money for schoolground equipment, the replacing of schoolground equipment. The upgrading of the grounds is an expenditure that is in the Highways Budget, I believe.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, every time we come to this item I ask generally for a breakdown of how the funds have been allocated and how they are to be allocated here, this \$179,420. This would be under grants and loans in the amount of \$146,131, and I am wondering if we could have an itemized breakdown of where this figure came from. I would also like to know, or have the assurances of the Minister or the Commissioner, or whoever can give me this assurance, that this sum of grants and loans of \$146,131 will be dispensed only after consultation and with the approval of the Committee, the Recreation and Amateur Sports Committee.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the information that the Honourable Member is requesting is given in Appendix 17, and I would like to assure him that this past year the Advisory Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sports have been active in working with the Director of Recreation. They are the people who allocate the funds under the criteria that are established as outlined in Appendix 17.

Mr. Taylor: I just got distracted a moment. I just found the page. It is rather difficult when you receive this in the morning to have had an opportunity to give it any study whatsoever. I was not clear from the remarks made by the Honourable Member a moment ago as to whether or not all these funds will now, for this coming year, this forthcoming fiscal year, these funds will not be allocated without the prior approval of the Sports Committee. Is that correct?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, under local programs the criteria are established by regulations; the application forms are defined in our regulations; the communities are advised of the funds that are available to them and to send in their requisitions. Then the requisitions are presented to the Advisory Committee, and they allocate the funds; but they have to stay within the amount of money that they are voting. Fitness, or Recreation and Amateur Sports Programs -- and this is the money that goes to the various organizations, the Yukon organizations, throughout the Territory. Included in that are funds for training programs. This year we are providing money for nonphysical activity, more in the cultural area, and also the criteria will be established, and the Fitness and Amateur Sport Committee will do the actual allocating of funds.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I had another question just at this moment. Related to the Swimming Pool Program, is that found in, the O & M side of it, is that found in here?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, if you will notice that the salaries and wages, Establishment 319, we are providing six swimming pools and instructions to take care of them; pool managers, six casuals.

Mr. Taylor: This is my problem then. I found the right door to knock on. Two years ago, when we first embarked on Swimming Pool

Programs, at least in the Watson Lake area, for an instructor they sent us a dope peddler, or something of that nature. I think that is the way you could describe it, and it didn't work too well. This was something that the government sent. Last year we got a very nice young fellow; he didn't smoke dope, and he was a pretty clean cut fellow, and he really made gains with the kids in instructions on swimming. But, last year was Teslin's year; they sent a dope-smoking hippy down there, and it was terrible; it was found repulsive throughout the community down there, and I have been advised in no uncertain terms by all the people community that they do not wish to have a recurrence of this; so, I would like to suggest that before an instructor is sent to any of these communities that they first be cleared through the Physical Fitness and Recreation Board or something. There has got to be some means of stopping this influx of this caliber of individual. In the case of Teslin, it went further; it went into a pretty bad situation involving some of our government buildings and teacherages, as a matter of fact. I see that Mr. Commissioner apparently isn't even apprised of the situation. And, indeed, I think we should, while we are at this point, find some means of getting some good and fairly clean cut instructors out to these communities. I know that we have had some good ones here and there, but we have had some real terrible ones, too. Maybe, some of these other people, we can give them an Opportunity for Youth grant, and they can go blow grass someplace, but not here, not in the Yukon, and not in our swimming program.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you know there are times that I would like to differ with the Councillor, but there are times that I must admit that you are right. I think that you have a valid criticism, a very valid one. And, we were aware of the situation. Some of these people have been recruited by the Red Cross, and we have not had any screening done before they arrive up here, and in three instances we have had this very unhappy experience. This year before they are brought up, we are going to make sure that when are recruiting team is out recruiting some other personnel, they won't be making any special grip out to do this type of thing, but they are going to screen them before we give them the nod and bring them up.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member kept saying, "Bring them up." Are we bringing people in? Surely there are people within the Territory.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, anyone who is qualified we hire within the Territory. I believe we have, in the Whitehorse area, we have two or three local people working in the schools, but we don't always have qualified people, and we do bring these young people from Vancouver.

Mr. Taylor: I just have one more comment, or question, if you prefer on this subject. In considering the new policy in relation to the hiring of these instructors, is it intended that some sort of standard be set down which they must come up to before they can qualify for one of these positions. Really, you must admit that they are under no supervision whatsoever. I think that is a great problem. You often need a person of a little better quality than just the average in order to honestly fill their obligation, whatever it might be with no supervision.

Mrs. Watson: Well, you can't tell them because of their hair. That is not possible. I think sometimes this would help a great deal. However, there is certain criteria that they will have to -- actually they are under the supervision of the local community, of the local community club, the local organization that operates the swimming pool. They, in the past, they -- that's right, it has been a dangerous situation, but they really are the people who have some control over the conduct of pool managers, particularly during the time that the pool is in operation. We will try our best. Incidentally, we are endeavoring to get the same chap back for you at Watson Lake that you had last year.

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Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, under Appendix 17 there are three definitions, and under Local Programs it very clearly defines that municipalities are not able to get these grants. What about under Physical Recreation and Amateur Sports and Non-Physical Recreation and Cultural Activities, are they available to municipalities?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, those are Yukon Sports organizations, Yukon Hockey Association, Yukon Curling, Yukon any type of thing. The actual association puts in their request for funds. But, I must say that part of their budget cannot be rental of facilities.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there was in the past spring -- or the past winter -- there was quite a controversy in the City because the Figures Skating Association, if it was an association, I am not quite clear what it was, weren't able to operate this year because they couldn't get a grant. Would they, under B of Appendix 17, be able to apply for a grant, even despite of the fact that they are in the municipality? That is what I am getting at.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, they could apply for a grant under B. They have applied for a grant, and I believe that they did receive a grant. But, when they present their budget for their operation for that season, the rental of facilities is not recognized as part of their budget. The Territorial Government does not fund the rental of facilities. Travel, costsharing with the instructor, and this type of thing, the Government does costshare. But, it is up to the Advisory Committee to decide the actual amount of grant which each one of these provisions receives.

Mr. Taylor: I have another question, two actually; they are related. One is that, under the grant distribution, local program, physical recreation or whatever, you established a criteria here, just has been approved by the Advisory Committee, one on the basic grant and one on an additional grant. Does this -- among this criteria, is there one which states that priority on expenditure and distribution of these grants would be given to youth oriented projects more so than they would be to adult oriented projects?

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Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is part of our regulations now and it will continue to be part of any regulations that priorities -- extra consideration should be given to programs, Fitness and Amateur Programs for our youth and also Fitness and Amateur Programs -- that are carried on within the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Taylor: My other question in relating to this was that there has been a great deal of difficulty for one reason or another, and I think it is pretty well Administrative difficulties, between the Director of the Department and people making claims for various projects under this scheme. I am wonder if maybe this problem -- possibly may not be entirely the Director's fault, but the blame kind of rests on his shoulders at the moment. Could not the problem be that he has not the Administrative backup to process this -- these requests and so forth upon -- whatever. What is the problem; the thing that is administered -- why are we always seeming to have problems with this department? My other related question was that if this is the problem, is it possible that they could give him someone during the summer or at some different time of the year to work with him to pick up any backlog that he might have.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I know there has been quite a backlog with Recreation -- Sports and Recreation Grants, but it isn't the lack of administration, I can assure you. I don't think the Government should have to spend more money to administer this type of program because every dollar you take out of it for administration, the less money your recreational organizations and your athletical organizations have, and I would like to keep this at a bear minimum. And this is what we are doing, but he has enough administrative background. I think part of it was that our regulations were not clearly defined enough and application forms were not developed that communities could read them, fill them out, and submit. They didn't seem to know what the criteria was and there was always some argument. They were always -- they didn't seem to understand the funds that are available on what basis. Now the Director has just been through a tour of the Territory; I don't know if he has completed it. He met with the community organizations and indicated to them and showed them what the regulations were and how they should make out their submissions; when they should get them in. Now he is going to have to go out again and I think this is where the breakdown is, so that people know that they have to budget and have a submission in by a certain time, so that these submissions will be given to the Advisory Committee and they can deal with them. Another trip -- tour -- two tours of the Territory, I sure they will clarify this and I think we have pretty well caught up now with any backlog there has been and we are getting that cleaned up. Once we get on to the current and we are at that stage right now, I am quite sure you will have a much more efficient operation.

Mr. Taylor: Actually, I am very pleased to hear this, Mr. Chairman; it has been a bone of contention throughout the Territory, I think, wide in the past, and as I say, if this backlog could be cleared. I do know of people who have brought children into Whitehorse here that, for what little they do get from this system, it would be nice to see it get squared up and get off to a fresh start in which it could be done very rapidly. I thank the Member for her consideration in this matter.

BILL # 6
EST. 320

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further question on 319? Next item 320.

Mr. Miller: Administration - Vocational and Apprenticeship - \$40,256.

Mr. Taylor: What portion of this, Mr. Chairman, is recoverable from the Federal Government?

Mr. Miller: In the administration area, not any of it in the total Vocational School budget; it is approximately 50 % of the expenditures.

Mr. Taylor: Is that in total O & M? Or is it just O & M and Capital or O & M or what?

Mr. Miller: Just in the O & M area.

Mr. Taylor: Right across the board.

Mr. Miller: Yes, basically fifty-fifty. The recoveries shown on -- in the recovery page 66 - \$575,000 for Occupational Training Recoveries.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 320? 321.

EST. 321

Mr. Miller: Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre - \$1,014,858.

Mrs. Watson: Just to point out to the Members, in Establishment 321, rental of machinery and equipment, I see a very significant increase of cost. Now in the past, the Vocational School has purchased their own equipment for their own training courses. We are embarking this year on a program to provide -- not tie up a great deal of capital money for the purchasing of equipment for use at the Vocation School; we will now be renting the equipment from the Highways Department, on the hourly basis, and the course will be charged for the equipment -- so much by the hour.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, it is an interesting point because we have just finished talking about leasing equipment in various other government offices and by experience have proven to be not so worthwhile. That is one point, and we revert to a different department and that philosophy. I am quite sure that these students wouldn't intentionally do it, but one must ask the question whether the trainee on equipment which is being used in the Territory doesn't stand a chance of breaking the equipment in the long run and costing the people more money.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I don't think this is the case at all. One piece of equipment costs a tremendous sum of money; to buy that piece of equipment that is worth \$50,000 or \$60,000 and just use it while the training people need it over at the Vocational School, it seems ludicrous. You can use taxpayers' money to better advantage than that, so that the piece of equipment is bought by the Highways Department. When the Vocational School needs it, they take it over and they pay into this revolving equipment fund, so much per hour for the use of the equipment. I think it is a much better system, we certainly are not putting out a great deal of money for equipment that we have in the past. Besides, the equipment that we have over there, a lot of it was very old and very outdated, and our students were training on equipment that nobody else was using now. This way they will be doing their training on up-to-date equipment that they will be using if they go out on a job.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, there is much merit to what the Member says, however, what I am concerned about is how much surplus equipment do we have within our Department of Highways. This equipment is often required on the road and I know of very little surplus equipment around the Territory. Just how much, indeed, is there?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer that question. The need in the Vocational School for the use of the equipment is normally at a time of year when the Highways Department wouldn't be using the same equipment at a high rate. For example, the heavy equipment operators courses have to take place in the winter or early spring. Highways' need for heavy equipment is in the summer time. Highways have equipment sufficient to do their summer road maintenance work which is a very high level program for a five to six months period. The balance of the year, there are certain amounts of this equipment that has to sit around. This is the equipment that we are hoping will be used during the Vocational School course year. This program that Mrs. Watson has outlined to you has been fully discussed between the Education and Engineering Departments and they are both convinced at the administrative level that this program can work and can save this Government a lot of money in the future.

BILL #8

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 321? Next item 322.

Mr. Miller: Adult Education - Night School and Continuing Education - \$35,000.

EST. 322

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 323.

Mr. Miller: Apprenticeship Training - \$21,476.

EST. 323

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions here. This is almost a cut in half, give or take a few dollars; it is cut in half of what we had in the past. There seems, on repetitious cry I've heard from both trade union people, from professional people, professional tradesmen, the fact they can't get Yukon trained apprentices. I've heard -- I've had not complaints really, but I have had comments from people who at the Vocational School -- they don't really feel they are getting an apprenticeship training. I wonder if the Minister could give us some explanation as to why the real apprenticeship courses are not available.

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is true; you hear the request for more apprentice trades people, but you have to have more people who are willing to become apprentices. Over at the Vocational School we -- the courses we give are not apprentice courses. This program is where we have a young person who finds a contact with an employer, who is trained on the job while he works on the job -- on the employer's job, and the rate of remuneration they get varies with each trade. The first year, most of them get approximately 50%; most of these contracts are for four-year periods. We have quite a number of them going into apprenticeship contract the first year, but not sticking with it to complete their four years of training. Part of an apprenticeship training, they have to take approximately six weeks of training at a technical school. Now this is when they go back to the Vocational School and they take this six weeks, more or less an academic construction in that trade. Every year they must put some time in a technical center. Now if we don't offer the training here, Manpower normally sends or we send them outside to Vancouver or some place where they can get the training. But the actual apprenticeship training is not a course that is offered at the Vocational School; it is a contract between an employee and an employer, and the employee trains on the job.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm confused now because I understand that the contractual basis between an apprentice with an employer, and I understand that part of that contract probably involves having to spend some time in a technical school. And I assume in this context, that the Vocational School is looked upon by authorities as a technical school, but are we not getting the apprenticeship because we are not up on the services. Could it be that if we improved the apprenticeship services available at the Vocational School, you would get more Yukon trained apprentices. I mean which goes first

Mr. Tanner continues:

BILL #6

in this case.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Tanner, do you refer to the six weeks' course that they take in the classroom; that type of services? Oh no, I don't think this has anything to do with it; a lot of them prefer to go outside. I think that the biggest breakdown of the apprenticeship program -- young people and a lot of people on the program find it difficult to continue for four years to complete the program because it is a four-year program and when they start, it's 50% of their salary and in many trades in the last year, they get 90% of the journeyman's pay. But it is the fact that it is a four year program and so many of them fall along the way. Incidentally, the Territorial Government is an employer who takes on the apprentices as they possibly can.

EST. 324

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 323? The final item under Department of Education - 324.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Minister of Education tell us what we are rehabilitating?

Mrs. Watson: Disabled persons, mentally and physically disabled persons. We haven't had the program under way that long. There was some delay this past year because -- is it a health program or is it a vocational training program or is it a welfare program? There was some consideration given by the Minister of National Health and Welfare to take this over from the Manpower people and we were not sure then whether this program would still remain with the Vocational School or if it would go with the Health people. But in Ottawa they haven't taken it over-- the Health people, and our agreement is still with Manpower, so we are now activating this program and will be operating it. The Director of the Vocational School is the coordinator for Rehabilitation Services. We are going to assess the need of the Territory for an opportunity, for disadvantaged people, physically and mentally. If we see a need then they recruit a rehabilitating officer, a coordinator of Rehabilitation Services.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm still not really clear on this. 71-72 we spent \$1,800 and 72-73 we spent \$26,000. I'm not really clear, from what the Minister said, what we spent the \$2,600 on last year, or what we estimated the \$26,000 for or even the \$30,000 this year?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this \$26,000 is the amount in the estimate plan here that we haven't spent because we have not really got the program rolling as quickly as we had anticipated, for the simple reason, was it going to be under Welfare, Health, or was it going to be under Education. Because of the unforeseen decision at the Federal level and they haven't decided or resolved the situation at this time, there was no point in waiting any longer. We got it under right now and we hope to be able to fill a program. The year before, when it was started, and last year, we really didn't have a full program.

Mr. Tanner: Where does the coordination come into it. Example, if somebody has got a mental problem, where does the coordination come in between the Vocational School and the medical authorities. What is the intervening body that they would be applied to; their own doctor?

Mrs. Watson: They have a committee and they are referred by the committee. On the committee they have Health people, Vocational people, Education people and they are referred by the Health people. The assessment is done by Health people; this is why there was some indecision in awarding whether we have the assessment, then the vocational training or vice versa.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 324?

BILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have another one. I was just wondering if we could at some future date get the information I requested under the status of 319? A breakdown in the current fiscal year as far as we can go of grant distribution money, for this Establishment.

Mrs. Watson: Up to the present tax ...

Mr. Taylor: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: Fine.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Clerk, would you so note please. Well that completes the reading of this particular section of the Budget. Is it accepted by Committee? The Department of Education budget.

Mr. Taylor: Subject to review at any later date, Mr. Chairman, as a rule that is the policy, until the Budget is finally taken care of.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think in view of the time, the Chair would entertain a motion to let Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I would move the Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before I call question, I wonder if we might excuse the Treasurer. Thank you very much, Mr. Treasurer. It has been regularly moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order. May we have a Report from Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Committee was called to order at 11:20 a.m. to discuss Bills, Motions and Sessional Papers. Bill No. 5, an Ordinance intituled Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73. It was moved by Councillor Watson, and seconded by Councillor Tanner, that this Bill pass out of Committee unamended. Motion carried. Bill No. 6 was taken under discussion and I can report progress on this Bill. There was a motion put forward by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Watson that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and this motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. You have heard the Report of Chairman of Committees; are you agreed?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I move that we call it five o'clock.

Mrs. Watson: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: Is Committee agreed? Committee therefore stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m., Monday afternoon.

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Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett is absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. We will proceed now with Orders of the Day. Are there any Correspondence or Documents to be tabled?

Mr. Chamberlain: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling this afternoon, Sessional Paper No. 12.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motions or Resolutions?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I give Notice of Motion to move Sessional Paper No. 11 into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motions or Resolutions?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion that Sessional Paper No. 4 and 8 be moved into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motions or Resolutions? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? Under Daily Routine, we will proceed to Motions. The first motion is Motion No. 4. It was moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Watson, that it is the opinion of this Council that Councillor Stutter should continue to act as a Member of the Advisory Committee on Finance. Are you prepared to discuss your motion?

TABLING OF
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MOTION #4

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, when Councillor Stutter took the position a year ago, he gave assurance to the House that he would resign at the end of that year and he suggested that someone else should fill the position or review his position. It is my opinion, Mr. Speaker, that Councillor Stutter has had a year's experience and it would be foolish not to put that year's experience to its use. And it is, therefore, my opinion that the Members of Council should support this motion and join me in voting Councillor Stutter into that position.

Mr. Speaker: Any further discussion on that motion? Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

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CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Next motion is Motion No. 5. It was moved by Councillor Stutter, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the time in the Yukon Western Time Zone be changed to coincide with Yukon Eastern time. Is the Honourable Member for Dawson prepared to discuss this motion at this time?

MOTION #5

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I don't particularly wish to go into what has happened in the past, so therefore, I won't. I will only take it from here on in. There are many reasons why I personally and many of my constituents would like to see the time in the Western Time Zone made to coincide with the time in the Eastern Time Zone. I imagine that everybody that supported or is supporting this motion has different reasons. In the three areas that I represent: Dawson, Clinton Creek and Old Crow; Clinton Creek always has been on the same time as the Eastern Zone which in itself creates a problem between Clinton Creek and Dawson. In Dawson itself, two years ago we sent letters out to as many people as we could in the Dawson area and requested that they reply. The letter read, "Dear Sir or Madam, it was once decided by plebiscite that the City of Dawson remain on Yukon Standard Time, we are again interested in your opinion as to whether Dawson should change one hour to be the same as the rest of the Yukon. Please check one of the following and return to the City Clerk's office on or before May 20, 1970, so we may have a cross-section for Wednesday's Council meeting." The letters that were sent out--there's 127 here that came back in favour of changing. And there are 57 here that were in favour of remaining the same as we were. Of these 56, Mayor Mike Comadina had a very strong lobby against changing the time. Many of the names that I see here were directly influenced by Mike. However, Mike has now changed his view and I have a direct request from the City Council of Dawson also, to see if I can get this time changed. It is not our intention to try and get the time changed immediately, but we would suggest that time be changed probably sometime next fall or next winter, so that all the people that have sent their schedules out, whether it be airlines, business, or what have you, or advertising, would have ample time to take into consideration the new time, should it be the wish of Council to change it. From a business man's point of view in Dawson, it is difficult to say what an inconvenience it is to have the one hour difference. This is one point I would like to make. Another point is that if, from the legal point of view, the Government were to insist that, let's say for sake of example, the schools in Clinton Creek were to be on the time, the proper time zone in that area, you would have the school time in Clinton Creek being one hour away from the present way it is in conjunction with the rest of that settlement. I think, perhaps the final straw has come about now with the advent of programming from Anik. All of the communities in the Yukon, that are receiving programs from Anik, of course, are receiving it at that same time and the time is being advertised in the papers and this in itself is another reason why we would like to see the time changed. I realize that there are some new people along the North Highway who would prefer to see the time the way it is at the moment, and I really feel sorry that there are so many people who appear to support my motion. It is unfortunate that we can't split the Western Time Zone by another line running east and west. This, I could agree would create real problems within the Territory. So, anyway, I don't have that much more to say on it, except to request Council's support in this particular motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I feel that I must oppose this motion for the simple reason that a very few people, as the Councillor for Dawson City--few insignificant people who live along the North Highway--well, Mr. Speaker, these are just not a few insignificant people, these are very important people as far as I am concerned, and changing to the Western Time Zone would make quite a difference to the hours that they have to operate in their business establishments. It--they would have to have two extra hours in their working day in order to accommodate the travelling public. Particularly during the summer months when Alaska goes on daylight-saving time. Some of the people along the North Highway who are not in business are not that strong, it doesn't make that much difference to them, but the commercial people who make their living on that sector of the Highway are very much opposed to becoming part of the Yukon Western Time Zone. Incidentally, I would also like to point out to the people in the House today, that it would facilitate the people in the Dawson area to have the time change, in order that they could tie in with the programming of the Anik television. I would like to inform you that the people along the North Highway are not even fortunate enough to have Anik. So at least the smallest consideration we could give to them would be to let them remain on the time zone that they still wish to remain on.

NOTION #5

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further debate?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I find myself in a very difficult situation, but certainly I am of the opinion that the Yukon is not the geographical area that there should be only one time zone. Although, I understand that in the northern area, in Beaver Creek, I've been there in the past, where they've had breakfast being served at one table and lunch being served at another table with different people, according to what direction they are coming from. I think we should give consideration to the fact that there is a necessity for the Yukon to be on one time zone. And as I say, although I regret the difficulty some of the people on the North Highway will have, I feel that I will have to support the one time zone complex, but there might be a reason at a later date, to have that one hour difference that we used to have years ago, when the B.C. change schedule we would remain the same like the way down, so that when they changed to one hour, we would -- one hour difference, we would also change one hour. I feel that we have to go along, I am prepared to go along with one time zone and support the motion.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, this is one of those situations, you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't. You are right in the middle of probably one of the most contentious issues that has ever been raised in the Yukon Territory. I like to think that when a person representing a district comes up with a suggestion from that district that he, knowing the area much better than I do, and having the feeling of the people, I am willing to go along with him. Of course, I was willing to go along with the Honourable Member for Dawson City when he said this was the result of a mail plebiscite and this is what the majority of the people wanted. The Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane said that her people in that area just don't want the time change and want it to remain the same. I would like to go along with her too. But certainly in a conundrum like this, the majority of the people have to rule and I would suggest that very very strongly, Mr. Speaker, that the course for the Council to follow in this situation is for a plebiscite to be taken and those in the Yukon Western Time Zone -- the Commissioner has already stated in this Session of Council that we would abide by the wishes of a plebiscite and the majority of the public, if a plebiscite were taken. Certainly it is one of those areas where you wouldn't think it would be too serious -- a situation we could come to an agreement on, but you have already seen Members from two distinct areas of Yukon; one is in favour and one is against. Certainly, we can't divide the time zone again. It is one of those areas where the majority of the people are just going to have to rule on what time zone they want. I can't see any way out of it, except a plebiscite of some sort being held in that time zone and the wish of the majority of the people in that time zone be binding, at least -- then I support the motion whatever the majority of the people living in that district want. But when I know that one district, Dawson is in favour of it; and one district, Carmacks-Kluane is against it, I find it very very difficult to make a decision without the knowledge of a plebiscite with all the people in that time zone having been heard and I see -- I'm willing to make really a decision at this time because I think a plebiscite could be held pretty easily either by mail -- either by other means in that area. There are not that many voters and on an issue like this the public can be informed quite easily. The Plebiscite Ordinance has been passed, if it is not an expensive or a ponderous piece of machinery to have a plebiscite held then that would be my suggestion to that very tricky type of problem.

Mr. Tanner: May I ask a question? I often wonder whether the two varying opinions from the two districts represented here

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, could I ask a question of the mover of the motion whether or not he recognized an amendment to set a time, because it doesn't say it in the motion itself?

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I left that particular part out of my motion intentionally because I haven't look into all of the various schedules that have been set by the various companies, and it would be difficult to set any one particular date. I think that if the time is actually changed sometime next winter, this is giving ample opportunity to change those schedules.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further debate? Are you prepared for the question on the motion? Are you agreed?

Mr. Chamberlist: Check a division. I would like to hear how the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West has called.

Mr. Speaker: The division has been called. Mr. Clerk, would you poll the House?

Mr. Clerk: Member from Carcross-Kluane?

Mrs. Watson: Disagreed.

Mr. Clerk: Member from Whitehorse West?

Mr. McKinnon: I will abstain from voting, Mr. Speaker. As I said previously, I feel that a plebiscite should be held so that the people can be heard from.

Mr. Clerk: Member from Dawson?

Mr. Stutter: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: Member from Whitehorse East?

Mr. Chamberlist: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: Member from Whitehorse North?

Mr. Tanner: Agreed.

Mr. McKinnon: Dictatorship.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, it is three yea, one nay and one abstain.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I would declare, then, that the motion was carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, can you determine if Mr. Administrator is available for the Question Period? I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Speaker: At this time I will call Council back to order. We will proceed with the Question Period.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege. I wonder if today we could make a note of welcoming the Administrator in this position to answer questions. This is the first time that he has been placed in this position. I am sure all Members will give him the courtesy that he should really get at this time.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if I could ask the Chair the disposition or the well-being of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner is in Ottawa to meet with the Minister today. He will be returning on tomorrow's flight. He will be back for Question period tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, then I would like to welcome the Administrator with a very easy, delicate question -- indelicate question, maybe -- Mr. Administrator, now that the City is forced to raise taxes, thirty percent due to insufficient municipal funding from the Territorial Government, will the Administrator now instruct Territorial Government officials to meet with City officials to discuss the recommendations of the Hardy Report which the Government of the Yukon Territory has previously dismissed as being irrelevant?

Mr. Administrator: I will have to take that under advisement.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? Will the Honourable Member from Dawson kindly assume the Chair?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councillor Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have three questions requiring written replies, this morning, or this afternoon. My first question is: In view of the relationship between the Municipal Aid Ordinance and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Census figures as they affect municipal grants, would the Administration advise Council (1) if the Administration has considered requesting the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to oversee a municipally-operated census in the town of Faro to correct the serious deficiency in grant allocations, and (2) if so, when will such census be undertaken? My next question is as follows: The Administration is respectfully requested to contact the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Ottawa to ascertain the following information: (1) How many mountain top relay towers would be required to convey the CBC-Auk television programming from Whitehorse to Teslin, Yukon? (2) What is the estimated cost of installing and maintaining such relay tower systems? (3) What is the cost of installing a twenty-five watt transmitter facility in Teslin? My third question: Would the Administration undertake to ascertain from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Ottawa as to when a settlement may be reached between CBC and the Canadian National Telecommunications in respect of line lease agreements as they affect the establishment of radio facilities in Ross River, Yukon?

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? Being no further questions we will proceed now to Public Bills and Orders, Bill No. 5.

BILL #5,
THIRD READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 5, Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be given Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #5,
TITLE ADOPTED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 5, Third Appropriation Ordinance 1972-73, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

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

Moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Chamberlist, that the Speaker leave the Chair and the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before declaring a brief recess, I wonder if I could ascertain if it is the wish of the Committee to carry on with Bill No. 6. Mr. Clerk, would you see that the Treasurer is available for us please. I will now declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I'll call Committee to order and at this time we are discussing Bill No. 6, intituled First Appropriation Ordinance 1973-74. On Friday we had just completed the Department of Education budget. The next item is Department of Secretary and Registrar General, \$679,000. Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, before you proceed with that there are a couple of points. There was handed out a revised sheet reflecting the deletion of the Audio Visual Technician; there was an error in the original Budget. A further point, a question was asked on Friday as to the cost of a Board of Inquiry, City of Whitehorse. The estimated cost of this Board is approximately \$4,000.

Mr. McKinnon: Made up of what?

Mr. Miller: Made up of estimated fees for the -- for Mr. Hobbs, \$2,100. His travel and hotel bills of \$520. \$700 for a Court Reporter. Travel and hotel meals for a Court Reporter, \$520. and advertising of \$100.

Mr. McKinnon: What Establishment and Vote will this come under?

Mr. Miller: We will charge it to Vote 01, Establishment 120, Professional and Special Services.

Mr. McKinnon: In the Main Estimates?

Mr. Miller: In the Main Estimates.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we proceed with the ...

Mr. Chamberlist: I'd like to have a point cleared. This inquiry is taking place before the end of this fiscal year. Wouldn't it then be in this Vote for the next fiscal year; would the amount of funds that are available in this year, in this calendar year?

Mr. McKinnon: I could inform the Honourable Member, the question came as a result of the Supplementary Estimates, not the Main Estimates.

Mr. Chamberlist: Oh, sorry.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this item was appropriated under funds created in the Main Estimates 1972-73.

Mr. McKinnon: Question. Why wasn't that a supplementary?

Mr. Chamberlist: It is all right here.

Mr. Miller: Okay, under Territorial Secretary and Registrar General. The first item is Establishment 400 in the amount of \$485,419.

EST. 400

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on 400?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to know in the course of this current fiscal year, I notice a great volume of regulations pouring forth from the Administration affecting this Department in terms of licencing and this type of thing, and changes in fees. I am wondering if can have some idea as to -- as a result of these changes in the increase of fees, how much additional revenue is raised through licencing? Roughly.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under the Operating Revenue Summary on page 55. Under the Motor Vehicles Ordinance we are anticipating an increase from this year's estimate of \$635,000, which I might say is already met. Our Motor Vehicle revenue for 1972-73 will be approximately \$690,000; we are anticipating next year an increase of \$750,000. A lot of this will be made of increased number of vehicles and part of that due to a change in the licence fees that were instituted in 1972, 1972 fiscal.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that's what I'm trying to determine, just how much money Mr. Commissioner raises in that part of revenue. This is something that is screened by regulation, how much this amounts to in the total picture, over what was raised compared to the old scheme. Are we talking \$100,000; are we talking \$30,000; just what are we talking?

Mr. Miller: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't have that information at hand. I could bring that forward.

Mr. Chamberlist: Except under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, Licence Revenue shows 1972-73, \$635,000, and it is just estimated at \$750,000 if you just estimate a round figure of \$15,000, there's a difference in the two figures.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been pointed out by the Treasurer that part of this is due to an increase in the number of licences....

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, but this is the overall amount.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think the Member was looking for a breakdown in the increase also brought about by the

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I will have that answer for tomorrow's session.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there further questions on 400?

Mr. McKinnon: Yes, I would certainly like to hear a justification of the need for two more field inspectors. I think the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane and the Honourable Member for Watson Lake will agree with me that any time they stop at a highway lodge, other than the time problem, there's the problem of the quadra of inspectors coming on behalf of the Territorial Government to visit them. These inspectors, of course, are over and above the inspectors from the Fire Marshal's Office, inspectors under the Public Health Ordinance, inspectors under the Building Inspectors and the electrical inspectors. Now I imagine that these other field inspectors are to do inspections under other Ordinances. It just seems to me that there is an awful lot of orange and black vehicles coursing up and down the length and breadth of the Yukon Highway, stopping in at every lodge, terrorizing the person trying to keep his lodge open to the public and trying to make a half decent living, and I think, we all know that particularly in the lodges, it is a particularly hard way of making a living. I think that anything the Territorial Government can do to help these people rather than to hinder them or harass them would be very much appreciated, and two more inspectors on staff

Mr. McKinnon continues:

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gives me a pretty queezy feeling as to just how these people are going to be handled in the very near future. Wouldn't it be possible for at least the inspectors in tandem or least make one visit a year rather than these inspectors arriving at different times, at any given time during different inspections under the various Ordinances of the Yukon Territory. As I say, I would be very surprised if either of the two Members that I named didn't stand up in agreement with me in this instance and perhaps maybe the Member for Dawson City runs into this complaint from the people in his constituency also. I know that it is one of the most common complaints that I have heard when I travel the highways. Like other Members of the Council of the Yukon Territory I am out on the highway quite a bit.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I think we should not limit the authority of inspectors just simply to go and do annual inspections. Inspectors are sometimes called upon at all times of the day and night to do inspections. It may be as a result of employers not paying the employees their account necessary for them to go along you must understand that the whole inspection division is now one inspection division. New Ordinances come into being, there are new inspectional authorities and naturally the inspection staff has to be increased. I don't know exactly how many prosecutions have been carried out as a result of inspections under the Labour Provisions Ordinance, but I know this much, that if it wasn't for the fact that they are doing an excellent job that there would be many people that would be without their pay, and in other areas as well. I don't think it is a weakness to strengthen the Inspection Department, on the contrary it shows that the Government wishes to enforce its legislation and the way it enforces its legislation is through a very efficient inspection Department and the necessities have been shown that there be an inspection Department and this is the reason why there is a further necessity for two additional inspectors. I should also point out as well, that under the Health Care Insurance Plan there is a necessity for inspection there. And this is also again where the inspection load is increasing and the necessity to make sure that those employers have properly deducted from those people who are employed, their pay is sent in, and make sure that those people who are employed by certain firms have not -- those who have not registered in that plan, this information comes forward as well. It is all part of the inspection process and I'm afraid that Territorial Council should support the very principle that Ordinances should be given effect to; that enforcements should be one of the criteria of Government, and I would ask that you realize this particular point -- that inspectors are required.

Mr. McKinnon: I would like to ask a question.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please.

Mr. McKinnon: Does this inspection under the Yukon Medical Health Care Plan, does it come under the Department of Health and Welfare or does it come under the aegis of the Territorial Secretary's Office.

Mr. Chamberlist: Territorial Secretary's Department. The whole inspection Department is under the Territorial Secretary's Office. I'm just saying that areas of inspection would have to be given where new Ordinances come into effect.

Mr. Tanner: Do these inspections include technical inspectors like electrical inspectors and so on? That is my first question to the Minister. The second thing, do they include a specialist; in particular who examines the regulations under the Fuel Tax Ordinance?

Mr. Chamberlist: I would first of all, inspections of building construction, trade inspectors, plumbing inspectors, electrical inspectors, carpentering inspectors all come under the Local Government Department. The question with reference to the Fuel Tax Inspection Department, this is probably from the Treasury Department. I'm not quite sure where the inspection would be, but if it is not from Treasury it would come here, the Treasury Department would then ask the Inspection Department to carry out an inspection. The idea is to get as many of the inspections into one area so that you have one inspection Department being looked after by one Chief Inspector in all those areas. These are inspections of administrative functions, where the electrical or plumbing is the inspection of a building construction and is entirely separate.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Treasurer could then tell me what revenue, I'm jumping the gun a little, but what revenue we derive from Fuel Tax Ordinance in the last year, or what we anticipate this year and to his knowledge how often is an inspection being done under the Fuel Tax Ordinance through this Department or through his own Department under the direction of his Department?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first question: How much revenue was derived from the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance? In 1972-73, we are estimating approximately two and one-half million dollars. The number of inspections done under the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance have been somewhat limited. In the past year we have had two convictions under the Ordinance as a result of inspections. We have also had two situations where individuals, or companies, have been found to be operating contrary to the Ordinance, and they have accepted this liability; so, we didn't have to go for a conviction.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Treasurer, then, in that case, were those investigations made at his instigation, and if they were at his instigation, was it this Department's inspectors that made the inspection?

Mr. Miller: That is correct. We instigated the inspections, and the inspectors under the Territorial Secretary actually did the physical inspection work.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I have a question to the Minister of Health, then, in that case. Has the Government given any consideration to have within this Department, if that is where the inspectors are going to be, a single inspector who is solely responsible for checking out fuel tax abuses?

Mr. Chamberlist: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I can't answer that. I don't know if that has been done. Generally, though, the principle of the Government is that there be one Inspection Department inspecting all administrative matters that follow from the legislation itself.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, one final point, if I may. The reason for this questioning is, and if Members will recall, I moved Sessional Paper No. 11, which concerned the fuel tax. I believe that I can make a case out where there is no reason to raise an equalization rate of -- a tax for equalizing the fuel rates across the Territory if the Inspection Department within this Department did its job in inspecting the abuses that have taken place in this Territory in the past year on fuel tax evasion.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, there are two different subjects being discussed here. The whole purpose of the one cent per gallon for fuel equalization is outside of any other area of taxation, and it really has no bearing, except for the balancing of heating fuel cost to all people in the Territory. And so, it is no, you know, direct -- I understand fully what the Honourable Member is saying, but the point is, that it has no direction in this.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think that the point that has been raised by Councillor Tanner is well taken, but should be brought up when we are discussing the fuel tax. Councillor Watson, did you have a further question?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that one of the inspectors that -- the new inspectors they plan on putting on staff is a safety inspector who would be inspecting the safety standards within the Territorial Government itself. And, this has been requested by the Public Service Staff Alliance. This is why this safety inspector would not be inspecting the public at large, but would be inspecting the Territorial Government in their installations and their various maintenance camps.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I must have some sympathy with what was stated by the Honourable Members from Whitehorse West, that I really think that this Government have gone drunk with power. Something has gone very, very wrong. I see that it is suggested that during the course of this Budget there are proposals to increase taxation of the people of the Territory. I, too, cannot be satisfied that, for instance, in the case of these two additional inspectors, that they are really required. Population has not changed in the Territory to any great extent, but, certainly, it seems to me that we have sufficient inspectors, or more inspectors than one could believe, in this particular department. I think that, indeed, many people in the hinterland, at least, are just plagued with inspectors as was stated by the Honourable Member. I see here, for instance, in January the inspection section travelled over four thousand miles during January to cover all points in the Territory. Forty-eight liquor inspections were completed. One conviction was obtained for a two hundred dollar fine. Forty Labour Standards inspections were completed and eighteen wage complaints received. The section checked forty-four business establishments; eight inspections under the Accident Prevention Regulations, and so forth. I really don't feel that this is required on a month-to-month basis in many instances. Under the aspect of Labour Standards inspections, you might say that these should be looked after, these complaints, as they come in. We have always demanded that. This is always looked after. The safety inspector, it was always my understanding that the mining inspector was also a safety inspector, and it was my understanding, too, that the Fire Marshall's office had a great deal to do with safety inspection. Certainly, someone else within that department could fill that double chere as a safety inspector. They are drunk with power. You are blowing money, virtually. We are going to have more government than we have people. This is just one little area. I don't know what is hidden in this Budget, but I know that there has got to be lots. It comes to us very quickly; we have no chance to study it, really, to absorb it, to question it and to research it. This is no doubt the program. I can't agree to the, unless it can be established that they are absolutely desperately necessary, to the inclusion of these two additional inspectors. I think that it is just another case of where the Government is playing around with the people's money and blowing it. In my opinion, why don't we delete this, these two inspectors and take this money and put it in a little fund so that we can delete taxes, maybe when we get to the end of this Budget and find out what really is contained in it.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member is concerned about the functions of the Government taxation in two inspectors that are needed for the administration of business.

Mr. Taylor: You've got a whole bunch already.

Mr. Chamberlist: You'll start worrying a little later when you start to do this; then you will know about what taxation is going to be for the people of the Yukon, and then you get concerned about it. Right now the concern should be simply that you have a real Budget worked on by responsible people to give to the Government and give to the Administration the need for people to look after the Government of the Territory. Now, the wording, you know, "drunk with power" and stuff like that, doesn't go down; not one little bit. It doesn't go down one little bit for the simple reason that people have been working in Government to bring forward a decent Budget that the people understand and that they can understand. There is a need for inspection, and if the inspection is not done, then we get the Honourable Member screaming that inspection has not been carried out. But, enough it is to say that when there is a requirement to look after and enforce the legislation that has been brought in by this Council, those of us who have a responsibility to see that this legislation is passed are not going to back off from this responsibility. We require that legislation is enforceable, and we require the people to enforce that legislation. The Honourable Member from Carcross-Kluane has already indicated that one of these two additional people is for safety measures. The Honourable Member who has just spoken has often bawled out Members of this Council for not having provision made for safety inspection. We have done that now, and the additional member for inspection is one that we have to follow suit

as well with. Quite frankly, I think that the Honourable Member should now take a look and see whether he is not trying to obstruct. I thought that when this Council started, we would be able to get through these things without obstruction. There is a need for administrative offices in this area, and that is to inspect so that we can enforce our legislation. I would ask Honourable Members to recognize that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, up goes the smokescreen again. I am here to question whatever this Government, or so-called Government, might produce as it affects the people. I still say that we have no need, in my opinion, there has been no just reason shown for the addition of any inspectors, - any addition to the Inspection Department at this time. The second thing is that this only proliferates the harassment upon the people that this Government have produced over these past two years. You are virtually making a police state of the Yukon Territory. This is why many, many people are planning on moving out, going into provincial responsibilities where the Government is answerable to the people. Here the Government is answerable to Ottawa. This is Government by edict, in any event. In terms of the safety inspector, we have got sufficient inspectors already in the Territory. We have got building inspectors; we've got fire inspectors; we've got electrical inspectors; all of which could conduct in unison, or in concert with each other, could cover any safety inspections that might be required in the Territory. To suggest otherwise is just an absolute bunch of nonsense.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Public Service Staff Alliance asked for this kind of an inspector, and if the Honourable Member from Watson Lake feels that this is a bunch of nonsense, maybe he should tell the Public Service Staff Alliance.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would be more than pleased to receive at this Table as a legislator, a request from the staff association. I am not too clear whether they asked for an inspection, for an inspector, or whether they asked for inspection. I am still not clear on that point either. It seems that when somebody asks for something around here, it gets misconstrued by the time it gets to this Table. You never know what it is going to be.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we are getting somewhere now. We have dug out that we have the one position being filled as a safety inspector. Now, I wonder whether the Honourable Members could justify the addition of the other field inspector also, because with a field inspector doing the work under the Ordinances with all the other inspectors under the various offices, plus the safety inspector, then I feel that you probably have a sufficient inspectorial staff. I just ask where the other one goes. As far as the safety inspector is concerned, I know that the offices of the Compensation Services put in an inspector every summer to travel the length and breadth of the Yukon Territory, examining every camp and every work project to the point of the extreme. I'll tell you how silly it is. One time I was in charge of the bridge being painted at the Lower Rancheria, and the Compensation safety inspector came along. The height between water and the top of the bridge was no higher than ten feet at any given point, and the water in depth was no higher than one foot at any given point in the Rancheria River at that time, and he made the point that compensation wouldn't be allowed if a boat was not placed below the bridge at all times in case an unfortunate fell the grand total of ten feet into one foot of water. The only problem was that there wasn't enough water where we could anchor the boat for the boat to be there under the Compensation branch of the safety inspection branch. All this inspection can get carried to the ridiculous as we are all prone to know. If the safety inspector, in visiting the Territorial camps and the various Territorial work projects, is one of the bodies that is going to be, I think that I would agree with that. The one thing that I would like to know, with the other inspectors under the different Ordinances plus the inspector already under the Territorial Secretary, where does the justification for the one additional inspector come in?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, the Honourable Member, at least, is coming forward with sensible arguments when asking these questions. They are fairly reasonable arguments. There have been more Ordinances that have been passed that require enforcements. As a result of that, one needs inspectors to examine books, over and beyond what has already been done. There are various inspections; you have got -- you've got a campgrounds inspection situation that inspectors, who are on their way, can inspect campgrounds, and have a look at what is being done there. But, generally, all areas of legislation -- I have already indicated, Mr. Chairman, that the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan requires much inspection that has to be done. Certainly, I am sure that the Honourable Member himself must recognize the fact that inspection has to be done so that we can find those people who have been breaching the regulations or the Ordinance itself. The justification is right there; the work is there; the Inspection Department has been overworked with the amount of inspections that they have had to do, and it is just simply that it was required.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would like to point out from the Chair, it was discussed in meetings -- I think I can say this much anyway, that a lot of it is a number of inspections that are being made per inspector, requiring the increase; the same as social workers or probation officers would be required if the caseload increased, or the inspections increased. There's just so much work that one inspector can do; so much territory that he can cover. Was there anything further on Inspectors?

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Mr. Tanner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is just one minor point. I'm still not exactly clear -- did the Minister of Health indicate that if there are inspections under his department, that the inspectors that will be doing inspections, will be these inspectors. Does that account for the other inspectors?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I said there are two sets of inspectors that are required under the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan. There are inspections that have to take place where there is confidential medical records that have to be examined. These will be done under the auspices of the Zone Director, who is Director of Health Services; but the administrative area of inspections under the Health Care Insurance Plan, is being done by the Territorial Secretary's Inspection Department, and this will be one of them.

Mr. Tanner: One final question, Mr. Chairman, if I may. You'll notice in Sessional Paper No. 8, the discussion of Campgrounds; it's coming into Committee, I assume, tomorrow, but if I might refer to it, it says: "tighter regulations or tighter inspections" will have to take place to collect those campground fees. Is that another inspector within this department, or is that going to be using Forestry people, or what?

Mr. Chamberlist: I would assume, Mr. Chairman, I couldn't tell you exactly because it's just one of the departments, but I would imagine that the Inspections' Department is in that particular area. Perhaps if the Honourable Member would just leave this as a question, I will get it answered for him.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm sure the Treasurer will be able to answer it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under the campground fee, they're really fee collectors rather than inspectors. They will be hired under the campground program -- casual people to collect the fee.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there anything further on 400? Next item, 403, Records Office.

EST. 403

Mr. Miller: \$193,581.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could have a brief explanation of just what the function is in the Records Office.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this office looks after the Central Registry function. They handle all incoming mail; they handle all transfers of mail between departments; all outgoing mail. They are also responsible for the Records Retention Program.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 403? That completes the Department of the Territorial Secretary and Registrar General. Next item, Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, \$6,934,706.00. Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: The first item under this Establishment is on page 24, Establishment 500; Disease Control in the amount of \$69,900.00.

EST. 500

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there appears to be an increase in this department. It does generally increase as an annual sort of thing. Just the general question that is always asked at this time, does this cover cancer, tuberculosis, and venereal disease. Are all three on the increase?

Mr. Chamberlist: On the decrease, decrease.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is any one of them on an increase? We usually take them separately: one, two, three. May we then assume that it's a decrease.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member would like, I would ask that the Chief Medical Officer of Health supply that particular information to you.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Does the Member wish that information?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would very much like to have it, because what was put in the Estimates wasn't what was spent.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any other questions on 500?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Establishment 501, Mental Health Services, \$122,200.00.

EST. 501

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This is almost exactly the same as last year.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there's a point here I'd like to make -- or a question to ask primarily. Both the Disease Control and Mental Health Services are, I believe, basically administered by the Northern Health Services, in which case, this is our portion of the funds that are going to those particular departments. Or is that the total cost; in which case, where is the Federal contribution? Or what is the comparable Federal contribution?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, they are cost-shared. Both of these items are cost-shared on a fifty-fifty basis. Perhaps you have that exact breakdown?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I don't have the exact rates.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, if I might, while the Minister's looking up those particular figures, what I really want to get to is whether or not the people of the Yukon are paying taxes in some degree, on those two measures, without having any control at all in how those funds are spent.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, I can answer that. Unfortunately, one of the battles that the Territorial Government has been involved in with the Federal Government respecting Health and Welfare, is the overall payment of operation and maintenance costs of the Northern Health Services Program. The average is about 72% to 28%, and we have had no direction whatever in how those funds are being used and what the funds are being used for. This is part of the basis of negotiations that

Mr. Chamberlist continued

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are underway now, with reference to the overall takeover of the National Health package. Principally, because of that very reason, if the Honourable Member would excuse me for just a few minutes, I could, if he wishes it, give him the exact percentage breakdown.

Mr. Tanner: No, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make the point. I think it bears a great deal of consideration by all Members. The fact that we're voting funds here which we don't have any control over the spending of.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 501?

EST. 502

Mr. Miller: Establishment 502, General Health Services, \$421,654.00.

Mr. Chamberlist: In this area, Mr. Chairman, the Yukon Territorial Government comes up with 70% and 30% is National Health and Welfare. There again, we've

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there's an appendix here which details it. Appendix 19A and 20.

Mr. Chamberlist: What appendix was that?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: 19A and 20.

Mr. Chamberlist: It's there but it averages out about 70% -- that's the General Health Services Program, and then the Manpower Summary is on the next page. We've increased the manpower there because there is the Psychiatric Branch that is being put into effect.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, has the Minister of Health got the authority or is he in a position to negotiate all the nursing stations as a whole, instead of having such a variance. In Old Crow the Federal Government pays 74% and we're only paying 20%, but basically it's a fifty-fifty split. Does it depend on the number of status Indians that are in the area?

Mr. Chamberlist: No, Mr. Chairman, this is based on an agreement that was set up many years ago, and it hasn't changed. I think the date of the original agreement was 1957 and there has been no change at all in the actual structure of percentages between the Territorial Government and the Department of National Health and Welfare and, as I say, this is one of the areas of discussion, and I'm afraid it would be improper for me at this time to indicate the general -- any general basis of discussion except that we have received very considerate attitudes from both the Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare, Dr. LeClair and the Minister Mark Lelond, and I hope that not before very few months are away, that we'll be able to come back and advise Council of something much more stable in the whole Health Program, which would benefit the people in the Territory, by coming forward with one overall Health package and one Health Department.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there's every few areas where I have sympathy with and would give my support to the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, but this is one of those areas. I have debated this every time the Estimates have come before the Council of the Yukon Territory and I'm just as appalled in this point of the Yukon's history as the first time we debated this subject. Our man-years in General Health Services have gone from 48 to 57 this year. Nine more employees. The Territorial Government has no input whatsoever, not one iota, as to if these employees are needed or not needed. They become Federal civil servants, completely under the control the Federal Government, under no control of the Government of the Yukon Territory, and yet the Government of the Yukon Territory pays on a 70-30 structure, for their upkeep and the upkeep of Northern Health Services, under the General Health Services Program. If the Honourable Member, and he is having negotiations at this time with the Minister of National Health and Welfare, if he feels that the support of this Council would help him in a problem and in a situation which has been going on for many more years than it should ever have been going on, if he would want to move that this Council support him in his wresting of the Health Services from the Federal Government, under the control of the Government of the Yukon Territory, I have always said, and I will continue to support him or any other member of the Government of the Yukon Territory, who wants to help get this control where it rightfully belongs; in the hands of the Government of the Yukon Territory. Here is a perfect example of where we get the cost escalating and going in a runaway, over which we have absolutely no control, but the programs, once they are initiated, are ongoing, and we foot the bill until time immemorial. This has to be under the control of the Government of the Yukon Territory; what programs we want, what programs we think we need, and what programs we can afford. I become just every bit as angry under the Vote of Health and Welfare, as I have been every time that this has come before this Council. If we're getting any closer to the day when the Health Services will be initiated -- will be governed, because they are now paid for, and they always have been paid for, by the people of the Yukon Territory, and I'll do anything that I can in my power to support any measure to gain that control from the Federal Government, because they have no business having it, particularly at this time in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank the Honourable Member for his promise of support, because certainly I'm going to need it. I can say that the consideration that has been given to the eventual takeover has been much more promising than it has ever been in the past. I think it would help, very much so, if a motion of this Council could also be forwarded to the Minister, and within the next few days I will prepare such a motion. I hope I get the unanimous support of all Members.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 502?

Mr. Taylor: There is just one question that I might as well raise at this point in the Budget, Mr. Chairman, under General Health Services, relating this to Nursing Stations in the hinterland. During the course of this summer, some specialists came down there - in optometry, and this type of thing. They had been sent down there by the Health Department, to come down and look after all people, sort of a thing. We find quite often that we can't get the white children in to see them because they're down there to look after the native people. Would it not be possible to look into this to see if it is possible that when these people come down, there is sufficient time allocated so that they can see both the white and the native people? We're getting back into this racial discrimination business, you might say.

Mr. Chamberlist: The Honourable Member is perfectly right in what he is saying. This has happened, but it has happened without the knowledge of the Administration here. When these specialists go down to northern communities, or to any of the communities in the Yukon, it is part of the Northern Health Services Program. Those specialists are there; they have the responsibility, if the time factor is there, to attend to the needs of anybody. If the Honourable Member will bring to my attention any specific time or case, I'll certainly raise it and get a full answer for it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are we clear on 502?

Mr. Miller: The next item is Establishment 504 - Subsidized Medical Travel. Under Establishment 503, there is no voting requirement. Establishment 504 - Subsidized Medical Travel, \$37,000.00.

EST. 504

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have one question and I wonder if I could have an explanation. Why is there no Social Assistance under Welfare required?

Mr. Chamberlist: It is now included in the overall Social Welfare Program, and where there is health requirements, everyone being covered by the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan -- automatically, they're being covered there.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think, in view of the time, I'll declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next item under discussion is 504 - Subsidized Medical Travel.

Mr. Miller: The amount of this is \$37,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the 1972/73 Estimates, there was \$37,000.00, a similar figure, allocated for subsidized travel. Indeed, as a result of the motion presented at the last Session -- where is this found? Is this not considered subsidized medical travel?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is true. There has been a change made to the regulations for subsidized medical travel. I believe, when the Honourable Member who is in charge of that Department comes back, he will outline the change in the regulations for the extra benefits that have been provided under this particular Establishment.

Mr. Chamberlist enters the Chambers.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Chamberlist, we are discussing 504, and the question has been raised as to whether the new regulations are reflected in this sum of money we're on.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, they are. The regulations that were passed on, and brought into effect, the thirteenth day of February of this year, now departs from what was before whereby the first \$100.00 was paid by the patient. Now, the Government takes care of it all. The criteria of the Plan has been laid out.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, would not the figures -- indicated figures from '71 to '72 Actual, \$15,030.00, and it was estimated \$37,000.00 in '72-73; and then the figure of \$37,000.00 again is reappearing. Would this figure not be accurate?

Mr. Chamberlist: That money wasn't used this year, that amount that was estimated for. It wouldn't have all been used, but this is what has been estimated. To give you some figures, to give you some idea as to what we've done, what we've done is this, to find out exactly what this position is, we had, between April the first and December the eighth, eighty-seven evacuations under the Plan; that is where one of the five criteria has been involved. The total cost was \$21,494.00 is the average cost, because sometimes one evacuation would cost \$1,200.00 or \$1,300.00, and one would cost \$400.00 or \$500.00, depending if the escort has to go, too. So, we broke it down and found that the average cost is \$247.00 if we paid the fuller amount. The difference, based on that, would be something like -- based on April the first to December, we're talking about eight months, and if you divide the \$21,000.00 with 7.5, it gives us about \$31,500.00, so we allowed for \$37,000.00. This is just an estimated amount.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Just from the Chair, I took it that the question was more related to the motion related to travel within the Territory.

Mr. Chamberlist: This was also included in the travel. The last motion of last Council was not dealing with travel within the Territory; it was dealing with the medical evacuation where a person was referred to a specialist outside because of one of the five criteria that were involved. This is what it applied to. There is sufficient funds within the \$37,000.00, we feel, to meet the costs of the overall matter there.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Members of this Council, if I understand the regulations right, are getting one of the classic rip-offs that we're starting to expect from this Government. If you'll remember, the motion that was passed by the House, by a four to three vote, read: "It has been moved that if in the opinion of Council that any resident of the Yukon referred to a specialist in Vancouver or Edmonton by a Yukon doctor, has his transportation to or from either centre paid for in full by the Government of the Yukon, under the terms of the Medical Evacuation Plan". So, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner's Order 1973/b6, which was signed on the thirteenth of February, amends only section 6

Mr. McKinnon continued:

of the regulations, which says: "Subject to these regulations, there may be paid from and out of monies issued and advanced from the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund, to the patient, the return air fare from the point of referral in the Territory to the appropriate treatment centre in Edmonton or Vancouver unless travel beyond either of these two locations is deemed to be necessary by the Chief Medical Officer of Health or his authorized deputy, and to an escort deemed to be necessary by the Chief Medical Officer of Health or his authorized deputy, reimbursement of expenses incurred in the course of medical evacuation at the rates appropriate for Yukon Territorial Government personnel on temporary duty away from home base". But, Mr. Chairman, section 2, subsection (c), still stands which defines medical necessity as meaning "that any of the following eventualities may occur if the patient is not evacuated - (i) loss of life, (ii) loss of limb, (iii) loss of eyesight, and (iv) mental breakdown. This means, Mr. Chairman, that the medical necessity is every bit as narrow as it was prior to Council's passage of this motion. Everybody can, and does, remember that debate. That was not the intention of the majority vote of the Legislature of the Yukon Territory. If vast: If a person, referred to a specialist outside by doctor here, it didn't matter if it was included in the four categories here or not, that person's way was paid to Edmonton or Vancouver. The Honourable Member for Whitehorse East knows that; every Member of Council sitting here knows it. It is a dubious and a deliberate attempt to flaunt the wishes of the majority of the Legislative Council. Mr. Chairman, when I say rip-off, I mean it; when I say deliberate, I mean deliberate. I don't see how any Member of this Council can agree to this item in the Budget until it's reflected in the regulations that what this House passed by majority motion is going to stand in this House. The Honourable Member for Whitehorse East is a servant of this House, and if he doesn't wish to remain as a servant of this House, the majority of this House can do something about that, too.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, without getting too emotional, I think perhaps I should answer quietly. In answer to the Honourable Member, when he read his motion out, he said, and he read it: "in accordance with the Medical Evacuation Plan". The Medical Evacuation Plan provides for five criteria.

Mr. McKinnon: Four criteria.

Mr. Chamberlist: Five criteria. That is where there is a danger. The Honourable Member is not doing his homework when he says four. I would suggest that he bring his records up-to-date, because there was an additional area that was added. The five criteria are where there is a danger of loss of limb, where there is a danger of loss of sight, where there is a danger of loss of hearing, where there is a danger of loss of life, and where there is a danger of mental breakdown, outside of those areas that come under the Mental Health Ordinance. They are the five criteria, so obviously the Honourable Member hasn't brought himself up-to-date on this. Now, that is the Medical Evacuation Plan, and that is exactly how the Honourable Member's motion read; I have given the consideration to that motion. But, at the same time, so that there would be no doubt as to what the reflection that now the Honourable Member wishes to place in the Budget -- it is this, that on the basis of every person, without having a criteria, every person who gets referred to a medical specialist for all different reasons -- on the basis of that, I have brought forward some figures that might be interesting. The total claims processed between April the first and December the thirty-first, of Y.H.C.I. Plan claims, of \$38,895.00. Now, between the first of April and December the thirty-first, 1972, there were some -- I beg your pardon, between the first of April and October the thirty-first of 1972, all the referrals that were sent out, for which the Plan paid for the actual specialist treatment, not the travel expenses, there were some 648 referrals for this seven months which would project to 1,110 over a twelve month period. As I have already indicated, the average cost of a transfer out, an expense out, would be \$247.03; the potential average cost could therefore be 1,110 times \$247.05. That is \$274,225.50. Now, the Honourable Member got into an emotional strata for a while, because he wants that amount indicated in the Budget. He wants the people to pay \$274,000.00, without any controls at all. Make no mistake about it; the moment there are no controls on any referral, it isn't going to be 1,110 people going out, it will be 2,000 people going out. It's not going to be an average of \$247.00, it will be an average of \$500.00, and then you're going to finish up by having to find about a half a million dollars. Now, certainly I'm a servant of this House, but I'm also the servant of the people that pay the taxes. Again, I'm not going to back away from what I consider my responsibilities. I think a reasonable attitude has been adopted here. The motion that has been passed by a majority of four to three has been accepted on the basis of the words, the Medical Health Plan. Now, the Medical Health Plan incorporates it. If the Honourable Member wanted to make his position clear at that time, he should have put his motion forward on the basis that he referred to, on changing the Medical Health Plan. Then, once the Members have explained that this is the cost, the \$274,000.00, let's see then whether there would have been a majority of four to three. The whole attitude of people would have changed. The reason why it was left is because people saw that the amount of money involved was only another \$11,000.00 or \$12,000.00. That's why. Because where there was a medical necessity, where there was one of those five dangers involved, certainly. The Government recognized this, and recognized it promptly; and the provision was made for that. The Honourable Members must understand that it wasn't very long ago that nobody was getting anything to help them go out at all. I think we've done pretty well, and we've looked at this matter in a real responsible manner. I say that it would not be responsible to say to the Government of the Yukon Territory, provide \$274,000.00, and let people go out whenever they want to. The control is there right in the hands of the Chief Medical Officer, who administers this properly, and if for any reason he feels there are other grounds, he acts upon his own knowledge and makes his position. He is the technician; he's the one that advises. I don't make these decisions myself. The legislation is there; the regulations are there. We've done pretty well by it, and certainly no Honourable Member here would really responsibly say that we should find \$274,000.00 to give everybody that goes out to see a doctor for some minor thing, we have to go and pay their expenses. Nowhere else in Canada does this situation take place.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, nowhere else in Canada does a program exist such as exists here, in any event. But, I must agree with the Honourable Member that the intent of the motion that was passed at the last Session of Council was that when people had to go see a specialist outside, and were referred by a Yukon doctor to a specialist outside, their way should be paid, or a portion of their way should be paid. This was just what we expected was happening. Indeed, until this moment today, I was under the understanding it would. That is why I questioned the \$37,000.00. I couldn't see how you could do it with that kind of money unless it was covered somewhere else in the Budget. Now I find, from the information given by the Honourable Member, that this hasn't happened at all; that nothing has been done.

Mr. Chamberlist: Now, don't say that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Taylor: Well, nothing substantial, at least; let's put it that way. The wishes of the House have been ignored by the Administration, if this be the case. I deplore that, as I am sure others do who voted in favour of that motion. It is something we thought we could give to the people. It's an area of great importance where a person's medical requirements are that they have to go out. I'm just appalled. I'm even amazed; I'm too amazed to even get mad at this point. Maybe I'll do it later on. It is just astounding.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder if the Honourable Member is suggesting that we find another \$274,000.

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Mr. Taylor: That question has been asked on many occasions. As soon as this Council can get back to being involved in the Budget, I am quite sure that we can find sufficient money without raising taxes.

Mr. Chamberlist: All right, let's see if we can do that. Let's see if we...

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that doesn't alter the point in principle one bit. It was incumbent that the responsibility of those people in power, the Executive Committee, to do what a majority vote of this Council told them to do. If there is any misunderstanding, the only misunderstanding is the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East and his cohorts; nobody else. Every Member of this Council who voted for my motion knows full well what the motion meant and what it stood for. It meant that if a person was referred to a specialist for any medical problem, his way to Vancouver or Edmonton was paid by the Medical Evacuation Plan, no ifs, buts, and whys. If it was an orthopedic problem, a back problem, and there was not a person here who could handle that problem and he had to go outside with all the attendant problems, then that person's way was paid to Vancouver or Edmonton. The public understood it that way; the media understood it that way; the Council understood it that way; the Administration took that way; the only one who misunderstood it perfectly clear, a perfectly valid, motion was the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East. My challenge stands; I say it was a deliberate attempt to rip off this Council and the people of the Yukon Territory, and I will continue to say that because I know this to be a fact.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Chairman, when one talks about ripping off from the Council of the Yukon Territory, the Council of the Yukon Territory has to find the funds where necessary. Now, all I can suggest to the Honourable Member is that his method, after his years of experience in this Legislative Body, of writing up a motion, is something that needs a little bit of improving because the motion is quite clear; that is, in accordance with the Medical Evacuation Plan, and the Medical Evacuation Plan is clearly defined. If the Honourable Member can even take the Medical Evacuation Plan and have a look at it and see what it says, surely he will agree that there is an error on his own part. We have simply followed what is in his motion. And, it was dealt with in that particular manner because if it was not, if it was thought of in a different manner, then, certainly, the Budget Review Committee would have been dealing with the funds to find those funds, and obviously it was not. It is not just this Honourable Member; it means that the whole of the Budget Finance Review Committee, then, has looked at it in a different manner. Because it is a money item and it would have been dealt with there. But, certainly, I can't see in any event how there can be justification for us to find at least \$275,000, based on last year's records and the projected number of 1,110 for this year, based on the number of people that have been referred out and the bills that we have had to pay for specialists. You know, if the Honourable Member could start indicating whether or not he feels that there is a responsibility upon Territorial Council to tax the people of the Yukon to find another \$275,000, let him speak about it, because so far he hasn't been giving any indication of that. All he is really annoyed about, as I see it, is the fact that his motion wasn't clear enough to define what he wanted. But, the very fact that words spell out the Medical Evacuation Plan, this is what has been submitted: the waiving of the hundred dollars which the Medical Evacuation Plan indicated, and I can't go anything beyond that. We have done whatever we could in the situation.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, for all Members benefit, I think that I would like to read the motion again, because when the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West read it, he was quite excited. It says, "It has been moved by Councillor McKinnon seconded by Councillor Taylor, that it is the opinion of Council that any resident of the Yukon referred to a specialist in Vancouver or Edmonton, by a Yukon doctor, have their transportation to and from either centre, paid for in full by the Government of the Yukon, under the terms of the Medical Evacuation Plan." It says it, and then it says, "Are you prepared to proceed with the motion." It is unfortunately perfectly clear, whether in the body of the argument, or the debate that we had at that time, the Honourable Member felt that he was referring to the total evacuations under any referral system, really is not in debate here, Mr. Chairman. The terms of his own motion say "under the Medical Evacuation Plan".

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Taylor, would you take the Chair, please? I must admit that when this motion came up for discussion, I certainly was under the feeling that it was in all cases. However, I must admit that if the figures that the Minister have given us could be substantiated, I would have to take another look at it, for the simple reason that to raise an additional quarter of a million dollars in the Territory is very difficult. But, I would question those figures at this point for the simple reason that the figure of \$275,000 has been bandied around a lot, and there are a thousand cases going out, and they are pertinently only paying \$100 each, that is \$100,000 which leaves a balance of \$175,000. I don't see that in the Budget, \$175,000.

Mr. Chamberlist: The Honourable Member has mixed up my explanation here. What I am giving is what would be a projected cost if the Government had to pay the full evacuation of every person who was referred to a doctor outside. From the records that we have, there were 648 referrals to doctors for the period from April the first until October the thirty-first, which is seven months of operation. Now, at 648 for seven months, it would project for twelve months 1,110. Now, the average cost of a person going out is not only the first hundred dollars. It is the first hundred dollars that the patient pays, plus it really is the whole expense, plus the escort because sometimes there is just -- the patient goes out on his own, there is just \$166 involved. Now, there are many times where, for instance, the patient goes out as a stretcher case; we have to pay for up to four and six seats that the stretcher has to take, that certain seats have to be taken up. Then we have to pay for the escort and the escort's expenses while they are outside. We have many instances of where the evacuation, medical evacuation, under one of the criteria, is in the region of \$900. We also have instances where we have had to use a charter flight to go out to Vancouver or Edmonton at the cost of \$1,680 for the plane, plus another few hundred dollars on top for expenses. Now, the way we got this \$247 average, we tallied all the referrals that had to go out under the criteria and added them up and tallied them, and then divided them by the number, and this brought us to the \$247 which includes the whole, the hundred dollars, and everything right across. This is how this figure came to, and this is where we put down the number of evacuations we based it on -- as 87 under the Plan times 247 for this period from April the first to December the eighth, and on the basis of that, we got a full four months' operation, and then divided it and came down to the \$247. It is on that basis that the debenture annual cost would be 1,110 times an average of \$247.04 that gives us \$274,225. This is an average, maybe a lot less, maybe a lot more, according to the number of referrals, but we have to have some guide or figure. If we have to budget, I would say we have to budget for \$275,000 if we have to pay the whole lot. This is the point that I am -- but, while I am on my feet, I want to say this to the Honourable Member and to all Members of Council, that in no way was I attempting in bringing forward the new regulations, was I attempting to override the requirements of the Territorial Council. On the contrary, it was to make sure that it was what the Territorial Council wanted by majority, it was to give it to them; and, again, I regret that the Honourable Member, because of the wording in his motion, and because of some misunderstanding, thought that it was that everybody that would be outside, because, you know, I ask Honourable Members to consider themselves, how could you even go along with a situation like that without giving it more consideration once the figures became known. The point is, it referred to the Medical Evacuation Plan, the Medical Evacuation Plan subject to the five criteria. This is simply what was done.

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Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have had some rotten political maneuvers pulled on me by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East as I have sat around this table, but this is the dirtiest. And, it is particularly dirty when the Honourable Member, if he reads his Votes and Proceedings from that Session, knows full well what I was talking about and understood the motion completely, as did the Honourable Member from Dawson, the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, the Honourable Member from Mayo, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West -- myself -- everyone who was gathered in the gallery, the press media, and the public, after the Session was reported. This is what the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East said against the motion that was voted on by this Council. He said, "When we say, if we accepted the Honourable Member's motion, that just simply because a Yukon doctor referred a patient to a specialist that the taxpayers of the Yukon would have to foot the whole bill, I think that is asking just a little too much." Further on, "The doctors, who most of them are very conscientious in their activities, are only human too. And when somebody might go to them with a sob story and, sometimes this is done, they invariably, well -- quite often, without thinking, said, 'OK, we'll let you go and see a specialist.' The moment he says that, immediately, if this motion would pass, a doctor has committed the taxpayers of the Yukon Territory." The Honourable Member knew full well what the motion entailed; he knew full well the expenditure upon the purse of the public of the Territory; and, he knew full well what the majority vote of the Council of the Yukon Territory wanted him to do. He hasn't done it; and for him to say now that he didn't understand the motion even makes the argument that he is making now even more hypocritical and more devious than it was to begin with.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I understand the motion quite clearly. The motion is recorded. That is the motion that I understood and certainly what I said in reference to the doctors who might get soft, this is what I'm talking about. Sometimes there are people who want to go out and they sign to the effect that there might be a danger of loss of hearing or danger of loss of eyesight; there might be a danger of mental breakdown. They do do that; this is what I was referring to. And certainly, I also refer to, you know, we shouldn't place in the hands of the doctors the responsibility of playing with the taxpayer's money. It's the Honourable Member who is putting his interpretation on what I said.

Mr. McKinnon: I wouldn't put an interpretation on anything you said.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well in that case, I'm very thankful, Mr. Chairman, because it is obvious that the Honourable Member has shown by what he has said that he has the inability to be able to -- the problem is in interpretation. Now I have accepted what he has said; certainly I have already had my say. This is the intent of the motion and this is the intent as it is written and carried out. It is open to the Honourable Member at any time to bring forward another motion if he wants to make any further changes and then let the House be governed accordingly.

Mr. Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask the Minister one simple question. If, now after the remarks that have been read from the Votes and Proceedings by the Member from Whitehorse West, you feel that you did at that time understand the motion, and you pointed out that if the motion carried, it would be a fantastic expense to taxpayers.

Mr. Chamberlist: I didn't say that.

Mr. Stutter: That increase to taxpayers of the Territory -- could you explain then why the figure in the Budget is exactly what it was in 1972-73?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, one thing hasn't got anything to do with the other because, simply, if we didn't need this money, the expenditures would show that we would be able to cut this back a little bit. If we were in the same position now that we were, in relation to section 6 of the Public Health Regulation, we could cut this down a bit because we haven't expended that type of a money. And certainly, when I said that it would be an expenditure to the taxpayers where the individual is footing part of it; now the individual won't be footing part of it at all. You see, there are certain areas, there are certain areas in any event under the Cancer Ordinance and the Tuberculosis Ordinance where the Government foots the bill of expenses. This is taken care of and that is in the legislation. And it is up to Council, I say it is up to Council, if Council wants to go further than what it has already done, you know, it is up to Council to do that, clarify the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West, to clarify his position he must go ahead and bring forward another motion and let Council deal with it in that particular right and then, of course, as a result of that there would have to be a further, further supplementary budget made to us to raise that money. It is up to the Honourable Member to do this, you know, this is a debate really. It is one of -- showing some sort of animosity you could go and strive in a position where I would have to comply with the wording of the motion. That is all I've simply done, if the Honourable Member wants to bring forth another motion that all people who get referred to a specialist come forward, then he is at liberty to do that, Council will deal with it and if it is dealt with and then there is a supplementary there has to be found for it, then he can go from there. But surely he has got the steps available to him to take, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would like to request then formerly that the Minister produce the detail information that he has just read to us a while ago to support his view that it would cost the taxpayers of the Territory an additional, or approximately a quarter of a million dollars, because I would certainly be interested in seeing those figures.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to get the breakdown and to supply it to all Members, as early as possible, perhaps by tomorrow.

Mr. Stutter: I'll resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this point is there any further discussion of 504?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think that if we could refer back to this item as soon as this information is provided. I am somewhat like other Members; I certainly wouldn't like to provide this thing and leave the impression that it is agreed upon when it is an insufficient sum loaned to achieve the purposes that are set down by the Council.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think all Committee Members will want to come back to this particular item.

Mr. Chamberlist: But, but, Mr. Chairman, I, the Honourable Member who has just spoken said that he got an insufficient sum of money, it is not an insufficient sum of money based on the motion that was passed on the regulations. It might be an insufficient sum of money for the purpose that the Honourable Member would like to have, but for the basis of that item it is considered that this is the amount that will be budgeted for. Certainly, as I say, if the Honourable Member wishes to go further and expand the program, and on a motion of Council this is to be done, perhaps then we could find the additional money.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the Council has made the motion; the motion was made at the Fall Session; there is no question about that; there is no question that the motion -- the records show as -- has been described by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West. There is no question about it; the Government has ignored it and yet gone to the people and left the people with the idea through the media, that they have just done a wonderful thing; we have just improved the travel subsidized -- subsidized medical travel -- This is nonsense. We find now that we have been hoodwinked both the Council and the people of the Yukon and all those people who anticipated this. It is simply that. I am saying that if we are to give effect to the motion that has passed the Fall Session by this Council, by the majority in Council, and I always get this majority of Council decision, well here even a part of the Government voted with us on this one in the form of Mr. Speaker, himself. Then effect was given to that motion, there is insufficient funds in this year's annual Budget to give effect to the program and it is that simple and there is no more to be said on the subject. It is a deplorable situation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I must just say from the Chair, in all fairness I was one of those ones, to use your term,

Mr. Deputy Chairman continues:

that was also hoodwinked but nevertheless the terms of the motion as they were spelt out had been complied with, and I would have to go along with the thought that if there is a change made or more further discussion on the matter, it would have to be brought in as a further subject. The wording of the motion itself, certainly isn't the way I understood it, along with other Members.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it would then have to be a new motion and there would have to be a supplementary. It wouldn't become part of the Main Estimates.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 515 - Yukon Hospital Insurance Services.

Mr. Miller: \$1,936,476.

Mr. Taylor: Why the reduction, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, we have been fortunate now with the operation of the Hospital Committee, made up of a number of doctors to keep the bed-day use down, and therefore, it's not costing as much money.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if we could have a little further explanation of that. In what way does this work?

Mr. Chamberlist: The way that the bed occupancy basis is set up; it costs something like \$60 a day for bed occupancy for a bed patient. What happens is that the doctors have now arranged amongst themselves, the hospitalization committee and they decide what patient needs to be in for so many days; prior, it was the matter of individual doctors who sometimes keep patients in over the required time, and consequently the government would be having to pay that amount of \$60 and it is benefiting by this utilization committee that is referred to as the Hospital Committee. But it is certainly working very well and it is something that doctors need be thanked for; they are doing an excellent job.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 515?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Establishment 525. Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan - \$1,312,531.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest that this matter be stood over until we have an opportunity to discuss the Sessional Paper or Legislative Return, whatever it might be.

Mr. Chamberlist: Has the Legislative Return been moved into Committee?

Mr. Tanner: It was moved in this morning.

Mr. Chamberlist: No Legislative Return has been moved in.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I understood the Member from Whitehorse West moved that in this morning.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't know, there has been so little time. We just got this Budget here on Friday and got to work on it -- and Sessional Papers; there has been very little time to process these -- some of these items, and I would again ask that these matters be deferred until discussion on the Sessional Paper or Legislative Return takes place in the House.

Mr. Chamberlist: Before you can have any discussion, the Honourable Member knows that it is necessary for it to be moved into Committee. Now perhaps I have been away, but my records show that it has not been moved into Committee for discussion and surely the Honourable Member is not now suggesting that because he has omitted to do it that we not discuss any matters dealing with Budget.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: In speaking from the Chair, I would just like to point out that we in all probability, aren't going to get through the Budget today. And if it is the wish of one of the Members to have additional information moved into Committee, I can't see why we would withhold that permission.

Mr. Chamberlist: Go ahead.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I found it here, it is Legislative Return No. 1, and if it has not gone into process, I will do so.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if could leave item 525 and come back to it then. Next item 530.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 530 - Administration - Welfare - \$499,400.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions on 530?

Mr. Taylor: Rental of Lands and Buildings have increased from \$19,200 to \$32,200; what is the reason for this increase?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe that this refers to the rental of office space at Dawson City, Watson Lake, and Mayo.

Mr. Taylor: This is not increased Territorial facilities; this is rental facilities where we rent I suppose, cabins for families or what? Was this low public housing; are we putting people in there?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is office space that we are referring to and for example in Dawson City, we moved out of the old combined residence office and we now have our welfare worker in the top of the Territorial Liquor Store. We are now charging rent on that facility. This rent is also reflected as we went through Administrative Services, you noticed an item for rent and an offset for office space rental; it is part of that same allocation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 530? Next item 531 - Child Welfare Services.

Mr. Miller: The amount of \$613,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the sharpest increase in General Subsistence and Maintenance and apparently there is an appendix A-24, just generally speaking, since we have improved the facilities for Child Welfare through the construction of homes, is there an alarming increase or a reasonable projected increase, in the number of children who are coming into the care of the Government of the Territory under Child Welfare?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, there is an increase all the time. It is a normal group; it is not fierce as it has been before, but with the increase in population you get these things taking place as well, and it seems to take place in many areas. You will note that there isn't a real large increase between \$530,000 and \$514,000. There is an estimated caseload in 1973-74, and the average cost is \$925 per child.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Question from the Chair. Was it not pointed out that the actual number of cases was down, but the cost of the case was slightly up?

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, I think that the actual number of cases were -- there was very little difference between -- I think that there was ten or fifteen difference, but the cost of the caseload was a little bit higher.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 531?

Mr. Miller: The next item is 532, Social Assistance, \$554,000.

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Mr. Taylor: In respect of Social Assistance, this summer I would imagine, as in other summers, we get quite an influx of people travelling; in some cases, Canadian people travelling to the Yukon in search of adventure, I suppose, or whatever, and also, people travelling through to Alaska from the Southern United States, some of which you might call hippies, some of which you might call students out for the summer; but, in any event, many of which are virtually freeloading their way across Canada -- you can see this in articles, for instance, in the Star Weekly had an article on this where some guy got across Canada for \$17, I think it was. I am wondering, is this freeloading going to be restricted to the citizenry to pay the bill individually, or, indeed, through our tax dollars. Is it the intention of the Administration to start feeding massive handouts to people in this forthcoming year?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, we don't allow freeloading of any description, whether it be to visitors or citizens. We were told at the beginning of the last year that there was going to be a great influx of people coming in from other parts of Canada who were going to be a burden upon the Territorial Government's purse. But, we found, to the contrary, that this was not so. That it was a fairly normal input of people that have come in. And, although the subsistence and maintenance that we show as a large sum there, it would be very surprising to learn what the actual figure is to Social Assistance to unemployed employables -- very, very low indeed, we are very fortunate. Much of the subsistence and maintenance is to people who are in need of help, family people mostly. But, the individuals are very, very few. I am prepared to table some information on the breakdown of the different categories of people who receive assistance, if the Honourable Members would so desire them.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, some of this includes the supplementary allowance to old age pensioners in that amount of money.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am quite aware of that, but it's the policy in respect of these people that concerns me. In many instances, I feel that it may be a wiser investment for these people, for instance, that are on the south boundary in Watson Lake who come in there on relief, that maybe a bus ticket back to Fort Nelson or Fort St. John or somewhere back into British Columbia would be a more appropriate means of welfare, and let the province of British Columbia look after them.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Chairman, under the Canada Assistance Plan we cannot do anything like that. People are allowed to travel in any part of Canada, and you can't put a gate up to people. Canadians are Canadians, never mind what their colour or racial origins or ethnic backgrounds; they are Canadians, and they should be able to travel everywhere in Canada. And, if they seek assistance, because of the cost-sharing functions under which the Yukon Territorial Government have to comply with as exactly the same as all the provincial jurisdictions, then we cannot refuse to give assistance where there is a case of need, and that is what our social workers do; they examine the case of need, but they examine it very, very strictly, and they make sure that people who are not in need or are using the funds of the Government, or attempting to use the funds of the Government, just to see them on a holiday trip, well, we put down pretty hard on those things.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it might be interesting to note that in the eleven months ending in January, transients under social assistance, our total cost is \$5,740.90.

Mr. Chamberlist: Nothing.

Mr. Taylor: Good, this is something that I just wanted to get clear, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Question. Is this \$5000 amount mostly for one-way tickets?

Mr. Miller: No, they got a little bread.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 532?

Mr. Miller: The next Establishment is 533, Categorical Allowances, \$19,000.

EST. #533

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 534.

Mr. Miller: Social Service Agencies, \$32,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I change a policy here. I notice that this figure has doubled, and I take it that this agency is not administered by the Government?

Mr. Chamberlist: We have got it broken down into two areas. You will note that if you look at A-26, we have there a per diem subsidy grant for day-care centres based on 10,000 days at \$1.40 for \$14,000, and the grants to Yukon Family Counselling Service or other social service agencies as recommended and approved.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Minister be a little more specific. Could, for instance, this House be assured or would Minister give us some information, for example, whether the Skookum Jim Hall is going to be renewed -- whether the grant to Skookum Jim Hall is going to be renewed?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that was in the recreation grant given.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 534?

Mr. Miller: Next Establishment, 535, Children's Group Homes, \$50,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I get back to 534? Perhaps the Minister could then inform me whether this is where I should look for a grant for the Child Day Care Centres?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, there is already a grant here over on page A-26. It says, "Per diem subsidy grant, based on need, for children of single parents and needy cases, provided care in day-care centres, 10,000 days at \$1.40 per diem."

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, that says what the theory of it is; is the assumption then that's the one child-care centre that is presently established?

Mr. Chamberlist: This is based on the child, not on a day-care centre. Based on the child, I believe that this says "day-care centres"; if there are three or four centres, if there are two centres, and a request was made for subsistence, it would be based on \$1.40 a day subsistence up to 10,000 days, which would be a total. But, it is not related to any particular day-care centre.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think possibly what the Honourable Member, I am not sure, but if I read his question right, I think that what he is asking is: Are you going to give grants, outright grants, to day-care centres, rather than what I think this item is for, is for people who would like to send their children to existing day-care centres. If I read the Honourable Member, I think he is trying to find a way by which the Territorial Government will start looking after day-care centres on a grant basis. Is this correct?

Mr. Tanner: Yes, that is my point. Mr. Chairman, I want to know whether the Territorial Government has any policy as to regards day-care centres. There has been a conference in this City this past weekend, and one of the major topics of the housewives, wives, and so forth of that conference, was the fact that, particularly in the area of Whitehorse, there is a great need for child care centres, and I am assuming in other constituencies the same need exists. And, if all we are going to do is make a grant of \$14,000 for those children who are single-parent children or those children who are needy cases, we are not fulfilling any philosophy whatsoever as regards child day-care centres per se.

Mrs. Watson: I believe that the Honourable Member is not aware that one of the social organizations in the Whitehorse area is now talking to the Housing Corporation to see if, under the C.M.H.C., they can get assistance to build a day-care centre in Whitehorse. These are the negotiations that are going on at this present time.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I would like to investigate this a little further. I would request that the Committee come back to this one.

Mr. Chamberlist: Agreed, but I wonder if the Honourable Member would recognize the fact that this item is an Operation and Maintenance item, and not a Capital item, that the Honourable Member is referring to when he refers to grants to day-care centres. He is talking about Capital outlay, and these are two different things.

Mr. Tanner: Does the Honourable Member want to pursue it now? I would prefer to come back to it later on.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would suggest from the Chair, that it is a separate item altogether in this particular instance. If you want to come back to it at another point in the Budget and discuss it at a later point. Would Committee agree to that? Next item 535, Children's Group Homes.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the administration and operation of children's group homes, in which we have some new ones around the Territory, is there a common policy as to a daily routine, standards and rules as to their operation?

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the manner in which group homes are operated is supplied to the contractual house parents at the time that they commence. It is written out clearly; they sign a contract on the conditions on which they operate, and they sign for per diem day costs as well. There again, if any information of this description, if any Honourable Member wants it, all he has to do is ask, and certainly, we will make it available.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 536, Lodges and Senior Citizen's Homes.

Mr. Miller: 536, \$360,441.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister of Health a couple of questions pertaining particularly to the Alex MacDonald Lodge in Dawson City, I think that is the name of the Lodge. Number 1: How many employees are there, and Number 2: How many residents are there?

Mr. Chamberlist: I will take that as notice and provide the information to the Honourable Member.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is the Macauley Lodge full at the present time?

Mr. Chamberlist: No, there are some rooms available. We try as soon as an application is made; the Committee deals with it as quickly as possible to try and get the people settled.

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Mr. Miller: 537, Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Services, \$52,105.

Mr. Taylor: What does this entail, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chamberlist: There is a man-year --

Mrs. Watson: Three man-years.

Mr. Chamberlist: Three man-years; there is an Alcoholism and Drug Supervisor, a treatment councillor and a clerk-steno I. This is a new program which will get underway fully this year. It has taken us some time to be able to get the suitable person to fulfill the functions of an Alcoholism and Drug Supervisor. Although he actually is part of the Territorial Government operation, because of the assistance he needs from the medical persons, Dr. Jeyachandran, who is the Director of Health Services, is co-operating with him and helping him to conduct the overall program, and works with him, not as a doctor.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, does this gentleman, what do they call him - the supervisor, does he have anything to do with - does he work in conjunction with the half-way house that has recently been set up in Whitehorse?

Mr. Chamberlist: The half-way house that is set up in Whitehorse has not only Mr. Miller, who is the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Supervisor working with it, but we also have our Probation Officers work with him and Social Welfare Officers. The organization can ask for any help they want from the Territorial Government - Social Services Branch, and it will be given to them.

Mr. Taylor: Is this the place they call "cross-roads".

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, that's called the half-way house.

Mr. Taylor: Are they entitled to grants from the Federal or Territorial, or are they operating on their own?

Mr. Chamberlist: They have recently received an L.I.P. grant of about \$8,000 or \$9,000, to cover about two or three months of operation and maintenance. Prior to this cross-roads unit going into effect, I had made arrangements with a man who has been doing quite a bit of advisory work with alcoholics, to pay them an expense allowance to travel to the various communities where he is putting on a program, and he is now taking over the management of this particular phase and should they come forward with a reasonable statement of finances, we are prepared to give financial assistance.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Establishment 534, Grants for Other Social Services as recommended and approved - \$18,500.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that the incident of drug abuse in the Territory is increasing very rapidly, and I am wondering, in light of this, if a program of education on drug abuse has yet been instigated in the school system and also if treatment facilities are available yet, say in the City of Whitehorse, for those who do something like this, especially the young people where they can come and get treatment without being harassed by Northern Health Service or the R.C.M.P.?

Mr. Chamberlist: The Alcoholism and Drug Supervisor is, as I have already said, quite new to here - he has only been here about six weeks or two months now, and he is preparing, with the help of others, a program and will be, with the cooperation of the Honourable Member of Caribou-Kluane's department, an educational program, not only to young people, but also for all people in, not only alcohol, but drug sphere.

Mr. Taylor: We always seem to be saying that will be, but this question came up last year when the situation was critical as it is now, and I deplore that nothing has been done on the treatment end of it because I think a lot of young people, young people that I have talked to, are a little reluctant to go near that hospital with the idea that the R.C.M.P. are going to harass them or for some other reason, they have to answer a bunch of very embarrassing questions and I don't know if you are going to get these people coming for treatment. I feel they need it and we should encourage them to come; you've got to find some way to get them there so that they can get the treatment and leave their own information. You must leave it to them whether or not they wish to leave information related to their problems but if it's getting the facilities somewhere central in the Yukon, preferably Whitehorse, where people can come without going through any harassment at all and at least they could get into this treatment facility and get treated and cared for before their problem gets too great; I think that this would be money very, very well spent, and I deplore the fact really, that there isn't more funds in the Budget, because I have now raised this in the course of the last two budgets. I really think the Administration should reconsider and see if we can't find some money to make this possible. I am sure some of the doctors would possibly cooperate or something - I don't know, but we have got to find a way to provide these facilities.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, last year we didn't have anybody to head a program. We have somebody to head the program now. I have indicated before, you can have all the money but if you don't have the proper personnel to run it, then the program would be of no avail. Certainly, what the Honourable Member has said, there may be a more serious aspect developing up here; I haven't heard recent statistics, but certainly I can assure the Honourable Member that once Mr. Miller gets operating his program, we will be bringing forward to Council as soon as possible, the report on the conduct of the program and how he is getting along. But we must now get the people we hired, organized to complete the program and I am sure the Honourable Member realizes that last year we were at a loss. We've had this amount in the budget, I think, for two consecutive years and we just weren't able to get a hold of the man. We have him now and we will be doing whatever we can.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain to the Honourable Member of the Watson Lake District that we do have a drug education program within our schools. The research that we have done and the statistics that we have available, on the drug problem within our schools in the Yukon; it just doesn't compare to the problems they have in other jurisdictions. We are very, very fortunate and we are carrying on this program. Last summer we had or last spring, we had one of our counsellors out to attend a drug seminar and she came back and carried on "in service" training with other secondary school instructors. So, you know, we are not "going to be doing" - we are doing.

Mr. Taylor: At what grade level, Mr. Chairman, is the program functioning?

Mrs. Watson: We do this at the senior secondary and the junior secondary level.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 537?

Mr. Taylor: Maybe more in the form of a comment, Mr. Chairman, just in relation to the last discussion. It is not my intention when talking about treatment facilities for drug abuse, to infer that we are talking about hiring civil servants. That was not my intention at all; it never has been. Other than I say that funds should be available for the operation of these clinics, I think there would be sufficient volunteers within the community, certainly a community of this size here, that could operate a facility; if (1) space is provided (2) if funds, grant monies could be provided to them. Possibly staff doctors, two doctors, three doctors could run the place. I am not talking about hiring civil servants, I am saying getting a facility provided within the community or within the Yukon, preferably within this community, where treatment can be given hiring civil servants.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out, two years ago we met with an organization in the Yukon, in the Whitehorse area, who were planning on establishing just the type of facility you are referring to on a volunteer basis - people who were prepared to work with people who had a drug problem, give them counselling and this type of thing, having a place for them to go and both Councillor Chamberlist and I met with them and we were prepared to provide some assistance to get them going and unfortunately the organization itself fell apart. In fact, one of the key people left the Yukon and it never got off the ground. So actually, the Government did recognize and we were

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prepared to assist.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 537?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 560 - Corrections Branch \$855,000.

Mr. Taylor: Now if we have, do we have any break-down in the budget, on just what the performance of this department has been in the current fiscal year as to the rate of admissions and this type of thing? We used to always get that in the budget.

Mr. Chamberlist: It would be the Honourable Member like to have specifically? Perhaps if he could tell me, I will arrange to have it for him if at all possible.

Mr. Taylor: The same information we have had in every other budget in relation to this department and its performance. That is, how many inmates, men and women, white, native, month by month sort of a thing, up to a total currently?

Mr. Chamberlist: You want inmate count for the year, the recidivism type of thing?

Mr. Taylor: Any information you can give us.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, one comment I made last year and I probably made the year before, and I make again with regards to the Welfare Department. If you look at this, going back to 530, in particular the administration of the Welfare Department and look at the figures of the people in the field and the figures of the people in the offices, there has been no change last year from the year before; there has been no change again this year except there's a quarter more clerk but we have 13 people in the office and we have 21 people outside last year; we had 13 3/4 people in the office this year supporting 21 people out in the field this coming year and to my mind, one of the problems that is unfailingly wrong with our present welfare system, is that if instead we had 13 people in the office and 21 people in the field, we had three people in the office and 31 people in the field, we would probably be solving a lot of our problems. This half-way house, crossroads or whatever it's called, is a case in point. The Honourable Member indicated to me very strongly that he favours this and that it is obviously going to be successful but there are other programs which -- and I am getting back again to, sorry I am moving around a little bit but I am getting around to 534 -- there are other programs which could probably overall, help the welfare cut. For example, if the Territorial Government made a concerted effort to find a number of well-situated child day-care centres, many people on welfare could probably get themselves into a position where they could go out and get work. In the same way, if the Department of Welfare made a concerted effort to cut down on its administration and get people out into the field and working in the problem areas, again I think in the long run, it would probably pay off. Really, what I am questioning is our whole philosophy insofar as welfare, alcoholic services, social services, social assistance, the whole thing, as to whether, let me be more specific, has the Minister ever given any consideration to changing the policy because I see no change in policy in three years or two and a half or the three budgets that I have read since I have been here.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the meaning of the budget will not indicate the change of policies because policies are changed within the administrative area while the work is going on, but I would like to say this in regards to the manner in which you have people who are referred to as people in the office and people who are outside of the office. I can assure the Honourable Member that if there weren't the people in the office to meet the requirements of those social welfare clients who go to the office, they want to speak to somebody, if we cut them down to three, the complaints we would have is that these women stayed around for two or three hours and that there was nobody to attend to them. So these people who are people in the office, are making up reports based on the work that social workers are doing, inside and outside. There are many areas of clerical and costing work that have to be done. We have somebody that has to be responsible for the facilities, there is a break-down of regionalization taking place where you have the supervisors for the Head Office who have to take care of the regionalized social workers. I know welfare, the word itself and everything that is attached to it, is something that people find difficult to accept and quite frankly at times, I find it difficult to accept, but when you see huris that come to many people as a result of not being able to get assistance and being too proud to get assistance, you really find these people in the Social Welfare Department are doing a fantastic job, because it is a thankless job. They get ridiculed by the public-at-large and they get ridiculed at times by the people that they are trying to help as well. I think, what has been seen is that we have kept the general man base down in practically all of the departments, the real minimum. Well, it's just simply that it is one of those sensitive departments, just like the Department of Education, where elective member for the Executive Committee has been given the responsibility of dealing with two very sensitive areas. We are doing our best. If the Honourable Member can come up with recommendations to improve the department, I would only be too pleased to listen to him.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we won't be coming back to Welfare I know, and I would like to know how many -- what the turnover was in the department since it's birth. How many dismissed people, how many people quit and generally for what reasons? I would like to know what the turnover was in the department, itemized in terms of dismissals, people who have quit on their own accord, and this type of thing.

Mr. Chamberlist: Do you mean Social Welfare -- do you mean social welfare workers or do you mean the whole health and welfare rehabilitation?

Mr. Taylor: The whole Welfare Department.

Mr. Chamberlist: Who have quit? I don't think there are many; they like working for the Department.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would again ask that we get that information as soon as possible -- the turnover in the department; broken down as to the dismissed and whatever.

Mr. Stottart: Are there any further questions on 560? Well that completes the preliminary reading of this department's budget. Before I stand Committee down I would request the Treasurer be back even though he is supposed to be on his own time, at 6:30 and I will stand Committee down until 6:30.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. The next item to be discussed is Department of Local Government, \$1,547,208. Mr. Treasurer.

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Mr. Miller: The first item under this Vote is on page 33, Establishment No. 600 - Administration, \$98,667. Staff Establishment is on page 35.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions on 600?

Mr. Miller: The next item under this Vote is Establishment 601 - Community Planning and Land Disposal Services - \$105,246.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this department shows a -- this is a new department I take it, created under this Budget. It shows a group of seven additional people for this purpose. I'm wondering just how one can justify seven additional personnel for Community Planning and Land Disposal. How does this break down?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It is not seven new people.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is not a new department, it is a new name if you like. It used to be called Assessment -- Land and Assessment Services. Assessment has now broken out and we have brought in a community planning unit.

Mr. Taylor: In community planning, Mr. Chairman, how much consideration is going to be given to the community and their input to planning communities; in other words, as a community is planned, so-called, is this to be planned by government indifference to the community or in consort with the community?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to reply to that, as I have had some experience with the community that I come from. The Territorial Government has contracted with a planner to do a plan of the community of Haines Junction. He developed a plan and came back to the community, presented the plan to the community; they had their input. He has taken it back to the drawing board and will come back with the final plan. At that time, the community can have formal hearings on the alterations that they would like to have made to the formal plan; so a plan isn't planned and the Government said, this is it. The community certainly has an opportunity to have input, in fact they have a formal structure where you have definite public hearings for people to have input into the type of plan we want.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my fear is that I have also been acquainted with community planning. In this case C.M.H.C. came in and produced a plan, for instance, in the community I live in. The plan was so far off base. They had lots on side hills that were 45 degrees, this type of thing, and it had really in fact, no bearing on the community itself. And yet, for a short period of time, the Government said well, notwithstanding, we are going to adopt this plan and that is the way it is going to be. I am just wondering how much input locally, at the local level, we would have with community planning.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe there will be a great deal of local input, but the community, themselves have to adopt the plan, before the government puts it into force. And I think this is how it should be.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 601?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out to the Members of Council, that it is to be the policy of the government to go ahead and endeavour to develop a plan for all communities in the Yukon, so that as the communities grow they have a definite plan. Not this business, when you want to put in housing for teachers -- you put it anywhere. There is going to be a developed plan showing the residential, industrial, and commercial areas of each community.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 601?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Establishment 602 - Protective Services Branch - \$157,976.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the biggest increase is almost double from the 1972-73 estimate; could we have an explanation?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: If you turn to page 35, I think the explanation is pretty well self-evident.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I was still referring back to the other pages. I wonder if I may, just for a moment, go back to 601. Last year we voted, I believe, for a Chief Planner who wasn't hired. And in 601, I noticed that we paid out in salaries and wages \$17,000. Would it be right to assume that \$17,000 was merely a book figure transferred from another part of the department for planning services?

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer that. There was actually -- we voted \$17,500 for a Chief Planner, we did not -- we were not able to include a Chief Planner so none of those funds were used for salaries and wages. As a result of not being able to hire a Chief Planner, we had to go to a contract basis and we are still unable to hire a Chief Planner, so we intend to continue the use of planning consultants for the next year at least.

Mr. Tanner: As a matter of interest to myself, on the contract basis, is it for the same planning or consultant firm or is it put out on a bid?

Mr. Miller: No, the intent would be to put it out on a bid basis and whereas we only had one planner who was interested in doing business in the Yukon in the last year, and now we have about five. I understand, who are very anxious to do business with us, and some of them have almost gone to the point of saying that if we will give them all our business they will open an office here.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, going to 602 now. It seems to me we are back into the old inspector bit again. We used to be able to get by in the Territorial Government with a fire inspector, building inspector, electrical inspector; now we are going to need a Chief electrical inspector, and a chief building inspector and quite frankly, I was concerned in the previous department where I saw an increase of two inspectors and two more here, one is beginning to feel that it is getting to the point that you can't turn around and you are going to be inspected. Well I feel that the Territorial Ordinances and regulations under these Ordinances, should be enforced. I wonder whether we are not beginning to hassle people. In the past few months I have had occasion to be involved in building and I have really felt that I was hassled. I can think of a number of circumstances within the City where these electrical inspectors and plumbing inspectors and

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so forth inspectors, mechanical inspectors, were literally in the building every day. Quite frankly, I have got a great deal of reluctance in seeing anymore inspectors and certainly I have got a great deal of reluctance in passing this Vote if it is specifically to do that. And secondly, I would like to perhaps have the Chief Inspector or the head of the department ...

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think, Mr. Baker is here.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think possibly I could explain that to a certain degree. A building inspector, electrical inspector, plumbing and heating inspector, who serve throughout the Territory; now the past building season in the Territory is relatively short and people can't go beyond a certain stage in building until they have an inspection. Particularly if they are building anything under the C.M.H.C., and in the past, and I am sure that Councillor Taylor will be able to substantiate that people have been held up because they can't get an inspector to come out from Whitehorse to do the necessary inspection so that they can go on. In the past, we have had one inspector who covers all of the outlying areas and he would have to drive from Dawson City to Beaver Creek to Watson Lake. You know, all along the line people are waiting for this person to come so they can go on. This is the reason why we have made provision for extra inspectors.

Mr. Tanner: Well, I understand the outlying areas have been probably under-inspected. I can assure all Honourable Members that the inside areas in Whitehorse are getting over-inspected. As a matter of interest, just today, I got a letter on a business that I have, which has been in operation for nine months and an inspector finally decided, well, clearly out of the blue, that the wiring is wrong. Now he has been in the establishment a number of times; he has passed it actually once, and suddenly out of the blue, this particular inspector decides he is wrong. So while I have sympathy with the Honourable Members outside of Whitehorse, I think the people within Whitehorse are probably paying the price of the inspection services. I am not satisfied, but I am not prepared to pass this Vote until we get some more discussion on this.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please. We now have with us, Mr. Ken Baker, Assistant Commissioner. If you have some questions regarding these inspections of his, well...

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Baker, I was asking, in a previous Vote we saw an increase in the inspection services within another department and my question specifically as far as the Department of Local Government is concerned, is why we require another further two inspectors as on Page 35?

Mr. Baker: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm very much afraid I can't answer that question directly. I don't know why these people are to be hired this year.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the past we have had one building inspector, but I think we have had several building inspectors because I think that in Mr. Baker's department, Engineering, that many of his people carry on building inspections, either in conjunction with projects or otherwise, in the outlying communities. I'm pretty sure that Mr. Baker would bear me out on this. I again cannot see the need for a chief building inspector nor a chief electrical inspector as long we have the expertise in that department. Maybe Mr. Baker, would like to comment on it.

Mr. Baker: Well, Mr. Chairman, certainly as far as the electrical inspector is concerned, we don't have people confident within the Department of Highways and Public Works, to cover off this particular function, and I think it would be important therefore, to have the expertise in the Inspection Services Branch. I probably could say this in the defence of the additional people, that there is quite a bit of work ongoing in the Yukon Territory and probably the work is just beyond the capabilities of one person.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, for those that, I'm sure will appreciate the fact, for those that understand the fact, for those that have to do with the building construction business, it is almost impossible to expect one electrical inspector to inspect all premises throughout the Territory. He just can't be everywhere at the same time. It has been — the electrical inspector has been really pushed really very very hard, to try to get back into the Whitehorse area in time to inspect the construction and building before the next stage of construction can go on. Because a general contractor cannot close his building up or any part of the total wiring, until it has been inspected; so then it might hold up the construction of the work of a general contractor until the inspector examines it. The attitude being that there would be one inspector to take care of the outside areas and another inspector to take care of the inside areas. But the Electrical Inspection Department is not a city department; it is a Territorial jurisdiction; this is how it has been set up.

Mr. McKinnon: What are the recoveries from... 210

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please, one Member at a time.

Mr. Chamberlist: If the Honourable Member wants to talk to himself, it's fine. The inspectors that have been asked for, as I understand it, are asked for because of the inability of the existing inspectors to those particular areas, to fulfill the functions properly in all parts of the Territory.

Mr. McKinnon: Well, I raised the point, being the first time that I've spoken at a night sitting of the Yukon Legislative Council being such a momentous decision, a momentous thing. I guess we should thank all the gallery who are packed in to see the Council business as the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North said that the public would certainly be taking advantage of the night sittings and be able to see democracy in action. At any rate, this makes a total of five new inspectors that we have now got. Two under the Territorial Secretary's Branch and three under the Municipal Affairs Branch, for a total of five inspectors which have to be somewhere in the \$15,000 or \$16,000 range, costing the Government of the Yukon Territory for the next fiscal year. I think when we are starting to look at where we can pare the Budget down a bit, I think we have a pretty good place to start right now. Three more inspectors under the Protection Service Branch of this part of the municipal government, two more inspectors under the Territorial Secretary's. If the City, the municipality of Whitehorse is taking one full-time building inspector, then I think that full charge should be recovered from the municipality of the City of Whitehorse. Are we recovering the full cost of the one person as we have been told, is spending his time in Whitehorse; we have one other one for outside the City of Whitehorse; is that being recovered from the municipality of the City of Whitehorse, or if not, why isn't the municipality responsible for the buildings that are given permits within the municipality of the City of Whitehorse? Why aren't the electrical inspection done under the Electrical Code the responsibility of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse, why the Territorial Government?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, one has to be so careful now in dealing with the Honourable Member because when you try to

Mr. Chamberlist continues:

give the municipality some power and let them be peace officers, now he is worrying about them having electrical inspectors. I don't know which way he is thinking. You see the point is the electrical inspection is a Territorial function. This is why the Electrical Inspection Department and in most jurisdictions, are in the -- are the responsibility of the provincial-type jurisdiction, which is the Territorial jurisdiction. The inspections that take place in the Whitehorse area are done by the Territorial Government as well. This is the procedure that is done and this is how it has to be done.

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Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in one year, I cannot see it; I cannot buy the increase of five inspectors under the Government of the Yukon Territory. Now, I've been involved in the inspection of the Engineering Department, where the Chief Engineer of the Yukon Territory, with his Road Superintendent, goes through the whole of the Yukon several times a year. They inspect, I'm not kidding you brother, they inspect and do a good job. Now, if there were some of the other Department Heads who were willing to spend the time and the effort making positive that they're department was run as efficiently, and they're people were working as economically for the Government of the Yukon Territory, as other branches of Government departments, then we wouldn't need all these inspectors running all over the Territory. I can say, Mr. Chairman, that a lot of the time involved is because people won't spend the time out in the field, doing the inspection job, and are spending most of their time running back into Whitehorse to make sure they get in for any function, or for the weekend, instead of being economical, and being efficient, and staying out in the field until their inspection jobs are done. There's no way that I can see in one year in the Yukon Territory, that we need an increase of five inspectors at the expense of the taxpayers of the Yukon Territory. No way.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, what I've heard just now, shows very clearly and very distinctly that the Honourable Member doesn't even know what the functions of an Inspection Department are. He has the opinion, obviously, Mr. Chairman, that when you do inspections on construction, you only do it at a certain time of the year. You do it at a certain time during the construction stages and that is the difference. You might have a building inspector or plumbing inspector, or an electrical inspector. It might be a different time that they'll have to go and inspect so that the next stage of the work can be continued on. He must go and inspect that the work is being carried on according to the necessary code. He doesn't go and make yearly inspections, or quarterly inspections, or six-month inspections. Certainly, I would agree with the Honourable Member if that was the function of the inspector. Perhaps the inspection of a road is on a monthly or bi-monthly or three-monthly period. That's a different type of thing. Certainly, you cannot use the same criteria of inspections with trades inspections, which have to be done when required. You might be constructing a building where it would take place over a year. Inspections might have to take place once every month, according to the amount of work that's being done, and when the work is done. That is inspection of construction, not what has been intimated by the Honourable Member. This is what I say, that he isn't aware of the construction needs. Perhaps if he was aware, if he took some lessons on it, he'd learn a bit better and not talk so much.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there was eight million dollars worth of construction within the City of Whitehorse last year, give or take a few thousand dollars. There was three million dollars worth of construction within the Territory, outside of the Municipality of Whitehorse, and I assume, outside Dawson and Faro. It's very clear where the majority of the time of these inspectors should be spent, if last year's any example. I've got to agree with the Honourable Member; if our inspection services are basically being used in the City of Whitehorse, then the City of Whitehorse must have some responsibility to carry the cost of that inspection. Jumping ahead a little bit, if we go to 605, we've got two Local Government Advisers. That's a nice title. What does a Local Government Adviser do? It says that the Department of Local Government recently, within a year and a half, got rid of one major responsibility, but now it needs two Government Advisers.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if we could take that point when we come to it. At the moment.....

Mr. Chamberlist: All right, let's stay with the inspection thing. Now certainly, the majority of the projects that are inspected are in the greater Whitehorse area. It only takes to get from the inspector's office, to a job to inspect, it might only take a half hour. When you go to inspect a few jobs in Dawson City or somewhere else, you've got to give up three days to do those inspections. That's why we need them. That's the difference there. You can do fifty inspections in a metropolitan area like this, in the time that it takes to do one or two outside. There're all these other areas that you have to consider. The fact that we -- again, as I said earlier, the fact that you have registrations, we have proper building construction codes to deal with, electrical codes to deal with, plumbing and heating codes to deal with; if they're there we've got the responsibility to see that the construction is being carried out according to those codes. If they're not inspected and something goes wrong, immediately the Government is attacked for negligence in not seeing that the work was carried out in the proper manner. You can't win. If you're expected to carry out the functions of government, and you try and carry them out, and then we're told you don't need to carry them out, and you don't do them; then you get blasted for not doing them. It's pretty difficult to satisfy everybody in this type of area. The fact that there's a need for inspections; the fact that the Government wants to show that it wants to fulfill its function, should be given support.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 602?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm not clear on this; I'm not prepared to say I'm clear on it and I want to come back to it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I feel the same way. I just can't see the justification for the inclusion of these inspectors at this time. I think the need should be shown clearly before Council -- before this is accepted.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we're prepared to show this, that there is a need for these extra personnel.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next item then, is 603, subject to 602 being reviewed.

EST. 603

Mr. Miller: Establishment 603, Assessment Services Branch, \$40,574.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in 1970-72, there was \$36,682.00 allotted -- it was the actual expenditure in this department. In the current Estimates, \$70,005.00 is allotted and now we drop back to \$40,574.00. For what reason?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer that question. This used to include both land and assessment services. We've now taken the land portion out and transferred it, if you like, to the Community Planning and Land Disposal, and that accounts for the large increase in that area, and the corresponding decrease in this area.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 603?

Mr. Miller: Establishment No. 605, Municipal Services Branch, \$1,122,045.00.

EST. 605

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Committee's indulgence could be given to leave this item, Establishment 605, to a later time. The Commissioner wasn't here this morning and I had several questions to ask him concerning the Municipal Grants, and depending upon his answers, then I was going to introduce a motion, or not introduce a motion, depending on the Commissioner's answers. Instead of debating something two or three times, I think it would be much more efficient of Council's time if, following the Commissioner's answers to the questions I have, and whether my motion is proposed or not, then we can debate the whole question of Municipal Grants, at one time.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Agreed. Next item 606, Ambulance Services.

EST. 606

BILL #6 Mr. Miller: That's in the amount of \$22,700.00.

EST. 606 Mr. Taylor: In terms of the ambulance service, where are these ambulances to be provided? I understand we have one at Carmacks, and I'm not sure, but I think the City of Whitehorse will be taking over the ones here.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, Mayo and Dawson.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if provision is made in any event, in the Budget, for the provision of the long-needed ambulance for Teslin?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I understand that the ambulance at Teslin is the one that was at Swift River, and it's going to be moved down to Teslin.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 606?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there's no mention here, or have the negotiations not been completed on the Territorial takeover of the ambulances?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer that question. The negotiations are still in progress and as a result of that, it will have to become a Supplementary Estimate item.

Mr. Taylor: Might I be assured by the Administration, Mr. Chairman, at this point in time, that the Territorial Government will operate the ambulance services and not necessarily force the Fire Department to operate it?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I understand that the Territorial Government and the Fire Department are one and the same.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is not so. The Fire Department is a volunteer situation and saddled with the responsibility of fighting fires in the community. In some cases, the addition of the ambulance services in the duty roster, notwithstanding that they may or may not be paid for this, is undesirable at this time. I again ask, can we have the assurance of the Administration that the operation of the ambulance service as applied to the Territorial Government, will be conducted by the Territorial Government and their highway staff, etc. etc.

Mr. Chamberlist: The understanding as I see it, Mr. Chairman, is there is not contemplated to be any changes in the operation of the ambulance services beyond which they are operated now, except of course, for the matter of the Takhini ambulance, which will be by supplementary and there'll probably be a paper attached to that supplement.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, can I direct that question to Mr. Baker?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well I answered, Mr. Chairman, with respect, because Mr. Baker has just recently taken over that particular department and might not be able to answer that. I'm sure you'll find that I'm just trying to be helpful.

Mr. Baker: I think, Mr. Chairman, that the answer is that we should try and operate all the ambulance services just as cheaply as we can. If we find that by using the volunteer fire brigades, that this is the cheapest and the best way, then this is obviously the route we should be following. We do find you know, that some of the volunteer fire brigades are quite prepared to operate the ambulance service.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would like to mention, from the Chair, that this is definitely the case in Dawson. There is a piece in the "Klondike Corner" tonight as a matter of fact, stating how pleased they are to get an ambulance and they're taking on extra volunteers to run the ambulance.

Mr. Taylor: This has been kicked around now, Mr. Chairman, for a couple of years and it's gone from pillar to post and I believe it's cleared just about every -- well, the Director of Local Government and the Director of Engineering's desks on many occasions; the Fire Marshal's desk, and everybody else. But, it's still up in the air and I'm trying to find out what the attitude of the Administration is towards this.

Mr. Baker: Well, I say again, Mr. Chairman, we are looking for the most economical and best solution and this may, in some cases, be in each community.

Mr. Taylor: Then I take it, this won't be forced upon any community, Mr. Chairman? They just won't come in and say "well okay, you're going to look after it now, and that's the end of it." The departments must be willing to accept this responsibility or conversely, the Highways Department, will continue to operate the function of the ambulance service.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it must be obvious to the Councillor from Watson Lake, that if an ambulance service -- if ambulance services become extremely costly in the Territory, then we may be forced to curtail some of this service and this isn't the type of thing that we want to do. I think in each community, the situation is a little different. In Dawson City, the Fire Department is quite prepared to do it; in Carmacks, the Fire Department is prepared to do it. So I think it's really up to the Administration to try and get the co-operation of the people in the communities, in order to provide this type of service. I think it would be very wrong for us to say here tonight, that this is how we are going to operate it across the Territory.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be very right to make some statement of policy in this regard. What I'm trying to say is, are you going to force this on the Fire Departments? Everybody seems to be hedging by the question. It makes me quite suspicious that indeed, this might be the intent, Mr. Chairman. If I can't stand here as an elected Member, and dig and try and get this information. If this is not the case, then somebody stand up and say everything's fine and it's going to work out that way....

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think it's a decision of the local Fire Departments and not of the Territorial Councillors.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Does that answer suffice?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, no. I still haven't got my answer. Really, everybody's hedging.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, this is an aside. I wonder whether the Treasurer could, when we do get back to this item, on page -- Appendix 29, if he could give us the actual figures and payments that were made to the Local Improvement Districts, I would like to see the actual figures.

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will arrange to have that available.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further discussion on 6067 That completes the preliminary reading of the Department of Local Government. Next item, Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, \$1,311,200.00.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, perhaps Mr. Baker could be excused now.

Exit Mr. Baker.

Mr. Miller: The first item under Vote 07, is on page 37. It's Establishment 700, Administration for \$527,200.00. This is the Tourism portion of the Budget. Manpower Summary is on page 39. EST. 700

Mr. Taylor: Well again, Mr. Chairman, we have Directors, Information Officers, Public Relations' Officers, Photographers, Tourism Programming Officers, Travel Counsellors, Secretary-Travel Counsellor, Vancouver, Information Receptionist and so forth. Now we find Tourism Program Officer II, whatever that might be, a Tourism Program Officer I, Northern Region, Administrative Officer I. Could I have a blow by blow description of what those three new appointments entail and why they are required?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Watson.

Mrs. Watson: And maybe we should explain the Budget Review Committee process because tourism was an industry in the Yukon Territory, which was growing; the Territorial Council should look at funding, providing more funds for the promotion of tourism in order to stimulate this industry and in order that it becomes a viable industry which brings actual dollars and cents back into the Territory. This was the one department that we were quite generous with in order to stimulate promotion and in order to stimulate the industry.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Member for that information, but I'm not asking that question, I'm saying yes, you want to stimulate it, but do we not have sufficient personnel in that department to stimulate tourism? We have made a point of allowing this particular branch to grow in order to get the chores done, but I thought it would level off at some point. After all, there are not that many people in the Yukon Territory and the population doesn't increase like this staff does in government. And I still say, how can we justify and explain also what they are: Tourist Program Officer II and Land Administrative Officers I, and why they are really required.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might just ask from the Chair, if the Member for Watson Lake was aware that tourism last year was increased by around 27% alone. Maybe the population of the Territory is relatively stable, but if we can look forward to comparative increases in tourism, it is going to rapidly become the most important industry in the Territory within a few years' time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have no qualms about this whatsoever, indeed, it speaks well of the department if the department -- if that reflects back on the work of the existing personnel that they have increased or managed to assist in increasing a percentage. This is real great, they must be doing a real grand job. But still, apart from all of this, the national parks and everything else, where you justify three people and what, indeed, do they do? Tourism Program Officer II -- what is it all about and why are they required; you must be able to justify it, or how do you -- just expect us to completely come along and accept it?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, when a program -- when a budget is put forward, especially on this particular department, you need the extra people to expand the overall program. Now if ever an area of expansion is taking place without any contradiction at all, it has taken place in the tourism area, and when one asks what is an Information Officer -- a Tourist Information Officer, it is obvious that it is to provide a person who is giving out tourist information. And it means that there is a necessity to expand that area the more information that is given out, given out to more people, that more people are being encouraged to come into the Yukon. This is the general purpose of which the position is there for and when you think of the gross that has taken place on the bases of 26 - 27%, we are not increasing the staff by a quarter in that year, there is only an increase of between 23% and 26% which is only a three man-year increase, so it is really not that terrific in the number of personnel. This department is doing a very good job and those people that have been asked for, be assured, are needed, and they know the work that they have done and the places that they have been going to expand the information areas to encourage people to come up here and spend their money up here is well worth the investment.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe the Honourable Member for Watson Lake has a legitimate question and wants to know the Tourism Program Officer I in the northern region, and this is the beginning of going into regionalization for the Tourist Department. They are going to station a Program Officer in the northern area of the Yukon, in the Dawson area and in the Mayo area, and he will be working in there on a twelve-month period basis during the winter-time planning programs and promotion of that area and in the summertime, being actively engaged in the tourist industry, and it is hopeful that as time goes by, we can have Tourist Information Officers in various regions of the Territory. So it isn't just centralized in Whitehorse. Now the Administrative Officer I that we have -- that they are getting; in the past the Director of Tourism and Information has been responsible for the budgeting and for the actual books part of his department, and it has been taking a great deal of his time, which could be better spent heading the department; being in charge of tourism. So this the reason that the Administrative Officer has been provided for the department, to take care of the books and the budgeting process of that particular department.

Mr. Taylor: May I thank the Honourable Member, it is getting closer to -- and I agree with all these things with what the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East just said. This is why we built this department and why we allowed it to expand, but I still have found me -- just look at -- look at what we have now, for a little, well a big Territory, but a small population to support this, now we have an Information Officer -- well we have the Director, of course, he's -- we have an Information Officer II and I'll leave Vancouver out of this. We have an Information Officer I, we have another Information Officer, we have a Photographer I, we have a Interim Program Officer, we have a Travel Counsellor and plus we have -- five man-years in Information Receptionist. All dispensing information relative to tourism in the Yukon. We have in addition to that in Vancouver, well we have a manager, a Public Relations Officer, we have a Travel Counsellor in Vancouver, plus an Assistant Secretary Travel Counsellor in Vancouver, etc. I really just can't see the justification; I am still not satisfied that we need at this point in time, that indeed, we can afford a Tourism Program Officer II and a Tourism Program Officer I. And nobody has yet been able to show the need for that, and if these two positions -- unless it can be shown, that these are absolutely, definitely necessary, then I think we should reflect upon this and possibly lay off this for a year.

Mrs. Watson: Isn't 27% increase enough in Tourism for a justification?

Mr. Taylor: No.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would like to point out from the Chair, that it is better than a \$20,000,000 industry at the moment.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I still don't think this is any argument; I think the people that we have can sufficiently cope with this at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: These people, Mr. Chairman, are just not employed within the Territory. They are not people that are basically here all the time. They have to branch out, they go out to California, to the State of Washington where ever that we have to project, you know the people to come in. And this is all part of the work that is being done. The way I understand it, every real tourist attraction plan, you have to have all these people because they are doing the work that brings them in and it's really, it's really money well spent, you know, I don't think we can argue that.

Mr. McKinnon: I think there is a bit more to it than that. I agree with a couple of things. I think the Yukon has got a tremendously salable product as the Territory goes, for bringing tourists in. I think that is something

Mr. McKinnon continues:

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that we all agree with. The point that we have to look at is whether it is costing us too much or whether it is costing us not enough, or whether we are not spending enough or too much to sell that product, which we know we have, to the people who we want to get here and want to spend money here. I never heard statistics, in fact, I think that the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, as a former businessman, will appreciate this. Now shouldn't we know, we are spending almost half a million dollars now in the Operation and Maintenance side, to attract, how many thousands of tourists spending how many dollars of money, and if this information is available, is this on par with other tourist businesses, or tourist industries across the country? Are we spending less to attract more, or are we spending more to attract less? Then I think we have a gauge and a value to judge your decision on, whether your Department of Travel and Information is doing the job on the product that we know we have. Or whether they need more help; less help; they have to become more efficient, or perhaps they need a bit more help. I think that these are all things that a Member of Council needs to have at his disposal if he is going to make a rational decision of where we're going, where we have been, and what we are going to do in the future. I think that it is imperative that this kind of information be made available to Members of Council, if they are going to be able to make a sound business decision on these departments. And if this information were available to me, and I were able to make a decision on these facts, then I think it would be a lot easier for a Member of Council to make a decision.

Mr. Tanner: I think that perhaps the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, or Whitehorse West, has summed the situation up very well, and the Member for Watson Lake. Basically, what they are saying, is give them another yardstick so we can judge this particular performance. But I have two or three other questions, that I made and perhaps the other Members wouldn't let that one go with the information, and I have two or three other things. First of all, one thing has always concerned me about the Tourist and Information Department; I have heard it time and time again, it's good we want tourists here, good enough, let's tell the outside world about us. But how about telling the people who live here. I have yet to see an Information Officer established in the City of Whitehorse, particularly just to guide people around the fifty million dollar Administration that we are running here. I think it is a long time overdue and I think that it is something, it is not in here now and I am going to have a great deal of difficulty next year, because this is the third year of our passing any budget, because it is absolutely essential to the people in Whitehorse to get guided around this great monstrosity of an Administration building.

Mrs. Watson: Whitehorse, or the Yukon?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I deliberately said Whitehorse, because obviously that is where the people who are going to come to the Administration, and from the whole of the Yukon, are going to come.

Mr. McKinnon: No one is capable of driving any....

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there is another point here, Mr. Chairman, there is another point here and it surprises me that none of the other Members have mentioned it. One of them was a nebulous thing in any business in advertising and promotion. The biggest item in this Budget here is -- about salaries is \$180,000. I would like to get a little more information on how that \$180,000 is spent, because -- let me assure you gentlemen that any taxes or any man who is looking at somebody's business, is looking for somewhere there'll be tax dodges; he looks at advertising and promotion. And anywhere there is a budget department, where this department wants to hide or slough off anything, that is the place they are going to put it. I would like to have a little bit more information there. The third thing is not so important, but it interests me. On page -- Appendix 30, we have got grants and loans to various associations and I am wondering what the reason is that we are giving the Yukon Chamber of Mines a grant in this particular context. And how do they tie into ...

Mr. Chamberlist: I think first of all, that this, Mr. Chairman, we should make available if we can, the breakdown of what type of advertising, it's intended to use this \$180,000. I think that is a reasonable request to make. We will certainly bring that information forward. In reference to the grant area, this \$1,500 to Yukon Chamber of Mines is seen in the Travel and Information structure since I can remember, you know, it is something that goes back perhaps Councillor Taylor will agree with me, this has been in this area in this particular Vote all the way through. In this particular area, am I correct, it has been placed in that Vote?

Mr. Taylor: You mean the grant for the Yukon Chamber of Mines?

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Treasurer could indicate what is the specific reason for plugging into this. I agree with the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North that the Chamber of Mines grant seems to be a little bit peculiar in this particular area.

Mr. Miller: As I understand this grant, it relates to the Chamber of Mines' ability to offer some form of advertising or promotion for the Yukon Territory, and that is why it is allocated into this area.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions at this point on 700?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have heard a great deal about a Territorial Parks System coming into being, and, no doubt, you will find something on it somewhere. I would like to raise it at this point in time: When may we expect to have the code of secrecy lifted off of this system and know something about it, and does it come under this, or any part of it, come under Establishment No. 700?

Mr. Chamberlist: All I can say is this, Mr. Chairman, reference to the Territorial Parks System was given out in a general way by the Director of Travel and Publicity. It is something that is far, far away. There has been no set policy on these particular things. There has been some land restraining and prevention of disposal of land in these particular areas, but there is no item budgeted for Territorial Parks at all. It is nowhere in the Budget.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, I have heard this, Mr. Chairman, but where -- then there is nothing involved in this Budget or this Session relating to Territorial Parks, and yet land is being set aside in the Territory for Territorial Parks. Land, I believe, has been already set aside. When may we know what land has been set aside and why and what it is all about?

Mr. Chamberlist: What it is all about, I can't answer you, but, certainly, the Executive Member for lands, that would be Mr. McIntyre, would be able to let you know of specific areas that were withdrawn from disposal, but that is all that has been done. There is nothing at all in this Budget or in this Session that will be in any way connected with Territorial Parks.

Mr. Taylor: I think that any person in the Yukon Territory, be he an elected member or not, is entitled to this information. And while we travel through the Travel and Publicity Department, I assume that they must have something to do with it, I think that it is a good time to, not only to ask -- apparently if we ask for the information, it is not forthcoming -- to demand that we get this information, because if our Government is setting aside, our Territorial Government is setting aside land within the Yukon Territory to establish, we are told their great press releases, Territorial Parks throughout the Territory. I think at least the people in those areas, and through their elected member, through the press media, and through any public inquiries, are entitled to this information. This is just another example of where the Government has become, indeed, a secret service. I demand that information; one way or another, I intend on getting it, and I would ask the Honourable Member if he would be kind enough to provide it on a voluntary basis without having to dig for it.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't know what the Honourable Member is asking about. I have already indicated that there has been certain areas where lands have been reserved for proposed Territorial Parks. All I can advise the Honourable Member, Mr. Chairman, is that I will ascertain for him what those areas were that have been reserved, but I suggest that the appropriate time for asking questions of this nature, would be during the question period, so that, perhaps, full answers can be given in that particular area. But, it is certainly -- all I can say to you, it has nothing at all to do with this Budget; there are no monies set aside in this Budget for Territorial Parks, and there is no intention of having any provisions or any discussion or doing anything at all about Territorial Parks in this Session. But, I will arrange for the Honourable Member, or all Members, to have the descriptions of those lands that have been reserved for Territorial Parks. And, I think that this has been done in the Lands Department, but I will ascertain that for him.

Mr. Taylor: Would someone give me the press clipping from the Department of Travel and Information whose budget we are now discussing, outlining this particular subject, and I believe that it was pointed out somewhere along the line, that the matter was going to be disclosed at this Session of Council.

Mr. Chamberlist: I don't know who told you that.

Mr. Taylor: I don't know; maybe one should check this out. This was released, it was released to the media, I know. I came here fully expecting to find out these things when we discussed this Budget, especially in Travel and Publicity. Now I am told that it is a big national secret.

Mr. Chamberlist: You are not being told that at all.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that information is available for the Honourable Member from Watson Lake. This Budget doesn't deal with it for the simple reason that we are not going to be expending any funds to develop Territorial Parks during this year; therefore, there is no provision for it in the Budget, but the areas that have been reserved for Territorial Parks, certainly, the information is available to the Honourable Member, and we will certainly get it for him.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 700? Next item.

Mr. Miller: 701, Campground Maintenance, \$134,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is it the intention of the Administration to put the maintenance of these campgrounds out for bid? The supply of firewood out for bid; the building of privies and so forth; the buildings that are on those campgrounds out for bid? Does it now -- am I right in assuming by the appearance of this particular broken down Budget that they are now going to become the start of a campground maintenance jurisdiction within the Territorial Government? I note the campground supervisor on page 39, underneath, casual employee. Is this the beginning of another completely separate department within the Territorial Government?

Mr. Chamberlist: No, it is the same -- Members will recall that this used to be the manner in which the campgrounds and tourist stops were looked after; it was maintained by the Government. Last year, you will notice an item for Special and Professional Services, the areas were contracted out. There was so much difficulty with the getting of people to fulfill the contracts in the proper manner, that it is now reverting to a Government operation again, unless it is going to be contracted; perhaps the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane can expand on that, but I recall that \$120,000 -- Mr. Treasurer would be able to help here as well -- that was the contract of operating the professional services of that kind.

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EST. 701 Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in 1971-72 fiscal year, the majority of the campground maintenance was handled by contract. That was the year that there were an awful lot of problems with it. Last year we actually ran it on the basis of the campground supervisor hiring casual people from each of the communities to look after this particular program. The people were hired in the communities as casuals, and that was their job to look after a campground. The second question that the Honourable Member asked was regarding wood. Most of this has been contracted out already. It depends upon the area; in certain cases, it is part of the Winter Works Program; in other areas, it is contracted on a local basis.

Mr. Taylor: I believe, Mr. Chairman, that when we discuss Sessional Paper No. 8 this whole subject will arise again; so, possibly it should be held in abeyance until that matter comes up.

Mr. McKinnon: Is the \$134,000 which is in the Estimates for 1973-74 Campground Maintenance, the total cost of the operation and maintenance of the campgrounds, including contracts which are let to private individuals taking care of campgrounds and also the campgrounds that are handled by the Government?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is the total cost of the Campground Maintenance Program.

Mr. McKinnon: Is there any breakdown of what percentage, or could it be provided in the information paper, what campgrounds are going to be handled by contract and which are going to be handled by the Government of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Chamberlist: We can break that down, but this is separate to the proposed eighteen stops that the campground paper-- the highway sign thing. Well, this is, I guess we could find some information on breaking this down.

Mr. McKinnon: Once again, I sure would like to know the philosophy of the Government in this area, because there are some areas which have been contracted out, where the person who gets the contract treats those campgrounds as their own personal domain, and there is no way that any Government employee or team of employees, is aware of the cost that the guy has contracted the Government with. Unfortunately, in other areas, the reverse was true; the person was just trying to empty the garbage as little as he could and do as little maintenance work in order to collect his money from the Territorial Government. Is there some type of a philosophy worked out where those people who have been maintaining campgrounds under contract are now going to work for or with the Government? Are they going to be able to maintain contracts to keep the campgrounds clean, or is the whole thing going out on contract again, certain areas going out for contract? From the questions that we have had so far, I am really confused. I don't know what is going out on contract, what is going to be done by the Government, or vice versa.

Mr. Chamberlist: Also, in that amount, of course, you have to appreciate that you have fee collectors that have got to be paid, and they will be collecting revenues as well. The revenues will be coming back, but the contract difficulties -- a few years ago, there was one particular contractor who bid and got most of the contracts, and then he couldn't fulfill the contract himself; so, he would get local people in local areas at fifty percent of the price, to go and carry out the contracts for him, subcontract. So, consequently, he was out making all the money from the Territorial Government, and these poor people who were living in the close areas, had to do exactly what the Honourable Member suggests, cut down on the emptying of the garbage cans so that they would not have to make so many trips. It is a matter of, by experience, knowing that there have been difficulties in this area, and the general attitude to the whole situation of campground maintenance is really being reviewed completely this time. The Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane, who has been closely connected in some ways, might be able to settle something here.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to indicate the information the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West requested regarding the Department, the Tourism Department's plans for the maintenance of campgrounds for this coming summer. This information will be made available for the Honourable Member.

EST. 720 Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 701? The next item 720, Game Branch.

Mr. Miller: This is in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this is a very interesting department of Government. One that most of the people of the Yukon Territory are very concerned with. I was wondering who would be available to answer questions such as, I am very interested in the work of the biologist, who has just recently been hired by the Government of the Yukon Territory. I would be very interested to know how his work is doing in the counting of the game population of the Yukon Territory, how many moose, and sheep, and caribou, and grizzly bears that we have in the Yukon Territory. How far the work is progressing in this area, and I would like to know, and ask if it was possible of the Director of Game whether there has been, and I have heard some speculation that at some time in the Yukon's history, there will be a limit on the number of hunting licenses that will be allowed because of the studies that have been, and are being conducted by the Game Branch of the Yukon Territory. Such things as the Kluane Park and game controls in Kluane Park for the last year, and for the forthcoming year. The pressure on the game population in the Kluane area by virtue of being declared as a National Park; any problems in traplines this year, as I think all Members are aware that there have been poaching incidents because, for the first time in many, many years the trappers of the Yukon Territory are getting a fair market value for the furs that they are trapping, and because of this there are other people who would like to get in on the gravy train. I think, also, I would like to ask questions in the field of the wolf population; there have been many complaints of both outfitters and other people, that the wolf population is very severe this winter, and I would like to know the effect of removing the bounties on wolves that this Council saw fit to do, and also the effect of the game, of predator control through poison bait. These are all questions which I think are legitimately discussed during the Estimates of the Game Department, and I was wondering whether the Government would be prepared to have a member of the Department here to provide answers to questions like these that I have, and I am sure that all other Members of Council, particularly those from outside of Whitehorse, have also, not in any attempt other than to gain information.

Mr. Chamberlist: I see no objection. Can we deal with the Budget items and then have Mr. Fitzgerald come in on another day?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any questions then on the Budget item itself, 720, \$250,000?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any particular items in the Budget that are under question? The next item then, 730 - Library Services Branch.

Mr. Miller: In the amount of \$400,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Is there any particular reasons, Mr. Treasurer, why this is one of the few departments that has gone down?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the provision in the 1972-73 Estimates included equipping the school library for the junior high school and enlargement of the library at the Jack Hlland School and Van Gorder School at Faro because of the increased school size and population. That has now been done, so for 1973-74, those funds will not be required.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if there is anyone in Government here that could tell me whether the transfer of archival documents from Ottawa, where they were for safekeeping -- whether the documents have been transferred to the Archives Building in the Yukon Regional Library, or at what stage of completion or transfer is this now in?

Mr. Chamberlist: I understand that most of them have been transferred, but I don't know if all of them have been transferred. We can ascertain that and we'll give you that information.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 730?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in Library Services, we have a community which has a school library, and where you also have a community that has a community library, is it intended to have a duplication of, for instance, books and material? Will they be supplied at both or would you make one a text library, for instance, for junior readers and school students, and -- you know, would you segregate the two? I notice there is some duplication. I also notice that the school library is very incomplete in a lot of material, some of which may be found in the other library. I am wondering if it is intended to sort these things out in communities where two libraries exist.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the basic library in a school library, is quite different from the basic library in a public library. Faro is the only one where we have combined the school library at the public library, but, it doesn't mean that the school children are permitted to use the public library. We have a basic book list within the school library, and these are added to every year. The public library may have reference books that the school children may want to use, and there is some overlapping. But, normally, we try to have two types of library structures in a community so that the adults -- so you can have regular hours and adults can use the library facilities to their fullest.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 730? That completes the preliminary reading of the Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information budget.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I'll now call Committee back to order. The next department for discussion is the Department of Legal Affairs - \$1,289,663.00. Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: The first item under this Vote is on page 41. It is Establishment 800 - General Administration - \$480,663.00.

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Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I happened to note the Legal Adviser floating around in the hall, and since his is one of the few departments to come down, I thought maybe we'd like to congratulate him on a thing like that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next item - 801.

Mr. Miller: Establishment 801 - Legal Aid - \$10,000.00.

EST. 801

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there are probably a multitude of questions wrapped around Establishment 800. One is the provision of magistrates in some of our outlying communities. I don't know how Dawson is, but I know that for several years now we've been attempting to have a full-time magistrate appointed for Watson Lake to serve that community -- Liard and the area around; but still we have not had the presence of a magistrate other than on a visiting basis. I'm just wondering -- I just don't know who can answer this -- I'm wondering if any consideration has been given to this, or has it been checked out. I think it's pretty important that we have this facility at Watson Lake at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, all I can answer in this regard is that the use of justices of the peace in all areas where they are available -- they are being made use of. We have one magistrate and two deputy magistrates coming to areas when they are required. There has been no provision made for any additional permanent magistrates to be appointed, and, Mr. Chairman, as most Members know, we are going to be without a magistrate for a short while very soon as well. So, there is difficulty involved in that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, when a problem arises -- when the J.P.'s who are handling court now -- it's up to periods of up to two months that people have to sit and wait if they plead not guilty. They have to wait until the magistrate comes to visit the community, then they get a remand, and sometimes cases go on for a year. With witnesses being scattered around the country, it results, I'm sure, and reflects in this Budget, in the cost of transporting these people to and from the Territory to attend these various trials and so forth. I think, in my own opinion, that we would do much to reduce costs and serve the interests of justice better by providing a magistrate, at least in the community of Watson Lake, thereby allowing justice to be meted out in a rather more expedient manner than is presently done. I say it would because I know that every time the court party comes down, there are people flowing in from all over the country; witnesses who have moved out of the Territory, and that type of thing. Certainly the cost of hauling these people back and forth must be reflected in the Budget. Secondly, I think that people are entitled to have justice meted out. If you're called to court and you don't wish to plead guilty to something, then you could be heard within a brief period of time. This is something that is a service to the people; I know it's not a service to the Government. But, I think the people should be considered in this case as well as others that I mention.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member for Watson Lake has a very valid point. I can't really agree with him that we would be saving costs, but sometimes you can't take the cost into consideration. I would like to ensure the Honourable Member that the Government is certainly giving serious consideration to the request that he has made.

Mr. Taylor: Well, I'm wondering how serious, because this is the same answer I get every Budget Session, for the last four or possibly five, Mr. Chairman.

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Mr. Chamberlain: Consideration is being given to extra magistrates, but not necessarily to be stationed in a particular place, because if you station magistrates, then you have to station a magistrate's court and a court reporter. You create a whole administrative area then and the cost does go up considerably. Certainly I agree with the Honourable Member that things shouldn't be done for administrative convenience; I agree with him. But, here's an area of where -- what would you do? Have a magistrate in Watson Lake, and one in Dawson, and one in Mayo, and one in Haines Junction, and one wherever there were people? If you employ a magistrate in the region of \$23,000.00 or \$26,000.00, plus his officials as well, before you know it, you're looking for an overall cost of perhaps \$50,000.00 for just administration, and then you'd have to provide the other facilities that go with it. One must stop and think of where the money comes from to do all these things. I know that once the people here think about the money -- we can provide all these services, always, but all you need is the money to do it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I am not saying that we need a magistrate in every community. I'm saying that in the community of Watson Lake, we do require a magistrate. I think that it should be recognized that we're not just talking about the magistrate's court; it serves many other purposes as well, like juvenile court, and this type of thing. I think that you must also recognize that a magistrate appointed to the community on a permanent basis would be a very, very busy person as he would serve quite an area; also outside of the Yukon as he could be shared with British Columbia and serve the north portion of British Columbia as I believe Mr. Varcoe, the magistrate at the present time, is doing. Indeed, he could serve the new, rapidly developing area north of Watson Lake itself. Certainly this could be shared by the various provincial or territorial authorities involved. I think that the time has long past that we should have this facility. As I say, it has the burden on the people and the cost, I think, reflects in this Budget. I really think more serious consideration should be given to this during the forthcoming fiscal year.

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Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say a few words on Establishment 800. I don't agree with the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East. I don't think it is so much as to where it comes from; we all know where it comes from. It comes out of your pocketbook and it comes out of mine. I think that the thing is, what are the priorities of Government spending. Do we need five more inspectors; do we need more travel consultants and information officers; or do we need a start on a Judiciary Program in the Yukon Territory. I argued when Medicare was before this House, and I still maintain -- I think I will for quite a period of time -- that it was much more necessary at the time to institute a Judiciary Program in the Yukon Territory rather than a Medicare Program, because the vast majority of the people of the Yukon Territory were already protected under very good Medicare Programs. Everyday you see the travesty of the equality before the law just flaunted in, I think, every jurisdiction across the country, and the Yukon is probably no better or no worse than any other jurisdiction. Through the course of every year, on maybe a half dozen occasions, I know that through the inability of a person to be able to seek legal advice, or the inability of a person to be able to express himself before a court of law, or the inability of a person to understand the proceedings that are happening in a court of law, or the inability of a person to understand the language that is being spoken in a court of law, justice is simply not served. This is where I think you have to get to priorities, because everybody knows that there isn't an equality before the law. In fact, it's probably getting further than ever before, when every time you blow your nose, you have to go and see your lawyer to see whether you're capable of doing it or not. I think we really have to look at the institution, the serious institution, of some form of a program in the Yukon Territory where a person is going to be guaranteed his rights to counsel, his rights to be understood, his rights to be able to make his point before the courts of the Yukon Territory. I know that I've been in the witness stand on many occasions, and I find it one of the most frightening experiences that anybody can encounter; to go into a court room and be involved in something that is completely foreign to the ordinary person. An attitude that is almost enervated between the defence and the Crown lawyers, the waste of time, the lack of being able to get the courtroom docket moving, the time you're supposed to be there, the waste of effort; all of these things just give a bad taste in the public's mouth as to whether justice is being served or not. It's so important that the first impression of a person who is in a courtroom for the first time, that justice is being served. From the indication that one has from the handling of courtroom procedures, I don't think that this is generally the attitude that the public has. Until we have the ability of being able to give every person the right to be able to have legal counsel to advise him as to what his rights are, to tell him whether or not he should be plead guilty, we're going to have every year, people who should not be proven guilty before the law, but who are doing it just to get it out of their hair, out of the way, because they don't understand what's happening in the courtroom. I was hoping that with the transfer of all the administration of justice from the Federal Department to the Government of the Yukon Territory, that things would improve. I think that all we've inherited is the bill. I see no speed-up in the procedure of the court; I see no difference in the conduct of the court; and I see no difference in the complaints that come to my ear, and I guarantee that they're justified. They are every bit as realistic and every bit as justified as they were prior to the Government of the Yukon Territory taking over the administration of justice. Until we can guarantee every citizen his equal rights before the courts, then the rule of law on which our whole society is based, is going to be continued to be considered as a travesty by the majority of the citizens of the Territory and the majority of the citizens of the country. I made the point before, and I'll continue to make it, that I think that one of the most important things that we're looking for in Government priority in spending, is making sure that we come as close as possible to the ideal that there will be a real equality before the law in the Yukon Territory in the not too distant future.

Mr. Chamberlist: I can assure the Honourable Member that there is not one word that I would disagree with. Not one word, he knows full well how I feel about justice and the right to all people to have this and I am pleased to say that during this Session that there will be a paper brought down on legal aid. I don't know whether it has been prepared yet, but I understand that it is being presented in this Session and certainly the remarks the Honourable Member has made in reference to judicial system or legal aid system, are well warranted. There are many, many people who have been placed at a disadvantage simply because they were overpowered by what takes place in a courtroom. And certainly because in many areas of criminal matters, persons charged with a criminal offence have a better chance of being dealt with, having legal aid grant than a person who has a problem as far as civil action is concerned, if he has the wherewithall to take up before the courts because he can't afford it. And I certainly hope that as a result of the paper, this will be brought down. The Government has not neglected this very important factor and we hope by then that you will understand that whatever monies will be asked for, would have to be by way of a supplementary, outside this budget, because you as you see in 801, we have just \$18,000 for legal aid -- this has been about the amount of money that it has been costing us to supply professional services to people who are indigent of Law and haven't got the wherewithal to pay. To come back to the Honourable Member from Watson Lake's suggestion that there be an extra magistrate for the Watson Lake area. That community is growing up and it may well be that the area can afford another magistrate but it's getting a hold of him and it's also the other auxiliary people that he requires to set up a magistrate's office, would have to be given consideration. Perhaps Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member, if during Question Period would ask of the Committee whether or not the Government would give consideration to this. I think it would be a good time to do it and because it should really be dealt with outside of this area and then I would suggest that the Honourable Member ask for a written answer, that it be given by way of a Sessional Paper. Then the whole area could be discussed in Committee and open up other areas of justice that require to be looked into.

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Mr. Taylor: If this is what is required, I will ask it again. It is just a duplication, but this is why I ask it here.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Treasurer tell us why the cost of Police Services Agreement has gone up by \$130,000?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: We are still on 800 or at least we have back-tracked to 800. If there is nothing further on 800, maybe we can go on to 801 at least.

Mr. Tanner: There has been quite a bit of eloquent, I might say, discussion on 801 particularly, but I would like to proceed to 802.

EST. 802

Mr. Deputy Chairman: There is a question here, I believe, that Mr. Varcoe is leaving or so I heard. Somebody told me the other day -- now I could be wrong but if this is the case, has another magistrate been appointed and if not, how long is it going to take to have this service?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, in the meantime, of course, we have two deputy magistrates in the Territory -- Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Marceau. For a permanent magistrate we will have to go through the procedure of advertising for the position. How long it takes, one wouldn't know but now that the magistrate has presented his resignation, we are committed now to advertise the position.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: What I am getting at is that does this mean that the services of the magistrate's court be denied in the outlying districts, maybe three, four months because of this? Or will the deputy magistrate serve?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well this is a matter for the Director of Legal Affairs as to where the magistrates go to hold the court. Although the Director of Legal Affairs does not necessarily interfere with the functions of the courts themselves. Certainly, as Minister of the court, Magistrate Varcoe will not be available after March 1st, I believe, but then I know that the time now is that the Personnel Department will be trying to get a replacement. I do not feel that any of the outlying areas will be damaged in any way. The deputy magistrate's role will be able to conduct their courts and here, of course, the judge is also a magistrate and perhaps he will have to fill in for a little time.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 800? 801 on Legal Aid -- clear on legal aid?

Mr. Taylor: Just how much in actual was in fact spent to date this year, Mr. Chairman, in legal aid?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our actual costs to the end of January are \$12,545.48.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 802 -- Police Services Agreement.

Mr. Miller: In the amount of \$791,000 and I want to take the.... In the Police Services Agreement there is a provision for a 1% cost increase in our portion of the cost-sharing per annum until we reach 50% of the total cost. This being the second year, I believe we are now at the 48% range. The balance of the funds really are provided, if you like, by the R.C.M.P. We have very little control of this area in our budget as well. In other words, they provide us with the figures they are going to charge us for the next year.

Mr. Tanner: Gentlemen, is this another case like the Northern Health Services where a department without control just spends money and just presents us with a bill. We have to pay it, we have no right to question why they are spending the money, we have no control over the way they spend the money, we have no control over the things they do or the methods they use?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to follow up on the statements of the Honourable Member. One of the real strong points, I think, in arguing in favour of the Government of the Yukon Territory taking over the administration of justice is exactly this point. At one point, the Yukon Territory's history and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East is well aware of it, that this Council refused to agree to the Police Agreement for the fiscal year because the police were unwilling, as they do in all of the provinces, to make terms of that agreement known and it was argued very eloquently by the absent Legal Advisor at this time, that this was one of the main reasons why the Council should be going along with the administration of justice being domiciled in the Yukon Territory was that now, like any of the provinces, we would have control over the agreement. That the Yukon Territory would be making the decisions as to how many police officers we wanted in the Yukon Territory; where we wanted them stationed; how we wanted the Inspector of Police to interpret the Ordinances of the Yukon Territory and govern his constabulary accordingly. Now, it appears that we have got the whole pill with us and we have none of the control whatsoever. So, I would very clearly like some clarification from the remarks of the Territorial Treasurer as against the remarks of Mr. Legal Advisor.

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Mr. Chamberlist: I didn't hear Mr. Treasurer say anything which was different - we have the control as much as the Commissioner. Now as to control over the agreement, keep that in mind, this is a different thing. Prior, previous years, it was the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P. We have a different Commissioner controlling us here at this time. Certainly, it would be nice to get back, what - in amount what do we get back, 700?

Mr. Miller: It's in the agreement. Nothing.

Mr. Chamberlist: But it has been added in our fiscal agreement for this year. The first year it was actual expenditure that was paid back to us and now if I recall it was last year's plus a percentage which is paid to us in our fiscal agreement. Would Mr. Treasurer correct me if I am wrong?

Mr. Miller: That's right, it's in the fiscal agreement.

Mr. Chamberlist: It's in the fiscal agreement, so really we are getting this amount of money and also we do have control over the agreement. The O.C. of the R.C.M.P. accepts now the direction in relation to the expenditure of these monies from the Commissioner.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, supposing a member of the public or supposing the Territorial Council wanted to give direction in a particular direction to tell the R.C.M.P. the methods that they are using, we do not like - could this Council direct the Commissioner to direct the R.C.M.P. to take that action?

Mr. Chamberlist: As the Council cannot direct the Commissioner at any time, the Council can only advise the Commissioner and you know this is the problem with -- that we all know we are faced with. The Council, of course, can at any time advise the Commissioner but it is not always that the Commissioner accepts the advice of Council and I appreciate that although, of course, he does try to do whatever is best under the circumstances. But certainly, if there was a recommendation made by this Council as a result of some action of the R.C.M.P., certainly the Executive Committee would feel inclined to advise the Commissioner that this should be, that this should be the attitude that he should adopt in trying to put forward the wishes of Council.

Mr. Tanner: But suppose the Legal Adviser, whom I assume is in fairly close contact on a daily or weekly basis with the Superintendent of Police here, wanted to advise the R.C.M.P. of some conduct or some particular case, something like that, some persecution, does the R.C.M.P. take some advice like or quasi attorney-general?

Mr. Chamberlist: The R.C.M.P. are always, especially nowadays, always prepared to accept discretion and advice. They have been very, very cooperative and I am sure that any suggestion that would be made via the Commissioner's office certainly would be given the utmost consideration.

Mr. Taylor: Now that everyone is being so cooperative, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Legal Adviser or Mr. Treasurer could now outline for us or prepare a paper or something, or give us the information as to the actual increases to the tune of \$170,000 in our Police Services Agreement and itemize it. I know that when we got this Agreement, it was quite available to us, the costs were shown and indicated and maybe we can have a paper on this Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: I don't see any reason why we can't justify the amount. It's a fair request.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I just want to clarify a point. Supposing I made a motion tomorrow or put it in the Notice of Motion tomorrow, as a policy I would like to see and if I got the support of this Council that I would like to see the R.C.M.P. adopt, and this Council passed it, how much likelihood is there of that policy being put into operation now? It was a year ago before we had the Police Services Agreement?

Mr. Chamberlist: Perhaps the policy you like might not be compatible to an overall police requirement. There are many areas of consideration that must be given in a case like that but all I can say is that if, or I will say this, if the Honourable Member will put forth a Notice of Motion and Council agrees with his Notice of Motion, then the suggestion, of course, would go to the R.C.M.P. but whether the Commissioner would ask the R.C.M.P. to enforce it, much depends on what is required in the motion. You can't speak like that in general terms without knowing what the motion is and then trying to get a firm yes or no to something. It would be unfair to the Yukon. You can see it yourself.

Mr. Tanner: I am so pleased that the Honourable Member to my right is so concerned about what I might do. He's so concerned that I might be sorry for something that I did and then the R.C.M.P. would take the course of action that they would have to take but really what you are saying, Mr. Member, is that there is no difference now than there was a year ago.

Mr. Chamberlist: That is not so because a year ago, prior to our having entered into the Police Services Agreement, I can tell you that one O. C. was asked by the Legal Adviser, suggested something by the Legal Adviser and he said to him in not very charming words, but I won't use them in this House, something to the effect that he should do a certain thing and then well, I am a federal officer and I don't take instructions from you. But that type of thing wouldn't happen today because it is in the Agreement and I think Members have seen a copy of the Agreement, that in actual effect the Commissioner is the Chief of Police because he will do it.

Mr. McKinnon: I will have to agree with you. I think the only reason it wouldn't be done is because we have a nice O.C. The fact remains.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 802? That completes the preliminary reading of that part of the budget. The next is the Department of Highways and Public Works - \$10,212,900. Does the Committee wish to have Mr. Baker present? I wonder Mr. Clerk, if you will see if Mr. Baker is available?

EST. 900

Mr. Miller: The first item is Vote 9 on Page 44, Establishment 900 - Administration of Highways and Public Works in the amount of \$508,900. Manpower summary for information is on Page 47.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there is a decrease in man-years in this department. I note that the Purchasing Officer disappeared but what are generally the decreases?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, all these people that belong to the Department of Highways and Public Works that were responsible for purchasing have now been taken over by the Department and have been placed into the Department of Territorial Treasurer. This makes up the bulk of this change.

Mr. Taylor: This of course, reflects the highway agreement -- it takes over.

Mr. Baker: Yes, sir.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 900?

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Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Under communications, I noted the other day, I didn't even have to go to any of my spies to find this out, I did it myself. The meeting taking place with members of the Game Department and Highways Department related to investigating the possibilities of VHF mountain top to mountain top system in the Yukon. Has the Department anything to report on this? Is this going to be more favourable than operating our HF system?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, we had a much more efficient system than the single sideband system that we have at the moment, but we have a lot of engineering to be done here as yet, and a complete engineering report will not be completed until August or September of this year. We won't have anything concrete to report until that time. I might add, Mr. Chairman, that we are thinking here of tying in the Forestry people, the R.C.M.P.; all the users of radio equipment we hope will be tied into a common system.

Mr. Taylor: Would this be a private system, Mr. Chairman, or would this be in conjunction with Canadian National?

Mr. Baker: It will be a private system, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Would there be a savings for the Government, or would it just be a more efficient service?

Mr. Baker: Well, we hope, really, to have both results. You know, we hope for better efficiency, of course, in the Department of Operations, and we hope to save money in the long run.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 900?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, is it intended to station someone from the Engineering Department in Watson Lake?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, a senior official, Mr. Chairman? We have no plans in this respect.

Mr. Taylor: I meant, like a projects engineer, sort of thing, that would remain, I believe, in the new office complex. On the second floor there is provision for someone from this Department to be permanently in Watson Lake, and I was wondering if he was coming this year.

Mr. Baker: Well, there is suitable provision, of course, in the second floor of the Administration Building in Watson Lake for engineering staff, but we have no plans of filling that space with central personnel this summer, or later this year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 900? Next item, 901.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I notice that there is an extensive breakdown later on on the various other Votes. There is no particular breakdown of 901. Perhaps then Mr. Baker, could tell me what amount, maybe this isn't really a fair question, but specifically, what amount is going to be spent on the Porter Creek Jack Holland School?

Mr. Baker: If the question is: How much building maintenance money are we going to spend at the Jack Holland School, I can't give this answer; I am afraid that I can't, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: I believe that the Honourable Member is questioning on ground improvements. Right?

Mr. Tanner: Yes.

Mrs. Watson: Various locations, that is in the Capital Vote. It is not in the Q & M.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, what about maintenance of grounds that are already there? This is really what I want to get at.

Mrs. Watson: The maintenance of grounds are already there.

Mr. Tanner: They aren't in this Vote, Mr. Baker?

Mr. Baker: The maintenance of grounds, Mr. Chairman? Not really, Mr. Chairman, we like to look upon grass cutting, soil removal and this sort of thing as being an operational cost of the school, as part of the custodial cost. Not really as a building and maintenance cost.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that this was indicated to the Honourable Member at a meeting at Jack Holland, that any improvements to grounds, snow removal and this type of thing, it is up to the principal of that school to requisition it from the Department of Education, and then we contract with the Engineering Department. This is for the maintenance of the grounds that are there. As far as ground improvements and putting in lawns in new areas, that would come under the Capital, under the Ground Improvement Program.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, it is really rather silly, I suppose, to other Members of the Council that I am getting hung up on this, but this happens to be an important school in my area, and it is an important question to my constituents. When we went through the Educational Budget, I asked the Honourable Minister how much money was going to be used for maintenance of the grounds in Porter Creek. She said, "Wait until we get to the Highways Department." So, we come to the Highways Department, and I am asking now. There is a Vote here that says, "maintenance of Territorial buildings". A school is a Territorial building; and, I am asking how much money is going to be spent on Porter Creek schools?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, possibly there was a misunderstanding. You said ground improvement; so, I took it as a Capital Program, and that is under the Highway Vote. Now, you are talking about maintenance of school grounds at Jack Holland; all that you have to do is have your principal requisition some work on the ball diamond. This is what you are talking about. The Department of Highways requests Highways to go in and do it, and if you want it done, it is in the Department of Education Vote.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice that under this Establishment that building maintenance is down about \$17,000, I think it is.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is up.

Mr. Taylor: Well, no, I find that it is down; I find that in 1972-73 it was estimated at \$217,000; in these estimates we are asking for \$180,000 only for building maintenance; so, repair and maintenance of buildings is down by \$37,000. But, I also notice that under salaries and wages for the Department, we go from \$212,000 to \$302,000, an increase in salaries and wages of about \$150,000. I also find looking under Establishment 901 that there is no increase in employees. Could I have this explained?

BILL #6 Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, repair and maintenance of buildings, \$180,000, is the amount that we anticipate that we will be spending for contract work: repainting, reroofing, items of this kind. And, it does, according to our plan, indicate a slight decrease over last year.

EST. 901

Mr. Taylor: On the increased salaries and wages of \$150,000 when you have added no employees, could I have an explanation of that, please?

Mr. Baker: Well, I have no ready explanation for that, Mr. Chairman. I -- all I can say is that we would anticipate, you know, there, charges for overtime, this sort of thing. Mr. Miller just brought to my attention that the 34 employees that we had in 1972-73 were not there for the full year. Whereas, in 1973-74 they will in fact be employed for the entire year.

Mr. Taylor: It still reflects a very, very substantial increase when you haven't really, notwithstanding that they were not there for the entire year, I still think that \$150,000 is a rather amicable amount.

Mr. Baker: Well, really, it isn't, Mr. Chairman, when you consider, you know, that we have included in here an anticipated five percent increase in wages, you know, because of the collective agreement. As I said, there is an increment of overtime, you know, that had to be accommodated, and things of this kind.

Mr. Taylor: Just in 34 people?

Mr. Baker: Yes.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, are these people going to do anything else other than maintenance of Territorial buildings? These 34 people? All that they are doing is maintenance of Territorial buildings?

Mr. Baker: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct. That is all they will be doing except they from time to time help out other departments, like the Travel and Information people who might require help from time to time to build picnic tables, or things of this nature.

Mr. Tanner: Well, in that case, I think that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has got an extremely interesting point; when your salaries have gone up by so much, even if they are now permanent employees, and the amount of work you are forecasting has gone down.

Mr. Baker: No, I didn't say that the amount of work that we are forecasting has gone down, Mr. Chairman. I said that the amount of work being done by contract, we anticipate, will be down.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Honourable Member should realize that a lot of the buildings that were taken over when we took over D.P.W., when the Territorial Government took over D.P.W., are very, very old buildings, are in very bad need of repair, and it takes all of this maintenance crew to keep up with the maintenance of all the Territorial buildings in the Yukon Territory. In fact, they sometimes just can't keep up to it. Isn't that right?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have been around this once before and when it was really established several years ago that the Government of the Yukon Territory was going into the maintenance of buildings on a large scale, whereas prior to that they had let these contracts out to private enterprise, I wondered aloud at that time, and I still am wondering whether this is the most efficient and the most economical way to get the work done. You will see that we have gone from \$428,000 in 1971-72 to \$685,000 in 1973-74 estimates for the maintenance of Territorial buildings. I would be very interested in knowing, because I do hear complaints often from small private contractors that the small contracts which they depended upon from the Government of the Yukon Territory for their existence, are no longer available because of the number of staff that the Territorial Government is hiring to do their own maintenance. Of course, the private enterprise sectors say that they just don't do the work efficiently and economically as we would do if we were under contract and had to make a buck at it ourselves. That is quite an increase in two years; I know that many of the work crews that the Territorial Engineering Department has are from those small contractors who found that it was a lot easier to go out of business and go to work with the Territorial Government rather than try to be in a private enterprise and looking for the small contracts. There are really people in this day and age who don't want to go to work for Government, believe it or not. They really do want to be able to exist outside the Government's sphere, but be able to make a living. I am just wondering, how efficient and how well has this worked out, and is there monies available to small contractors who want to do work in the maintenance area for the Government of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Baker: The answer to that, Mr. Chairman, is yes; we still have the policy, of course, of doing all our repainting by contracting. We do all our reroofing by contracting. I must admit, of course, that our furnace repairs, are all done by people in our own organization; carpentry work, for instance, for the most part is done by our own people. Practically all the plumbing is done by our own people again, but we do find from time to time, you know, that it is necessary to hire contractors to do furnace repairs, or plumbing, or carpentry work, or whatever, and we just don't, we don't exclude them certainly.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might ask one question from the Chair. You pointed out that due to the increased number of buildings that there is a large amount of workload increase for those permanent employees. But, I don't notice in here any amount for the supplies needed for that maintenance. Surely, it would come in this portion of the Budget. It wouldn't be a Capital item.

Mr. Baker: Supplies? In maintenance we don't really require a lot of supplies, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Then what do your carpenters use, and what do your electricians use, and what are your plumbers using?

Mr. Chamberlist: You can have an electrician or a plumber work on a service repair and might spend three hours labour on working a service repair and not use any parts at all.

Mr. Tanner: But what about the ones that do have to use some?

Mr. Chamberlist: They take them home.

Mr. Taylor: When the Territorial maintenance crews go and build buildings and repair and do wiring and this sort of thing, are they subject to inspection the same as anyone else?

Mr. Baker: If we do electrical work, Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge we don't get a permit to do electrical work. I suppose technically that we should, but we don't get a permit to do electrical work.

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Mr. Baker: Well, we don't do building construction at all, Mr. Chairman, it is purely maintenance.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you can do alterations to a building in the City of Whitehorse and in the municipality you get a building permit and you have to comply by the Inspection Services of the municipal inspectors.

Mr. Baker: And we do go to all this trouble, Mr. Chairman, for us to get, you know, the necessary permit from the City of Whitehorse, for instance if we do work here of the renovation nature.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, if I may ask Mr. Baker a question, does your department have anything to do with the changing of the Federal offices downhill, or was that done by our landlord?

Mr. Baker: The Federal offices?

Mr. Tanner: They are called the Public Works ...

Mr. Baker: Downstairs? I would say it would be the Department of Public Works of Canada.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 901?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Establishment 902 - Territorial Roads and Airstrips - \$213,000.

EST. 902

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in this particular Vote, we're told that by raising the price -- by placing a tax on aviation fuel we would recover sufficient money to handle airstrips and I am speaking of airstrips at the moment for maintenance, snow removal and so forth, upgrading of territorial airstrips. This I assume is to include the emergency flight strips on the Alaska Highway. How much money has been raised from that source to date, and is this money being fully applied to airstrips as was the original agreement?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to the best of my recollection the amount of money coming in from the aviation tax is approximately \$4,000 per month which would be \$48,000 per annum.

Mr. Taylor: Then how does that relate then to money expended on airstrips?

Mr. Baker: Well, Mr. Chairman, if you refer to page A-32 you will see that in 1973-74 we anticipate spending \$71,621 on maintenance.

Mr. Taylor: What about the airstrips on the Alaska Highway, Mr. Chairman, are they not included?

Mr. Miller: Yes, they are, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Baker: Well, basically they are not spelt out, like Squanga strip or Pine Lake are, they are all covered under the winter maintenance - all strips. That is really a misnomer there that winter maintenance should say maintenance - all strips and it covers all emergency strips. As it would cover all emergency strips on the Campbell Highway, or the Dempster Highway or whatever.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Question from the Chair, why is the Old Crow strip so expensive for maintenance? It seems to be probably five times higher than any other strip.

Mr. Baker: The reason for that, Mr. Chairman, is that the strip is really only two or three years old now which will still quite a bit of subsidence you know, because it was built on perma frost and we think that a number of sagas are going to develop there, which are going to be costly to rectify.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I was just reading over the Mayo ...

Mr. Baker: We might be faced with expenditures at Old Crow on this order perhaps for five or six years.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there any way of recovering that from the Federal Government, that excessive expense to the ...

Mr. Baker: No, sir. The only way we could recover part of the cost would be through the imposition of landing fees.

Mr. Miller: And we will need an inspector collector for that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 902?

Mr. Tanner: I am extremely pleased to see, Mr. Baker, that you are going to spend double the amount on the Takhihi Hot Springs Road. Is that only for dust control or does it also include improvement and upgrading of the road? Have you given any thought or has the department given any thought to extending that road past the Hot Springs?

Mr. Baker: Well, to deal with the maintenance question first, Mr. Chairman, the increase here is purely dust control; it doesn't cover any realignment whatsoever and the answer to the second part of the question is, at the moment we have no idea or are entertaining no idea of extending the road beyond the Hot Springs. We could do this though, if Council desires because we do have money provided in the Council Vote, you know, for construction of new recreation roads, which are unallocated at this moment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Clear on 902?

Mr. Taylor: Not yet, Mr. Chairman. Under Territorial Roads and Airstrips, there are people, again it is business people operating along the Alaska Highway, along the Territorial Roads out and across the country providing services and also collecting taxes, a fair amount for the Territorial Government, and also paying taxes, themselves to the Territorial Government for which they do not necessarily receive the services of other citizens through the Territory. It used to be in the old days and I don't know, maybe it still prevails, but a policy was established at one time, in any event, that anybody who had a business fronting on the Highway which provided, let me see, food, accommodation, fuel, this type of thing, that when the Territorial graders went by in the wintertime, they plowed the access out to this establishment. Now, I am just wondering, now that the Alaska Highway has been taken over, if it would possibly be a new policy in relation to the Highway. I think, in many instances the grader operators themselves would do this.

Mr. Taylor continues:

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without any policy being defined. I would like to ask if firstly, if this will be the policy of the Territorial Government in respect of highways as it has been in the past?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, the answer is it has been our policy to do this sort of thing for many many years now. Nothing has changed.

Mr. Taylor: Then it is being done?

Mr. Baker: As far as I know, it is being done.

Mr. Taylor: And this will apply to highways?

Mr. Baker: Yes, sir.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wasn't going to mention this at all until the Honourable Member did because I know it was an unstated policy, but it was done and, you know, now it is out in the open and I would like to thank the Territorial Engineer for providing this service, which I know the Territorial workers do not only in front of the lodges, but also to people who are living traditionally and in the bush, they get a swipe when they go by. I thank him very much for it.

Mr. Baker: Thank you very much.

Mr. Taylor: I have another further question, related to 902. That is in respect of, I notice there is some dust control in here. Is this dust control done now under the Engineering budget or the Local Government budget? If we are talking dust control, and I don't find it anywhere else here, I didn't really look that close, is it anticipated that in front of the Highway lodges during the course of the summer that we will be able to provide dust control as we have sometimes in the past?

Mr. Baker: Yes, sir, the answer to that is that we will be continuing with their policy of dust control in front of all Highway lodges.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 903.

EST. 903

Mr. Miller: Recreational Roads and Boat Launching Ramps - \$104,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, referring to the Recreational Roads, especially there is one that primarily interests me and that is Fish Lake Road and I see that you have cut your budget in half. Could Mr. Baker explain why that is?

Mr. Baker: Well, we have found by perfect experience, Mr. Chairman, that we have not been spending \$3,000 a year in maintaining Fish Lake Road, we just cut it back in to our actual expenditures. But just to carry this a bit further, we may be interested in finding further on in the Budget in Vote 20 where we do have funds in Capital to upgrade Fish Lake Road.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I note that in 1973-74 provision increased 6% historically over so and so with the exception of Roads marked with an asterisk which have been adjusted to allow provision for Watson Lake Ski Hill Road and Pelly Ranch Road. Why is it necessary to detract from one road, in a new budget in order that you can provide for two new roads; why don't you just provide for the two new roads and leave the original appropriation in for the one you are robbing?

Mr. Baker: Well, Mr. Chairman, the explanation again is that we found that we were not spending all the money that we had in our budget from year to year and consequently we were able to adjust some roads downwards and take that money and use it for new roads.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I find the Pelly Ranch Road an interesting addition to Recreational Roads - Boat Launching Ramps. I wonder if Mr. Engineer could tell us how that came about?

Mr. Baker: The Pelly Ranch Road? We had recommendation from the Bradley brothers who run the Pelly Ranch, and they told us that more and more tourists were using the road and they felt that the general public were taking advantage of their efforts, really, their own maintenance efforts on this Tote Trail of theirs that the Territory should commence maintenance so that the travelling public could have a proper road. We agreed with their argument and consequently put this item in the Budget.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that includes maintenance as a recreational road, that doesn't include snow clearing or any thing like that, just summer maintenance.

Mr. Taylor: In respect, Mr. Chairman, of the boat launching ramp, I hope that the bridge deck, the Teslin bridge is I believe allocated for this purpose, and in some way there is a tremendous buildup of algae I have looked at these cement slabs with this critically in mind. I am wondering if it is still the intention of the Administration to use these in such lakes or is it the intention to use them and cover them with some sort of mesh by which a vehicle could not slide into the lake because I really think we are going to drown somebody if we attempt to use this thing without mesh.

Mr. Baker: Well, it is our intention, Mr. Chairman, of course, to use the concrete deck sections from the Nisutlin Bay Bridge, but the algae problem is something that I'm just being made aware of now. If it really is a problem in some lakes then we will have to find a solution to deal with it, that's all there is to it. Certainly the concrete section or perhaps the best type of thing we could think of for a boat launching ramp.

Mr. Taylor: Would it be possible for the department, Mr. Chairman, to provide Members of Committee with a document indicating where these ramps will be installed, in the forthcoming year?

Mr. Baker: Yes, sir, this can be done.

EST. 904

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 903? Next item 904.

Mr. Miller: Airport Maintenance (100% Recoverable) - \$24,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: In the backup sheet, page 34.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, how much has the Administration pursued the proposal that the Faro Airport be termed a Federal Airport? Has any work be done on this, so that it might too become 100% recoverable item? BILL #6

Mr. Chamberlist: If I recall the Department of Transport have, they've sent an inspection down to see whether it could be used and they have passed it -- they have approved it as an airfield, but I don't know whether there was anything further on that. We could perhaps ...

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, we haven't made application for, of course, M.O.T. funding for maintenance for the Faro Airstrip; there is a new airport policy coming out in the next several months. It does specify which airports will receive federal assistance as far as maintenance service is concerned. I'm told that Mayo and Dawson will definitely, you know, receive this type of assistance, but whether Faro is included, I don't know; we will have to wait until the policy gets here.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that doesn't mean that the Faro Airstrip won't be maintained by the Territorial Government, just that it won't be recoverable 100% from M.O.T.

Mr. Taylor: No, Mr. Chairman, I note that there is \$4,000 in the Budget for the Faro Airstrip, or Ross River, but I think that the Government should stay on top of this one and see if we could get the Department of Transport interested in it and slip some of that over to our own budget, if we can.

Mr. Baker: Very true, Mr. Chairman, and wherever we have Federal Airstrips I think we should be looking to M.O.T. for financial assistance.

Mr. Taylor: Right on.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 904? Next item 905.

EST. 905

Mr. Miller: Third Party Services (110% Recoverable) \$113,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I could ask from the Chair, Mr. Baker, if those requesting this type of service are always referred to by the contractors in the initial stages.

Mr. Baker: This is not correct, Mr. Chairman, the local contractor has first review.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I noticed it was 110% recoverable so it is a money making scheme anyway. Anything further on 905? Next item 906.

EST. 906

Mr. Miller: Tote Trail Assistance - \$100,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, how much has been expended under the Tote Trail Assistance so far in this country?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, if my memory serves me correct, it is something in the region of \$50,000 so far this year but our allotment which, of course, practically eat up the entire amount of \$100,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Treasurer could answer that.

Mr. Miller: Our actual figure does not include allotments. The actual paid out is \$22,000.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: There are commitments though?

Mr. Miller: There are commitments and the last report that we saw was most of the funds have been allotted for the current year.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I don't recall seeing a breakdown for tota-trail assistance for the last fiscal year. We have this generally tabled before Council. I wonder if Mr. Treasurer can make sure that we get this information prior to prorogation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 906? Next item 907 - Federal Roads 85% Recoverable - \$3,652,000. Received certain amount of detail on this 834. Questions on 907?

EST. 807

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if during the course of the year I am speaking about the Nahanni Range Road at the moment, if during the course of the year a case can be made to extend the Territorial responsibility on that road, say mile 81 where it ceases through say 35 miles or so to the Northwest Territories boundary, and this was done by the Federal Government, I would assume that this is how it would be done, would we be in a position by this Budget to accept that responsibility and to undertake the main -- how would this work? Would this come as a separate agreement? Or do we go to Supr. for it? What happens?

Mr. Baker: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all it is the responsibility of Canada Tungsten, of course, to maintain that section of the road by agreement with the Federal Government and to get this changed, would mean changing that agreement and this may be rather difficult to do. But I am not saying it is impossible. If the Federal people and Canada Tungsten made an agreement which released the company from that responsibility then certainly we could maintain that 35 miles of road. But the Federal people would have to give us funds to do it. We couldn't milk the federal 85 roads budget to look after that 35 miles.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, this is what I am troubled about because of the increase of activity up on that Northwest Territories boundary. It would indicate that possibly the Federal Government may relieve Canada Tungsten of the total responsibility or a portion of it maybe the total in which case it would be thrown into our lap for maintenance but then I assume then the Federal Government would give us some money to maintain it. But this is cost-shared, this is 85% recoverable. We won't be able to cover the 15%, that's where we run into trouble.

Mr. Chamberlist: It would be supplementary then wouldn't it?

Mr. Baker: Yes. I am sure we would have to cover it by a supplementary item. Of course, it might be that the Federal people would be willing to pay 100% of the cost of maintenance but this is pure supposition on my part.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on 907?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, what amounts to the increase on the Campbell Highway? Is that just normal, historical increase?

Mr. Baker: The only difference here Mr. Taylor that you can see, is on the Carcross Road where it jumps from \$78,000 to about \$148,000 and the reason for that, of course, is because the dust-control program happened this summer.

Mr. Taylor: Oh yes, there's one other question I have. Does this include the North Canal Road as well?

Mr. Baker: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 907? Next item 908 - This is the Dawson Skyline 100% Recoverable \$55,000. Clear on 908?

EST. 808

Mr. Miller: Next item 909 - Establishment Alaska Highway and Haines Road - 100% Recoverable \$4,768,000.

EST 809

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I imagine that this would come under Capital but sometimes these things are hidden under Operation and Maintenance, but on behalf of the powerful Member of Carmacks-Eluane, I would ask if there are any plans at all to straighten out the first 10 miles of the Alaska Highway all the way to the end of the pavement at the north end of the highway?

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, this won't be done this coming summer but certainly D.P.W. do have in their long-range programs.

Mr. McKinnon: How long-range is long-range?

Mr. Baker: It depends on the availability of money.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I think last year they were a bit more precise; they said they were going to do it this year.

Mr. McKinnon: Does this come under -- this would be a Capital, would it?

Mr. Baker: It wouldn't be in the Territorial Capital Budget.

Mr. McKinnon: It wouldn't be in the Territorial Capital Budget?

Mr. Baker: The Alaska Highway is still the responsibility of the Department of Public Works, Government of Canada and its relocation is to be done over that ten miles and they will program it in their own budget and they would actually look after it themselves. It wouldn't show in the Territorial Budget.

Mrs. Watson: You just maintain it, we just maintain it?

Mr. Baker: Perhaps sometime in the future we will have that responsibility though but not at the moment.

Mr. McKinnon: Has there been any representation from the Territorial Government to the Department of Public Works to

give it number one priority on their priority schedule?

Mr. Baker: Yes. As a matter of fact, I recall Commissioner Smith writing to him to the Minister of Public Works, indicating that this had a pretty high priority as far as he was concerned. This took place last summer.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 909? I would like to thank Mr. Baker for his attendance, through the complete reading of his Budget. I think at this time, I'll entertain a motion for Mr. Speaker to resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist and seconded by Councillor Tanner that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you prepared for the question. Are you agreed?

Motion Carried

Mr. Speaker: Can we have a report from Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker, at 2:40 p.m. Committee was struck to discuss Bills, Motions and Sessional Papers. Bill No. 6 was discussed at some length. At 5:00 p.m., it was recessed until 6:40. Again at 6:40, Bill No. 6 was taken into consideration and I can report progress on Bill No. 6. At 9:25, Motion was put forward by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. This Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee. Do you agree?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think it is the intention of Council tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. to resume discussing Bills, Motions and Sessional Papers.

Mr. Speaker: Just before we consider adjournment, all Members are aware that the Honourable Ron Rivett is involved with a very bad illness of some sort and is in fairly serious condition I understand in the hospital. Accordingly, as a Speaker, I have dispatched the following communication to Councillor Rivett. To Mr. R.A. Rivett, Speaker, Yukon Legislative Council, care of Whitehorse General Hospital, Whitehorse Yukon. Dear Mr. Speaker: On behalf of the Yukon Legislative Council, I would like to express our deep concern respecting your illness and our regrets that you have not been able to preside over the House during the past few days. We wish you God speed in your recovery and trust that you will be able to resume your position as Speaker of the House in the very near future. Signed, yours sincerely, Don E. Taylor, Deputy Speaker. What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Chamberlist: I move that we call it at 9:30 this time.

Mr. Tanner: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You heard the motion, are you agreed? Council now stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Adjourned

Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett is absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. We will proceed with Orders of the Day. I have this afternoon for tabling correspondence directed to Mr. Speaker and the House from the City of Whitehorse, and Members will be provided with copies of the same. Is there any further tabling of Correspondence and Documents? Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

TABLING OF
CORRESPONDENCE
FROM CITY OF
WHITEHORSE

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Sessional Paper No. 5 be moved into Committee of the Whole; also Legislative Return No. 1 and 5.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution? Would the Member for Dawson kindly take the Chair for a moment.

Mr. Stutter takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion this afternoon, that the Administration endeavour to obtain from joint insurance underwriters, complete details and reasons for the 25% surcharge levied on Yukon Fire Insurance Premiums. I have, Mr. Speaker, a further Notice of Motion this afternoon, that the subject of Territorial parks be discussed in Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Commissioner and Executive Committee Member, Mr. Gordon McIntyre be in attendance. I'll resume the Chair.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion concerning the hours of sitting of the House.

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

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers; the salaries of the Public Service of the Yukon Territory be made available on a confidential basis to Members of the Yukon Legislation Council.

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

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a further Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers; that the monies paid to individual doctors under the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan in the fiscal year 1972-73, be made available on a confidential basis to Members of the Yukon Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? We will then proceed to the Daily Routine. Under Motions, Motion No. 6. It was moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Stutter, that Sessional Paper No. 11 be discussed in Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION #6

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: Motion No. 7, it was moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Sessional Papers No. 4 and 8 be discussed in Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION #7

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: There are no further motions. We will proceed to the Question Period. You may proceed.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner today, merely to ask when I can expect a written answer to Question No. 1 concerning the disposition of the negotiations between the Civil Service Alliance and Territorial Government.

QUESTION RE
ANSWER TO
QUESTION #1

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, the answer is available for my signature and I am quite confident that it will be tabled along with the normal routine tomorrow.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner. I would like to ask if salaried members of the Civil Service who are required to attend night Sessions of Council, if their wages are being increased accordingly, or if suitable arrangements are being made for an equal amount of time off?

QUESTION RE
SALARIED
MEMBERS OF
CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, these matters all come under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the House and I am sure he has made arrangements that are in accordance with the Collective Agreement, to those who it is applied, and in line with the Public Service Ordinance, for those who that is applicable to.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health. Now that, after the Federal Budget was announced yesterday, there is to be an increase to old age pensioners, is the minimum annual guarantee to the people also going to be increased in the Territory accordingly?

QUESTION RE
FEDERAL
BUDGET

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure Honourable Members will recall that when there was an adjustment made last year to the Federal Supplementary, the Territorial Government saw fit to adjust its supplementary, and this will be the procedure that will be followed; it will be adjusted accordingly. I should say, up, not down.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner, now that the City has presented their budget to the Territorial Government, now as the result of the budget, Mr. Speaker, taxes are going to be raised 30% in the municipality in the City of Whitehorse on the claim that there is insufficient municipal funding from the Territorial Government. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, would the Commissioner now instruct Territorial Government officials to meet with City officials to discuss the recommendations of the Hardy Report that the Government of the Yukon Territory had previously dismissed as being irrelevant?

QUESTION RE
CITY BUDGET

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I think there was a motion that was agreed to in this House, which was certainly concerning consultations on the Hardy Report, and which would take precedence over any instruction that I issue, except to the Civil Service level of the Government. Until the terms that are outlined in that motion are available for it to be proceeded with, I hesitate to come as a third party on this particular question that the Honourable Member has placed.

Mr. Tanner: Just a supplement to the last question; I asked the first or second day of Council whether or not the Administration of the Territory had received the documents which were required from the Whitehorse City Council. Could the Commissioner now tell us whether those documents are ready for submission.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, not to my knowledge and I'm quite confident that if they were here, they would have been brought to my attention very promptly by my office, so that this matter can be proceeded with.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

QUESTION RE
MUNICIPAL
FUNDING

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask Mr. Commissioner whether he will assent to the Budget of the Yukon Territory if there has been no consultation between the City of Whitehorse and the Territorial Government concerning an increase in the per capita grant in the Municipal Aid Ordinance, as it will directly affect the 1973-74 Budget of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I am bound by the wishes of the House and if the House passes the Budget, I will give assent to it.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could approach it another way. As a long-time resident in the City of Whitehorse and a person who has been interested always in the well-being of the municipality of the City of Whitehorse and as a former member of the Whitehorse City Council, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner's happy that his taxes are going up 30% in the next year and whether he believes that any relief can be found by further funding from the Territorial Government to the municipalities in the Yukon?

Mr. Speaker: Well, I will have to move before the Commissioner answers that question, because he is not bound to give an answer because it affects him personally.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I think, in all seriousness in this matter, that the City of Whitehorse is perfectly competent in knowing whether or not they should raise taxes and I, along with all other taxpayers, no matter whether they're taxes levied by the Territorial Council or whether they are levied by the Municipal Council, or Parliament of Canada, I will join along with all other Canadians to do my best to pay them.

Mr. McKinnon: That's the problem. I don't think that Mr. Commissioner any longer realizes the gravity of the tax situation. I again, Mr. Speaker, as I said, ask Mr. Commissioner whether or not he feels there is a proper level of municipal funding as far as the Territorial Government is concerned, presently under the Municipal Aid Ordinance of the Yukon Territorial Government.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, the question is two-fold. It isn't a question of whether or not it is only a reasonable level of municipal funding; it boils itself down to municipal spending. You have to relate one to the other and I am in no position to assess whether or not the City of Whitehorse is embarking on a spending which is beyond their capability or whether it isn't.

Mr. McKinnon: One final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, seeing as we aren't getting any result this way. The municipality of the City of Whitehorse has directly charged that the reason that the tax increase is because of the lack of municipal funding available from the senior government. Is the Government of the Yukon Territory willing to answer specific charges that have been leveled against it by the municipality of the City of Whitehorse?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the Honourable Member is asking perfectly justifiable questions and I think also that he is entitled to proper and considered answers. I think it was clearly laid down, I forget who the mover and seconder of the motion were in the last Session in this House, Mr. Speaker, in which they asked that certain financial information, once it was available would permit an analysis of the City - Territorial financial relations, be properly examined. I would in all honesty feel, Mr. Speaker, that until that information is available, that no honest assessments of the question asked by the Honourable Member can really and truthfully be made.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

QUESTION RE
COMMISSIONER'S
TRIP TO OTTAWA

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as the Commissioner has just returned from Ottawa and it was relatively a rush trip, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner could give us any information as to the nature of that trip and can he fill us in on any of the details at this point?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I think that all Honourable Members were aware that my Minister has not been in the Territory at a time when I have had any opportunity to consult with him on matters of Territorial-Federal importance since the summer of last year. He has been scheduled to come here on at least two or more occasions since that time, but for reasons beyond anyone's control, he has been unable to make this trip. An accumulation of matters which simply required that I consult with the Minister on them, necessitated the trip which I just completed to Ottawa. The consequences of some of the matters will be coming before Council as soon as I have written confirmation of my discussions on them with my Minister and departmental officials, which will become evident in the course of the next few days. Beyond that, I would ask that I wouldn't be asked for anything further at this time because I do not have the written confirmation that I probably require at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

QUESTION RE
TABLING OF
SMALL BUSINESS
LOANS PROGRAM

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner could have tabled before this House a document concerning the administration of the Small Business Loans Program in the Yukon and in that document, whether it would give an analysis of the number of loans that have been made, the number of people that have applied, and that type of information in the paper.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, a paper of this nature, I think that Honourable Members are aware that these are Federal funds which we administer by a set of orders; I believe that they are done under the Federal Financial Administration Act, and reports are prepared periodically for submission to the Federal Department of Finance. We will gladly have a synopsis of these made for Honourable Members, however, there is one thing that I would want to make clear, and that is there will be no names and no indication of the private dealings that are being conducted between the people who are involved in the loans and the board that passes a judgment on the business. Most certainly, Mr. Speaker, we would be very pleased to have this information tabled.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

Mr. Chamberlain: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Tanner: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member for Dawson, will you please take the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I now call Committee to order. We are presently discussing Bill No. 6. I wonder, Mr. Clerk, if you would see if the Treasurer is available, and I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. The next item to be discussed is the Yukon Housing Corporation, \$292,100.00.

Mr. Miller: The first item, Mr. Chairman, under this Vote is Establishment 1800, Yukon Housing Corporation - Administration, \$96,100.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at this point, I am wondering if we could have some sort of a brief rundown as to the activities of the Housing Corporation, in brief; and, a general summary of how the Corporation is progressing.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I thought there was a Sessional Paper that has been submitted to all the Members of Council with a report on the Yukon Housing Corporation.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member must appreciate that we got these mountains and mountains full of material only a few short days ago. I have had no opportunity to study it, and I am sure that a brief outline by Mr. Williams would be more than welcome by those Members of this Council who have not had any experience in preparing these papers.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, possibly the Honourable Member would like Mr. Williams to read him the Sessional Paper.

Mr. Taylor: I believe that the Honourable Member is being facetious.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Williams, would you care to give that rough outline? I think that the Paper was prepared by yourself, in any event.

Mr. Williams: This is the present position of the housing projects which were undertaken under section 40 and 41 of the National Housing Act: In Whitehorse, 43 units have been completed and full occupancy will be achieved during the month of February. In Watson Lake, 10 units were completed, and 9 are presently occupied. In Mayo, the 10 units which this paper says are scheduled for completion by the fifteenth of February, were accepted last week, and 10 applicants will be housed by this weekend. In Dawson City, 20 units under section 40; at the present time 18 of the units are occupied. In Dawson City also, there were 20 units under section 43; at the moment, these units have been accepted, and some 7 of them will be occupied this week. In Ross River and Haines Junction, the 10 units constructed by Coates Industries have not been completed at this date. Seven units have been allocated in Haines Junction out of a total of 9 applicants. Nine applications have been received in Ross River to date. The various projects outlined have been administered by the Corporation with the Corporation of Housing Associations who are elected by the tenants of the housing units. In Whitehorse, a Housing Authority was formed, selected from names brought forward by a nominating committee consisting of Federal, Territorial and City representation. A Housing Education Program is being instituted, and this program has now been started. It is apparent that once the initial objectives in the field is complete, the construction of some 460 units over a five-year period, efforts must be made to institute programs which will assist residents of the Territory in the middle income group. Families earning in excess of \$15,000 can get normal NHA Loans, but we have a gap in between the \$8000 and the \$15,000 range that cannot be covered by either the Public Housing Project or the standard NHA Loans. We are presently talking with CMHC, and it is apparent that some relief is in sight whereby the maximum that can be provided under the assisted homeownership can be set on a regional basis; so, it is quite possible that loans will be available for the lower income of the middle income group. That is my report, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that was most enlightening. I am wondering, though, as to the operation of the Housing Authority itself. How often does it meet; are they having problems; are they not having problems? What is the status of the Corporation itself?

Mr. Williams: The Board of the Corporation, Mr. Chairman, meets once a month. Our last meeting was last week when we met on Wednesday, and on Thursday we met with officials from CMHC. There is considerable input from the Board of the Corporation on future projects and present projects. They are most interested in serving on the Board.

Mr. Taylor: I have a further question under this Vote, Mr. Chairman. I noted two things: one is the Administration, or the Board -- or the Administration, I am not too sure who -- but the Local Government Housing Division put out this summer a Need and Demand Survey by which, apparently, this housing allocation was to be based. I just wish to make the point that I don't think that the Administration was properly doing their duty when they said, asking the people in the community to, say, to declare their income. Income includes salaries, compensation, business net profits, pensions, Unemployment Insurance, all of this type of thing. I don't think this is the type of question that the Administration has any right to ask any citizen unless he, indeed, makes an application for one of these houses. I don't think that it is fair at all, and many of my constituents felt that this was grossly unfair. I received this by requesting this from one of the officers of Local Government Housing Division on August 6, 1972, and after a whole series of phoned-in complaints to me about these people touring the Territory. I would hope that, be it the Housing Authority, or be it Local Government, when they do a Housing Survey, or any other kind of survey, they do not pry, or attempt to pry, into the financial status of any citizen, especially when they have not made applications or anything. I don't think that is the proper thing to do. My second point is regarding the applications themselves. I note that I have several, and there have been changes at least two, or maybe three, times. Why was this? Why was the change made in the application form?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I am sure that the questionnaires that were passed around were designed in accordance with the type of housing that we are permitted to build, and unfortunately, the family's income has got a lot to do with the criteria under which they are permitted to occupy this housing. I think that Honourable Members must understand that this information does not come to the Government of the Yukon Territory, but is kept within the confines of the Housing Corporation itself. While I tend to agree that prying into people's personal affairs is not the proper role of Government; unfortunately, Government sets down certain rules sometimes that require us to pry into people's personal affairs before we can properly find out whether or not they qualify for certain Government programs. I would like, Mr. Chairman, to have the Honourable Member know that these questions were not put on there simply for the sake of prying into individual people's private business but are put there as a prior requirement of the kind of housing programs which we have instituted in the Territory under Federal and Territorial legislation. I hope that the Honourable Member with this question, and I thoroughly appreciate that he realizes the impact it has, I am sure, in a question of this nature -- that this wasn't dreamt up just by the Yukon Territorial Administration or the Housing Authority as something that they wanted to find out just for their own information.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I rise to assert that, though I do have some problem with the actual forms that a proposed tenant might fill out, I think that, for instance, the war service, rank on discharge; assets; cash-on-hand and in the bank; real estate, particulars to be attached; stock, bonds, etc.; other assets; then, there is a family income form.

Mr. Taylor continues:

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I think that, possibly, even the Housing Authority is venturing a little far into this thing, possibly a little too far. I am convinced that the Need and Demand Survey that you go to the general householder with, should not ask for the type of income, including salaries, compensation, business net profits, pensions. It is none of the Territory's business what your business net profits might be. This is my point, and I think that it is an insult to the people of the Territory if we do it. I would hope that along the lines that Mr. Commissioner stated that, indeed, the Administration will refrain from this in the future. I think that it is not a very fair thing to do.

Mr. Commissioner: With respect, Mr. Chairman, while I agree with the unfairness of it, we simply have to do it, Mr. Chairman, in order to satisfy the requirements under which we were able to build these houses. If there is some other means of doing it, then I am sure that the Housing Corporation would be happy to hear what it would be, but that is the unfortunate fact with which we are faced, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, on the Need and Demand Surveys, no names were placed on these forms; so that all of the information was confidential. Secondly, it is only by the income that we find whether this person will qualify for a house. While the person, certainly, can refuse to answer any of the questions, it is helpful for us to know in what range he would be.

Mr. Taylor: I don't think that it is fair, Mr. Chairman, to say that the people were not identified. Indeed, their names were not asked for, but you say community, date, the area, the block and lot number of the person you are interviewing.

Mr. Chamberlist: I would agree, too, Mr. Chairman, that these questionnaires -- sometimes there are unnecessary questions. For instance, I don't see -- and I have not seen the questionnaire -- I don't see what a man's war service has to do with whether he requires, he needs, living accommodations. To me it is a superfluous thing, but we are not the only culprits. The City of Whitehorse asks if a man has a conviction before he can buy a business license. We are not the only stupid people that do things like that.

Mr. McKinnon: I remember the particularly very charming young lady who came to my door. I was so infatuated with her that I started spilling out all of the information before I thought, "My God, what am I doing. It is none of her business anyway." But, she had me by the time I had got around to thinking this was none of the Government's business or none of her business. At any rate, Mr. Chairman, I do intend to come and see Mr. Williams because I do have some specific questions dealing with specific disposal of some public housing. Of course, I have no intention of raising any of this in Council, except through the philosophy of the Department of the Housing Corporation. I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, whether Mr. Williams could tell us if it is a policy of the Housing Corporation to supply a low-cost house or a low-rental house to a person who already has accommodations; who already owns accommodations, I should say? I should deal specifically with the municipality of the City of Whitehorse. If a person has accommodations within the municipality, is he eligible for low-cost or low-rental housing?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, this would entirely depend on what standard of accommodations he owns. If he owns a cabin of very substandard construction, then he would be eligible for low-cost housing.

Mr. McKinnon: Even though he was capable of renting this substandard dwelling to another poor sucker that came along and would be paying him a certain amount of income which he would be pocketing.

Mr. Williams: If this was the case, Mr. Chairman, then his income that -- yes, he would still be eligible -- it would be hoped that the City would not approve the issuance of occupation for that substandard property, but his income from the property would be counted as part of his income from rental service.

Mr. McKinnon: Well, this is the -- again, I know that any time that you have a system of priorities set up to be able to put people in this housing, you are going to enter a very controversial area. I think, if I recall, Mr. Chairman, that you do have a kind of a priority score card where you assess the needs of individuals who are applying for the housing. I wonder if it would be possible to make this score card, or whatever you call it, available to Members of Council so that they could see just how you base your priorities. I don't know, because I think that I will be to see you with particular instances. I do have problems, when a person has a house which is definitely habitable and it is capable of being rented out to another party, and he moves into these low-rental housing units; then another party, in every bit as -- in probably even worse financial straits, moves into the house that the person has vacated who is getting public housing. I have a little problem in my mind just rationalizing the whole area.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with respect, I hope that Honourable Members realize that it is not Mr. Williams who says who goes into these houses. There is a Whitehorse Housing Authority made up of interested public-spirited citizens who determine who goes into these houses. I just simply wanted to raise that point so that Honourable Members will not think that this is the prerogative of Mr. Williams as the Manager of the Housing Corporation, or the prerogative of the individual members of the Housing Corporation. This is dealt with at the citizen level here, and I believe, in four other communities as well now.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I want to make perfectly clear that I am not dealing with any specifics at all; I am trying to get the philosophy of the Corporation and of the Board behind me. The other point that I would like to know is whether there is any residency qualifications, as far as people are concerned in getting into the public housing; and, whether Yukon residents have preference over those people who have come from other jurisdictions, in applying and getting low-rental or low-cost housing.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, there is a residency qualification on the length of residency on the inspection report which I will provide for Members of Council. I did have one case, and I think this case was referred to you, Councillor McKinnon, of a person who is reported to have come up from Alberta within the last three or four months and got one of these houses. In this particular instance, I know that this person was a native-born Yukoner, and, indeed, did come up from Alberta three or four months ago, but was born here.

Mr. McKinnon: Is there any residency qualification before you are eligible, and what period of time would it be?

Mr. Williams: It is scored on this point system of one point for the first one to two years; no points for the first year.

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Mr. Williams: Two points for two to five years, three points for five to ten years. Now all these points are taken into consideration in discussing the eligibility of an applicant for house services. There is a total of some 74 points; substandard housing is one and is one area that is of concern where points are scored, number of children in the family, the ratio of the present rent to income, and several other points which will be shown to you on the inspection report.

Mr. McKinnon: Is there any investigation done with the previous landlords of people moving in? I have another specific instance which I'll bring to you, but I wonder if there was any checking done by the Housing Corporation on landlords prior to the suitability of the tenant and I don't want to go any further with that instance at the present time; that they are responsible, let's leave it at that?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, a credit report is obtained on each of the tenants, but no tenant's previous landlord is approached. To get back to a point that you raised previously, to my knowledge none of the applicants reported owning another house. But, they could.

Mr. McKinnon: What would the penalties be under the terms of the Ordinance, if there were falsification on a report?

Mr. Williams: They can be evicted, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 1800?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, when the program was first embarked upon, there were many questions asked in view of the fact that it became a forced program as to the relationship between the Housing Authority and Yukon for instance and more particularly, the Native Brotherhood. I was wondering whether this was a program to force native people into housing which they really didn't want and housing which they could not possibly live with. I am wonder just what is the relationship now, since this program has been in effect; how does it relate now? Is this in concert with the Native Brotherhood or is it not?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, when this program was instituted there was very little contact with the Native Brotherhood. From the beginning, we have had considerable support from YAMSI, but we are now obtaining considerable support also from the Native Brotherhood and of the -- this was a non-ethnic program, but we did keep a record as to what tenants were going into what projects. And in the Whitehorse project we have 19 status Indians, 15 non-status and the balance are white. In Mayo the -- of the 10 approved applicants, 6 are status Indians.

Mr. Taylor: Next question I have, Mr. Chairman, it relates to the allocation of these houses. Now in the matter of public housing, for instance in Watson Lake, it has made it possible for some people to find accommodations or better accommodations possibly than what they have had, let's put it that way, but I don't know. We have got 10 or 5 of these duplexes that virtually destroyed the looks of our subdivision because they are ungodly looking things. They had a very, very difficult time in finding tenants; they were down there every second or third week, almost begging people to move into them. I didn't see that they were placed there on a need and a demand basis, but however, I believe they have talked nine people into moving in and one more is yet to come. What I'd like to know is that in the future, will it be the policy of the Housing Corporation, if it may be known -- it might be an unfair question to ask an employee of the association, but is it going to be the policy of the association not to build houses, not to build low-rental purchase houses or public houses where there are no applications for such houses -- approved applications?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, there is another Sessional Paper on this very subject, which will explain where we intend to build, and why, in 1973-74.

Mr. Taylor: My only other question, while we are on the subject, is that as I pointed out, I think the other day, that the big need in the Territory is not for these houses at all; in some cases, yes, but in a large number of cases I think people want to build their own homes. For one reason or another they don't qualify under the criteria of National Housing, N.H.A. We thought at one time that we had temporarily solved the problem by the introduction of the Low-Cost Housing Ordinance and making loans for low-cost houses. Possibly we didn't provide for sufficient monies to build the type of houses that we need; I don't know. I still say, Mr. Chairman, that I hope that the Housing Authorities in the Government of the Yukon Territory would look kindly and seriously upon the possibility of taking out of the \$7,000,000 allotted for the five-year program, \$1,000,000 and make these monies available on some basis to guarantee a bank loan or direct loans or by some means or another make this money available to people who would like to build their own homes in their own location. I'm wondering if that would be taken into consideration.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that in all fairness, I don't think that this is a fair question to put to Mr. Williams because this gets into the whole philosophy of this money and unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, it is not possible for the Housing Authority to exercise that kind of discretion over this sum of money that is available to them. The question is only one that can be resolved by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, who are the instrument of public policy of the Canadian Federal Government and potentially have that kind of authority available to them. We are constantly after them, as a consequence of a motion and devotion in this Council, to get Central Mortgage to reduce their criteria from type sewer and water systems, and you name it, in order to prevent this very thing from being done. I am afraid that it is beyond the scope of the Housing Authority's competence to deal with the question made by the Honourable Member, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 1800?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Establishment 1801 - Operation Subsidy - \$196,000.

EST. 1801

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, this is the operating subsidy provided under section 43 of the National Housing Act, whereby the Government obtained 90% of the monies from Central Mortgage and Housing. This is the operating subsidy.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these funds are fully recoverable in this year from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; 100%.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 1801? And that finishes the Yukon Housing Corporation Budget. Thank you, Mr. Williams, for your attendance. The next item is Project Capital - \$11,166,000.

Mr. Miller: The first item in this, Mr. Chairman, is on page 53, Establishment 2003 - Community Development Grants - \$6,000.

EST. 2003

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might ask from the Chair, probably to the Commissioner. At the end of the Spring Session 1972, I believe it was, there was a paper introduced to Council suggesting some other method in funding this. Is there any possibility or chance to get the paper to be reintroduced at this Session, or a similar paper?

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Mr. Commissioner: That would be a prerogative of the Members if they wanted it back, Mr. Chairman. I'm sure a request to do so would certainly be honoured very promptly.

Mr. Taylor: Councillor Stutter, do you want me to take the Chair?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes.

Councillor Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would request that that paper be reintroduced if possible, if I could find a seconder to that motion.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'd be glad to second that motion.

Mr. Chairman: I don't believe a motion would be required. Would the Administration kindly take note of the request by -- I'm sure all Honourable Members agree.

Mr. Stutter: I will resume the Chair.

EST. 2004

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Item under discussion 2003 - Community Development Grant. Next item 2004.

Mr. Miller: Staff Housing - \$75,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, are there any details in here as to where the houses will be allocated, or accommodation?

Mr. Miller: Staff Housing.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Treasurer, any further detail on this?

Mr. Miller: There are no details on this particular item, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is almost in the form of a building or acquiring a contingency fund to provide staff housing whenever the need arises. I think that Honourable Members are aware that with the dissemination of staff throughout the Territory, when required, sometimes we are forced to build and sometimes we are forced to buy trailers; sometimes we have to make other arrangements; and this is basically what we are looking at here. It is almost a contingency sum of money, but that is specifically allocated for staff housing.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2004?

EST. 2005

Mr. Miller: Next item is 2005 - Territorial Buildings - \$966,000.

Mr. McKinnon: Is this simply a revote?

Mr. Chamberlist: No no, this is for commencement of some of work for this year.

Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, we voted \$868,000 for 1972/73 and another \$966,000 for this year, which is pretty close to \$1,800,000 and we have yet to see the plans for the proposed Territorial Building. Every time--just a beginning of the -- it was known that the project was going to go ahead. The Councillors continually asked the Administration for plans of the proposed Territorial Government Building and to date they are still not available. You would think that with this amount of money being expended that we would be able to have a look at the plans in the very near future.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I share the Honourable Member's concern and this was one of the items that I was in Ottawa about. I've assurances from as high up the line as I can get it, that the future year funding and approval of the concept of this building will be done by the Treasury Board this Thursday. All I can do is apologize to the Honourable Members for the lack of this information, but it is simply one of those things which we have not been able to bring to a head and it is at the Treasury Board in Ottawa where it has to be brought to a head. I am sure that the assurances that I have that it will happen on Thursday are firm and factual, and probably after that we will be able to bring this to Council, the concept which is wrapped up in wording and such artist's concepts as to what this will be, as quickly as possible I expect.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as we have provided in the current Budget over three quarters of a million dollars for the Territorial Building, might I ask, maybe Mr. Treasurer could advise us, how much of this money has been spent to date and on what.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the spending of money to date has been on acquiring the site and on doing soil testing, and the total funds spent to date including the Supplementary Estimate passed \$908,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, it is all fully recoverable?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these items are in the Project and Capital Loan area, which Ottawa funds 100% and then funds us to pay them back.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think if they didn't think that they should come under the scrutiny of this Committee, then I don't believe the funds would be in the Budget, would they?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2005?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Treasurer could tell us whether all the expropriation dealings under the Capitol Building maintenance is finalized.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, yes, they have all been finalized and all the payments have been made.

Mr. McKinnon: The Government didn't appeal any?

EST. 2101

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 2101.

Mr. Miller: This is for furniture and office equipment in the amount of \$30,000 for all furniture and office equipment throughout the Government.

EST. 2102

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 2102.

Mr. Miller: Liquor Control Equipment - \$30,000. The details are on appendix page A-38. \$20,000 for a forklift truck; \$10,000 for sundry warehouse equipment, including pallets and shelving.

EST. 2301

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 2301.

Mr. Miller: This is for miscellaneous equipment in the schools in the amount of \$49,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: There are some four pages of detail on this. A-39.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe appendix A-39 isn't in there, but possibly I could explain it. I could have a further breakdown, if it were necessary. This is to replace equipment within the schools. This is for desks, blinds, projectors, vacuum cleaners, this type of thing; all the equipment that we require in our schools that need replacement on the yearly basis. If the Honourable Members would request a further breakdown, I would be glad to provide it.

Mr. Stutter: Clear on 2301?

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Mr. McKinnon: In all my years of sitting on Council, I have never been able to find out where the old equipment goes. I will give it one more try this year. EST. 2301

Mr. Commissioner: We have a proper disposal arrangement, Mr. Chairman. When equipment is surplus to a department's needs, there is a laid-down routine that they must go through. It is declared surplus by a Board of Survey. I believe the Board of Survey is made up of the Territorial Treasurer, a representative from the Engineering Department, and, I believe, a representative from Central Purchasing. They pass judgment on whether this equipment is to be disposed of by sale, or whether it is to be traded in on new equipment, or whether it is to be disposed of by demolition or destruction wherever it is located. Their reports come to me for my signature, and then they proceed from that point to whatever the Board has recommended that be done with this equipment.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder if Mr. Treasurer could tell me next time the Board meets, because I would certainly like to see them in action trying out the new vacuum cleaners and deciding whether or not they are usable or not.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, you will see, under the Central Purchasing setup that we have now, disposal sales coming up from time-to-time. In other words, we will be starting to operate our own Crown assets operation, if you wish to term it this. And, perhaps the Honourable Member would like to bid on a few used vacuum cleaners, as is and where is, of course.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the support data for this expenditure of \$49,000 has been pulled from the books. This information has been pulled from the books, and, possibly, the information that was given there was incorrect. I am wondering if the Councillor in charge of that Department would kindly provide us with the correct information. When may we have the information?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, for the Honourable Member's from Watson Lake benefit, I would be very pleased to provide the information, and I will have it here tomorrow afternoon, or if he insists, I can have it here for this evening's sitting.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2316, Vocational School.

EST. 2316

Mr. Miller: The amount of \$40,000, and this is to provide for the replacement of existing equipment and equipment for new courses. Details on page A-40.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: You will notice on A-40, that includes one female torso. Next item, 2323.

EST. 2323

Mr. Miller: Whitehorse Junior Secondary School, \$468,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Just from the Chair, I would like to ask this one of the Commissioner. I understand that this school is actually well ahead of schedule. Is this so, and does it result in any saving? Can money be paid out in advance?

Mr. Commissioner: It will probably result in an added expenditure, Mr. Chairman, because we do not have a contractual ability to award bonuses. Therefore, we cannot inflict penalties, and as a consequence, the sooner that the building is completed and turned over to us, the sooner that our own operation and maintenance costs, heat and janitorial services, and all the rest will commence. In fact, early completion is about the same as late completion, and it works to our detriment, no matter how you look at it.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I am always just a little suspicious when you get a nice round figure like \$100,000 for furnishings. How was that estimate made?

Mr. Miller: I think, Mr. Chairman, that it is worked out on a classroom basis. Maybe the detailed figure would have been \$999,900 and some odd dollars.

Mr. Tanner: It may have been only \$75,000.

Mr. Miller: No, I don't think so. It is worked out on a classroom allotment basis.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering, under Establishment No. 2316, the Basic Literature Adult Development Education, the tape cassette recorders for courses in the communities is \$1500. I was wondering how many cassette recorders are going to be purchased for \$1500?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I can't tell you the exact number, but we use these for individual instruction for our basic literacy course. This course is for people that are not able to read and write, and we are carrying on this program; we are doing a pilot program in Ross River this year, and we plan to go into Carmacks, Watson Lake, Mayo and continue in Ross River next year. We have one program going on at Kishnoo Hall in Whitehorse. The cassettes are required for each person enrolled in each class. I can find out how many of them we are budgeting for, and the cost of each one, if the Honourable Member would like.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2324.

EST. 2324

Mr. Miller: Jack Hulland Elementary School, \$300,000.

Mr. Taylor: Just one question, Mr. Chairman; what is the Clerk of Works Inspection, \$15,000?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, under our arrangements that were as a consequence of the discussions here in Council, and also a considerable lengthy discussion in the Executive Committee with the presentations made by the Director of Highways and Public Works, it was the decision that on every one of these projects beyond a certain amount of money, we would put our own Clerk of Works on it. I am sorry, I don't know the funded amount of money that was decided upon, but I think that there was a limit on this. We find that this is the satisfactory way for the Department of Highways and Public Works to have their own resident inspector on these particular jobs. And, that is what that money represents.

Mr. Taylor: I just still can't understand, really, why this is more preferable, this particular type of inspection is more preferable than just having it done under Engineering and Inspection Services.

Mr. Commissioner: The individual could well be on the Department of Highways and Public Works payroll, but during the time that he is assigned to this particular job, that is where his money is coming from, as part of the Capital cost of the building, and it is very important for our Capital recovery setup that this is where it be.

Mr. McKinnon: I couldn't agree with this concept more of having an inspector on the job through all processes of it, but I think that this should bring relief to the other inspectors who, prior, had to be running to the construction projects that the Government of the Yukon Territory was undertaking, and inspect that major work, too, besides their work in the Yukon Territory. Now, the major Capital projects, and I couldn't agree with it more, are going to have a full-time inspector on them. This is certainly going to bring some relief to the onerous inspectorial duties of the other inspectors in the Yukon Territory. The Commissioner is shaking his head yes, yes.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, perhaps the Commissioner, of course, is not conversant with the construction business. What has to be kept in mind is this: The Territorial Government has suffered for a long time from not having resident people

BILL #6 called to work on the job; so, you get slipshod contractors who try to take shortcuts to the detriment of the taxpayers. Consequently, the idea is so that each specific job has a contractor -- has an inspector, Clerk of Works, who has got nothing at all to do with the other functions of the Inspections Department.

Mr. Taylor: As to the terminology of Clerk of Works, it now appears obvious where this came from.

Mr. Commissioner: From the former Speaker of the House, if I may say, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2328.

Mr. Miller: Watson Lake Elementary School Addition, \$387,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I have a question on 2324. There have been some questions of whether or not the library facilities are going to be completed in the Jack Hulland School. I wonder whether the Minister of Education could assure me that they are?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the library facilities in the extension to the Jack Hulland School -- Yes, and it will probably be used as a public library besides being a school library.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, in that case I have to congratulate the Honourable Member from Watson Lake because there is a very desperate need in the community. One thing that does concern me a little bit is that, as I understand it, the library is in the middle of the old school in the extension. Is that going to bring the public right into the middle of the school, or will they be able to get in through the entrances for the gymnasium?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, they should be able to get in through that gymnasium entrance and just use the main hall. There shouldn't be any problem at all.

EST. 2328 **Mr. Miller:** Next item, 2328, Watson Lake Elementary School Addition, \$387,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I only have one question. I note that you provide here for consulting engineers, \$6,000. What is the need for consulting engineers? Is this not an architected building?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that is what the architect -- he comes under the consulting engineering terminology.

Mr. Commissioner: Where this terminology comes from is the contract form that we sign with these people, and this is what it is. That is the formal contract that we sign, and it just so happens that this type of consulting engineer is an architect.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, well, I just noticed in the up-and-coming item, the nomenclature is architect and engineer, and here you call it consulting engineer. Possibly someone could make it a little clearer as to what it is all about.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I think that Honourable Members should be aware that the monies represented from 2323, 2324, 2328 and 2330 are basically the culmination of a paper that Council agreed to here approximately two years ago. I think that Honourable Members should be aware of this at this time.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, just one question on this. Earlier in the Session, the Minister of Education told us that the school population was generally levelling off, and whereas I can see that this, these particular items in these particular schools might need expansion -- if the decision was made two years ago, are these continued expansions still necessary in these specific areas?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, because in both instances we are using portable classrooms. In the school year 1971-72, we had to put in a portable classroom at Watson Lake; last year we had to put in portable classrooms in Teslin; in Watson Lake we are putting in the shower facilities that this Council requested several years ago, that shower facilities be put in so that the general community could use them. At Teslin we are providing a gymnasium because of the very poor type of playground in that area, and because of the growing population, school population, in the Teslin school, and also the growing school population that we have at Watson Lake. We seem to be getting a great deal of the -- a great number of students who take their elementary education at the Lower Post School, and then they come into the Watson Lake area for their junior-secondary and secondary education.

Mr. Tanner: Is there a recovery under that item then from the B.C. educational system?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, most of the people, a lot of the people that are attending the Lower Post Residential School are Yukon children.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire of the Member from Carmacks-Kluane whether the Junior High School in Whitehorse, the Jack Hulland School in Whitehorse, the Watson Lake Elementary-High School, the Teslin School, upon completion of facilities, will they all have full-size gymnasiums?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, yes, every one of them will. Watson Lake has one now; we are just adding the shower facilities to it. Teslin, we are constructing one in the junior-secondary. And, the Jack Hulland School has a beautiful gymnasium. Every one of them.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, if the philosophy of the Department of Education, when the Minister of Education presents her Budget, should be that kindergartens will be incorporated into the school system -- should that be the case, has any consideration been given to the enlargement of these schools, while these schools are being enlarged, for incorporating them, if this should be the case?

Mrs. Watson: Well, Mr. Chairman, there has been no decision made as to whether to incorporate kindergartens.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2328? Next item.

EST. 2330 **Mr. Miller:** The next item is 2330, Teslin Elementary School Addition, \$497,000.

Mr. Taylor: What is implied under construction, outside services. What type of thing would that cover? Would that be land clearing?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, in this case it means digging any wells.

Mr. Miller: Next item, 2338, Update Industrial Shop Equipment, \$50,000.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to explain 2338; is that the one you're on now? Updating our industrial art shops in Mayo, Dawson and Watson Lake. That is where we have senior-secondary, grade eleven and twelve, and we feel that in order that these students who are taking their senior-secondary in schools other than in the Collins structure in Whitehorse, require creditation in shop courses just as well as the people in Whitehorse. We should have properly equipped shops so that they can also get proper instruction in that area, and this is the one reason that it is very sorely needed. We have been following through the grades in certain centres, the Alberta course of studies in the industrial arts, and we're switching and going to follow the B.C. course of studies. It ties in with the rest of the courses that they've taken in B.C. and if they did want to leave the home community and come to Whitehorse and finish taking their grade twelve, it would tie in with what they had taken out there, to what is being offered in the Whitehorse area.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2338? Next item, 2339.

EST. 2339

Mr. Miller: Robert Service School, Dawson City, \$622,000.00.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, at the present time, the Robert Service School at Dawson City has a dual heating system. It's inefficient and creates a tremendous number of operating problems. It has an activity room and a stage, and yet we are giving instruction in grade twelve, so really, they can't take the grade twelve P.E. Program at the Watson Lake School because of the lack of the proper facility room. Two years ago, this Council passed \$60,000.00 to put showers into the activity room at the Dawson City School, but this -- the department didn't go ahead with this project because the showers that were to be put in would have taken up half of the activity room in Dawson and they wouldn't have had an activity room. Some of the classrooms in the Dawson City School at the present time are one-half of the normal size, and some of them are L-shaped, if you can imagine for a classroom, and these small classrooms are going to present a problem when our larger classes at the primary level move up into the intermediate levels. Also, at the present time, we're using portable classrooms at Dawson City at the Robert Service School. We plan to do renovations within the building: replacing the heating system completely, adding a gymnasium and proper shower facilities, and a library.

EST. 2340

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions on 2339? Next item, 2340.

Mr. Miller: Minor Alterations to Schools, \$36,000.00. Details on Appendix "A", page 47.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm looking at the details on Appendix "A" on page 47, and it's merely an observation, which I happened to make when I was in Carcross, and I noticed there appeared to be quite a problem at the far end with the sand blowing up against that fence. I'm wondering whether there has been any money included in this fund to account for that problem. In fact, the Minister of Education herself, commented on that problem.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's Carmacks. In here we are referring to Carmacks. The Carcross would fall under the Ground Improvements Program. This is for alterations in the Carmacks School, in the basement area, and renovations to to the St. Elias Teacherage, to convert it into a dorm.

EST. 2341

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2340? Next item 2341.

Mr. Miller: Vocational School, House Construction, \$19,000.00. This is shown as a fully recoverable item in the Budget.

Mr. Taylor: This house will be subject, as I asked before, Mr. Chairman, to full inspection by the Inspection Services, before it is sold by tender.

Mr. Chamberlist: That's what we need the inspectors for.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this house is being constructed on a lot in Riverdale and is subject to our own City and C.M.H.C. inspections as they progress.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2342.

EST. 2342

Mr. Miller: Vocational School, Portable Classrooms, \$16,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the question that arises in everybody's mind is that we're building schools and getting rid of portable classroom; why are we now then building more portable classrooms? There must be going to be a lot of surplus classrooms very shortly.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is a different context altogether. These portable classrooms that we have, for example, out at Jack Hulland; you can't move those from community to community very easily. It would cost in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 to relocate one of them. What the Vocational School is planning on doing --- this \$16,000.00 is just for materials for two classrooms construction course people will build them and they're to fit them out in order that they can go to communities and provide a more technical type of course where the equipment isn't available in the outlying areas, so that you can go to Watson Lake and they can give a welding course, and this type of thing, so that they can specialize this type of classroom construction; and it will have the beams, and the lights, and the gears, and all they will have to do is jack it up and put the wheels under it and they can move it from community to community. Take education to the people.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on 2342? Before I declare a brief recess, I would like to point out that it's been brought to my attention that Mr. Fitzgerald, of the Game Department, is apparently going on leave tomorrow and I believe, Councillor McKinnon, you had some questions that you wished to ask. Would you be wanting Mr. Fitzgerald this evening possibly, or what? No hurry then? Then I think we'll declare a brief recess at this time.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this time, I will call Committee back to order. The next item for discussion, is 2405.

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Mr. Miller: This is Records Office equipment, in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any questions on 2405? Next item 2406.

EST. 2406

Mr. Miller: The Queen's Printer's equipment, \$20,000.00.

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Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is this for a change of policy or philosophy, or updating of equipment? Is the Queen's Printer going into greater areas of printing?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to a degree, yes, but not to the extent that we're about to set up a printing operation where we're not going to be going out to the commercial printers. I think that Honourable Members must understand that the ever-increasing flow of paper calls for ever-greater sophisticated levels of equipment in order to handle it. This is basically what we're talking about. Also, I believe that within the Territorial Secretary's Vote, there is provision for an individual to take charge of this program. The amount of things -- the spread of things that they will be able to do, will be enhanced, but certainly, as far as doing all the government printing is concerned, we're nowhere near it.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to hear that because I think this is one area where there's plenty of available local print shops. In fact, there are four to my own knowledge, that are available right now in Whitehorse. Just as a policy at this particular juncture, I'd like to ask the Commissioner why, for example, we've had something printed, I believe, by the Correctional Institute in Prince George, or why, for example, we are having quotes sent outside of Whitehorse when the prices are not that much different in Whitehorse; for the sake of a few dollars we're sending it outside when it could be done here.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, to a degree, to keep everybody honest, and secondly, many instances there have to do with specifications. I realize that more and more, local print shops are able to meet the specification requirements that are laid down, and as they are able to, there will be less and less demand or need for quotations to be sought in outside areas.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2406?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, at this time, because we are, I understand, breaking at 4:00 p.m. for a caucus, I wonder at this time, if I could give some answers to various questions that were asked by Members yesterday.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: If it's the wish of Committee, I think there are other answers coming from other departments that we had planned to deal with. Is it the wish of Committee to receive those answers at this time?

Mr. Taylor: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if they relate back in the Budget, possibly we might not want to refer back to the items and further debate them, and it might take a little more time that we have at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: In that case, Mr. Chairman, I take it that when we go back to the specific items, we'll make the answers available at that time.

Mr. Taylor: Or anytime, Mr. Chairman, just so long as we have time to debate them.

EST. 2502 Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2502.

Mr. Miller: This is Miscellaneous Equipment, Northern Health Services, \$12,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: This is the same old guff, I take it, Mr. Chairman, where they've decided to do something and we're going to pay for it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to direct a question to whoever can answer it. Is this the sum and total of the contribution by Northern Health in their budget for this year's Capital? Is this the sum and total, or is there more?

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, that's the sum and total. There's no doubt, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member is concerned about the Cottage Hospital which has been proposed for Watson Lake, and we have already indicated to the Department of National Health and Welfare that the Government of Yukon Territory is prepared to find funding for that portion, as soon as they tell us that they will make available their portion.

Mr. Taylor: So indeed, this \$12,000.00 is all that has been forthcoming from the Federal Government to date respecting this Budget?

Mr. Chamberlist: At this point, yes.

Mr. Taylor: I can't really let this item go. Last year, you'll note in the Budget, there was nothing, not one item of Capital last year in the current Budget, and I think it's deplorable and I don't think it's well enough to let it go by without forcefully going to Northern Health Services, and I think it behooves this Council to go as a body to Northern Health Services and let them know just how much we deplore this attitude. \$12,000.00 in Capital Estimates over the course of two budgets is just a little more than I think a person can stomach when you consider the essential services these facilities are providing the people, more particularly in the hinterland. I think it's a damnable situation.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Chairman, I cannot but agree with the Honourable Member's remarks. Also, as was indicated yesterday, the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West has indicated that he will be prepared to support a motion for the Department of National Health and Welfare, with reference to the takeover of the Health Services Program, and I am in the process of getting something together that I can bring to Council, so that Council can also have its input in supporting the overall requirements in relation to this type of thing. We're in the unfortunate position that our date of budgetary requirements is different to the dates that National Health and Welfare have. The last time -- in the last budget, we didn't get the Capital requirements from them until some four or five months after we had completed the budget. Therefore, we had made no provision for it. We had indicated to the Department that we're prepared to find our portion of the capital costs, if they will indicate that they are prepared to find theirs; if we could have that in writing. To this date, and to this time, we have got no further than this particular item in front of us. Of course, it's being worked on as hard as possible but I'm sure all Members of Council realize the situation that we've been in for the many, many years, where we haven't got control in this particular area.

EST. 2538 Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2538.

Mr. Miller: This is Equipment and Furnishings in the Welfare Institutions and Homes, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2538?

EST. 2543 Mr. Miller: Establishment 2541, Macaulay Lodge Addition, \$145,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is this addition lateral, or is it going up?

Mr. Chamberlist: It's being expended on the existing building. We're not going any higher.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, how many floors are there in the Macaulay Lodge?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, at the moment it's a three-storey building.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I suppose nobody's going to gain any popularity for saying it, but isn't it rather extravagant in spite of the fact that these are older people, in spending \$27,000.00 on an elevator for a three-storey building?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was just about to compliment the Member, which is something that I rarely do, on getting this elevator. This has been in the mill for a long time and these old folks desperately need that elevator to get up and down. The physical effort involved in getting from one floor to another, for some of those people, is pretty strenuous and I was just about to commend the Member on finally getting the elevator. It's been about two years that we've been trying to get this elevator.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: One question from the Chair, of the Minister; the elevator shaft, are you going to have a tube above the building or is there an excavation being made below the building to take the required?

Mr. Chamberlist: Last month, Mr. Chairman, I think there was a test made to see if the ground was suitable for a hydraulic base. The report that I saw was that it would not be suitable for a hydraulic base so that they would have to consider an electric elevator. The problem that of course we're being faced with now is that most of the elevator companies are on strike and have been on strike for quite a while, six or eight months, and although the design people are working on the necessary alterations because we already have the elevator housing in the building, the full details of it haven't got to us yet. But, to answer the question that was raised by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North, one of the additional reasons that it is required we have an elevator there, is so that we can make full use of the upstairs facilities, because we can't put older people up there who are not capable of walking down the stairs, so that we get the level floor filled up, and the upper floors, we can put these people in. It will be beneficial all the way round once we get it.

Mr. Taylor: On 2541, out of the Addition, \$98,000.00 is allocated to the Addition itself; what will this embody? How many new apartments or what will this embody?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, ten units. There'll be nursing care units as well. At the moment, in the Whitehorse General Hospital, we have to pay \$60.00 a bed-day and then it's reduced to a nursing care day. We would then be able to have the overall facility at the Norm Macaulay Lodge, once this extension is done.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2541? 2542.

EST. 2542

Mr. Miller: The Children's Receiving Home in Dawson City, \$20,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: One question, Mr. Chairman; was it not suggested here earlier, possibly yesterday, that one of the low-rental houses somewhere was going to be made into a receiving home?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This would be a supplementary item.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, this item, this amount of money, is to provide the funds for the alterations to the duplex which joins the receiving home; plus a portion of it is for furnishings.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think at this time it is the wish of Committee to break for a private meeting. Is this the wish of Committee? I wonder if it's also the intention to carry on with the Budget at 6:30 p.m.? Mr. Treasurer, could you be with us at 6:30 p.m. then. I'll declare a recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: At this time I will call Committee back to order. We were dealing with Project Capital. Next item 2551.

Mr. Miller: Juvenile Training Home - \$450,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my first question would be where is this home to be located? In the past number of years we contemplated the construction of a Juvenile Training Home it was anticipated that possibly this home could be constructed some place other than Whitehorse. Could someone inform me where this is to be built.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A-50 shows that it is to be built in Whitehorse.

Mr. Chamberlist: It is to be constructed at Wolf Creek.

Mr. Taylor: I'm wondering if someone could give me an outline of just exactly what type of facility this will be and what physically it embodies?

Mr. Chamberlist: I could make available for view the preliminary sketches on the subject.

Mr. Taylor: Well, possibly the Honourable Member could just give us a general description of where....

Mr. Chamberlist: It will take care of approximately 40 children and 6 adults -- adult-females. What was the question -- what did you want to know? It is a Juvenile Training Home.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is the point, if the Administration knows this and nobody else does, I am just wondering if he could give us a general description, is this a furtherance of the camp facility or what is it. What does it embody?

Mr. Chamberlist: It will be a permanent building, the camp setup was only a temporary setup, until such time funds were made available for a permanent Juvenile Training Home. I'd have to show the complex of it on site. The Juvenile Training Home for both boys and girls plus a wing for six female inmates.

Mr. Taylor: Is it cells, or what is it?

Mr. Chamberlist: Oh no. Juvenile Training facilities don't involve cells, Mr. Chairman, the modern trend is a rehabilitation centre; it is not a jail. I think, certainly I can do, is to provide a general sketch of the outline. The whole project is on the drawing board at the time, but I can make available an outline of the building, itself.

Mr. Taylor: One final question, Mr. Chairman, in considering its location, what consideration was given to placing this facility in some place other than the Whitehorse area and if so, why was this turned down?

Mr. Chamberlist: All other areas were considered and it was the opinion of those people who were expertise in the area of corrections, that this would be the most suitable place of all because of the facilities that are needed in the juvenile rehabilitation centres. We have all the facilities in this local area.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this was the argument, for instance the experimental farm at Haines Junction, or Watson Lake, or some other place, we assumed that we had the facilities for such as schools, hospitals, this type of thing. Do I assume from that then, that it was felt that the facilities in the outlying districts such as Haines Junction -- school facilities, medical facilities were inadequate?

Mr. Chamberlist: That is quite right, yes.

Mr. Taylor: This has proved the point, Mr. Chairman, they tell us in the outlying districts that the facilities we have are quite adequate and yet they are not adequate when it comes to building Government facilities.

Mr. Chamberlist: That refers to building a juvenile training home. First of all you've psychiatric treatment, you need a child psychologist, specialist services of all description and all these attitudes had to be taken into consideration. This was exactly what happened, it was given a thorough investigation before a decision was made to construct it where it is to be constructed.

Mr. Tanner: I have a question for the Treasurer. How much of this funding is recoverable from the Federal Government, any?

Mr. Miller: In all our Capital projects funds, it is all recoverable from the Federal Government in that they provide the total amount of our Capital funds, within our fiscal year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2551?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Minister whether -- when he brings his drawings, he might also bring at the same time a total number of inmates that they have had in the Juvenile Home for the past year.

Mr. Chamberlist: I have that information available; I offered to give that in answer to a question that was asked by Councillor Taylor. Councillor Taylor had requested -- he wanted to know the inmate count for the year in Corrections. Total inmate days from January 1 to December 31, 1972 was 21,032 inmate days and was broken down: adult days 15,996, juvenile days 5,036.

Mr. Taylor: I'm sure the information will be coming in written form so we'll consider it when we make a review of the Budget.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, I have given the form, I'm sure now that I have said it, it will be in the Votes and Proceedings and there are just two items. Surely the Honourable Member could remember the two items that I have given. What else does he require?

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is just another way of bulldozing our way through this Budget, but I'm sure that when we review the Budget and back to the question, I am very very hopeful that the Member will have this prepared on paper form so that we might consider the answer he has just given.

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Mr. Chamberlist: I'm sure those people recording the Votes and Proceedings will record the information that I have just given in the Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Tanner: Juvenile days - 5,036. For my benefit, I don't know how to break this down into people, could you tell me?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, that would be a different type of information, that is being requested first. The question was the inmate count for the year, now the Honourable Member wants to know, how many juveniles are in the Wolfe Creek Training establishment during a particular month, or any particular day. That is a different type of count. At the moment there are 11 juvenile males and 5 juvenile females.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this new building was to provide accommodations for how many inmates?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This information was actually given.

Mrs. Watson: Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It was 40 minus 6 adult females.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the reason I'm asking these questions is obviously, I'm wondering whether we should be building a \$450,000 structure for juveniles; is there another alternative? The same question came up last year and the year before that, I'm personally not convinced that you build structures to put children in.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder if the Honourable Member might indicate where and what we should do with children who are being sentenced to a juvenile training home by the court, perhaps the Honourable Member could indicate what is being done when the court ordered it.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, we have got -- right off the top of my head, immediately we have got in the last four or five years to my knowledge, we were using a temporary home, maybe that -- if we are going to put them in a home, maybe that is not the right one. Maybe we have got to talk to our judicial system which we have no control over, I realize, and get them confined to something other than a building which is staffed by Territorial Civil Servants, maybe a farm as the Honourable Member across the table says, I don't know, but I am convinced. I said the same thing last year, and I said the same thing the year before that; I am not convinced that this is the answer, and the Government has gone ahead and decided. This is the simplistic answer to it, I don't think it is the correct answer to it. That happens to be my opinion.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would point out the fact to the Honourable Member that last year's Budget he helped to vote a \$100,000 item as the first part of the construction of this particular program.

Mr. Tanner: Now, Mr. Chairman, let's not push this too far. Sure I helped vote that \$100,000 and I made the same comment in the House that perhaps by this year there might be a change in philosophy. There is no change in philosophy. I hope to pass this Budget, but perhaps I won't.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, I wish the Honourable Member would make up his mind what he wants to do. If you don't want it, take it out. It seems fairly obvious that there is a requirement that there should be a proper juvenile establishment instead of the pig pens that we unfortunately have to put these people in. We are trying to do something for these children; now there is an objection. If you don't want to vote it in, just take it out, I'll be content. I'll let you take it out and let the responsibility fall on your shoulders, for not having the far-sightedness to see that this is a social requirement that is needed.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe I'm correct that some of the juveniles who are sentenced to the detention home do not spend their full sentence in the juvenile detention home. When the officers in the home feel that they are ready to have more freedom they are often sent to group homes and from there into foster homes. It is not that they are just kept in there -- it is not that the Government is accepting that it's the only place for detention of these young people. But there are certain times under the court's jurisdiction that young people have to be detained. The Government has to provide some type of facility.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just reflecting upon this situation, several years ago, I just haven't got the file available, but we discussed the whole matter of corrections both in adult offenders and in juvenile offenders. As a result of these discussions, many nights spent of our own time, in private committee in this House, we evolved what we felt was to be a good rehabilitation system for adult and juvenile. We had with us some expertise, I think one of the best correctional persons in the land, at that time. And as a result, we evolved what is now the correctional institute. Mr. Chairman, it didn't -- the institute did not result in the -- the end result of our findings was in recommendations to this Committee -- Ottawa got their nose in it and, you know, more or less changed it around a little bit from our concept. However, there it is, and at that time we felt that the big problem of juvenile offenders was not building institutions for them, and I think the Honourable Member has made a very valid point. Evolving out of that discussion came this mobile camp, then it got corrupted, because the mobile camp was to go out, out somewhere from the City, not Wolfe Creek. It was originally conceived that it would go to, adequately at this time, Haines Junction or that area. It never got there and the Administration keeps reshaping these things, notwithstanding, the Council's decision and this is why the Wolfe Creek Juvenile Institute is located where it is. But our concern at that time was for the juvenile offender and his rehabilitation or her rehabilitation, as the case would be. One answer that was suggested by some Member was that, at that time the Experimental Farm be turned over to Corrections for the purpose of putting in a boys' ranch-type concept which exists in the United States. A good wholesome atmosphere, out of the city, out of everything else and at the same time continuing to conduct the experiments of the Department of Agriculture. Now, this was thrown out. I still agree, and I agree with what the Honourable Member has just stated, that there must be some other approach in rehabilitating, not taking, but rehabilitating juvenile offenders and getting them back into society. That was our initial endeavour. For some reason we have gone wrong and as the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East just stated, what are you going to do? fine. But, I think as in the old days of Council, in the Yukon Legislative Council, when we used to sit down and take a problem like this, and not throw it out in the middle of a fast-run-through Budget, but throw it on the table and say, come on, let's invite some people in here and let's resolve the problem. We resolved lots of problems at this table but I am appalled at the attitude that is presented here in respect of this. Okay, you tell me how to change it, and with no background, with no -- not the might of the Government and all the departments of Government, the Secretariat and everything else to help provide you with the necessary information to resolve the problem. It is impossible. I think that is grossly unfair, Mr. Chairman. I think that if we are ever going to beat this thing, that we have to do as we did in former Councils, up till this one was elected. We have got to bring the problem, set it on the table and invite in the expertise, sit down and hash it out. If it means establishing special committees of Council, because these are important issues, we are talking

Mr. Taylor continues:

about a juvenile training home. We are just letting the thing go by for \$150,000 with no consideration whatsoever. As far as I'm concerned, I would like to see the whole matter of juvenile detention and rehabilitation discussed as a separate individual item in Committee of the Whole and maybe we could get some input from outside members. Maybe we could, you know, outside Government members. Maybe we could cure this problem, if we can't cure it we could at least improve it. So I just wanted to make that point.

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Mrs. Watson: Listening to the Honourable Member talking about bringing the problem here to the table and discussing it, I think, I have a better suggestion. Maybe the Council should take themselves out to the problem and have a look at the juvenile detention home that is there now. See what facilities there are there for recreation for these young people. See what facilities are not there that will permit any type of rehabilitation program to be implemented. I would suggest that we as body go to the juvenile detention home and determine whether we should be voting funds to replace the structure that is there now.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make one point clear, I thought I made it clear. Maybe the Honourable Member has wax in her ears, or something. What we initially conceive as a juvenile detention home facility is not the edifice that Ottawa shipped us, and that is the point, we've been there, or at least I've been there. I'm sure other Members have been too. Sure I agree, it is not the place, but let it not be said that I condone what we already have because that is Ottawa that forced that on.

Mr. Chamberlain: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think it is about time that we call a spade a spade about some things. What really is annoying to me and galling to me, is that this item has already been discussed thoroughly and that \$100,000 of the project was already voted for in last year's Budget. Now we have these strong objections from Members who participated in voting that money. Now that is the first thing. We have to go beyond that; all of a sudden the legislative body wants to turn themselves into an administrative body. We are here to legislate and now you want to see whether, you know, you can administer the type of program that is going on. Well, none of us here, including myself, have got the competence in the area of corrections to know what is required and what is not required. We have already accepted the advice of the expertise in the matter and I am prepared to accept the advice of my Corrections Director, who is a man of long experience in this particular field, and has dealt with his people in his offices. And I accept their advice when they come to me. Before any decision was made in this particular area, it was thoroughly examined. There was no ad hoc decision that was being made. We waited two years because we thought we were going to get a building up that was made available to us for \$25,000 difference and some alterations and then what happened to it, somebody else got a hold of it and we couldn't do it. We tried to save the Territorial Government money, so we asked for funds to build a whole new facility for these people. The people-- the youngsters there, right now, have got no facility at all, no recreational space, they're simply in a couple of trailers, which I wouldn't let my own children go and live there. Perhaps the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, he doesn't know anything about children, it is about time he started learning something about them. We have provided a facility, we have provided a facility that is going to be ideal for the rehabilitation of young people. The people that we have in the department now, have done an excellent job with the facilities that they have available. The proposal is to have a new concept entirely, a gymnasium, a dining room, kitchen, dormitories for boys -- I'm quite prepared to put -- as I say this just a first print, we haven't got all the prints out. But I'm not going to stand by and get abuse simply because I'm trying to do a job for the Territory and encourage these young people by getting them -- their state of mind better--and getting them rehabilitated. I am not going to accept that abuse from the Honourable Member for Watson Lake or the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North or from anybody else, because I say this if you don't want me in this job, get me out and I'll be happy about it. Because I'm not in this job to take abuse from anybody, but just to do a job. I'll put this up on the wall, and you can study this and you can make your comments afterwards.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in reply to the Honourable Member, I had not referred that abuse upon him, but if the shoe fits, certainly wear it. As far as I'm concerned I would like to thank the Honourable Member for giving me the information that I asked for in the first place.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on 2551? I'm sure Committee Members will be very interested to see the plan at the next recess. Further questions on 2551? Next item 2554.

EST. 2554

Mr. Miller: Is equipment and furnishings - Corrections Branch for \$4,000.

Mr. Taylor: In addition to equipment and furnishings is there provision made for a building construction of fire halls? BILL #6

Mr. Commissioner: The Building Construction Program for the fire halls as approved by this Council approximately six years ago, Mr. Chairman, was completed either last year -- yes, I believe last year -- and until we have further recommendations from the Fire Marshall that more Building Programs are needed, then the program, in that sense of the word, is completed. EST. 2600

Mr. Miller: The next item is 2601, Roads, Streets and Sidewalk Construction and Improvements, \$192,000.

Mr. Taylor: Could I have an explanation, Mr. Chairman, of this special parallel access road? Where that is to go?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that all Honourable Members are aware that when the Alaska Highway goes through a community, the community is built up parallel to the Alaska Highway, we have this problem of access to business and residential establishments that actually front the Highway. I think, also, that Members are aware of the fact that the Highway right-of-way is very, very wide. In other words, you can't carry the extremities of the travelled surface of the Alaska Highway right out to the edge of where private property begins, and, as a consequence, where there is any concentration of businesses or residences fronting the Highway right-of-way, we are finding it absolutely necessary to create these parallel access roads. They are costly to build, and they are costly to maintain, but they are really the only answer to provide safe and proper access to people's residences and business establishments that find themselves in that particular and peculiar circumstance.

Mr. Taylor: I was just going to make that point that apart from individual access problems, which is a big problem with the DFW, and, now, in this case, with the Territorial Government, that sometimes these are desirable, but, on the other hand, when you consider the maintenance snow removal in the winter and the additional costs of these access roads, it is sometimes felt that it is better, especially in the commercial districts, to get off the highway and develop a commercial area off the main stream of things. We have found that, of course, if the Commissioner would appreciate, in Watson Lake. It is the first news that I have had on it, and it is in my constituency, and I hope that I can't be called an obstructionist from across the floor for asking the question.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member, I was going to rise and bring it to the Honourable Member's attention that he brought this to my attention, and it now appears on the Budget; so, he can't say that there isn't some attention being taken of the bondholders out on Watson Lake, and also the people who live in Teslin under similar situations.

Mr. Taylor: May I compliment the Administration on finally going to give us the money to complete the access road since the Highway is completed.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Clerk, will you make a note of that? Clear on 2601? Next item, 2602.

EST. 2605

Mr. Miller: This is for Local Services in the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, again I rise in respect of Teslin. It is anticipated that a Local Improvement District will be established in Teslin. Do I take it then, that all funds, this item included, would be turned over to this Local Improvement District if it is formed before the first of April? Turned over to the LID for their management, control and this type of thing?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member has asked a question that only circumstances that prevail at the time would be able to answer, but the general practice is to put the funds that are available for these local things that we have LID to take the responsibility for, to put them into their hands, but I think that also Members are aware that quite often, even after the district is organized, sometimes we have a period of several months, you know, before the trustees are prepared to accept this kind of responsibility. If the Honourable Member's question is, is it our intention to deal with the Teslin Local Improvement District in a similar manner to what we have dealt with other Local Improvement Districts, the answer is yes. But, if his question is, will this responsibility be thrust upon them the day after they become organized, the answer is that this will be a matter for them to negotiate with the Department of Local Government.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there is a point here, how long has the Mayo LID been established, because I notice here that one of the trusts, I assume, is for the Mayo LID?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Haines Junction and the Honourable Member from Watson Lake know that these funds, plus other funds for street lighting -- I don't know, I don't remember all the things, but as they are turned over, I don't know whether the Treasurer puts them on an annual basis or more than one or two times during the course of the year. These funds are transferred to the LID, and they deal with them as per the Budget that has been submitted and approved by the Department of Local Government. Your question as to when the Mayo LID was brought into effect, I would suggest that it is in its fifth year of operation.

Mr. Chamberlist: I think, Mr. Chairman, there is a good point that has been raised here. If garbage removal is turned over to LID's, why is there the absence of garbage removal for Watson Lake, which is an LID, and why are Haines Junction and Mayo, both LIDs, in this item? Is there some error there?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid that I can't answer that question at the moment. As I understand this particular item, these are combined, or an attempt at a combined, unit truck provided in each area, which will put on a water wagon one day, and the next day it will be a garbage wagon, by removing the water facility. Why there isn't one for Watson Lake I can't tell you offhand.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it depends on how the problem is being handled here. As I understand it, perhaps the Member from Watson Lake would correct me if I am wrong, I believe that in the Watson Lake LID the garbage removal is on a contract basis; so, you don't need a truck in that area. You have been able to get a contractor to do it.

Mrs. Watson: And, in Haines Junction they don't have any garbage removal.

Mr. Commissioner: I think, Mr. Chairman, wouldn't it be a fair statement to say that, Mrs. Watson, this is one of the reasons for needing a truck in the Haines Junction area, that it hasn't been successful to get a local contractor to do the job?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2602?

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EST. 2602 Mr. Tanner: Well, Mr. Chairman, maybe I don't understand the situation, but a year ago we amalgamated the City of Whitehorse; before that the area that I come from, Porter Creek, had certain functions and had certain things working for us. One of those things that we didn't have, for example, was garbage pickup. Six years after the Mayo LID was established funds are being voted to give them a garbage truck. There is an argument coming from the City now that we didn't give them enough funds to fulfill some of the functions which are now being performed in Porter Creek, the constituency which I represent. There is an inconsistency, surely, somewhere along the line, when an LID can get funds six years after it has been established under certain conditions, and, if the City is correct, and I don't say they are, but if they are, that we are no way able to vote them more funds to fulfill something that they require because their obligations have become greater than they appeared at the time of the amalgamation.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Honourable Member has a good point, but there is only one thing that I would like to say, that if we dealt with every community in the Territory on the basis of consistency, we would never get anything done. The attempt of the Government is to deal with these small communities where there is absolutely no tax base to permit these things to be done at all, to use the general revenues of the Territory and funding such as we have here to provide these kind of things so that some minimal services may be available. Certainly, this has been going on since day one in the Yukon, and will be going on, I am sure, until the Territory is long past being a Territory. These are the inconsistencies that we are faced with, but mainly on account of the lack of population in these small areas.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out to the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North that these services are being provided on a user-fee's basis in these communities. It is not just a gratis service.

Mr. Chamberlist: And, I might remind our Honourable Member that until recently there was a user-fee's service in the City of Whitehorse to the tune of \$2.00 per pickup which netted for the City of Whitehorse just over \$100,000. And that was a revenue that was coming in, and now they have cancelled it out. Now they have to raise the mill rates to get the \$100,000 back.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just have one further question on this matter. Under Local Services under the O & M side of the Budget, this covers our street maintenance, street lighting in all communities throughout the Yukon, do I take it then under Local Services that there are no Capital expenditures for any of these communities in this field in new roads or upgrading of roads, graveling, this type of thing, or is this found in other parts of the Budget?

Mr. Commissioner: You just passed the item which provided \$192,000, Mr. Chairman; it was in fact, item 2601, to provide for road and sidewalk construction and upgrading in unorganized and partly organized areas in the Territory.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is what I wanted to determine. I was thinking of upgrading, graveling of streets, for instance, in communities not mentioned in the foregoing.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I recognize that there are four major projects that are involved in the explanatory note, here, and very obviously, it is going to use up the \$192,000. Certainly, I am sure that surface graveling and upgrading of streets -- not major upgrading -- would be looked upon as maintenance items and would be found in the O & M section of the money provided to these LIDs.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, just for clarification that would be found under Establishment 605 in the O & M section of the Budget.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2602?

EST. 2603 Mr. Miller: The next item is 2603, Land Development, \$200,000. Mr. Chairman, this item is shown as a fully recoverable item. There is provision in the Capital recoveries to offset the \$200,000 expenditure. Basically, what it means is that we won't develop the land until the lots are needed; then we will sell them or transfer them to Housing Corporation for housing projects, and recover from that source.

Mr. Tanner: All of these lots are within the City of Whitehorse?

Mr. Miller: These will be scattered all throughout the Territory.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, has there been any contact with the City on whether there was.... discussions with the City on this?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I couldn't confirm or deny whether there has or has not been. Certainly, I think that it would be quite obvious that whatever the normal procedure that has existed over the years for this type of work going on in Riverdale. It has always been under the City's jurisdiction and been funded in this manner. I am sure that those normal procedures are being attended to by the Department of Local Government and ultimately by the Department of Highways and Public Works who call the tenders for the installation of these services.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I might point out to the Honourable Member for clarification that these lots in Riverdale are already developed. This is the back section, and what this entails is hooking up, or connecting up, the water and sewer services which are already there, but hooking them into the live system. This is what this entails.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, the lots that are \$1000 per lot wouldn't be in the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. Miller: No, we are talking about the Riverdale lots only.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2603?

EST. 2604 Mr. Miller: Establishment 2604, Sewage Treatment and Water Systems, \$615,000. Details are on page A-55.

Mr. Taylor: In terms of the Watson Lake sewer system extension, just for something for the record, do I assume that this extension will only be phased in and, plus the water system, upon the concurrence of those people involved in this system.

Mr. Commissioner: I can give you any kind of assurance that the Honourable Members would like to have that there will not be one nickel's worth of work done without the prior plebiscite that we call for -- is it under the Taxation Ordinance Mr. Treasurer? -- before one cent is spent with regard to that kind of an installation that we are talking about in Watson Lake.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 2604?

EST. 2621 Mr. Miller: Establishment 2621, Cemetery Improvements, \$40,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is that not within the jurisdiction of the City?

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this may well be, but the Sixth Avenue Cemetery here in the City of Whitehorse was used by people, not only residents of the City, but residents throughout the Territory. We feel that it is definitely a Territorial Government responsibility to put this cemetery in some kind of shape that is acceptable in the public eye, and the majority of this money is to provide funds for that. I believe that the plan, or the concept, at least, has been a subject of discussion between our Department of Local Government and civic authorities. There is no question at all that this is definitely a Territorial Government responsibility, and we must look after this responsibility.

EST. 2621

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the maintenance of this; will this be a Territorial Government responsibility or will the City take it over after the restoration is completed?

Mr. Commissioner: I am sorry, but I am not just sure how the conversations have gone on this between the two levels of Government. Certainly, on the basis of the general Territory-wide use of this cemetery it would appear to me only fair and reasonable that there should be some contribution from the Territory on a continuing basis, although I would be hopeful that negotiations with the City would possibly permit the City to look after it. I am sure that they have the staff to do this, but I am sure that this has been the subject of conversations, and, if I remember correctly, there was an offer on the part of the City to carry their fair share of the ongoing maintenance once the restoration was completed.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the thought immediately comes to mind that, I am the last one to not respect, particularly the historical aspects of having a cemetery but I am wondering whether we shouldn't be spending money on some of the people that are alive instead of some of the people that are dead. Out of all of the things that are happening in Whitehorse, all the supposedly things that aren't happening in Whitehorse, do we have to choose this one item, pick that out and say that we are going to look after that one particular thing.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that there are many, many things that are getting looked after that are Territorial responsibilities throughout the Metro Area, and this one, I am sure Honourable Members will agree with me, has been the subject of conversation around the Council Table at least for fifteen years. I don't think that Councillor McKinnon would disagree with me on this particular.....

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think that I can answer the question from the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North much more lucidly than the Commissioner has. I was sitting back silently congratulating all the Members as they received their plums from the Capital Budget from the very magnanimous Administration: the Honourable Member from Dawson City got extension to schools; the Honourable Member from Watson Lake got sewer extension, school extension, as did the Honourable Member from Klusane; the Jack Bulland School went up in Porter Creek; the one Capital item in the Budget for my constituents in Whitehorse West, and I don't know whether there is any significance to the item at all, is cemetery improvement. I think that when they sat there they thought, now what can we do for the constituents and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, even if the idea is rather dead, I do, as other Members have, thank the Administration for the Capital Budget that is coming to the people from my constituency in Whitehorse West, the only item, I might add.

Mr. Stutter: And may we'll you rest in peace. Anything further on 2621?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2622, Administration Building - Watson Lake, \$153,000.

EST. 2622

Mr. Taylor: Here, here.

Mr. McKinnon: You like that guy don't you?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2701, Campground Development, \$50,000.

EST. 2701

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the Administration must anticipate some locations at least as to where these campgrounds, new or extending old campgrounds, may be. I am wondering, Mr. Commissioner, or Mr. Treasurer, if anybody could enlighten us as to what the plan is?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that we can provide a rough outline. I am sure that the Treasurer could ask Travel and Information to give us some basic outline, but quite frankly, the \$50,000 that is here is not going to do too much in the way of construction and enlargement of campgrounds. It is mostly going to be involved in trying to have the presently existing campgrounds enlarged sufficiently to cope with the anticipated increase in travel in the course of this coming year. If the Honourable Member's question is are we embarking on some whole new area to put campgrounds in, the answer is no. Certainly, we can provide and will supplement this item here by such details as we can.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there was a suggestion earlier in the Session of an effort to limit signs. I believe that this proposal is yet to be discussed by Council. But, to limit signs there would be certain rest stops in the Territory. Would that come under this section of the Budget?

Mr. Commissioner: No, Mr. Chairman, this is a different item of the Budget.

Mr. Miller: Clear on 2701?

BILL #6
EST. 2703

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next Establishment is 2703 - Historic Sites Development - \$25,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is this subject to the -- are the expenditures subject to the decisions made by the Historic Sites Committee?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, subject to the recommendations, but you would have to put at least six zeros after that to take care of all their recommendations, Mr. Chairman, and what we attempt to do is to put their recommendations in priority. I think that Honourable Members are aware that our money for the last two years, I think Mr. Treasurer, has gone on to the Tutshi-Carcross. A very large portion of it and, I believe, there is still further work to be done there that might take even quite a chunk of this money here because it was felt that the deterioration of the Tutshi was such that it had to be handled very, very promptly if we were going to have anything left to restore, so the \$25,000 does not go very far, Mr. Chairman and certainly the Honourable Member is quite correct that we use the Historic Sites and Monuments recommendations as a basis for what we are going to do but I am afraid that we haven't touched their list very much.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2703?

Mr. Miller: Next Establishment 2706, Klondike Discovery Celebrations - \$50,000.

EST. 2708

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2708?

Mr. Taylor: I seem to be the only one questioning this Budget but I am not clear on this. I believe that a group formed that was called Klondike '73, which I must say are doing a good job. I was down in Watson Lake a short time ago and the community was asked to do a project. Apparently, this money, this \$50,000 is being provided to the people of the Yukon so that the people of the Yukon can throw themselves a bit of a birthday party. Apparently, there is not supposed to be any booze involved in this thing but we got such things as Yukon Hootch for which, I think, Mr. Commissioner is responsible for -- I wouldn't either -- and then also now we are having Hootchinannies and everything else but in a more serious mood, when you consider the size of the Territory and the scattering of the communities and populations, I don't think that you could really expect to achieve even on a minimal basis, the object of this anniversary with \$50,000, and I had anticipated, when I was first told the amount of money would be available to the Yukon to organize events throughout the year, this is not a one-shot proposition, this is maybe a two or three event in each community over the course of celebrating our anniversary but \$50,000 really goes nowhere, and I had anticipated indeed this so-called enlightened Administration would have provided a few more dollars to assist us in this endeavour and I am wondering, there must be all kinds of money hidden in the Budget -- at the rate we are going through it, I am convinced of it -- so I am wondering if Mr. Commissioner would make available or consider making available to the Yukon communities, Whitehorse included, more funds so that the people might better enjoy their anniversary year with their community events.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we just got criticized for looking after the dead and now we get criticized for not sufficiently looking after the partying. I am afraid that in both instances that the money that you see there before you is the maximum that we have available and I am afraid that's the end of the story.

Mr. Taylor: The point is that if these funds are -- the \$50,000 is distributed, it is entirely feasible that many communities in the Yukon may not participate with other communities. The funds seem so small for the object of the exercise and I was wondering if possibly the Administration had considered this point.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2708? Next Establishment 2709 - Museum Construction Grant - \$25,000.

EST. 2709

Mr. Commissioner: As per the formula that was tabled and agreed to at the last Spring Session, I believe. And communities had applied for this. I can't remember, perhaps Mr. Treasurer, was the total amount distributed this last year?

Mr. Miller: Yes, the total amount was distributed to Burwash.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering how the McBride Museum is coming along any attempt to display that beautiful collection of stuffed animals?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, we have not had any applications that I am aware of to participate in this. There is a formula for it and we would certainly be happy to put in an application to get this because the stuffed animal display they have must be the finest collection of its kind on the face of this earth.

Mr. Taylor: Where is it now.

Mr. Commissioner: The McBride Museum may have some of it on display but I believe they are unable to display.

Mr. Miller: The majority of it is sitting in our warehouse, in a heated warehouse.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, there was only one organization -- one community applied for the grant last year. Just one.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, what time of the year do the applications have to be in.

Mrs. Watson: We'll take them any time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in discussing the museum, oh possibly two months ago, I became acquainted again with a proposal on behalf of Teslin to build a museum in that community. Of course, they did not have sufficient funds to construct this program. Actually they have been working on this program for several years but about two months ago we determined that there are Federal grants in several areas to assist communities such as Teslin, Burwash and even Whitehorse. We weren't made aware of that until some people in Teslin dug around so I called the Travel and Publicity Department and I was assured there that there were grants but since that point in time, I have asked if they would relay that information back to the community and that's where it was forgotten. There was never a piece of correspondence or anything that has occurred since. I have never been able to get hold of the party that I was talking to. I am wondering, as an aid to some of these community organizations, if Administration at some point in time could chronicle these items, these Federal grants, and make this available to some of these communities. From my

BILL 88 Information, there is lots of Federal money to help out with our Territorial Museums.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member must understand that there are some 20 odd, I don't know, departments within the Federal Government and every one of them have got grant programs that cover just about everything that you could possibly name and it was just by accident that it was found out here in the Yukon about this museum grant situation here -- it wasn't very long ago. Insofar as this one isolated grant program is concerned and although we are aware of it, and I am sure there are many others, but where one finds out about this I am sure you would have to canvass every Federal department and every branch Mr. Chairman, in order to catch up on it. I am sure Mr. Treasurer would only be too happy to verify what I am saying. We could try the Department of Finance and Mr. Treasurer might be able to assist us to locate some of these things.

Mr. Taylor: This information is available from your Administration. I got this on the telephone. This is what I asked for if we could get a copy of this thing mailed down to the party involved in Teslin and it came right from your Administration and that was the last we heard of it. I am wondering if it would be possible to compile it and not only send it to Teslin but make it available to other communities because I know in the case of Teslin, there is a great deal of history that is going to disappear right off the face of the earth the minute there is a fire or all this stuff is scattered around in cabins -- one person has artifacts that are just absolutely irreplaceable and these are for sale, in this particular instance, and somehow somebody has got to come up with the money to buy them. But nevertheless -- I think the community still has that under control -- but the big point is that they have got to be put in safe-keeping and eventually put on display for everybody to enjoy. I think we can remember when the Dawson museum burned down and that was just an irreplaceable loss. So that's why I ask in this point of time and at this point in the budget, if possibly the Administration can look at this and dispense this information because I know the Administration has this.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we will undertake to provide this information.

EST. 2723 Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2709? Establishment 2723, Game Equipment - \$6,000. Any questions on 2723?

Mr. McKinnon: Do we save until the Games Director or do we have a breakdown?

Mr. Miller: No, we don't have a breakdown in the Budget. This equipment was to equip the new Game Guardian and it is provided in the Operation & Maintenance side and for replacement of certain equipment that is worn out.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we come back to that item then, item 2724?

EST. 2724 Mr. Miller: Establishment 2724 - Communications Equipment - \$4,000. This would be to provide communication equipment in the vehicles for the new Game Guardian.

Mr. McKinnon: Could we leave it?

Mr. Miller: It would be a base station as well.

EST. 2741 Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item 2741.

Mr. Miller: Library and Archives Equipment - \$8,000. Sorry, Page 57, the reference.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, in all these last items there has been quite a drop from last year as if subsequent to equipment we bought last year.

Mr. Commissioner: In some instances, Mr. Chairman, but certainly insofar as the libraries are concerned in the Territory, most of them are getting reasonably well equipped now to a standard which is quite acceptable to the needs of the communities and your archives have really been the biggest users of equipment due to their recent establishment and, of course, some things have to be replaced from time to time -- here in particular, a couple of 16mm projectors needed replacing, these are the ones that are for loan purposes so I would say that you are probably looking at a sum of money that might reasonably be anticipated each year for the next few years, simply on a replacement basis unless some of the programs are to be extended.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I was referring to all the previous ones, all the Game, all the way down that page there is quite a variance, of course, until you come to \$188,000 but it seems to be quite a drop right across the board.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, many of these programs were very dramatically expanded in the course of the last two or three years calling for very heavy capital expenditures. Those expenditures have been made and the programs are now levelling off and you're more or less under the wear and tear aspect of things now.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner could advise me how available are the archives once they are all piled away. How available are these archives going to be to the public?

Mr. Commissioner: There are rules being set up for this, Mr. Chairman, and I think that the best way for this to be dealt with is while the Honourable Member is here in Whitehorse during the Council Session, I would be very happy to arrange for him to have a visit to the Archives and the Archivist would be very happy to have him or any Members of the Council to have a view of this very fine installation. I think that Members should be aware of the fact that archival material is not going to be as readily available to the general public as library material is. You know there are two different categories here but I am sure that -- depending on the type of archival material and the kind of work that is being wanted to be done on it, the availability of it to the serious student and the serious researcher will take a very high priority just a casual curiosity-seeker is not going to find it so easy to get his hands on it. I think that the Honourable Members should avail themselves to see the archives and if the Honourable Member from Watson Lake would like to have a special look at it, I would be very happy to arrange this to be done because I am sure he would find it very interesting and, I think, one of the finest long-range programs that we have entered into here in the Territorial Government.

Mr. Taylor: I was thinking actually of the great volume of material that has been stored in Ottawa all these years. And I understand that from a question earlier that we have most of it, I don't know, if we have all of it up here, but it would really be interesting to find what these Archives contain about our history and this type of thing. That is what gave rise to the question as to how accessible to the general public or to anybody for that matter. I would be more than pleased to go down and see first-hand how this operates.

Mr. Chamberlain: The question, Mr. Chairman, in reference to what the Archives have in transfer to Whitehorse from Ottawa. Well, the answer will be tabled tomorrow or the day after.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2741?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Establishment 2900 - Road Equipment - \$188,000. There is an appendix page A-58, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am going to rise like I always do when this Establishment comes on one of my pet peeves. When the Government of the Yukon Territory was relatively minor in personnel and employees when I first got into Government of the Yukon, it didn't seem to be a major issue that the department heads were driving around in Territorial vehicles most often on duty. And as the Public Service of the Yukon Territory grew, I think, if I remember correctly, through emotion of myself, a car pool was to be set up because it was getting to the point of ridiculousness and at noon hour you couldn't walk across the bridge going over to Riverdale as these black and orange cars bearing the Territorial crest, one to a customer, went filing by home for lunch. I think it worked out relatively well, that there was a pool system and it was abided by to some extent and the taxpayer wasn't digging too badly to fuel a car being used by Territorial Civil Service both off and on duty. I want to say that in the last six months, I have never seen such a proliferation of black and orange cars in various locations at various times of the day and night. In some places where I have to suspect that they weren't being about the business of the Public Service of the Territory. And it seems to me that we have returned to the days where every and all employees of the Yukon Territorial Public Service have access to Territorial vehicles both on and off duty. Now whether the policy has changed, whether I have just been noticing more within the last six months I don't know. But I dare say, Mr. Commissioner, and -- unless it has changed very very recently within the last few weeks, that I could go to many many homes in both downtown Whitehorse and in Riverdale and find a car that bears the crest of the Yukon Territory and it is black and orange in color and is sitting in front of a private residence in downtown Whitehorse or in Riverdale. Now, I'm just wondering whether the policy has changed. I don't think the general public of the Yukon Territory should be paying for transportation for Civil Servants to and from work and I realize there are different categories where the car pool has to be available 24 hours a day, I think the policy was abused in the past and I hope that once again it is not getting to the point of where it is getting abused again.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, the policy has not changed and like all other policies where there are human beings involved, there is no use in just saying there are not abuses on it, because there are abuses. But I would like to point out to all Honourable Members, that the use of Territorial Government vehicles is becoming a very wide-spread to many departments of the Government who prior to a year or eighteen months ago did not have access to vehicles at all. One thing I would like to point out is that all the children's group homes have Government vehicles made available to them. The senior citizen home in Riverdale has a Government vehicle made available to it. Likewise a section of the Highways and Public Works people who are on call, I don't know whether it is right to say on call 24 hours a day, perhaps that would not be quite correct, but are on call beyond normal work time are permitted at least during certain times of the year to have Government vehicles at home so they can use these Government vehicles as part of their duty. But I do think that except for the odd abuse that is made of this car pool situation, which I am sure you are never going to eliminate, that we have effectively in the course of the last five years in which it was instituted and I point out that it was instituted as a consequence of a motion that was put in this Council and I believe it was Councillor McKinnon who did originally put this motion. Since then, there've been tremendous savings and tremendous discipline brought into the use of Government vehicles and I do not think that the abuses that are going on at the present time in relation to the number of vehicles that we now have in our possession are anything, really of a very serious nature. Also taking into account the fact that these vehicles are spread over a much wider net of Government today, than what they were, even up until two months ago.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, earlier in a debate in this Session I understood from the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane that the Vocational School was going to start renting for using Territorial equipment. Yet I find in this particular Budget, I find that these 7 Cats 7 E - \$62,000 and a TD 20 \$56,000. I wonder if the Honourable Member could explain that.

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this equipment will be purchased as part of the Highway Department's and the equipment will be kept by the Highways Department and when the Vocational School wants to use it, they will rent it on an hourly basis, and charge the course with using the equipment. This was the reason for this thinking, why should the Vocational School buy this type of equipment and sit idle in the yard, when it is not being used for the training of students. If the Engineering Department buys it, they can use it and ...

Mr. Commissioner: But it will come from this Establishment originally.

Mrs. Watson: That's right, it will come from this Establishment, we will just rent.

Mr. Taylor: It says Vocational School Equipment, replacement, Station Wagon, Panel Truck, 1/2 Ton Pickup, D 7 and a TD 20, that's why -- I'm glad we have that clarified.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, during the time of the amalgamation, discussions of pre-amalgamation to do with the City of Whitehorse, there was a suggestion made, I believe by the Commissioner, that at the time of the takeover of the Alaska Highway, the Territorial Government might find itself with surplus equipment, which might be made available to the City of Whitehorse. I wonder if the Commissioner could tell us now, what the situation is, where is this surplus equipment and whether or not the City has approached the Territorial Government to get some of this equipment?

Mr. Commissioner: I, haven't got the ability to answer that question right now, but I will certainly make sure that I can answer it very promptly.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2900? I think in view of the time I will declare a brief recess.

BILL #6
EST 2902

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order. The next item for discussion is 2902.

Mr. Miller: Sundry Equipment in the Engineering Department in the amount of \$33,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a string of 2 inch pump here, about umpteen of them. Is it a defect in the pump, is that the reason you're replacing the whole lot or are these actual pumps that have ...

Mr. Commissioner: For different locations throughout the Territory.

Mr. Miller: I would like to point out that these are replacement of pumps that are currently worn out. Mr. Chairman, the old pumps were all bought in the same year and subsequently they all wear out in the same year and have to be replaced.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to reassure the Honourable Member for Watson Lake, that the Councillor for Dawson City has already checked out the price of the pumps, and that is the price.

Mr. Taylor: Well, I can't agree with the premise that all these pumps wear out in the same year, just because they were purchased in the same year. That is why I question was it a defecitor not?

Mr. Commissioner: Come to our surplus sale.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Further questions on 2902?

EST. 2903

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2903 - Communications Equipment - \$10,000. Mr. Chairman, this is an ongoing contingency requirement, if you like, in communications equipment. There are no specific locations set for these as yet, however, where we have had representations and we are seriously looking at providing some type of radio communication in graders working on the Dempster Highway in the wintertime. The Public Service Staff Association is pressing us very hard on this matter, primarily because the grader operator leaves the camp at eight o'clock in the morning, he has a forty mile run up the Highway and forty miles to come back down. He may not be finished his day's work until ten o'clock at night. Sixty below zero, if he has any trouble, there may not be any other transportation on that Highway to help him, so we are going to have to provide some sort of emergency communication equipment for locations such as the remote areas of the Dempster. There are other areas within the Yukon under the same problem.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2903?

EST. 2904

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2904 - Garage Tools and Equipment - \$5,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2904?

EST. 2909

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2909 - Building Contingency Fund - \$20,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2909?

EST. 2910

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2910 - Pre-engineering - Territorial Projects \$60,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on 2910?

Mr. Taylor: Just out of curiosity did we spend the full \$60,000 or will we have spent the full \$60,000 in this fiscal year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the expenditures and commitments to the end of January, 1973 are \$41,000. This is our period of high expenditures in this year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2910?

EST. 2911

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2911 - Ground Improvements - Various Locations - \$100,000.

Mr. Tanner: Do you have any detail on that Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Taylor: Commissioner Smith's front lawn project.

Mr. Commissioner: Would you please leave it intact, Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the program has not as yet been defined. The policy that we followed in the past few years that the Highways and Public Works Department put together proposed programs which goes to Executive Committee for their decision.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A question from the Chair, oh, sorry, go ahead Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: How much have we spent up to this time?

Mr. Miller: Expenditures 1972-73 will be approximately \$53,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A question from the Chair, I would like to ask the Commissioner if wherever possible is it the intention to go to contract on any of this.

Mr. Commissioner: Oh, Mr. Chairman, the vast majority of it is contract, you know, there is very little done with our own forces, some we do, around the headquarters area, but the vast majority is done by contract.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, can I ask as a note -- a personal note to the Executive Committee when they meet that a recommendation on this, they stop building fences where they have their prerogative. I know some fences are being built where they had no alternative, it was the Federal Government, where the Territorial Government is building fences, would they think twice, at least, and in my constituency would they ask me.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we not only think twice, we think three times, and then we scuttle the Budget. BILL #6

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member was just mentioning to me that they need a fence at Carcross.

Mr. Chamberlist: That's not my constituency, it's his.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2911?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2918, Territorial Road Improvements, \$105,000.00. The details are on Appendix Page A-60. EST. 2918

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any questions on 2918?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2921, Recreational Roads, Boat Launching Ramps, and Airstrips, \$60,000.00. EST. 2921

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could somebody tell me whether or not there's going to be a boat ramp built in Carcross?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the program for the Carcross -- the concrete pads are already on site, and ready to go to work as soon as the water is low enough for the concrete slabs to be put into position.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I might at this time, answer a previous question that was raised, as to where the ramps will be located. They'll be installed at Finlayson Lake, Francis Lake, Simpson Lake, Tagish Lake, Teslin Lake, Mile 1083, Otter Falls, Fish Lake, Ethel Lake, Marsh Lake, Fox Lake and Watson Lake. That's twelve in total.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2921?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2930, Whitehorse-Keno Road, Reconstruction, \$700,000.00. This is an item one hundred percent recoverable under the Engineering Services Agreement. EST. 2930

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, how many miles were paved last year?

Mr. Miller: Eight miles, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2930?

Mr. Taylor: While we're on the subject, Mr. Chairman, of paving, has the Federal Department of Public Works indicated to the Administration as yet, what projects they will be undertaking, if any, in the Territory?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we do not expect any Federal paving programs on the Alaska Highway, within the Yukon, to be proceeding this year.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it might be interesting to note that on tonight's news there was a release as to what work would take place on the Alaska Highway and how many dollars were allocated to the Alaska Highway for construction purposes. It was all within the B.C. section of the Alaska Highway.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I might add from the Chair, the news item claimed that much of it was in Yukon.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, they consider the Alaska Highway all Yukon.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item, 2951. EST. 2951

Mr. Miller: This is the Campbell Highway Reconstruction, \$1,500,000.00.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, it's a little bit misleading to use the words "to provide funds for reconstruction" of Mile 318-342, when you consider it's a fairly new road and it's now being reconstructed.

Mr. Miller: That's right, Mr. Chairman, it is being reconstructed. It's being widened and reconstructed -- they're taking out some bad curves.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2951?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2965, Pre-Engineering Federal Projects, \$100,000.00. EST. 2965

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on 2951?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2966, Miscellaneous Minor Federal Projects, \$50,000.00. EST. 2966

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on 2966?

Mr. Miller: Establishment 2182, Public Housing, \$2,500,000.00. EST. 2182

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding -- I don't know whether I've heard it in this House yet, but at least from some member of the Administration, that it is intended that the public housing project would be now discontinued in favour of the rental-purchase single dwelling concept. Have I been misled, or is this indeed, the intention?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the question was brought to the Administration's attention by the Housing Corporation -- the question was asked of us. The answer that was given to the Housing Corporation was that until such time as they have some valid reason for making this change, we were not prepared to recommend that any change be made. This is basically, where the matter stands at the present time.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I might be able to clarify this. This should read "rental-purchase housing". It's a form of public housing but it's under the rental-purchase housing section of the National Housing Act.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I draw the Honourable Member's attention to Sessional Paper No. 7 and the rental-purchase housing is listed in there.

BILL #6 Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as I stated earlier, with the volumes of data that was just put on us a few days ago, it's not been possible to study the paper the Honourable Member refers to.

EST. 2182

Mr. Chamberlist: I only saw it yesterday, myself.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I think to clarify the situation, the monies here for this year's program, are all for rental-purchase housing; would that not be a fair statement?

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The detail actually says -- anyway a hundred rental-purchase homes.

Mr. Chamberlist: It's broken down, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I should call them out; it's broken down as follows: Pelly Crossing, ten; Carmacks, ten; Stewart Crossing, ten; Watson Lake, twenty -- the Honourable Member's getting the lion's share for his constituency -- Teslin, ten; Upper Liard, ten; Carcross, ten; Burwash, five; Beaver Creek, ten; Destruction Bay, five. That's the hundred -- that's your rental-purchase. Even the Honourable Member for Watson Lake -- obviously I haven't had time to prep the reading material. You see how busy we are. That was the original plan; there has been a revision of the plan and the Housing Corporation has recommended that we -- so that the construction program for 1973, under section 43 of the National Housing Act, will be as follows: In the Whitehorse area there will be two eighteen unit apartment blocks; twenty, three and four-bedroom family units; in Teslin, there would be fourteen, three and four-bedroom family units; in Carcross there would be fifteen, three and four-bedroom family units; Carmacks, ten, three-bedroom family units; Pelly Crossing, five, three-bedroom family units, for a total of a hundred units.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on 2182? Well that completes the preliminary reading of the Project Capital section of the Budget. Next item is Loan Capital, \$1,490,000.00.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, details of this are on page 62. In the case of loans to municipalities, there are separate Ordinances; I believe that they are in Committee to deal with each of the municipalities. We'll run through them briefly. The City of Whitehorse, \$1,000,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, are there any details on that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the City of Whitehorse has not brought down their capital budget as yet; they've given us some preliminary indications as to what funds they will need, and we are providing for them in this fashion.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Commissioner could indicate whether he has, since his arrival back today, requested from the City of Whitehorse that they comply with the Municipal Ordinance and bring down their budget.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I believe we have received their budget.

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman, their budget was received on February 15th. The financial statements for 1972 have not as yet been received. It might be interesting to note that their provisional budget was received on February 13th and their final budget was received on February 15th.

Mr. Commissioner: As a word of explanation, Mr. Chairman, so that Honourable Members are aware of just what is involved here. The provision is being made there for the monies and the necessary Ordinances are going to be before Council to deal with as they see fit; the idea being that all these are contingency matters that will only be acted upon, upon request from the cities, for the actual funds when they need them, and when they have the approval of their voters, when it is required in order to exercise the expenditures.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Treasurer tell us how much of the \$686,000.00 that we estimated the City might borrow last year, they actually took out?

Mr. Miller: I understand that the City will be drawing down within the next six weeks, a sum of approximately \$260,000.00, in respect of 1972 expenditures.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A question from the Chair then, no portion of this \$687,000.00 is a revote?

Mr. Miller: No sir, there are no revotes allowed in this area. The funds lapse at the end of the year in our voting.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Treasurer could indicate at this time, if it's not correct to say, that without the information being submitted by the City of Whitehorse, as to how they expended the money for this year, or the part of the year, an interim statement, whether the Territorial Government are at a disadvantage of not being able to discuss any other funds that might be available to them.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I could hardly rule that as a question.

Mr. Miller: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: Well done, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Treasurer tell us how much of the funds of the City of Faro were actually needed, of that \$325,000.00, how much they took.

Mr. Miller: To the best of my recollection, the City of Faro, or the Town of Faro, has drawn approximately, \$280,000.00 of the funds that were voted last year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A question from the Floor, or rather from the Chair. In the preparation of the 72-73 Estimates, did not Whitehorse, Faro, and the other communities, put in fairly detailed requirements for loans?

Mr. Miller: No, under the old Municipal Ordinance, there was no requirement for them to submit detailed capital budgets. The way we normally obtained our information was over the telephone by talking to either the City Clerk or the City Treasurer, and this has been the case again for 1973-74. Under the terms of the new Municipal Ordinance, all municipalities are required to file with the Commissioner, prior to May 15th, a five-year capital budget, which will give us for the first time, an opportunity to have a look at and properly fund, their long-term plan.

Mr. Chamberlist: Has there been any indication, Mr. Chairman, perhaps Mr. Commissioner could indicate, has there been any indication that the City of Whitehorse proposed to comply with the requirements?

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Mr. Commissioner: I'm sorry, I'm not entirely up-to-date on various things at the moment. I'm not aware of anything, but I do believe that the Department of Local Government has been in conversations with all municipalities in this regard. I think it is only right that all Honourable Members must understand that our source of funds for these third-party loans, is the Canadian Federal Government. We have no other source of getting this money. The only way that we can get this money from them, is if we present our requests and our needs, at the time that our own budgetary requirements are being presented. The 1974-75 Program Forecast is already in the hands of the Federal Government. This will give you some clear-cut indication of the kind of a time span that is involved and we cannot help these things. It's not our fault; we either fit into the Federal scheme of funding things, when they're the providers of funds, or we take our chances in not getting them at all. It is absolutely vital for the future welfare of all municipalities and the Territory itself, that our capital requirements be forecast as accurately as is reasonably possible, as far ahead as is possible, so that the projects themselves can be properly organized and done under the best possible circumstances, including the funding of them.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I wonder, this is really a money matter that I want to put to Mr. Treasurer here. We have heard Mr. Chairman; Mr. Commissioner has quite properly indicated that this Budget of ours, the Territorial Government Budget, is based upon the approval that has been given in relation to the amount of money that we will be obtaining from the Federal Government for loans to municipalities. Now, in the case of the City of Whitehorse, there is one million dollars. I heard today, that the budget amount to be borrowed, or asked to be borrowed by the City of Whitehorse, was 1.4 million dollars. Am I correct in this, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: That is correct.

Mr. Chamberlist: In view of the fact that they can only get \$1,000,000 and there's going to be \$400,000 that they won't be getting, is there any reason why they should up the mill rate for another 5 mills to raise money to pay off money that they are not going to get.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: You are asking questions that are not in the realm of the Treasurer's Department to answer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I might point out that the figure of \$1,000,000 was a figure that I had to pull out of a hat to get this Budget put together. Immediately following my pulling it out of the hat, I was in conversation with City officials and they indicated at that time their need was \$1,159,000. The figure currently being bandied around is \$1,400,000. I am not sure yet what it is or what it will be until they present their formal budget to us on the capital area, we just don't know. If they do require additional funds, we will have to come back to Council with Supplementary Estimates.

Mr. Chamberlist: Do I understand, Mr. Chairman, the Treasurer to say that they haven't supplied their capital Budget?

Mr. Miller: The full capital budget has not been supplied.

Mr. Chamberlist: This applies to their O and M budget as well?

Mr. Miller: The Operation and Maintenance budget and the capital portion that they will provide or spend out of the general revenue has been provided. Their debenture capital budget has not been provided.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on that particular item? Next item is City of Dawson - \$50,000. There is a question from the Chair, Mr. Treasurer, have you received any requests from the City of Dawson for long-range borrowing?

Mr. Miller: A verbal request only. There has been nothing forwarded in writing. I understand that City Council was meeting I believe it was last week, at which time they were to formalize their debenture capital requirements.

Mr. Commissioner: In all fairness, Mr. Chairman, this was the first time to my knowledge that the City of Dawson has had any opportunity at this type of capital funding and I think that we must recognize that this is a very clear cut indication that the City of Dawson is over the economic doldrums and in particular the municipal finances and I think they speak very, very well of the economic situation in that area. They are going to have a surplus, a cash surplus this year in their regular budget and are anticipating being able to involve themselves in some kind of debenture financing at the present time.

Mr. Chamberlist: The first time in years.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, how much, what is the estimated cash surplus in the budget for Dawson? I am extremely interested in this.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member knows that I know the answer but I think it is only right that we should see it in black and white from the City of Dawson first before that question is answered.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I do believe I saw a grant here, somewhere.

Mr. Commissioner: Oh no.

Mr. Tanner: As far as I am concerned, it is still open. The only area, the only municipality that got a per capita last year, not a per capita, what do you call it? A special grant for the City of Dawson and now they come up with a surplus. The City of Whitehorse apparently, at least they tell us, can't get any more special grants. If they come up with a deficit and they can prove it, is there a grant available to them too?

Mr. Commissioner: I would have to refrain from giving any prior answer to that question. After all, Mr. Chairman, the City of Dawson has been running in the red for approximately 74 years. Is that a fair statement.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would certainly think so.

Mr. Tanner: Sorry, Mr. Treasurer, how much did the City of Dawson borrow of that \$8,000?

Mr. Miller: The City of Dawson borrowed the full \$8,000. The next item is the Town of Faro - \$220,000. No, the Town of Faro does not have their debenture capital submission in. This is by way of telephone conversation.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, this is a point of interest, this could be coincidental that all municipalities haven't got their figures in, could it be that under the Municipal Ordinance we haven't given any of these people time or is it just a coincidence this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is a provision in the Municipal Ordinance, that they table on or before November 15th of each year, their provisional budget.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Which would indicate ample time. Any further questions on that particular item?

Mr. Miller: I think in fairness, Mr. Chairman, this is the first year that this has happened, under the new Municipal Ordinance. This is the first year that they have had to comply with this request. They are learning, as we learned. Next item is Loans on Second Mortgage - C.M.H.C. \$120,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on this item?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Low-Cost Housing, First Mortgage - \$100,000.

Mr. Tanner: Is this a revote?

Mr. Miller: Yes, this is a revote and should be the last time that we revote this item. The program should be fully paid out during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on this particular item? That completes the loan capital section of the Budget.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: The last section is the Loan Amortization - \$4, 135,000.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this item is on Page 63 and it's broken into two portions - the loan amortization expenditure interest of \$2,447,920 and the principal of \$1,670,080.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, just without my having to work it out, what was the rate of interest in 72-73 and what is the rate of interest 73-74?

Mr. Miller: For 1972-73, the rates vary on a quarterly basis and it depends upon the term. The current quarter, the rates if my memory serves me correct, on a 20 year loan, is 7 5/16%. In 1973-74, we have no idea what the rate will be. The tendency in rates has been to decrease on a slight basis each quarter. If that trend continues and it depends on what rate the Canadian Government can obtain its money or what it has to pay to fund its treasury bill, if the trend continues, it should be down hopefully to about 7% through most of 1973-74.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Treasurer, I would just like to elucidate a bit and this particular question I wish to put to him. 1972-73 estimates, the principal was \$1,354,000. The interest on that principal is \$1,967,000.

Mr. Miller: It's the interest on the total loans outstanding. It's the accumulated interest.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, yes, that's right -- let me continue with my question. Let's say the principal was \$1,354,000, the accumulated interest \$1,967,000. Now 1973-74 we have an increased principal of \$1,687,000 which increased by \$332,000 the interest increased, the accumulative interest increased by \$480,000. This happens when the principal is just \$332,000 more and the interest is almost one and a half times the principal.

Mr. Miller: Maybe I can best explain it by saying that at the end of 1972 the loans outstanding to the Federal Government were 28.8 million dollars. In 1972-73, we paid off of that 28.8 million dollars 1.3 million, but we have borrowed in 1972-73 approximately 6 1/2 million dollars.

Mr. Chamberlist: Oh thank you, that's what I wanted to get. It doesn't show that something was added to this particular thing.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions? Well that appears to complete the First Reading of the Budget and I believe that there are certain number of answers available to some of the questions that have been raised while going through the Budget. I wonder if it's wishes of the Committee to recap some of those answers.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, before you move to answers, there is one other requirement on Appendix Page A-64. It's the Road Equipment Replacement Account and our commitment to Council when we set up this account that we would present to Council each year as part of Estimates, the estimated expenditures out of that fund. A full detail on Page A-64.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: But this is, nevertheless, a self-funding scheme?

Mr. Miller: This is a self-funding scheme, we had this commitment to Council that we would present it to them.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on that particular item? I think the first questions were arising out of the Department of Treasury.

Mr. Miller: The only question in the Department of Treasury, Mr. Chairman, was related to the Oil Heating Equalization Plan.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Then I wonder if we could leave that one in abeyance because I know Councillor McKinnon has some very strong feelings on this one particularly.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe the next question was in Vote 3 and it was related to Recreation and Amateur Sport and the question was, how much was spent on each of the programs this year to date? The expenditures to the end of January, 1973 under local programs, and I will round these for expediency, were \$21,000; under training programs - \$11,000; under Special and Yukon Programs which is the Advisory Committee coordinated item - \$29,000 under the portable pool program - \$5,000; Arctic Winter Games - \$22,000; Skookum Jim Friendship Centre - \$22,000; Girl Guide Association of \$1,000 - totalling \$112,000.

Mr. Commissioner: How long a period does that cover?

Mr. Miller: That covers from April of last year to January of this year. It is not the entire year. The amount voted in 1972-73 was \$157,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in addition to this, I assume we will have the normal breakdown I believe I requested earlier, as to where these grant monies went to.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, in what area - local programs training or Yukon sports organization? You mean you would like to know so much to school boy curling, so much to Tesla hockey, this type of thing? Is this what you want?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in answer to the Honourable Member that is quite correct. This is something that we have every Spring and I wonder if she would endeavour to have it for us.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I believe where there is a statutory requirement for report on the Physical Fitness and Sport Ordinance and what I am wondering, is this normally done at the end of a fiscal year. I am wondering if the Honourable Member would be satisfied if it appeared as a part of this report because I think that this report is what he is referring to. There is an awful lot of difference in doing this work before the fiscal year is over with and once the fiscal year is completely done.

Mr. Taylor: I would be more than pleased as long as I can get the report, Mr. Chairman. It doesn't matter one way or the other as long as I get the information.

Mrs. Watson: Yes but we are quite prepared to give the information if you will wait until the end of the fiscal year. We would table it then.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that would be fine with me, I wouldn't want to see any duplication of this thing. Just as long as I can get the information.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Then you are prepared to pass item 3197

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Mr. Taylor: Provisionally, yes. I believe the whole Budget will not be passed. We'll have another whack at it. .

Mr. Deputy Chairman: No, but the requested information will not be forthcoming until after the fiscal year. Hopefully the Budget will be passed before that.

Mr. Taylor: What I am saying, Mr. Chairman, is that we just got this thing thrown on the table and we have already whistled through it but I would like to reflect a little on it, as all Members, as all the information we have learned on going through the Budget and I think it's always proper for any Councillor at any time, prior to passage of the Budget, to go back on any part.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This has not been denied by -- the question was, were you prepared to clear item 3197

Mr. Taylor: For the moment, yes.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think the next question related to the Territorial Secretary and Registrar-General. It was a question of a general nature. The question was what increase in dollars for what dollar increase in fee under Commissioner's Orders were brought about in the past fiscal year. To the best of my ability, I attempted to obtain this figure this morning and I have come up with a figure of approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000. These were increases in motor vehicle fees in the amount of approximately \$10,000; increases in fees for seals and trophy fees for non-residents under the Game Ordinance in the amount of approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, were the monies raised by Mr. Commissioner by Commissioner's Order? Legislation by whom.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe the next questions that were asked were in the Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation area. I believe the Honourable Member has the answers to these.

Mr. Chamberlist: The questions that have been asked by Councillor Tanner; he wanted to know how many employees there were in the senior citizens home in Dawson and how many residents there were there. The answer is 13 employees in the Alexander MacDonald Lodge; there are 13 patients in the nursing homes section; 6 residents in the senior citizens home. This lodge, of course, is often required to give 24 hour care and supervision, and this applies to the nursing establishment as well. Before you give them the information, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Taylor wanted the Corrections inmate count, perhaps I will repeat it again. The total inmate days from January 1st to December 31st, 1972 was 21,032--broken down as follows: adult days - 15,996; juvenile days - 5,070. Councillor Taylor wanted a list of further stats for the whole of the department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. He also asked for the number of dismissals and reasons for them and asked for the number of terminations and the number of hired. In 1972, the Corrections Branch, the hired were 33; terminations 23 and there were no dismissals. In the Health Branch, there were 5 hired; 3 terminations; there were no dismissals. In the Welfare Branch, there were 33 hired; 23 terminations; 1 dismissal - the reason - social work unsatisfactory.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if we could commit that to paper in the normal form, or if not, if Mr. Clerk could extract that information from Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, Mr. Chairman, they're mainly on notes, but I'll be prepared to make up those statistics for the Honourable Member's satisfaction and allow him to have the use of them.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, and possibly, Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member could answer my first question a little more clearly, as I did ask as to the full statistics on our inmate situation in the Correctional Institute. Not necessarily in total, but how many native people have we against the white people up there, and what their repetitive factor was, which the Minister said he would get for us. In general, a general outline of just how this is working out.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, with respect, Mr. Chairman, I didn't recall that this was the breakdown, but we'll see that you get that because we provide that much -- I'll get this information and give it to the Honourable Member. It has been drawn to my attention quite properly by Mr. Commissioner, and most Councillors are aware, that information of that description, dealing with the inmate count in the Correctional Institute, is always supplied by my departmental officials in the monthly newsletters.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would still like the information catalogued, which I have not as I have not saved all my monthly newsletters. I don't know why it is, Mr. Chairman, but I just must say again, I deplore the fact that we must sit and it's like pulling hen's teeth, to get this information....

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Taylor: I'm wondering if we could find a little more co-operation in this regard because I think the questions are fair and we've asked them every other budget Session and we've never had this difficulty before, that I can recall.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe the next question, related to Inspection Services, in both the Local Government and the Territorial Secretary and Registrar General's Department....

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I will give all this detailed information, so that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake will not have to ask me -- I will make it available to him in the paper format. Firstly, dealing with the Protection Inspections Branch, we -- and specifically with the building inspector, the department presently has one building inspector, who is responsible for the issuance of building permits for all Local Improvement Districts, and unorganized communities. In addition, the building inspector assists issuance of building permits to the City of Dawson, the Town of Faro, as well as conducting building suitability inspections for Liquor Control, Land Use, in compliance to lease agreement terms for the Territorial Lands Branch. The City of Whitehorse has their own Building Inspections' Department. The increased work volumes are anticipated in the new legislation because of the Building Standards Ordinance, requiring the use of the National Building Code throughout the Yukon, as well as the necessity to issue permits, inspect buildings, etc., being constructed by the Yukon Housing Corporation, Indian-Eskimo Branch, and community residents. There is an increasing work volume over a very wide travelling area. Mr. Chairman, I have some breakdowns of statistics from 1969-1972. In 1969, from April 1st to March 31st, including the Porter Creek area, which at that time was outside the City of Whitehorse, there were 96 permits issued and the value of construction then was \$2,325,642.00. In 1970, during the same period, that is April 1st to March 31st, the permits issued including Porter Creek, were 130, and the value of construction was \$1,881,905.00. In 1971, from April 1st to March 31st, the permits issued in the City boundary extension, there were 61, the value of construction was \$747,738.00. In 1972, from April 1st to January 31st, 1973, of course, there were 83 permits issued and the value of construction was \$2,164,435.00. All that -- all these permits and money of course, were outside the greater City of Whitehorse. In 19 -- the fees collected were \$1,341,000.00. In 1972, there were 28,657 miles travelled, which included the road trips and local inspections. The way this mileage is got together is as Honourable Members know, Mr. Chairman, all vehicles have a log kept of the mileage that each vehicle takes once the vehicle is given out from the pool to the inspectors. There was 122 days on the road for local inspections and 129 days in office. There was one and a half days during that period which he was absent. The electrical inspectors' inspections, there's one electrical inspector for all building construction in the Yukon. The electrical inspector is also responsible for enforcement of the Electrical Code in Yukon Municipalities. During the past year, work volumes have exceeded our ability to have an electrical inspector for immediate hook-up permits; plans consultation or office inspection of plans. When the inspector is travelling, we receive complaints continually from contractors, who may be held up for several days for a necessary inspection, prior to being -- to work being closed in. Mr. Chairman, I'm sure all Honourable Members will recall that I specifically pointed this particular area out yesterday. Increased work volume mentioned with respect to building inspections will also apply in this area. Now for some statistics on the electrical inspector: from April 1st to March 31st, the total fees that were received was \$6,072.00; the total permits issued were 590. In 1971, for the same period, the total fees that were received were \$9,726.00 and the total permits were 488. In 1972, to January 31st, 1973, from the period April 1st to that date, the total fees were received at \$8,019.00; the total permits were 735. In February, 1972 to January, 1973, there were 26,559 miles travelled, this included road trips and local inspections. There were 176 days spent on the road on local inspections, 42 days in the office, and there were 11 days for other types of inspections: preventative inspections, planning, and also on Y.T.C. buildings. Plumbing and heating inspector: the Protection Services Branch does not have a plumbing and heating inspector in this area of public safety. The only plumbing inspections being done are by the City of Whitehorse. A similar service is required in the other Yukon communities, both to ensure improved operation of community water and sewer systems, and to ensure that heating systems are properly installed and meet the P.S.A. standards. This inspector would also ensure that the increasing number of propane gas installations of P.S.A. approved equipment, were carried out to proper safety standards for the protection of the appliance users and the public in commercial and industrial operations. I'm sure that all Members will agree that it is very important that propane installations be properly inspected. That deals with the inspections on the protective area. The other inspections in the Territorial Secretary's Inspection Department; there are some very significant points that are involved. The number of prosecutions and the wage complaints have gone down. This is really a reflection on the benefits of a good Inspection Department. Especially in the areas of Labour Standards and Liquor Inspections; prosecutions are exceedingly time consuming and we are thereby able to add to the efficiency of the department by reductions caused by more inspections being made. There have been many wage complaints and in the past, that has created employment for two more men, more or less on a full-time basis. They have much to do in relation to interviews, calculations, and other preparations in examining various books and documents under the various Ordinances. The goal of the complete Labour Standards' inspection is very very important and I would point out also, that the inspection section is going to be much more heavily packed very soon, because of the fact that employer payrolls have to be examined for Workmen's Compensation assessments and because of the enforcement of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Ordinance, which of course, is going to be of prime importance, to make sure that the employers are turning over the monies that they have been deducting from their employees as part of the Health plan. The statistics here are as follows: In December, 1971-72, the mileage on inspections was 600 miles, but in the months December/72 to January/73, there was 4,658 miles. In those same months, December and January, 1971-72, as compared to December of 72-73, there were 59 wage complaints, and in the latter two months of that 72-73, there were 34.

Mr. Chamberlist continues:

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The ones that have been collected as a result of these inspections for employees for the Territory, 1971-72 there was \$12,861 collected from the ... employers and it was more in December and January 1972-73 there was \$16,135. Under the Labour Standards Ordinance there was 14 inspections, 1971-72; December and January 1972-73 -- 76 inspections. Under the Liquor Ordinance December, January 1971-72 there were 22 inspections; December and January 1972-73 there were 116 inspections; there were 41 charges laid in December, January 1971-72 and just 8 in December 1972-73. Obviously the inspections are having some effect. There were 37 convictions in 1971-72, in 1972-73 there were 8 convictions. Under the Accident Prevention Regulations there were 9 inspections 1971-72, December, January, the same period of time there were 24 1972-73. The Workmen's Compensation inspection to determine insurance coverage; in December, January 1971-72 there were no inspections, in December 1972-73, there were 64 inspections. Under Business Licence Ordinance there were 2 - 1971-72 and 8 - 1972-73. Companies Ordinance there weren't at all 1971-72 and there were 3 in 1972-73. Under the Fuel Tax Ordinance there were 2 investigations collected with \$12,284 in 1971-72 and 1972-73 the same period of time there was \$4,000 in the process of being collected there were two investigations. The Highway Signs Regulations 1971-72 there were no inspections, December, January 1972-73 there were 25 inspections. Elevators and Fixed Conveyances, 1971-72 December, January there were no inspections, December, January 1972-73 there were 30 inspections. Under the Motor Vehicles Ordinance there were 2 inspections in 1971-72, and there were 2, plus a 14-hour portable weigh scale operation on the Dempster Highway. Now there you have a rundown of the various inspections that are required in different areas, and this is all the more reason why it is so important to have an Inspection Department that will enforce the regulations. The Government of the Yukon Territory is not interested as much in seeing convictions, they are interested to see that the public are protected and this is why we have an Inspection Department. I am sure this is a lot of backup for the question. I will be making available copies of the statistics for Members tomorrow.

Mr. Tanner: Does the Member want to hear some of the questions that have been asked? I have another question for him, or would you prefer to leave it until later on? Perhaps the Honourable Member could correct me, but in the Department of Welfare there are 34 3/4 employees in the Administration, and if I understand the figures which we just received here. It's on page 30, Mr. Chairman. If I understand the figures which we just got permanent hires is 33, terminations are 23. And then we have casuals -- casual employees of 61. If those permanent employees' terminations are correct and I think the total number of employees working within the Welfare Branch, unless -- it seems like an extremely high rate turnover.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member must understand that when we talk about the Welfare Branch, although we talk about the Welfare Branch, we are talking about all areas of the Welfare Branch. The Honourable Member has just simply taken the number of the administration people, but under the Welfare Branch and not only the 34 3/4 administrative people there are the people who are in the lodge and senior citizen home would be another 26 1/2. You see they are all under the Welfare division. Did the Honourable Member get that?

Mr. Miller: Total staff is 62.

Mr. Tanner: The total staff being 62, it is still a turnover on those figures unless some people are turning over two or three times, then that is half of the total staff in that department.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, let's start -- this only happens in a department of this nature because you know most of the people who are employed are women and of course we have, we lose a lot of people because they get married, a lot of people because they raise families, we lose a lot of people because they have families. And unfortunately the Director or myself as Executive Committee Member have no control over some of those things.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, obviously there are a lot of women employed in the government, there are a lot of nurses, there are a lot of stenographers and so on and quite frankly I suppose a lot of them are young and a lot of them get married and a lot of them have children, there is no doubt about it. But it does appear to me that there seems to be an extremely high turnover in that one department and maybe this isn't the place to appeal, but I certainly think it warrants further investigation.

Mr. Chamberlist: What can you investigate, the people wish to get transferred and I don't know for instance you might find out of those 23. It has just come to mind, I know, of three people in the -- clerical people, who perhaps are employed at a Clerk I and then a position comes available for a Clerk II, so what happens is they, under the competition, they apply for a job as a Clerk II. Now this will only indicate of the number of people who have terminated within the Branch, not necessarily have terminated in the department because they have gone to another department, they have got a raise. We have -- for instance the Director's secretary transferred during the year from the Social Welfare Department now because she is with -- so satisfied and such a good person, the Commissioner has grabbed her now and now she is working down with the Commissioner. You know, it makes bad statistics, but she is still working for us and doing her job. And there are many like that, as well. There is another particular person, who has worked in another branch, but really you can't indicate that because there is a number of terminations that everybody is unhappy. There are some people who are unhappy and there are some people in life who are unhappy with whatever they do, with whoever they are employed. Sometimes I stand here and I'm unhappy too, but I just cut it out, you know.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, if there is one department that I consider is important, in meeting the public -- members of the public, it is more important than any other department in government, it has got to be in the Welfare department. I think. Unless there is a consistency in the administration, not in the administration, in the reception, shall we say to the problems which the public are coming to that department with, there is obviously going to be more unhappiness on the part of the public, less understanding on the part of the department. My major concern really is, whether or not people who talk to the public, not the clerical staff, but whether or not people who are talking to the public are turning over or leaving and if they are, why are they leaving, and the services better be improved towards the public. If we could save costs on Welfare, it is a problem basically that the staff is turning over.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Chairman, the service of the social welfare workers to the public is so good that three of our *BILL #8* social welfare workers in the last year have got married. Obviously, they are good to the public; they have got married. Because their husbands have got their work elsewhere, have been transferred elsewhere; so, of course, they have left the Department. I have another instance of -- two, as a matter of fact -- where they were, the married women had given birth to children, and they have stopped work for awhile, and they have terminated their employment. Generally, I am pleased to say that the morale of the whole Department is excellent, and I am very pleased that I have such fine people to work with because it makes my job much easier, and I am very pleased, indeed, that we have such a conscientious group of people working in the Department. I say, you must accept the figures as they are. There were thirty-three hired, and twenty-three of them have terminated. Out of that, as well, there were five who were probation periods. They were on probation for six months, and they have terminated themselves. They don't have to maintain themselves. Generally, I would have to say that the quality of the people that we have in the Department is exceptionally good. I am quite content that the figures have shown are not bad in view of what was shown in the past prior to them having some guidance from people who are elected to Territorial Council. Before that, they had nobody to turn to for help. Now they have.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Thank you, for your explanations, Mr. Chamberlist. I notice the next item to question was 605, and *EST. 606* it was put forward by Councillor McKinnon who was basing his question upon answers he was to receive from the Commissioner this morning; so, it is hard to say whether he actually got satisfactory answers or not.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there was another question on 605 further on in the Votes and Proceedings, and it related to page A-29. The question was: What has been paid to the Local Improvement Districts. I took that to mean this year to date.

Mr. Taylor: Maybe we could just hold off that information until the Honourable Member returns.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: This was from Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I was in a conference over here. What was the question?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: A reply on a question that you had asked on Appendix 29 in item 605. I think the Treasurer is about to give you your answer.

Mr. Miller: The question, as I understood it, Mr. Chairman, was: How much money had been paid to the LIDs. Payments this year to date: Watson Lake, \$35,000; Haines Junction, \$18,000; Mayo, \$35,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, does the Treasurer anticipate that the balance of the monies voted last year will be picked up by the end of this year?

Mr. Miller: I would assume, Mr. Chairman, that most of the funds will probably be drawn down. I think that what is happening is that most of these Local Improvement Districts are waiting for their final audited statement to request their final grants.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, would I assume that the \$35,000 that went to Mayo didn't include the \$33,000 that we are talking about for their sewer and water systems?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these are only the municipal grants under what we would consider the Establishment 605.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Were there any further questions, Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Tanner: One can't help but make the observation, it seems, that Watson Lake seems to be getting a considerable increase. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether the Member from Watson Lake has any comment on that. He is always telling us about all the funds that go everywhere else, and here is a tremendous increase, actually, in the Local Improvement District of Watson Lake.

Mr. Taylor: If you would say that the Local Improvement District of Watson Lake, being a model, as far as I know is the only one that really functions. I don't interfere with them in the manner that the Territorial Government interferes with the City and the LIDs. I just leave them be, and whenever they request my assistance, I get in there to do every little bit that I can to help them. If you use that as a model for this Government, I think we would all be very happy.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I take exception to that. I don't think that the Territorial Government interferes with the operations of the LIDs. This accusation that the Honourable Member made is very incorrect. And there are two other LIDs that are functioning very properly and very well in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Tanner: If the comments by the Honourable Member, while he might feel that they are very funny, he is very inconsistent because it was just in the last Session but one, when he argued so strenuously about forming any more LIDs; he said that they don't work well. And, now he stands up and says the very one he comes from is the model of LIDs in the country. It would be easier to follow the Honourable Member if he was consistent, but he is so inconsistent in his arguments that one feels that one should take no notice at all of what he says.

Mr. Chamberlist: What he meant was that it was a model that didn't work well.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please, I would have to rule that this is becoming argumentative.

Mr. Taylor: I can only say that it would be easier to understand the Member from Watson Lake if you would pay attention to what he had to say.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please. I think that the next item was 700, was it not, Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Miller: Yes, the next question that was asked was for some statistics regarding spending in Tourism.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: There should be a breakdown in advertising, I think.

Mr. Miller: Well, there were two questions asked. One was statistics re Tourism expenditures versus the number of tourist dollars or number of visitors. This has been rather difficult to come up with on the spur of the moment, but we have information for the 1970-71 fiscal year. And, this is out of a Canadian Tourism publication. It gives us the tourist promotion expenditures by province or territory. There're two places that we have been able to come up with the number of visitors in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories but as an example, in the Yukon in 1970-71 we spent \$114,000

Mr. Miller continues:

BILL #8 on Tourism promotion expenditures. Our number of visitors was approximately 200,000 or an expenditure, if you like, of .57 cents per visitor. In the Northwest Territories their expenditures on a comparable basis were \$58,000. Their number of visitors was 20,000 for a cost of \$2.90 per visitor. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to come up with any other jurisdictions of Canada, their number of visitors.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that is interesting data. I wonder if that could be committed to paper. I think that the Honourable Member who asked the question was Councillor McKinnon, and it sounds like something interesting to have and review.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, all of this will all appear as it is quoted in the Votes and Proceedings.

Mr. Chamberlist: In the Votes and Proceedings. That is what I keep telling the Honourable Member. That is what we got them for.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Commissioner is familiar with the new Votes and Proceedings. They are pretty small.

Mr. Commissioner: We can buy magnifying glasses, I am sure.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I will present a table to Council on this matter. The next question, Mr. Chairman, related to a breakdown of the \$180,000 in advertising. This is made up of \$60,000 for publications and folders; \$7,000 for Tourism envelopes; \$50,000 for paid advertising; \$25,000 for Government events, Klondike '73; \$4,000 for Yukon posters; \$6,000 for hosting tours; \$6,000 for travel-writer, film-maker visits; \$6,000 for news media visits; \$4,000 for promotional displays, convention items; \$3,000 for travel agents tour; \$2,000 outside press contact tour; \$3,000 for film clips, slides, photo services; \$2,000 for hospitality training seminars; \$2,000 for campground fee stickers. In summary, \$130,000 of it can be considered for tourism promotions. The other \$50,000 would be in the information and Klondike '73 celebrations.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, did I hear the Treasurer say \$25,000 for Klondike '73?

Mr. Miller: Yes. This is the cost for promotion of Klondike '73.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions under that section of 700?

Mr. Tanner: No further questions, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the Treasurer for the information. The only thing that I would comment on is that it is difficult to absorb all of those figures like that; so, I will read them in the Votes and Proceedings tomorrow.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next question was land reserves for Territorial Parks. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to come up with all the maps; I have some available which I will leave for Committee's perusal and a copy of the press release that was issued at the time of the announcement. I will make those available for Committee.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion before the House tomorrow morning on this particular question, and possibly this matter could be dealt with at that time. I think that it could be discussed in Committee.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on this item at this time?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next question was regarding the Campground Maintenance Programs. The question asked was for a breakdown of where we will contract campground maintenance versus hiring our own personnel. The answer is that all of the campground maintenance this year will be put out for people to apply to be campground maintenance workers on an open competition. Where we cannot hire a casual individual for this position, then a contract will have to be issued.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I notice that this was a question that was raised by Councillor McKinnon.

Mr. Miller: I will deal with it again in the morning. Mr. Chairman, there was one other question on the Police Services Agreement. I haven't been able to get all of the answers available on that. I will have it available for tomorrow. The only two other items that were raised were: No. 1, a breakdown of the community development grant positions as of the current status. I have information to Councillors to table on that. The other was a request for the Tote Trail Assistance Program as at the end of 1971-72, and again I have copies of that report. That is my list of question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Since that brings the outstanding questions with the exception of those two or three that we have made note of, I think that completes the expenditure portion of the Budget. Is it the wishes of Committee to continue with the revenue section tomorrow. I think in view of the time, then, that the Chair would entertain a motion that Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair, I think it would be an appropriate time to say within hearing of the members of the press who have somewhat belittled the fact that we have had an empty gallery on our first night last night, that they correct themselves and give ample publicity to the fact that there are many people in the Yukon who are very interested in seeing what is going on in Territorial Council. Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker, do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before I put the motion, I wonder if the Territorial Treasurer could be excused. Is there a seconder to the motion?

Mr. Tanner: I will second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
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MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order. May we have a Report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Committee was called to order at 2:30 p.m. for further discussion of Bill No. 6. We had with us at one point Mr. Al Williams, the Manager of the Yukon Housing Corporation, to discuss that portion of the Budget. I can report progress on the Budget. At 9:20 p.m. motion was put forward by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair. And this motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. You have heard the Report of Chairman of Committees; are you agreed? Have you anything with respect to the agenda?

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that it is the intention of Council tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. to be called to order to discuss Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I move that we call it 9:30.

Mr. Stutter: Second.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the motion. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Council now stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

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Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett and Councillor McKinnon absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. Are there any correspondence and documents to be tabled this afternoon?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, we have for tabling today, Sessional Papers No. 13 and 14.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills? Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? We will proceed to Daily Routine. We have two Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers. I do not believe the Member is present at the moment, however, will Council agree to defer these until tomorrow? Under Motions, we have Motion No. 8. It was moved by Councillor Stutter, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Sessional Paper No. 5 and Legislative Returns Nos. 1 and 5, be discussed in Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Without leaving the Chair, I wonder if Council would agree to defer Motions Nos. 9 & 10 until tomorrow. Thank you, Honourable Members. I will call a brief recess to call the Commissioner.

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Mr. Speaker: At this time I will call Council back to order, and we will proceed with the Question Period. Are there any questions?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, could I inform Council that a document which this body voted its approval of putting together approximately two years ago has finally arrived, namely the bibliography of the Yukon Territory, and we are arranging as soon as possible for copies of it to be made available to all Members of Council; likewise, for it to be made available on a purchase basis by members of the general public. I think that you will remember that this was a contract we entered into with the Boreal Institute of the University of Alberta and they have done what, in my opinion, is a very satisfactory job. One copy which is here, I will gladly pass around among Members of Council simply to let them see what kind of a publication that it is. Also, a bibliography of this nature is, as all Members are aware, of no value unless it is maintained on a continuous basis and we expect to see a proposal from the Boreal Institute very shortly as to how they would arrange with us for this to be kept up-to-date. There'll be a cost involved, but I think there'll be a cost that will be well worthwhile as far as Yukon is concerned, particularly at a time when there is so much research and printed matter being put together for many, many sources all across Canada and other countries in the world, in connection with the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Are there any questions?

Mr. Stutter: I have a question for the Minister of Health; this question referring to the Yukon Health Insurance Plan. I wonder, Mr. Minister, if you could tell me of the potential revenue that could be derived from premiums within the Territory -- what percentage of it, for some reason or other, has not been paid under the policy?

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will have to take notice of that question because there will be some statistical figures that will have to be obtained. I can indicate, however, that generally we are keeping up-to-date with those who have registered for -- in under the Plan and those premiums are being paid, but there are those who have not registered and, of course, their premiums can't be accepted until such time as they have registered. I will try and get some figures for the Honourable Member, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have one further question for the Commissioner. If I might be allowed a little bit of preamble, there is a general rule that the Commissioner bends over backwards to carry out the wishes of Council either through motions or their wishes in general, but for some reason on December 7, I had a motion before this Council that was passed, as a matter of fact, unanimously, which was to do with the holiday, the 17th of August. It was to change the Interpretation Ordinance and for some reason we now have a Sessional Paper in front of us which indicates that for some reason, the Administration is not willing to carry out the wishes of that motion. I wonder if Mr. Commissioner could give some light on that.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, first I would hope that the Honourable Members do not infer from the wording of this Sessional Paper that we are not prepared to carry out the wishes of the Council. But at the time that the matter was brought forward by the Honourable Member from Dawson, there was simultaneously prepared within the Administration a proposal concerning the 17th of August, or the Discovery Day Holiday, and it was felt that in all fairness to Honourable Members, that the alternatives that appeared as a consequence of this Member's suggestion, should be placed before Council at the earliest time. I am very sorry that this is being misinterpreted, Mr. Speaker, as being an indication that we are not prepared to carry out Council's wishes because that is not the case and my colleagues on the Executive Committee here in this Council will verify that this is exactly why this paper has been put together, to allow Council the opportunity of advising us, should you consider the alternative, bearing in mind also that I advise the Honourable Member that it was not a practical situation in the month of December to suggest changing for the year 1973. I felt that on that basis, as did my colleagues on the Executive Committee, this was a fair approach at this time to take, but it does not infer any disrespect or any attempt on the part of the Administration not to be prepared to see to Council's wishes if in the final analysis, after this further consideration, that is what they want to do.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner, whether he would have any objection to tabling any and all correspondence between the Government of the Yukon Territory and Mr. Hobbs before the Legislative Council?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, could I have the opportunity to see just what is involved here. I don't even know if we have had any correspondence from this gentleman. Could I have the opportunity of notice on that question?

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S.P. 13 & 14

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QUESTION RE
YUKON HEALTH
INSURANCE
PLAN

QUESTION RE
DISCOVERY
DAY

QUESTION RE
MR. HOBBS'
CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

QUESTION RE
CHARGES RE
YANSI

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the President of the Native Council of Canada, Mr. Tony Belcourt, leveled very serious charges against the Government of the Yukon Territory. He has charged that a Member of the Territorial Council got into the act on L.I.D. grants and had insisted that the Yukon Association of Non Status Indians not receive equal amounts of money for labour and material. He has also charged, Mr. Speaker, that YANSI plans for an alcohol treatment officer was blocked by the Territorial Government and that YANSI will refuse any assistance from the Territorial Government in their attempt to get an alcohol program going in the Yukon. Mr. Commissioner, as a Member of the Yukon Legislative Council, I stand accused, as every other Member of Council does, by these charges and I wish to say publicly that I have no knowledge of these charges whatsoever. I would ask Mr. Commissioner if he would inform Council if there is any truth to these accusations and if he would provide background of these very serious charges that the President of the Native Council of Canada has leveled against the Government of the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, like all other situations of this nature at the moment in the public eye, there is much more to the factual situation than what generally appears to the eye. If it is the Honourable Member's wish to place this as a question so we would have an opportunity to answer it in writing, I think that it would be the proper thing to have made available for Council's information; the basic and proper background that is involved and because I think that under the circumstances, the members of the Executive Committee likewise feel that the charges have been leveled and just how, you know, we could answer back or how do we defend ourselves as a consequence. So could I ask that of the Honourable Member.

Mr. McKinnon: No objection whatsoever, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Honourable Member because in putting the question forward, Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Commissioner, he asked the Commissioner to supply the background of the charges. I respectfully ask Mr. Speaker, that in view of the fact that the charges were not made by the Commissioner, the background of the charges should be brought forward by the Honourable Member. Are you prepared to do that?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I am trying to find out the facts of an accusation that was leveled against me as a Member of the Yukon Legislative Council. I say here, honestly, and as openly as I can, that I have no knowledge whatsoever of where the charges originated from, what the background of the charges are, or why the charges were leveled. And I can stand here and state that no -- in complete honesty and truth, that there is no truth to the charges as far as this Member of Council is concerned, because I don't know what the person is talking about, but evidently the Commissioner stated that these are charges that the Executive Committee has taken into consideration and that they would like an opportunity to be able to answer them. Mr. Speaker, all I am doing is trying to give the Government the opportunity to answer some very serious charges that I think were leveled against us.

Mr. Chamberlist: With respect, Mr. Speaker, perhaps my question, again, should be clarified. When the Honourable Member, Mr. Speaker, spoke, he said he was -- he asked the Commissioner to give the background of the charges. I'm simply asking of the Honourable Member, Mr. Speaker, that as he has made the suggestion that the charges have been made by a party, he could perhaps get in contact with that party and he could provide the background of these charges. I am not aware of what he is talking about.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I was present at the meeting of the Yukon Association of Non Status Indians, the First Annual Conference. I was in the Coudert Residence and I almost, as the Honourable Member for Dawson used to say, swallowed my spooze when the President of the Native Council of Canada stood up and stated these charges against the Government of the Yukon Territory. I will get a verbatim, taped report, if the Honourable Member would like it, of the actual speech and the charges that were leveled. I will also give the Government the press reports of this, if they already haven't them and I'm sure they do have, of the charges that were leveled. This is all the background that I have as a Member of the public who was at the Conference for information. A charge was leveled against the Territorial Government and the Council of the Yukon Territory, the latter of which I am a Member. And as I say, I was so unprepared for them that I almost fell off my chair, because I know nothing at all of where the charges emanated from. I say, as I did before, that I think they are serious charges and that the Government should be given an opportunity to answer them.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions? As there are no further questions, I would like to thank the Commissioner for his attendance today. What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Tanner: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

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Mr. Speaker: Would the Honourable Member for Dawson take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before I declare a brief recess of Committee, I wonder, Mr. Clerk, if you would ascertain if the Treasurer would be available to meet with us? I will now declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. Before we completed the initial reading of Bill No. 6 last night, it was agreed by Committee that the one or two outstanding items that were -- answers were -- requested by Councillor McKinnon would be held over until today. The first item was a question, Councillor McKinnon, that you had arising out of 605 from the Votes and Proceedings depending on answers you had received from the Commissioner. In Votes and Proceedings it was on page 12. Councillor McKinnon, do you have any outstanding questions on that item? On Establishment 605 on page 34 of the Budget there were some questions that Councillor McKinnon had asked.

BILL #6

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Establishment 605, I find it very difficult to give my consent to, because I think that before this Session of Council prorogues that somehow or other we are going to have to get into the area of municipal financing. Evidently, from what I can understand from questioning the Commissioner, at this moment, that the actual financial statement for the fiscal year 1972-73 of the City of Whitehorse has not yet been presented to the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory. The Commissioner has stated that it is very difficult to get a complete overview of the financial condition of the City until he and his officers have received a statement and have had a chance to examine it. I think, perhaps, upon examination of the financial statement that Establishment No. 605 may be changed for the 1973-74 estimates. The fiscal year of the Government of the Yukon Territory does not begin until April 1st of this year. I think that this Establishment should be less, for the time being, until the financial statement is received by the Government of the Yukon Territory and examined. Then perhaps some of the questions that I have asked the Commissioner in Council can be answered by Mr. Commissioner. Perhaps, we can, then, have a debate in Council as to the level of the Municipal Aid Ordinance grants, as to whether they are providing enough money to the municipalities for them to be able to fulfill their municipal obligations properly. If, at the present time, we pass the Budget of the 1973-74 estimates in the present form, it means that we can ask no upward revision, or perhaps, downward revision, in the Municipal Aid Ordinance except through calling a special Session of Council, and supplementaries being provided by the Government of the Yukon Territory. So, I don't think that the passage of the Budget is an immediate concern at the moment, and I would like the Establishment 605 not agreed to at this time, until we can have the overview of City finances that both the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory would like. I think that all Members of this Council, also, would like to see them.

EST. 605

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the Municipal Aid Ordinance is a piece of legislation. The grants that are being provided are provided in the Budget in accordance with the legislation passed by the majority of this Council. The amounts shown broken down on A-29, showing the grants and loans and the formula for which those grants are made available. If there is any question once the financial statement, which should have been provided on at least an interim basis, is considered, then, if necessary, and Council has to have a special Session to adjust if the City of Whitehorse is able to provide the information to show that they have insufficient money to conduct the affairs of business. Then, by all means, I am sure that the Government would have no other recourse but to call a special Session of Council together to make amendments to the Municipal Aid to provide for any increases to the Municipal Aid Grant. But, at the moment, the point is, we are complying with the legislation, and this item 605, especially in the grants and loans amount of \$919,730, is that amount that is provided by legislation, and we have a legislative responsibility to meet that criteria.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I must rise to say that in the area of municipalities that if you view A-29, you will find that Fare received a municipal, unconditional grant of \$39,698 based on a population of 853 people when, indeed, there are some 1200 people in that community. I think that, indeed, until the answers come to the questions that I have asked of the Administration requesting written answers, in terms of census revision, and until this whole package of municipal problems is hashed out at this Session, I feel, as the Honourable Member does, that we should hold this matter in abeyance as, indeed, the results of any action that might be taken could vastly change item 605 in the Budget.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member may be quite correct that there might have to be changes if the census on which we are basing these grants and loans changed. The point is, I repeat, this Municipal Aid Ordinance is legislation. We have provided in this Budget in accordance with law; if there are to be any changes, and again, I repeat, the Government would have no hesitancy in having a special Session of Council to adjust, if adjustment is required. But we must abide by the law. This is our responsibility as lawmakers.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, could it not be considered a courtesy to Council to extend this extension of time with respect to 605? The Budget does not take effect until April 1st -- until the 31st of March, and it is not yet March, and certainly, we will have several sitting days to come as yet. Could not this matter be deferred at this time. What is the urgency?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West and the Honourable Member from Watson Lake know full well that this is a valid Territorial Budget, and they also know that they are representatives on a Territorial Council, not a Municipal Council. It is their responsibility to consider this balanced Budget. Now, if there isn't enough provision in this Budget, and if there are indications after an investigation by the terms of the resolutions that were passed in last Council, that the municipalities are not receiving sufficient funds from the Territorial Government, then the Territorial Government will have to call a special Session, put forward a Supplementary Budget and ask the Territorial Council to indicate to the Government where they will obtain the funds to pay to the municipalities.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that is exactly the point, because once this Budget is passed and the monies cannot be found in this Budget -- Mr. Chairman, with no difficulty at all, if I were setting Government priorities, I could find all sorts of monies from this Budget to put to different priorities than those which the Government of the Yukon Territory are spending the taxpayers' dollars of the Yukon Territory at this time. This should be considered in this Budget, not at a special Session of Council, and not in Supplementary Estimates. If it is the majority wish of this Council, after receiving the financial statement of the City of Whitehorse, and then allowing the machinery for the Municipal and the Territorial Governments to get together, they then decide that as, according to what the Hardy Report said that: in our opinion, the position in which the City has been placed by the Territorial Government is far from satisfactory. Leaving aside the long-term theoretical merits of the new grant system, the fact is that the reduction in the scale of payments coming in the first year following amalgamation is, in our opinion, simply not defensible. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse East has called the Hardy Report irrelevant. Some of the taxpayers in the City of Whitehorse and the Yukon Territory do not find the Hardy Report irrelevant. The motion which was instituted in this House, or asked to be passed in this House, by myself, that the City and the Territory meet immediately, was perverted by the amendment of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North. And, once the financial statements and documents had been presented to the Commissioner, then the meeting should take place. This is urgent immediate, and the auditors, I understand, have been working day and night with the City of Whitehorse in order to prepare this report that the Territorial Government is waiting for. At that moment, there is no reason why the City and the Territory cannot meet in an attempt to reconcile their differences as brought out in the report commissioned by the City known as the Hardy Report. Then,

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If this Council feels, as this Honourable Member does, that the Municipal Aid Ordinance and the per capita grant should be increased to allow the City of Whitehorse to meet their municipal responsibilities, that will have to be a responsibility of this Council and this Budget before the fiscal year of April 1st, 1973. That is the responsibility of all Members of Council. It is a responsibility that the people of the Yukon Territory elected all Members of Council to represent, not only the other areas of the Yukon, but also those living within municipalities. I would like to comment that I think that the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane may be on dangerous grounds if she starts playing me off as a defender of the City against the genuine interest of the Members outside of the municipalities of the Yukon. If she does her homework and checks the background, she will find that, I don't think, once I have been found lacking in my support of services for the people of the Yukon Territory beyond the municipal boundaries where people live. The fact remains that the majority of the citizens of the Yukon do live in the municipalities; there is some good belief that the municipalities were not dealt fairly with by the Municipal Aid Ordinance. The Hardy Report has backed this belief, and I feel that it is the responsibility of every Member of this Council to allow further negotiations between the Territorial Government and the City of Whitehorse to take place, which can take place as soon as the financial statement, which will be available almost immediately, is made to the Government of the Yukon Territory. It is a subject matter for this Budget; a subject matter which must be decided by this Council, and a matter that should be put over so that we can all fulfill the responsibilities of elected representatives of all of the people of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chamberlain: Mr. Chairman, certainly, I take some umbrage at the suggestion that I used the words that I thought that the Hardy Report was irrelevant. If the Honourable Member will have a look at the Votes and Proceedings, he will see that, as usual, he has attempted to distort my wording. Of course, having had much experience in his use of distortion in matters of Votes and Proceedings, I don't take too much notice of what he said, except for the fact that I do feel that it is about time that he started quoting exactly. And, then he would understand what exactly was said. It is quite all right for the Honourable Member to be very flowery in his speech in this particular area, to speak about the responsibilities of Territorial Councillors, but I think that there is an onus upon Members of this Territorial Council to make sure that the legislation that this Council passes is complied with. I think that there is a further onus upon each and every Territorial Councillor, if he had any influence with any municipal officer, to make sure that the municipal officer complied with the provisions of legislation such as the Municipal Ordinance itself. There are certain mandatory requirements within the legislation that has been provided for the municipalities, and there is a duty upon the people involved to provide the people of the Yukon Territory with the necessary information so that it can deal in a proper manner with all areas of Budget. As the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane has just indicated, we provide for Members of Council a balanced Budget, and we can only deal on the basis of the legislation that gives us the power to bring forward to this Council Chambers the balanced Budget based on the legislation. I don't think, Mr. Chairman, that there is anybody that can dispute the fact that there is legislation, the Municipal Aid Ordinance, which provides the specific formula for providing the funds under the grants and loans. This we have done; we have complied with those mandatory requirements, and I am sure that if we went outside of those mandatory requirements, the Honourable Member who has just spoken would quickly jump on his feet and say, "What is the point of having legislation if you don't comply with it?" Now, he is saying, in actual effect, "You have legislation; you are complying with it, but we are not satisfied with it; so, we don't want you to carry out the functions that you have in providing this type of loan under that legislation, this type of grant under the legislation." There would be no purpose whatever in trying to stall the Establishment 605 from going through. The Honourable Member knows full well because he has been on the Financial Advisory Committee, he knows full well that if there is a requirement for additional funds to be found in any particular area, that by Supplementaries these monies can be found. He also knows full well that there is no reason why -- if it is proven that any municipality hasn't the funds that it should have, and in the case of both the City of Whitehorse, and the Honourable Member from Watson Lake is speaking on the behalf of a municipality that is in his constituency and believes that count number is wrong -- there is no reason why, once that is corrected, and if it is corrected there is no reason why it can't be adjusted to make the funds which would be altered as a result of a new count available by Supplementary again. The Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane has brought out the extra point that once there is an area where it can be shown that additional funds should be made available, then there is a necessity to say, "Here are our suggestions from the Government's side of where the money should be found" and it would be up to the Council to approve or disapprove whether the money should be found for that particular purpose, keeping in mind that every time that we have to find more funds for a municipality, the Territorial taxpayer right across the Territory has to provide all those funds. The last point that I wish to make which I find very difficult to understand coming from the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West is his particular reference to a specific report that he provides as the background for the need for the additional funds for the municipality of the City of Whitehorse. The Territorial Government has not at any time said, "No, this report is not going to be given any considerations at all." What was said, and was clearly said, and the Votes and Proceedings speak for themselves, once the City of Whitehorse has complied with its mandatory obligation to provide the information that the Territorial Government requires, that is the financial statement, at least an interim statement, so that we will have something to go on; and surely, any good business, whether it is a municipality or just an ordinary operating business, can take up a month's end statement and say, "This is our position at the end of this month." They could take a three month's statement up; they could take a six month's statement up; we have a statement from April 1st to December 31st; it is an interim statement; this is for nine months, and based on the nine months, we are including the last three months, and this is an approximate position as far as the finances are concerned. No, it is not forthcoming, and because it is not forthcoming we have to say, and we have to stay firm, "We, as a Territorial Government, we have got to honour the legislation that has been passed by this Council." The legislation is clear; the requirements are clear; our duty is clear; and, as far as I am concerned, once those requirements have been fulfilled, the Government can deal with that matter, and perhaps be able to look deeply into the areas that the City of Whitehorse, in particular, say have been bothering them. Until such time that that is done, it is not a requirement upon us to do that. Let the City of Whitehorse show their real concern by providing the Government with the information that it has to give as a compulsory, mandatory requirement.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think a few points have been made here, and yet I think the real thing that we're after here is time. Two days ago, the Administration laid before Council this Budget, and in two days, if you consider the magnitude of what we have so far accomplished, we have virtually roared through, in two days, a \$49,000,000.00 Budget. The late sittings have caused some trouble. It's just impossible for at least a layman with no support facility such as the Government enjoys, to comprehend all these things. What we're really saying is, would you defer this item and, in some instances, other items in the Budget until such a time as we can sit down and consider them at some length. There has been no time to do this. I would think the Government would appreciate this point of view; we have not seen this document for any great length of time. Certainly, this is a balanced Budget. I heartily agree with the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane. However, it is balanced in secrecy, shall we say, up until this point. This is the first time the public, including myself, have had a chance to see the finished product. It's the old case; if you've got something to hide and conceal, you bull it through as we did last year. But, if you're very open and honest about this Budget as an Administration, then I think you would have no compunction whatsoever to granting some time for Members to consider these weighty proposals. The one we talk about is only \$1,122,000.00, but that's a large sum of money; that the people's money. This is why we're supposed to be here, to be a guardian of the taxpayers' dollars to be spent. This is all we're asking. Linked into this, for instance, is the L.I.D. Municipal Grants. I think I'd very much like to consult with my L.I.D. people on the telephone or by some other means, and find out how they think about the appropriations that are forthcoming for this year. Then, if something is wrong, I can make a representation to you, and say, "Now, look here, there is a shortfall here, or there." I think we're entitled to this time, Mr. Chairman. I would again ask the Administration if they would give consideration to what some Members have asked for here today.

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Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether the Honourable Member from Watson Lake is aware of the fact that the amount that is in the Budget for the L.I.D., for Watson Lake, is the amount that they have requested in the Budget, and it came from them. I would caution him not to interfere with local matters of this magnitude. I'm rather unimpressed by the emotional outburst by the Member from Whitehorse West. The other evening, I was quite impressed when he said, "Let's take a business-like approach to this", when we were considering the Tourism budget. He said, "Are we spending enough money for the tourist dollars that we're getting back into the Territory?" I thought this was a good way of looking at it. This is how we should be looking at it. Today, the business-like approach is gone out the window, and he's all full of emotion and irrational thinking. If he wants to continue this business-like approach, this is the amount of money that we can provide under the legislation. The Honourable Member from Watson Lake wants time. We've been waiting since the last Territorial Session for the financial statement from the City of Whitehorse so we could set up this committee so that they could look into the financial situation of the municipality. Now, the municipality seems to have lots of time. But, this Budget is the budget for all of the Territory; it's our Education budget, which has nothing to do with the municipalities; it's our Health budget; it's our Highways budget; it's your salaries budget. If, after the investigations have been carried on by the committee and we find that the municipalities have a legitimate complaint, well, by all means, we'll make the necessary amendments to the legislation, and bring down a Supplementary Budget. But, this is the budget on the basis of the legislation. Really, let's take a business-like approach.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, who is getting snowed by this garbage that is going around this table. For goodness' sake, if, after this Budget is passed and a Supplementary Estimate after discussions between the City of Whitehorse and the Territorial Government, it is found that there should be legislation under the Municipal Aid Ordinance -- an amendment made, and a higher or a lesser degree of monies found, if it is a higher amount and a Supplementary Budget comes in, then we can't go back through this Budget and say, "This is where we've been too rich and this is where we have to chop to find the money." No, we've got to find new money. If it's handled in this Budget, and we know there has to be money found in this Budget, I'll tell you, I can get rid of a few inspectors with no problem; I can get rid of a few consultants with no problem; the good Lord strike me dead, I can even get rid of the Commissioner's beautification program for one year if I have to find the money; and I can find a few less psychiatric and psychological aids to tell the people that they've got cabin fever. If they've got cabin fever, let them go outside; we don't want them in the country; I don't need them and I don't want them. I can slash this Budget to find the money that has to be provided for the people of the Yukon Territory who want to live in the Yukon Territory and are making their homes in the Yukon Territory. I can find it in this Budget, and if you don't allow me to find it under this Budget, and we have to come in with a supplementary and find new money, then we're talking of imposing more taxes upon the people of the Yukon Territory. That's the only place we can find the money once this Budget is passed, so, all we're saying is, why the rush for the passage of the Budget at this time, when the fiscal year has better than another month to go, and monies are provided in the Budget of the Yukon Territory, through both supplementaries and the Main Estimates of last year, up until April 1st of 1973. Before April 1st of 1973, let's sit down and discuss whether we want to change the Municipal Aid Ordinance and whether we want to put more money in grants to the City; and if we do, then look where we can find the money in this Budget. So help me, there is money in this Budget to be found. There is no way that the majority of this Council can't find money in this Budget. If we want to provide a further grant structure to the municipalities and Whitehorse. If one examines the last issue of the Raven, from Faro, the editorial comment, and I agree wholeheartedly with the people in Faro, that they are getting screwed by the terms of the Municipal Aid Ordinance. They're population is just burgeoning, it's skyrocketing, and yet they're stuck under the terms of the Municipal Aid Ordinance to the last census. What could be more unfair to a growing municipality than making a census by a Dominion Government body the standard by which they are going to get their Municipal Aid Grant. It is just not fair; it's just as simple as that. It is just not fair. We've all got to take a look at the Municipal Grant structure. There are hardships being put on the people of the Yukon Territory. You know, it really galls me when I see the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East smirking away. I haven't got it made like the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East. I have a tough time meeting my mortgage payments, my insurance payments, my car payments. I have a damn tough time putting food on the table at the end of the month and trying to get the bills to balance. And, when I see the level of territorial-municipal taxation going up by leaps and bounds, I find it difficult to know how I am going to make these payments meet at the end of the month. I know it means nothing to the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East. The cent in the fuel tax means nothing to the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East. To the majority of the people living in the municipality of the City of Whitehorse and the majority of the people in the Yukon Territory who, unfortunately, haven't got it made, it may make the difference of whether they're going to go under or whether they will be able to go out at the end of the month and have a couple beers, which should be the right of every individual to do, for goodness' sake. Now, come on; we've just got to examine the whole question of municipal aid. We have got to get a meeting of the minds between the Territorial Government and the City Government. We can't continue this implacable attitude, and we can't continue this impasse, and we can't continue putting taxes upon both the residents of the Yukon Territory and the residents within the municipalities until we've exhausted every possible means of trying to get around the impasse that we seem to have here. If we pass this 605 as it now stands in the Budget, so help me, we are not going to be able to find other monies in Supplementary Estimates once we have passed the Main Estimates, to make any changes whatsoever in the Municipal Aid Ordinance for the year 1973-74, and I think, Mr. Chairman, what this Government hopes will be accomplished.

Mr. Chamberlain: I think the Honourable Member has repeated himself so often in what he has just said that I'm not going to debate too much with him, but when we come to the discussion on the one cent fuel oil tax, perhaps we'll have some remarks to make on that. Certainly, the whole thing that must be considered now is what we provided under the legislation. The Honourable Member can talk as much as he likes, but we have complied with the legislation. What has been said already

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Mr. Chamberlist continued:

about what we're prepared to do afterwards, we will be quite prepared to do, should the City come up with the necessary information. I would have thought much more of the Honourable Member if I would have been able to read through the media, and hear through the media, that Councillor McKinnon, as a taxpayer, has gone to the City of Whitehorse and said to them, "You people, you're at fault; why haven't you supplied, according to the requirements of the Municipal Ordinance, those mandatory requirements?" Then he would have been a man of substance, I think, because then he would have been able to say publicly that he was clearly and definitively saying to the City of Whitehorse, "You haven't obeyed the law, and whatever happens now, is your own fault." But, he hasn't done that because there is obviously a partisanship involved.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further comments on 605 at this point?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would ask once again that the Administration let this matter stand over for at least some period of time. We've got a month -- a little better than a month -- in order to consider the matter. I don't say that it's going to take a month to do that, but at least we can stand it over for the moment; and when we next reconsider the Budget, let's deal with it at that time.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we take into consideration then the next outstanding item of Bill No. 6, which was under section 701. Again there was a question, an outstanding answer to Councillor McKinnon's question. Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I tabled a table with Committee Members. I believe the question related to tourist promotion expenditures in our own jurisdiction versus other jurisdictions. The last figures available were for 1970-71. Unfortunately, we haven't had the time to get the number of visitors in each of the provinces, but we have the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The table indicates that our spending per visitor was \$.67; the Northwest Territories' spending per visitor was \$2.90.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it is pretty hard to have any yardstick when the only one that we have is the sister Territory and also the dollars of expenditures in relation to the population; it must be the cost of pure information or travel publicity per capita from jurisdiction throughout Canada, but certainly has some meaning.

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm sure that if we want it done on a population basis, this can be provided.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the figures for the -- it seems to me that this is -- talking to the people -- the tourist people from Alaska, that this was one of the main items that they do after every tourist year. They prorate the number of visitors against the cost per visitor and I thought this would be readily available from the different provincial authorities.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I asked the Travel and Information Director to provide this information and this was the only information that he had readily available.

Mr. Tanner: The only other readily available information I think the Treasurer might be able to get immediately, might be these figures that relate the total Budget to those other provinces. Otherwise, I can see, if we are going to wait for the information, we could be here a year waiting for it. But I still agree with the Honourable Member. It is fair; he asked if we could use them perhaps for the next year, if we could have something like that.

Mr. Commissioner: This is the very question that was raised by the Honourable Member, a question that is being raised in every jurisdiction that we come in contact with, with regard to promotional price activities, not only promotion for travel, but any other kind of promotional activities -- what is the criteria? What do we do with the yardstick and how much money can you put into that particular endeavour. I am sure that Mr. Treasurer will agree with me that every time we are meeting on financial matters, with the Federal people, everybody is always looking for a yardstick, how much per capita should we be spending on health care; what should -- you know, this grant thing for a yardstick, is going on in every line of business. And the questions asked by the Honourable Member are perfectly legitimate questions and unfortunately there just doesn't seem to be any yardstick to offer. Now, something that I would like to draw all Honourable Members' attention to is that I think the only kind of a yardstick that we can use within Y.T.G. is a continuation of our own internal endeavours. In other words, we have before us here apparently that the cost of this -- our tourism promotion activities in the year that has just gone by, basically two years ago, was up to 57 cents a visitor. I think the legitimate question from Councillors is to see that figure being promulgated each year. In other words, when the '72 year was over with, what did it cost us in relation to -- did it go up or come down from that 57 cents. I don't see any other figure that you can get that is going to have any creditability for you. I would also like to point out to you that we find in provincial jurisdictions that the spending by the provincial authorities on Tourism and Information promotion, is a very poor yardstick to go by because municipal and business-type and tourist-type organizations are very, very powerful in the provincial areas and in some instances, have budgets that are of very, very sizable amounts of money. In the lower mainland of British Columbia, the greater Vancouver Visitor's Bureau has a multi-million dollar budget, so when you get these provincial figures they are, of course, high. I strongly recommend that we try to develop a continuing comparable cost of the information for the Councillors as to what happens within our own Territory. In other words, our own internal cost relationship.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: If there is nothing further on 701?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I can just add to the Commissioner's comment, briefly. These yardsticks that he has indicated; we're looking for them; the Federal Government is looking for them. We are now in the process of developing, on a limited basis, as time permits, certain yardsticks and so when once we do get them developed, we will make them available to Councillors. But in the course of this next year, we should be able to develop a fair number of the yardsticks that we need. We want it for internal administration purposes as well. I would assume that in our next Budget that we can look forward to having a number of the yardsticks delineated.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on this particular item? I think in view of the time, I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. Before proceeding with the Revenue section of the Budget, I think that the Treasurer has one other piece of information for Members to view and that is the Police Service Agreement.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the question was asked whether figures could be presented on the make-up of the cost of the Police Services Agreement. The statement tabled shows the breakdown of such costs. Mr. Chairman, I might answer one further question, which was asked at last night's sitting. The question was where will the dollars in the Campground Development Program be spent in the forthcoming year. Based on the plan to date, they are planning a new campground of 15 stalls, at Carmacks and a 15 stall campground at Carcross. Carmacks' campground is estimated to cost \$8,000 and Carcross \$6,000. The planning expansion of the Yukon River Camp at Dawson for \$5,000 and further expansion of the Wolfe Creek Camp - \$4,000. Completion of the Expansion Program begun last year at Tagish, in the amount of \$4,000. And the placing of additional facilities on the two sites established on the Dempster Highway last year in the amount of \$6,000. In addition, they are planning to dig wells at Wolfe Creek, Fox Lake, Tagish and Dawson in the amount of \$4,000. They intend putting signs in the campgrounds in the amount of \$5,000 and they have purchased -- well, material and labour for winter construction of tables, biffies, etc. in the amount of \$10,000, bringing the total to \$50,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, these signs, are they to inform the public that they have to have a campground permit?

Mr. Miller: There are two signs involved here, Mr. Chairman. One is the campground sign itself, and the second one would be the campground fee sign.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Thanks, Mr. Treasurer. The next item for discussion, I think, is the Revenue section of the Budget. Page 64 of the Budget.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the detail on Revenue and Recoveries starts on page 65. The item Property Tax - Territorial. The Budget, Mr. Chairman, is based on the assessment in the areas outside of a municipality and on a mill rate of 12 mills. This includes the 2 mill increase, which was passed by motion of Council the other day. The next item is School Tax - Territorial, this is based on 16 mills and is based on the assessment for the fiscal year.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the 1972/73 Estimates he estimated \$470,000 as a recovery. This year you only estimate \$439,000; is there any reason for this great difference?

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there was an error made in the 1972/73 estimates.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on School Tax--Territorial?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is the School Tax - Municipalities. This again is based on 16 mills and is based on the assessments within each of the municipalities.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Fuel Oil Tax - \$2,650,000. This is based on the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance which is in the House and we have anticipated that if you like, some leveling off of Fuel Oil Purchases. This, as you realize, is an unknown quantity, but based on statistics we do have, it indicates that they will be leveling off.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is there any reason for this leveling off? How do you know that this is going to level off?

Mr. Commissioner: Fewer units hauling bigger loads. As an example, units that used to haul a net payload of 28 tons with the same mode of power, now hauling a payload of about 38 or 39 tons.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might ask from the Chair, then, Mr. Commissioner, if some sort of compensation has been taken care of in this respect -- increased fees in this category of transportation?

Mr. Commissioner: This is basically partially involved in the Ordinance that is before the House at this time.

Mr. Taylor: Does this then assume, Mr. Chairman, that the number of loads shall we say upon which you are basing this assumption, are constant; that there is no increase in the number of loads, even though they are increased, like in the volumes that we are talking about. Do you feel that there is no increase in volumes or are we talking about a constant factor?

Mr. Commissioner: The one thing that is constant, Mr. Chairman, is very obvious by these figures and that is the number of miles being travelled, because I think that Honourable Members are aware that there is a mileage factor... the Treasurer can explain this. Is it not on a mileage factor that we collect the fuel tax? I thought we had this calculated.

Mr. Miller: It is a combination of ways, Mr. Commissioner. If the fuel oil is purchased in the Yukon Territory they pay the actual rate of fuel oil tax. If it is purchased outside of the Territory, then they pay the tax on the basis of the number of miles travelled in the Yukon.

Mr. Commissioner: Very obviously, what we are saying here is, that the tonnage is going over our roads is requiring a less number of vehicles to haul it.

Mr. Taylor: What I'm saying: there will no doubt be tonnages on the increase. However, when we talk about increasing the fuel tax by 2 mills, what are we talking about in actual terms of dollars, what will this result in, in that particular year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we are referring to a 2 cent increase in diesel fuel only, not on the total fuel oil tax. An approximate figure would be \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Mr. Commissioner: This is not a fair statement to say, but the \$2,650,000, if we are going to realize that; we are going to have to realize it.

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can only state that, as I stated the last time we got into this area, that I am not in favour of increasing the fuel oil tax. I think that by increasing this particular tax that you are just handing it back to the consumer in the Yukon Territory. As fast as you increase this tax, so prices will inflate and transportation operators will accordingly adjust their tariff to compensate for the increase in fuel except we'll pay more in the long run. I am not in favour of increasing taxes at this time and I would like to hear other comments.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, it would be interesting to note firstly, that the Territorial Government has no control over what the retailer charges. But we have control over the tax portion, I thought it might be interesting to know that at this particular time, in Newfoundland, let's just take gasoline tax, -- in Newfoundland -- don't forget that ours is 14 cents gasoline and 14 cents diesel, and it will go up to 16 cents. This is what the terms are today, now in Newfoundland it is 25 cents. We can only deal with -- as I have already indicated we have no control over what the charges are made, but first of all we must deal with the areas of raising funds. Twenty-five cents in Newfoundland, 21 cents in Prince Edward Island, 21 cents in Nova Scotia, 20 cents in New Brunswick, 19 cents in Quebec, 19 cents in Ontario, 17 cents in Manitoba, 19 cents in Saskatchewan, 15 cents in Alberta, and 15 cents in British Columbia and diesel is even more interesting. It is 25 cents in Newfoundland, 25 cents in Prince Edward Island, 27 cents in Nova Scotia, 23 cents in New Brunswick, 25 cents in Quebec, 25 cents in Ontario, 20 cents in Manitoba, 21 cents in Saskatchewan, 17 cents in Alberta, and 17 cents in British Columbia. So, I'm sure that you will appreciate the fact that we are low in actual tax -- fuel oil taxation. You have got to keep that in mind; I repeat, we have no control over the selling price from the retailers. Whether some Honourable Member thinks that we should put in a control, then they should come forward with an argument and see if they can substantiate it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can only say that we have more than sufficient controls around this Territory. I'm just saying that when you consider the tax recovered in relation to the services given; that is one point. The other thing is, look at the base price of this commodity. I think you've got to look at it; you've got to look at what kind of burden you're going to place upon the people. When you put a tax or impost on the people, you place a burden on them and there is no question whatsoever that the people are paying already, too much money for this particular commodity and there's also no question in my mind, that by increasing the tax on this commodity, that this is going to reflect back to the people as another hardship. You'll find it in the grocery stores and you'll find it indeed, you'll find the markup comes on every commodity that comes into the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, all taxes are hardships upon the public, but we still have to have taxes to supply the services.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this Budget to some extent, is to supply many things to the Administration and indeed, I think the Administration is getting the edge in some respects. What are the people getting? The people are getting a good shafting, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there have been a lot of times in this House when I've been accused of being inconsistent, but on one thing I've been consistent in this House, over many years, and I'm going to keep up that consistency by stating that I haven't agreed to and I am not going to agree to, tax increases in the Yukon Territory, until such time as this is a responsible body. No matter how we try to put up a facade that we have finally become a responsible government, the truth of the matter remains that we're the only legislative body remaining in North America, outside of our sister Territory, that has the privilege of imposing taxes on our residents, and has not the privilege of saying how that tax dollar will be spent. You all know that that has negated us under the terms of the Yukon Act, and until the Yukon Act is changed, to allow the Members of this Legislative Council to have the same rights and privileges that every other legislature has on the North American Continent, to have a say in what those taxes will be and how they will be spent, then I see no way that any of us should be raising taxes on the people of the Yukon Territory. It's taxation without representation, ladies and gentlemen; you know it as well as I do. That should be our fight to the Federal Government. It's one that we were well on our way to solving several years ago, and one that has come to a complete standstill and a complete halt, over the life of this Council Session. Until Members are all willing to get back on the track again, and force the issue with the Federal Government, then I say, no tax increases upon the people of the Yukon Territory until the right to say how those taxes are going to be spent, resides with the elected Members of the Yukon Territory and not with the civil servants of Canada through the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Taylor: Hear, Hear!

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I've got to congratulate the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West for being consistent this once, in the two years I've been in this House.

Mr. Chamberlist: Hear, Hear!

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I asked for some figures, if it would be possible for the Treasurer to get them for us by tomorrow, as far as tax revenue is concerned on fuel oil. Could I have the total number of gallons sold and obviously, the total amount of tax; the total number of diesel gallon sales; the total tax-free on both those items; and the total diesel without the 14c tax -- oh, that's the same thing. Perhaps I could have those figures tomorrow?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, just to clarify the matter; that's total fuel oil gallons? Total diesel oil gallons and total tax-free gallons? This is for heating fuel?

Mr. Tanner: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to ask the Treasurer for some answers to questions. The gasoline -- at the present time, we have a 14c tax per gallon. It was increased to 14c two years ago. I wonder if the Treasurer could find out what previous years the tax was imposed and who was on the Financial Advisory Committee at the time the tax was imposed. I would also like the Treasurer to bring the information on the diesel fuel tax.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, if there's any question about what I think the Honourable Members are talking about, that must have been the time when Ottawa had the gun in our head. They said "well you raise \$300,000.00 or we'll take away five or six million" or something like that.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, does the Honourable Member think that Ottawa ever takes the gun away from our head?

Mr. Taylor: No, Mr. Chairman, but in those days, we all used to stand together as a united Council and there was no hiding of feelings as there is today.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, you all stood together to put on a 10c fuel tax, over a period of time.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane is quite correct. I'm sure if the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West would just recollect a little bit; he wasn't consistent inasmuch as he was Chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee at the time that they raised the specific tax.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, if we went along completely with the argument that has just been put on by Councillor McKinnon, that he's not prepared to raise the taxes -- I suppose we should apply that to the Municipal Aid Program.

Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, they're a responsible government; they have control. That is the complete and absolute difference which everybody has forgotten. Under the terms of the Municipal Ordinance, we used to give the municipal councils, all the rights and privileges that we were demanding from the Federal Government for ourselves. They were a responsible government -- the only responsible government in the whole of the Yukon Territory. We, as very foresighted legislators, used to say "look at, we want you to have the same rights and privileges that we are going to Ottawa consistently begging for". We will give you them under the terms of the Municipal Ordinance. That's what we did. It was the new Municipal Ordinance, brought down by this Government, that took most of the rights and the privileges that the municipalities used to have, under the old Municipal Ordinance, and the rights and the privileges that they should still have. If Honourable Members want to go back into ancient history, and I'm not really that prepared to do it, they'll find that the impasse that we reached with the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and

Mr. McKinnon continued:

Northern Development, Mr. Laing, after we were forced to knuckle under, and do what we had to do, then, at that point in time, was the time that I said no more taxation without representation for the people of the Yukon Territory, and from that time, I have been consistent, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: May we continue to the next item, pending the

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, could the Treasurer also give me one other figure. What amount of diesel fuel was sold to companies which are generating electricity -- on a tax-free basis?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that information is available in our books. I can attempt to try from other sources. It is not reported to us in that fashion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item -- Councillor Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it is my intention to oppose this particular item and I'm just preparing a motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Do you require a slight recess to prepare that motion? I'll declare a five-minute recess. Would Members remain in the room, please.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. Councillor Taylor, do you have your motion prepared?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in light of the discussions that have taken place, I would like to move that the increase in diesel fuel taxation by 2c per gallon, contained in Bill No. 6, be deleted -- if I can find a seconder?

Mr. McKinnon: I'd be happy to second that motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: If you don't mind me pointing out from the Chair; I don't think there is a proposed increase in Bill No. 6.

Mr. Taylor: Oh, maybe I've got the wrong Bill. What is the -- I have it from the Treasurer, Mr. Chairman, that it is contained here in this figure of fuel oil tax in the amount of \$2,650,000.00.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we run into difficulty here, and it's one of the difficulties that we often run into in this Budget, in discussing the Main Estimates before the Ordinances that apply to the Estimates. I think in this instance, all Members would agree, that we should be discussing Bill No. 12, the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance and the Sessional Paper, which is now in Committee, prior to approving or disapproving of the details of the Tax Revenue Recoveries in this section of the Main Estimates. What you're doing is, you're giving your passage of the principle of the tax increase, before even discussing the Ordinance where the tax increase is made possible. I think even the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East would agree, that in this instance, you're putting the cart before the horse.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wouldn't necessarily say that, Mr. Chairman, but I would suggest that the Honourable Member shouldn't even be making a motion at this time. When the Bill comes before Council, then he should be -- when the Bill is discussed, then the Honourable Member should make his motion at that time.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, and I'm quite open to edification on this; how can we possibly pass the Budget and then not pass the Bill?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, based on the premise of the backward order in which we're dealing with matters at this Session, what the Honourable Member has said is quite correct. This Budget shouldn't have been discussed for another week -- these Bills, we should be dealing with them in the first instance. Even going through the Budget, we should discuss Capital before we discuss O & M, because O & M follows Capital. I can only assume that we're going through the same type of bulldozing, Mr. Chairman, that happened last year. When I'm asked to agree to that portion of the Budget, under the Revenue section, which says that the fuel oil tax, estimated at \$2,000,650.00--and when it contains provisions, the result of which come from this 2 mill -- 2c increase in fuel tax, Mr. Chairman, I cannot accept it. The only way I have of placing my objection on record, and hopefully gaining some support in this matter, is to propose a motion, which I have done, Mr. Chairman. I've no other alternative.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Do you wish me to proceed with this motion?

Mr. Taylor: I do, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that the increase in diesel fuel taxation by 2c per gallon, contained in Bill No. 6, be deleted. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Those that are agreed please signify by raising their hands. Disagreed? I declare the motion defeated.

MOTION DEFEATED

Mr. Miller: Fur Export Tax, \$3,000.00, Mr. Chairman. It's the same rate as in the current year's Estimates.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, with the amount of furs that are leaving the Yukon Territory this year, shouldn't there be a substantial increase in the fur export tax reflected in the 73-74 Estimates?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there's been no indication of this in our revenue as yet. It's possible that there will be, but I think, with respect, there's probably a little bit more leaving -- it's the higher prices that they're receiving that is drawing all the attention.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further comments or questions on this?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Sewer and Water Frontage Tax, \$40,000.00.

Mr. Tanner: Is that all Porter Creek, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Miller: No, this is the frontage tax imposed in Porter Creek and in Lot 19, plus certain frontage taxes in Mayo, Watson Lake and Haines Junction.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Treasurer, I never was quite clear on the transfer from the Territorial Government to the City, regarding the Porter Creek water system. What actually happened to the taxes that were collected up until that time, and whose responsibility are they now? BILL #6

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Porter Creek water system, installed approximately four years ago, I guess, was funded by the Territorial Government. At the time of the takeover by the City, we had collected two years' frontage tax on it. The total frontage tax is based on a twenty-year life of the debenture. We asked the City of Whitehorse to collect the frontage tax on our behalf. They have done that by by-law.

Mr. Tanner: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Treasurer didn't completely understand my question. I didn't phrase it correctly. What about the taxes that weren't collected up to the time of takeover by the City? And, who is responsible for those taxes, particularly in the water frontage, in the future which will be picked up, the City or the Territory?

Mr. Miller: The taxes that were outstanding on our books at the time of the turnover are still due and payable to the Government of the Yukon Territory. They will continue to be due and payable until they are paid. That includes any property tax and frontage tax that is on our books at the date of the turnover. The taxes, general purpose taxes, beyond the date of turnover accrue to the City of Whitehorse. The frontage tax, the City collects for us.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I still haven't got it quite clear. I know what happened up to the transition. After the transition, the City accepted the responsibility, only the administrative responsibility, of collecting those taxes. What happens with those taxes from year one, or from April 1st of last year, which the City is unable to collect in the area of Porter Creek? Whose responsibility is it to collect those if the City comes to the Territory saying, "We can't collect taxes from a, b and c?"

Mr. Miller: It is the City's responsibility to collect taxes that they impose. It is our responsibility to collect the taxes that we imposed prior to the takeover.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, either I am not making myself clear of the Treasurer or there's more to the question than I asked. For the next eighteen years, seventeen now, the City has the obligation to collect the tax. If the City is unable to collect the tax, do we go to the City and say, for example, "This year you owe us \$40,000 on our estimates of the tax. Where is it?" The City gives it to us, or they don't give it to us. If they don't give it to us, those taxes that haven't been collected, whose responsibility is it?

Mr. Miller: The City has an obligation to collect the taxes on our behalf, and they have the Taxation Ordinance which was passed by this Council last year, to use as their tool to collect those taxes. In other words, they would go before the normal tax lien procedures if the taxes are not paid. Any monies collected would then be forwarded to us.

Mr. Tanner: And that was by written agreement between the City and the Territorial Government?

Mr. Miller: That was by agreement between the City and the Territory. In fact, the City has a by-law to impose those taxes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on the Sewer and Water Frontage Tax?

Mr. Miller: The next item, Mr. Chairman, is the Heating Oil Tax \$101,380.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Before we actually discuss this item, it has been brought to my attention that Councillor Rivett is very interested in this particular item, and would like to be with us if he can gain the doctor's permission, sometime tomorrow afternoon to take part in the discussion to this in the appropriate Bill and Legislative Return on it, if this is the wish of Council.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is the Chair indicating that the absent Speaker is going to come out of hospital to talk about this particular item?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Apparently so. He can be allowed out for a short period of time anyway, and he is very interested in this particular item.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this puts me in an awkward situation, because as all Members know, these Bills arrive at the Member's place of residence the day prior to the Session of Council opening. At least, they did at my place of residence. Bill No. 12 is now in Committee along with the Sessional Paper dealing with it. Since the first day that the Bill came to my attention, I have been seeking information and have people in the fuel distributorship business looking and trying to gather information for me. They have not brought it to my attention yet. They have told me that they would get it and make it available to me as soon as they possibly could. I thought that in the normal course of events, that this Bill would be brought up sometime next week. The Sessional Paper, the Bill and the budgetary item would be discussed in the normal events in Committee of the Whole, and hopefully, that I would have this information. I think that Honourable Members in Government have to consider those Members who don't have the resources of staff behind them to be able to gather this type of information. They come upon the facts of the legislation a day prior to the Council sitting. I think that Members who have voiced their opposition to the Bill should be given consideration in this matter.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I am sure, in this particular instance, that tomorrow isn't the only day that Councillor Rivett could come out. It is entirely up to the wish of Council.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate that when we were dealing with the matter of municipal grants that was a legislative matter; as far as I was concerned, I was firm on that, but I agree with what the Honourable Member says here. It is not a legislative item that we have to follow. Certainly, I see no objection to what the Honourable Member suggests. Monday would be sufficient.

Mr. McKinnon: I know, Mr. Chairman, knowing what the people who I am dealing with are going to do over the Rendezvous Weekend, and it probably won't be available before the beginning of next week. The people that I deal with indulge in the normal activities of Rendezvous Weekend, unlike most members of the Government of the Yukon Territory. I would suggest that if we could make a day towards the middle of next week, I would make sure that I was prepared at that time.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Government would raise no objection to that; it is a reasonable request. Shall we say Tuesday in the afternoon we can deal with that specific item?

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Does Committee agree to this request? Good.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this should give the Honourable Member from Watson Lake time to do his research too.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item is Liquor Profits.

Mr. Miller: Liquor Profit, Surcharge and Licences, \$2,400,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have been pouring through the Territorial accounts for 1972, the fiscal year ended March 1972, looking to find under taxation where the liquor tax figures were. I find everything under liquor control profit in there, but I see that Liquor Profit, Surcharge, I assume to be the liquor tax. I wonder if I could have that identified please.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in 1972 on the public accounts on statement No. 5, the net profit from liquor sales was \$1,645,607; the liquor surcharge was \$292,388; licences, fees and permits was \$24,687; sundry revenues were \$7,872. The total revenue from liquor operations was \$1,970,554.

Mr. Taylor: During that year \$292,388 was for liquor tax?

Mr. Miller: That is right, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Tanner: Just for my own edification as a person interested in the retail business, what is the percentage of mark-up profit that the Territory works on, on a bottle of liquor?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, a profit ratio on hard liquor is landed cost plus 100%.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, out of the \$2,400,000 that is anticipated in 1973-74, what portion of that would logically fall as an estimate of the liquor surcharge?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as a breakdown of that item of \$2,400,000, I have all of the estimated amounts. Liquor profits from sales would be \$2,020,000; the surcharge would be \$340,000; licence fees and permits would be \$31,000; and, miscellaneous revenue would be \$9,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I have got to make a comment in this respect. This has got to be a beautiful industry, and every province, I suppose, has the same. The Government has total control over the source; the Government has total control over the retail price; it has total control over the retail outlets; it has total control over whether those outlets will even be open because it has the licensing control authority; and, on top of that, recently it set the retail price that those outlets are going to sell their merchandise for. I sometimes wonder whether the responsibility that the Government has taken on isn't too much for it, because it also has total control over the way that the outlets can get their liquor. I have heard many, many complaints that the system within the Government itself, the Territorial Liquor Store and the Territorial Warehouse, is not set up for the people that it is trying to serve. It is set up strictly for the administrative convenience of the people within that department. Many, many times, Mr. Chairman, I have heard people in the industry say, even if they are making 400% markup, they have been told that they have got to get their booze on one day and they pick it up on the other day. I have heard people within the Department complain that the pressure of work at the lower level of the Department so that one specific day is just incredible. I have heard retailers of booze in the public say, "I am sorry, sir, I can't give you that brand because I forgot to write it on my list. I am not allowed to go back down until next week to get any more. I am really convinced that the Territorial Liquor Department, the department which retails, controls, sells liquor, warrants some investigation for the convenience of the people who are conveying liquor and for the convenience of the public as a whole. Particularly, when you think of the total control that the Government has over that whole department and the whole retail field of it.

Mr. Chamberlist: One of the controls that the Honourable Member left out was that we have control over the people who drink too much of the stuff as well.

Mr. McKinnon: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North raises a point which is valid. I know that the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East will have to agree with this. If he were in the business of distributing, and had competition, he would make sure that it was his convenience that that customer would be supplied. This is not the case in the Government of the Yukon Territory's distribution of the product to those people who are going to sell it. I think that the warehousing could be at the convenience and to the convenience of those people that it serves. These regulatory edicts coming from the warehousing authorities that the person selling can only get his supply at certain times and on certain days I find that I -- if I were in the business, I would see that these regulations were not that way and that one could get the supply quite readily from the Government of the Yukon Territory. Certainly, it is galling to those people who have to go to the one authority to be able to get a supply in, and then they are told that it is at the convenience of the warehousing authority as to when and how that supply will be delivered. I am sure that the Administration could find some way of making that product which they have absolute control on, more readily available to the person that they supply it to. You find that, in the liquor industry, things come in spurts. All of a sudden there is a great demand for one certain type of wine, one certain type of liqueur -- how many people drank Galliano before they heard of Harvey Wallbangers, and all of a sudden there was a demand for Galliano at every bar in town, and no bar would have more than one or two bottles of Galliano in stock. But do you think that you can get it from the liquor authorities? Well, if you go at a certain time on a certain day to a certain place under certain directions, you will get your supply of Galliano for the week. I just don't think that is good enough. I think that the Government -- I know that any government will never come close to private industry for being able to supply goods efficiently, but they should be a lot closer than what they are now under present warehousing regulations. What the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North says is true because I have had one operator after another complain to me about the stringent regulations that are now coming under the warehousing authority.

Mr. Chamberlist: I agree, and I am sure that Mr. Commissioner should stand up and tell Council what I have said to him about this area. I have said it under certain circumstances, and I do say now that I agree. I think that it is about time, but if Government doesn't accept the advice we can't do anything about it. He has been advised and we are advising him again right here and now, that the consideration has to be given, that there isn't administrative conveniencing done. I hope that the Commissioner will take note of these things. Here you have got three of the Whitehorse Councillors telling you to live up that darn operation down there.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I might add that if the Commissioner wasn't so far removed from being a butter and egg man like he used to be, then he would be the one leading the complaints against the regulations.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I have got to pursue this a little bit more. I am going to check the Government on another point, again in this same area; I am reasonably certain in my own mind that certain Members of the Hotel and Motel Association genuinely tried to approach the Government and genuinely tried to show their point of view with regard

Mr. Tanner continues:

to price reduction on a case of beer and also the tide-line on a glass of beer. I am still reasonably convinced in my own mind, particularly in the instance of the tide-line, that the Government has made the wrong decision. Again, because they have got control all the way down the line, there is nothing really that the Hotel and Motel Association can do about it. I think in this instance, the Government really went one too far because they genuinely tried to have representation made to Government, and they were not heard. As I have said before, and it only gets shot down because I am told that I shouldn't be looking at one segment of the population, but I think sometimes the Government is wrong. I think in this instance the Government would have been wiser to sit down, if for no other reason than to -- if for no other reason if they still wanted to impose the tide-line, it would have been much more intelligent and a much more rational approach to at least use some public relations and talk to the industry. I think the industry would have been more able to accept it if they had had the discussion, and then the Government said, "No, we don't agree; we are going to do it anyway." But they didn't do any of that; they just went right ahead and imposed it. In some instances, imposed it and didn't even physically notify them until three days after the imposition went into effect. I think the Government in this instance, has got a lot to answer for; I would like to see the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East pursue his obvious agreement with no right into Executive Committee, and get some changes made. BILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I concur with much of what the Honourable Member has just said on this. I too, have had many complaints from the Hotel Association. Their basic complaint is not the physical problem that they have -- be it tide-line, be it another problem, but the response that they're getting from the Territorial Government, and the Territorial Government acting without consulting with them. I think the Honourable Member has a very valid point. I do have an answer that I think the Honourable Member should remember. If he was sitting on this side of the House, with the people, that would never have happened. This is a very good case. If the Member would choose to join the people's side of government, I'm sure that this would not happen again.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, just to answer that, some of the people are a little diddle. I see no reason why I can't sit on the intelligent side of the Government -- the intelligent side of the House, and still criticize that Government. All that illustrates to me is the fact that we're prepared to look at things and come up with intelligent answers, instead of just blatantly sitting on the other side, criticizing everything ad lib.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on this particular item? Next item, License Revenue.

Mr. Miller: The first item under this, Mr. Chairman, is Motor Vehicle Ordinance, \$750,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any questions on this particular item?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, Business and Professional Licenses, \$60,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on this item? Next item.

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Marriage Licenses, \$600.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think this should be increased myself, it's a luxury item. Next item.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Game License Revenue, \$145,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what accounts for the very sharp increase Game revenues, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the revenue derived this year, until the end of January, has been \$131,000.00, under this Ordinance. It now includes Fisheries, so there's a certain amount of Game, fishing license revenue included in here.

Mr. Taylor: That gives rise to another question, Mr. Chairman, that I had thought of mentioning when we were talking about tax revenue. Just how much over the 1972-73 estimate of \$3,997,450.00, would the Treasurer -- oh, maybe I'll put it in a different way; would Mr. Treasurer feel that revenues will come in in excess of this figure when the fiscal year is completed?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: In excess of the \$100,000.00 figure?

Mr. Taylor: No, in excess of the \$3,997,450.00.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, shouldn't the question be: will the estimate 72-73 of \$6,000,800.00 -- isn't that what we're

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our current estimate of 1972-73 tax revenue is \$4,082,000.00, so there will be approximately a \$70,000.00 increase over the original estimate.

Mr. Taylor: Well, this is what I thought, Mr. Chairman. Therefore, one might reasonably expect then that in the upcoming 73-74 fiscal year, that indeed, we may be anticipating greater revenues than are indicated in the Budget.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we prepared our 1973-74 Estimates -- we used as an adjusted base, our estimate of 1972-73. In other words, we did not go back to the original 72-73 estimate; we have used our adjusted base as a base to begin from.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on this?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the concept of the licensing of game to people in the Yukon Territory is one point that I'll be taking up with the Director of Game. It would be interesting for me to know, Mr. Chairman, just in a ten-year period, what has the amount of revenue from Game Licences increased; say from 1973-74 to what it was in 1963-64. The best estimates that one can extrapolate from all the evidence -- there have been, probably about two thousand moose taken in the Yukon Territory last year. How long can you continue the concept that it's everybody's device right to be able to shoot big game in the Yukon Territory. The stories, of course, go back to seventy-five years ago when there were actually herds of moose that used to be in the Territory and the older Indian people always -- I thought it was more of a legend -- the telling of boats actually having to avoid herds of moose swimming in the rivers. I bought a book on the paddleswheeler history of the Yukon Territory and it was at the exorbitant price of \$3.95 for a little paperback at Mac's Newsstand the other day; it's substantiated that at the time of the gold rush, that one of the difficulties of the paddleswheelers, that they had to face going to Dawson, was avoiding the herds of moose -- this is the truth, not caribou, but moose, in the rivers. I think, the fact remains, Mr. Chairman, that the acquisition of a biologist will help to determine just how healthy the population is of the animals in the Yukon Territory. I don't know how long 207,000 square miles can stand the amount of game that is taken out of it every year, when we all know the difficulties that game have in surviving in a quite difficult climate. The point that I'm trying to make, is that I see where E.C. has now gone to game management zones, where they take the hunting pressure off a certain area from eight to ten years, to allow a viable population to once again inhabit an area, which has been hunted out, for all intents and purposes. I think this is an area that Members of Council are going to have to very seriously look at. I think that one of the other areas is that there are quite a few families who still live traditionally. The Members, if they would talk to these families, I think you will find without exception, that the areas that they used to use as their sighting grounds for big game, that they find less and less of the animals available, to be able to live traditionally and not be accosting the Government every year. I think that these are all areas that are going to have to be taken a very serious look at by the Council of the Yukon Territory. I think it's going to take a lot of political guts eventually, but I suspect that maybe some of the answers will be forthcoming that maybe at some point in the Yukon's history, we're just going to have to say "look it, it isn't the God-given and divine right of everybody in the Territory, who wants to come in the Territory, to get a hunting license, to shoot big game in the Yukon Territory". When I see the increase in the number of hunting licenses and the revenue derived each year, I think it means that there are more hunters with more population, and more game is being taken from the Yukon Territory. I don't know how far the biologists have gone along in their work, but these are answers that have to be forthcoming, in case we decimate a population that we have no business doing away with.

BILL #6 Mr. Deputy Chairman: I might just comment from the Chair, that I agree with the Member.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we don't carry questions that the Honourable Member raises, because this is the reasoning behind the Game Biologist. The Director of Game will say too, that the work of the Game Biologist -- so far he has barely touched the periphery of the very questions that the Honourable Member was raising at this particular time, and there's no question at all about it, the results of his work are going to determine the recommendations of the Director of Game as to game management areas, the closure of areas, and various things. These matters are of very great concern. I notice that the Honourable Member said that this is now a fait accompli in British Columbia, but I would strongly recommend that the situation in British Columbia is hardly comparable to our own, in many many instances, because some of these areas that they are talking about closing off, are areas which are very heavily travelled, and very very heavily populated areas, and we're hardly in that particular situation. The kind of professional input, or the kind of professional advice that is needed, is finally on the Territorial Government staff in the Game Department. Thank goodness that he is, and I just hope it isn't too late.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, although I don't agree with some of what the Honourable Member has indicated here today, I might say that big game management districts have been in effect in the Province of British Columbia for some time, and I might also say, that since at least 1961 or 62, that Council here have continued to press the Government for big game management zones in the Yukon Territory, but have always been ignored. There are places in the Territory -- I know that down in the southeastern portion of the Territory it abounds with game, mind you, the wolves are killing off an awful lot of game -- there's some awfully big packs down there this winter. Rather than get into this discussion now, I think it's all going to be rehearsed under the Game debate, or the Game Department estimates, so possibly we could leave that and get onto something else.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer the Honourable Member's question on revenue within one year. In 1964-65 there was \$28,311.00 collected in Game Licences in the Yukon Territory, as against our estimate for 1973-74, for \$145,000.00.

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but with respect, if those figures are going to be compared, you have to get the rate back to square one. Likewise, you have to remove the Game-Fishery situation. Let's not compare apples and oranges. If we're going to make some comparison, let's make sure we're comparing the proper things.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further further on Game?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Interest on Investments, \$150,000.00. Mr. Chairman, this item relates to our use of short-term funds that are available to us. We place them with the banks on a short-term investment basis of thirty to sixty to ninety days. We've managed in the last couple of years, to better our estimate of \$100,000.00. We're attempting to utilize our money better and not having it sit in our current accounts, and we are in fact, I think, doing a better job in this area.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is it still the policy of Government that when these sums of money are made available for investment, to go and get tenders from all the local banks.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under the Winnipeg Agreement of the Bank of Canada, and all the other banks, the rates are now comparable at all banks in Canada. There's no point in getting bids; what we do is we divide any funds that we have, equally amongst the four banks in Whitehorse.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, if we throw another bank in here, would he have to split it five ways then?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it was our policy to spread the funds amongst all the banks. When the Bank of Nova Scotia opened, we brought them into that same agreement.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on this item?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Fines, Territorial Court and Others, \$70,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions? Next item, Fees.

Mr. Miller: Next item, Fees, Registration, etc., \$185,000.00. Mr. Chairman, I can explain the large increase in this. When we come to the Recoveries section, we had in 1972-73, an item in the estimates for weight-scale fees under the Secretary and Registrar General. That was incorrect. That should have been under the Revenue item of Fees. You'll see the change on page 66, under Secretary and Registrar General.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions under Registrations?

Mr. Taylor: Again, Mr. Chairman, does not the figure of \$45,000.00 anticipate the suggestion that the campground fees be increased?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: We didn't come to this item yet. Order, please. Any further questions under Registrations, etc.?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Fees, Campground Use, \$45,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: It's the same question I was asking, Mr. Chairman. The anticipation of an increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for residents in the Campground Use, and in anticipation of -- hopefully not -- producing a \$5.00 user-fee to a Territorial resident. Is that all incorporated in the \$45,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I believe there is a Sessional Paper on it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is a Sessional Paper before Committee. This estimate is based on a \$5.00 fee, and assuming we sell, if you like, the 9,000 campground user permits that we're anticipating selling. During the past fiscal year at the \$3.50 fee, we received a total of \$12,000.00 in revenue. It incorporates a fee of \$5.00, and assuming we sell 9,000 campground-user permits.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, if it incorporates the resident user fee, I'd ask that that matter be reconsidered, following the discussion on whether or not we're going to have the residents in this category.

Mr. Chamberlist: I see no objection, Mr. Chairman, to leaving this until the Sessional Paper is discussed.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment that last year, if Members will recall, I voted against imposing this on residents of the Yukon and I've deliberately looked into the situation in the last two or three months, and I've changed my mind. I think it was a mistake we made last year and that I will be voting in favour of this item, for what that's worth.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Can we leave that and discuss it at a later date?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Sundry Revenue, \$20,000.00.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on this item?

Mr. Tanner: What is it? What does it mean?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is primarily related to revenues that come in in the new year, that pertain to the prior year. In other words, if we get 1972-73 revenues in 1973-74, we put it into Sundry Revenue, rather than into its proper revenue category, in order to keep the books straight from one year to the next. It's the government's way of doing business.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions? I think in view of the time then, that we'll stand Committee down until 7:00 p.m. Could Mr. Treasurer be with us at that time?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Committee stands down until 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. I believe we were discussing Budget item -- the next item is Recoveries, page 66. Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first item under Recoveries is Housing Accommodation - Rentals - \$429,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, under Housing Accommodations does this include rentals accruing to the Housing Corporation or is this strictly Territorial?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this relates only to rentals received from staff housing, as indicated when we were going through the Operations and Maintenance side of the Budget. The net deficit on housing rentals -- staff housing rentals I believe is \$17,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any thing further on this item?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Equalization of Electricity Rates - \$213,000

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on this item?

Mr. Taylor: The 1969 allotment referred to earlier in this Session showed a receipt from Federal Government in the amount of \$224,874. The indicated figure now is only \$213,000. Does this mean then, for any reason that there is less user of electricity or why is this reduced.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this related to the amount of dollars that we would be drawing out of the electric rate Equalization Fund in respect of the Yukon Electric Franchise Areas. The dollars received from the Federal Government, being 95% of the income tax paid by Yukon Electric go into a trust fund and are held there earning interest until we pay the dollars out to the Yukon Electrical Company in the form of a rate equalization payment. So this \$213,000 reflects what we anticipate the rate equalization payment to be to Yukon Electrical Company in the 1973/74 fiscal year.

Mr. Taylor: As a matter of interest, Mr. Chairman, if the figures are available at this time, I wouldn't want to put Treasury to too much trouble, but what generally, or what is the status of this particular type of fund. What remains in it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't have the detailed figures available, but off the top of my head, the fund will have approximately one-half million dollars by the end of this current fiscal year. This is after we receive the 1970 income tax rebate. It was indicated that when we were talking about the expenditure under this item, we currently have a consultant who did the original rate equalization plan, coming back to review the plan for us and to provide us with recommendations as to how we should handle the fund in the future.

Mr. Taylor: That is very interesting, Mr. Chairman, because it would appear that representation made on behalf of commercial enterprises should well, well be looked at if the fund is building at this rate. It should very well be looked at. I am pleased to hear that the Administration is going something about this, but would there be, I don't know if there is anybody from Government here, but would there be a possibility of having this considered during the forth coming fiscal year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the terms of reference for the consultant is that his report will be received, if my memory serves me correct, by June of this year, of 1973. Which means that we should be able to have available sometime during the course of this next fiscal year, some recommendation for Council to consider.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think the Commissioner gave us some indication of this the other day. Next item.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Yukon Small Business Loans Program - \$4,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I don't understand this item. Is that all that is allocated?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in explanation. The Government of the Yukon Territory provides certain administrative costs in looking after the Small Business Loans Fund, for example, there is a Small Business Loans Committee, they receive when they meet a per diem rate plus expenses for those that travel. These are the funds that we are referring to here. They are funded by Indian Affairs and Northern Development as part of the administrative costs of operating the Yukon Small Business Loan Fund. It is really only our out-of-pocket expenses that are refunded to us.

Mr. Tanner: The balance of the amount of the taxes that are being loaned does not appear in our Budget?

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman, we don't loan the funds we only administer, the fund has been set up under the Financial Administration Act of Canada under a separate appropriation. We only provide the administration in the form of a loan director. We handle the day-to-day activities of the Small Business Loans operations and the only compensation that we get, is this \$4,000. The funds are actually drawn from Ottawa on each individual loan approval.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm not too sure but I do recall that there was an increase in the amount of money available for the Small Business Loans Fund in the area of \$200,000, I'm not clear on that. But any funds that are now lapsing in the fund will they die at the end of this fiscal year, or will they lapse and be carried with these new allotted funds, I wonder if I could have an explanation on that.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Small Business Loans Fund set up by Canada included an appropriation for five million dollars to be drawn on the basis of originally \$300,000 per annum by each Territory. In other words, a total drawn out of \$600,000. Because the loans are limited to \$50,000 each and they are also limited to ten years, it has been determined that the funds, the draw out on the funds could be increased and it was increased by Treasury Board ruling to \$600,000 per annum for each Territory. We have \$600,000 in each year. If we don't use the full \$600,000 the balance remaining becomes available to us in the next year. It does not lapse at the end of any fiscal year.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder, if I might ask from the Chair, what the balance of that fund is at this time?

Mr. Miller: Our unallocated funds at the moment of something in excess of \$300,000 for the current fiscal year. It is just over \$300,000. In other words we were at the point of running out of funds, if you like when they announced the increase.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any thing further on this item?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is under Education - Student Accommodations -- \$33,200. Next item is Sale of School Supplies - \$4,000. Next item is Night School Fees - \$5,000. Next item is Transportation of School Children - \$2,000.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, is that the recoveries from charging the fees of people who are outside the mile and a half area?

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, what would the Treasurer estimate is the cost of administrating that \$2,000 program?

Mr. Miller: I would believe our cost to be almost nil.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on that item?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I put it out as a proposition, that is it really worthwhile. I can imagine that in many cases an individual bus driver is not going to turn kids off the bus, if they haven't got a ticket to the school, I imagine that in many cases it is causing a hardship to those families who have more than two children and generally speaking I don't really think the point of \$2,000 is worth collected.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated, I think our costs are relatively nil. The inconveniences of the bus driver is, of course, the bus driver comes with the bus so he has the inconvenience, I suppose. But as far as Government's cost, it would be the price of printing the ticket.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder, if, Mr. Chairman, would the Honourable Member for Carmacks-Kluane might have to venture in this subject.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to say that I would take the Honourable Member's remarks and consider them and whether it would be advisable to eliminate the charge to children who are within the two mile limit.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear on this?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member, I am quite sure there would be a favourable reply.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Sale of Material, Supplies and Services \$8,500. Next item, Occupational Training Recoveries \$575,000.

Mr. Taylor: Is this due to the Canada Assistance Plan in terms of vocational related programs?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is under the Occupational Training Agreement with Canada Manpower whereby Canada Manpower buys space at the Vocational School for certain of their clients. It equates to approximately 50% of the costs of the vocation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions?

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Dormitory Fees - \$50,000. I might add that these are donitory fees at the Vocational School.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Question?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Fitness and Amateur Sports - \$25,000. I might point out under this item, Mr. Chairman, that we have no Fitness and Amateur Sport Agreement, but we have been receiving funds from the Federal Government inspite of not having a signed agreement as we used to have. It is an arbitrary allocation which may or may not appear in the next year.

Mr. Taylor: Well, under our allotment in our 1973/74 Estimates, we are allotting \$173,420, certainly we must be recovering more than the \$25,000 indicated here under that agreement.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I have explained this to the Honourable Members before and I'll do it again. You get involved in these cost-sharing agreements and you get commitments that have to met, and then the other member of the cost-sharing agreement, in this particular instance, the Federal Government decides that they aren't going to participate in this agreement and the end result is like -- you don't even know and in fact there is no insurances of any kind, Mr. Chairman, that we will even get the \$25,000. We are simply assuming that the same allotment that we got last year and I believe the year before, Mr. Treasurer, will be forthcoming this year. It may not be forthcoming. Now this all started out to be a cost-sharing arrangement which I believe indicated that if we spent up to \$75,000 in any one year that up to 50% of that would be a recoverable item under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Agreement. I may say that that is the pattern of several other things that we are into that we see coming out of the horizon in the very near future.

Mrs. Watson: I would also like to point out if you are entering into such an agreement with them then the grants are paid out on the terms and conditions which they specify. The regulations have to be arranged to their arrangement, not for the needs of our own locality.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on this item?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Friendship Centres - \$15,000. Mr. Chairman, this represents 50% of the cost of Friendship Centres. The next item, Mr. Chairman, is Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation under Health Service \$93,000.

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Mr. Taylor: One question before we proceed, under weigh scale, which show no income and I think it was explained sometime this afternoon, I'm not too clear, I heard some discussion on it, why do we not indicate revenue from the operations of weigh scales?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the revenue under the operations of weigh scales comes in one of two forms; it is either the overweight permit or fees that are charged which go into our general revenue as fees. If there is a loss on the operation of a weigh scale, that is the amount of fees collected; it does not come up to the amount of the expenditure at a weigh scale we can recover the excess cost under the Engineering Services Agreement. Now there could be a recovery under that section of the Budget. Unfortunately, we don't have enough experience on weigh scales at the moment to know whether or not there is going to be a profit or a loss.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think, that Honourable Members should understand that the way the scheme is designed that there will be no set cost to the Territory beyond the 15% participation under the Engineering Services Agreement.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we are dealing with Health - \$93,000. Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Yukon Health Care Insurance Services - Premiums - \$889,470.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, when we get into this area, I would like to know from the Minister in charge of that particular department, how big a surplus he anticipates in a given year under expenditures.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, it may be apparent that there'll be some money over, but it will not be an amount of money that you can reasonably ascertain that will be held as a surplus. I think, all Members will understand that at the end of this fiscal year we would only have about ten months of actual payout operations. So that, it may well be that, although it may appear that we are going to have perhaps \$250,000 as a surplus, it may be that the bills of, for instance, it started on April 1st, the first six weeks or two months billing are not dealt with until the end of the second month. So by the time April 1st of 1972 or 1973 comes along, we would have met claims for ten of the months of payout. Two months after April 1st, that is April and May, will be the payment payout for March and February payments. Also, there are a certain amount of funds or claims that have been sent out, besides these monies, of course, that appear as surplus. There'll be those monies to come in from people who have not registered and not paid their premiums. So generally, I would say that there is not a case of, it is not a case of there being a surplus, but it'll be a case of sufficient monies available to meet the commitments of the Plan.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I find that rather confusing, because in a Legislative Return, we find out that a number of residents that are presently registered under the Yukon Health Care Plan, are more than there are people in the Yukon. We have 19,730 residents. This is by D.B.S. census figures; that even the municipalities must live by D.B.S. figures show that there are only 18,000 some in the Yukon, but unfortunately we find that there are 19,730 residents registered with this Plan. Now if this be the case, it would occur to me that there must be a very substantial surplus in this fund gauged on the premiums that are being charged. My next question would it have been -- there must be some money over at this time, somehow. I just can't see any other way, it can be.

Mr. Chamberlist: Perhaps the Honourable Member, well I won't say perhaps, I'm sure the Honourable Member is not aware that the population registration of the Medicare Plan is not a fixed population. Because as people move in and out of the Territory, those people who would wish to comply with the law, as must comply with the law, register of course, I'm aware that we're out \$78 in one particular instance, with premiums coming in. But generally, the flow of money is a result of people registering on a continual basis. Now from the statistics that have already been given, we know that the number of people that we have in the registered Plan, exceed the number of people that have been listed through the -- through Statistics Canada records. Now that doesn't necessarily mean that this creates a situation whereby the figures are not correct; but indeed it shows that the department itself, in carrying out its functions, recognizes the need to keep up-to-date, and keep count and inform those who want to be informed of the changes that take place in the number of people that listed through the computer system. As I have already indicated, Mr. Chairman, there appears that there will be a surplus, but we will not know this situation until after there has been a full year of operations and perhaps a month or so beyond that as well, to allow for certain billings that are not acceptable to the computer because of the information that has been filled out on the cards; those claims have not been dealt with. Where, for instance, the doctor has not yet completed the information, the cards required -- the claims would be returned and the claims would not be made -- would not be met, although, the claims will still be paid once the cards have been properly filled out by the medical practitioner.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think in anticipation of revenues, that no doubt the Honourable Member will succeed but to what extent? But, by D.B.S. statistics, there are only 18,388 people in the Yukon, as I say, there are by -- by the department that administers statistics, there are 19,730 people already registered for Medicare. And there are many hundreds of people across the Territory who are not registered; so this would indicate that there are a great number of people in the Yukon and if the Administration, as Mr. Commissioner indicated in his Opening Address to Council, are about to embark on a program of prosecution in this field; no doubt, he will be receiving money then from some 20,000 people and there is nobody can stand at the premium level that has been set in this department, and tell me you are not going to have a surplus. One thing that I should say that could add to the surplus, and I just can't get a hold of the file at the moment, -- but I have letters, copies of letters, will you please take notice, possibly I could from this point on, I wish all the bills for medical services to be sent to me for payment rather than the Medicare scheme, Dr. -- I won't mention the doctor's name, being good enough to give me his services, should in return be paid so, I would appreciate having the bill paid as soon as possible. I have paid up my medical scheme plan to the end of March or April, 1973, but as yet have not received card or receipt, but if you aren't covering my medical bills, would you please reimburse me and I will carry on as before, and so forth. This is what is happening to our Territory. The scheme is a botch. It's absolutely messed up to the point where I don't think the Honourable Member across the table understands because nobody else does. Business people don't know where to send their money. I know one business person that still has the money sitting in an envelope and has written letters; I have personally, on part of this person, made two phone calls to the Administrator and still didn't know where to send the money. I know people down there who have applied for medical care and have been refused; they are still paying their bills anyway. Why not scrub the Plan and let people go back to the wonderful plans they did have before at less cost and greater coverage and be done with it, because I just can't see it. If you intend on collecting this money, which no doubt you will, with the law behind you, then why not declare the big surpluses that the Administration are going to make under this plan. And I know what is behind it, I'll say it and I've said it in this House before, because I have been told by the Honourable Member that all we have to do, all I have to do is stay with the Medicare scheme, stay with it no matter what Taylor, stay with it and we will get such a nice surplus that by the time the next election rolls around then, we will be able to lower the premiums, increase

Mr. Taylor continues:

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the benefits, and we will all get re-elected and boy, that cannot be denied.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, it isn't. Next to that guy, Berton, the Honourable Member is about the best. You know it is amazing, Mr. Chairman, but I watched very carefully the great thick file that the Honourable Member took out of his desk and read letters and he said so forth and so on and he read the two top pieces of paper. I recognize one of them from a local priest in his district, and I recognize the other one as well; and it is just amazing that the Honourable Member seems to be so concerned about the Yukon Health Care Plan in his last statement that, as far as the Yukon Health Plan to get elected, boy, I think the Honourable Member is putting more and more nails in his own coffin, his own political coffin as he goes along, but that is up to him. I have already indicated, Mr. Chairman, that the position as far as people and registrations are concerned, is one that is an ongoing situation people come into the Territory and as become eligible after being in the Territory for 90 days, then they register and come under the Plan. People that leave the Territory and are away for 90 days, after they leave the Territory, they are still registered to the Plan, it doesn't necessarily mean that once they have left the Territory, the Territory still has responsibility of the Plan - it increases the population. It increases the Medicare statistics. The general attitude the Honourable Member has is cancel the Plan, wipe it out. I am very happy that everybody that wants to take advantage of the Medicare situation, is taking advantage and I think, that generally, it has been accepted. It's unfortunate I saw the Honourable Member walking about with a bad leg, and he couldn't go on see a doctor, or so he thought, but actually he can. Because even if the person isn't registered, he is still entitled under that Ordinance, to receive medical attention. We are bound by law to give him that medical attention and we will abide by the legislation and make sure that the doctors who have cooperated 100% with us and the Plan itself, are fulfilling their functions, very well. There is the odd doctor who sends down a piece of paper, you owe me \$10,000; send me money, but doesn't want to say why we owe him the \$10,000, but that is something else that we have to deal with. Funny, all these people seem to come from Watson Lake, somehow. I have difficulty Mr. Chairman, in appreciating any of the remarks that the Honourable Member has made, but I can assure all Members of Council, Mr. Chairman, that the Plan is doing very well. I don't know, I can't say exactly whether we are going to have a surplus. I hope that we do; it means that the program is working efficiently. I certainly hope so, and I certainly hope that as a result of the program having a little bit of a surplus, we will be able to extend the benefits in some way. I hope that the time will come along after we have had a complete year's operation and have met our commitments under the Plan, that we can start our first feat with giving some of the benefits to these old aged people and dispense with them paying premiums. I hope we will be able to do that. I hope we will be able to take care, in other areas; I hope we can expand in other areas, but I think it will be unfair, indeed, I think it will be improper for me to say to you at this time, we are going to give benefits, until we know what the actual costs of a year's program has been. But I can certainly assure Members of Council that as soon as we have a full year of the operations under the belt and met all its commitments; seen what the bills have been, what it has cost us; how it is working and give very close consideration to increasing benefits or whatever we can under the Plan. I think it is a good Plan and as I say again, I'm sure the majority of people, especially those who are not stubborn have accepted the program.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, I am stubborn, and I will continue to be stubborn as long as I represent people of the Yukon Territory. We talk about being able to give the old age pensioners' a break. Why, in its initial concept was not a thought given to the old age pensioners? Why come now and say that we might be able to? Why, when we talked about it, why when this was described to the Honourable Member in public meetings -- at least throughout my district, and, indeed, in many places in the Yukon -- why were these appeals not listened to? Now, we say, "Oh, yeah, we may be able to provide them." This is a program that is shoved down the throats of the people. I think constitutionally that this program can be beaten and shown in any Supreme Court in Canada that it is illegal, unlawful, and against the constitution that we hold dear as Canadians. And, it is embodied in the Yukon Act as the Honourable Member knows. While I am on the subject, I noticed that the Honourable Member skirted around the point that I made again. At one point in time in the company of three other Councillors, one is not present at this time, that he made the statement that "You stick with us. We'll set the premium level high; we know you don't agree with it. You stick with us, and we will . . ."

Mr. Chamberlist: I rise on a point of personal privilege, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: There is no point of privilege, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, the suggestion that has been made accusing me of certain statements that I wish to deny emphatically. I say that the Honourable Member is not so honourable because what he has said is an outright untruth.

Mr. Taylor: I rise to ask the Member, Mr. Chairman, this question, and I will give the Honourable Member the opportunity to answer. Did the Honourable Member in the company of Councillor Tanner, the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane and the Honourable Member from Mayo tell me that if I stuck with the arrangements, notwithstanding that I didn't like the plan, that the premium level might be a little high, but at least before the next election we could reduce the premium, possibly increase the benefits, and we would all get re-elected. Would the Member answer if this is true or false?

Mr. Chamberlist: This is the falsest statement that I have ever heard come on this Floor, and there have been one or two real false ones. That is a figment of the Honourable Member's imagination, and I am afraid that these figments have been going around for a long time. I would suggest that the Honourable Member take advantage of the Medicare Plan and visit our local psychiatrist.

Mr. Taylor: I have one further question, Mr. Chairman. Is it not then true, and I direct the question to the Honourable Member again, is it not then true that the day following this particular discussion which I just related, that I was turked off, or a motion was presented to turk me off the Finance Committee.

Mr. Chamberlist: The question obviously has an answer. If the situation didn't occur, how then could something else have happened on the day following? But, certainly, I agree that the Honourable Member was asked to be removed from the Financial Advisory Committee because of his incompetence. The answer wanted to be known. I am sorry, I had to tell, boy.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please. I would like to point out from the Chair that I have made a motion and it has been moved into Committee, Legislative Returns 1 and 5. I have much to say on this particular subject myself and wish to bring it up in a separate debate at a later date. I wonder if we could do so outside of the Budget. This item in the Budget is self-funding.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have some remarks on the recoveries items found under the Budget. Again, I can't let the opportunity pass without replying to the remarks of the Commissioner. I couldn't agree with him more that there is a long-standing record of the Federal Government getting both the provinces and the Territories into cost-sharing arrangements, and then pulling out of them. This is one of the objections that I raise to the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, that with the history and the record of the Federal Government getting into plans with the provinces and the Territories, then reneging on their responsibilities exactly as the Commissioner has pointed out, the people of the Yukon Territory and the Yukon Government are stuck immemorial with the bills that are presented by these first off cost-sharing basis. The Honourable Minister of Finance, the Honourable John Turner, has already indicated at some length and at some time prior to the last election, that perhaps the cost of universal Medicare was one that was a little too rich for the Federal Government, and one that they were going to have to take a long, hard look at and, perhaps, relieve the Federal Government of some of the responsibility, and tack those responsibilities onto the provinces and the Territories. The Commissioner knows well of what he speaks when he recites the record of the provinces and the Territories getting sucked into cost-sharing arrangements with the Federal Government and then are left with the baby and the bath water both. And, I made the point when the debate on Medicare came, that that was one of the reasons why we should be looking towards the continuance of private plans, because there is going to come the day when the Federal Government will be pulling out of the 50% cost-sharing arrangement with the provinces and the Territory, and we will find ourselves with the total cost of the plan on the Government of the Yukon Territory's doorstep. At that time, we are going to realize that we should have remained with the private insurance plan and only those people who weren't covered by the private insurance plans to be under the umbrella of Government Medicare. The other point I would like to make while on the recovery section of the Budget is that I see that from the Department of National Health and Welfare, we are going to be receiving \$513,000 back from the Federal Government from the direct cost of the insured services under the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan. Total cost will be estimated at \$1,234,810. Now if my arithmetic is correct, that is \$104,405 short of 50% of the national average. If this is true, it would mean that the cost of Medicare in the Yukon is 20% higher than those of the national average. I think that this is a little too high off the norm of the national average, and I wonder whether there was any attempt by the Honourable Member in charge of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation to get the Federal Government to agree to half the actual cost rather than half the national cost because he well knows, and we well know that living in the North is more expensive than living in another area, but we are being penalized by having to pay more than the average Canadian and getting less back from the Federal Government than the average Canadian.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I think that they are valid questions. First of all, let me deal with the remarks made by the Honourable Member vis-à-vis the cost-sharing. Cost-sharing generally, of the Medicare Program, is something that is cost-shared as far as the national average costs of medical services average individual. This is something that we share on the same basis right across Canada. It is based on per capita. The question of whether or not the Federal Government would pull out of this overall cost-sharing program was the subject of a Federal-Provincial conference a few months ago, which I attended in an active capacity, not as an observer. At this particular conference the Federal Government brought forward suggestions of a \$600,000,000 fund with the overall purpose of looking to the future and providing an overall fixed amount of money for a Federal Medicare Program, but administered by the different jurisdictions. There have been many discussions going on in this regard, and there is another conference coming up relating to this in the very near future. It is quite right, Mr. Chairman, for the Honourable Member to comment on this because if the cost-sharing ceases,

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in the manner that it is cost-shared now it would cease, not only for the Yukon, but it would cease for all jurisdictions. It wouldn't be a case of the Yukon being caught in the squeeze by having our program given to us and saying, "It's your baby, now" because there are alternative developments being brought about as a result of a new program with this \$600,000,000 being provided. The point that has been raised again with reference to the cost of Medicare being 20% more in the Yukon than outside, and specifically in British Columbia, is again quite true. Prior to the doctors joining the Medicare Plan in Yukon, the doctor's fees for the Yukon had already been based on the B.C. schedule of fees plus 20%. During the time before the coming into force of this Program, the Yukon Medical Association, the representative body for the doctors of the Yukon, and myself, discussed the overall program of payments of the medical services. I was able to have the Commissioner enter into an agreement, that for a period of two years, this cost would be firm. There would be no increase beyond the 20% over the B.C. schedule. On the basis of that agreement, we created what is referred to as the Yukon schedule. A price list of services was printed and this Yukon schedule formed the basis of the agreement. Each and every medical practitioner in the Yukon has a copy of this book with a code number, and when he provides a service charges to that code number, and that number is put into the computer. This is how the billing is paid to the medical practitioner. I agreed with the Honourable Member when he said that there is a difference of 20%. In actual effect the premiums do take in 20% more than they do in B.C. For instance, the single rate in B.C. is \$5.00; the couple rate in B.C. is \$10.50; and, if I recall, the family rate is \$12.50. If you add 20% to each one of those figures you will see in the case of \$5.00, it would be \$6.00; we charge \$6.50. In the case of 20% on top of \$10.50, it would be approximately \$2.10; we charge \$12.50. And, in the case of family prices charged, we pay \$15.00. You will find that the premiums that we charge here in the Yukon are very much parallel to the charges in B.C. including that 20%. Really, what is happening is that we are charging the 20% extra to offset the 20% in payments. Surely the Honourable Member will see that. In discussions with the Federal Government, I did point out that we would of necessity, parallel the B.C. premium. To meet the payments that have already been charged over the years by the medical profession here, we would have to have those premiums adjusted to that 20%. I asked whether the Federal Government could make a provision to allow for the difference on our cost-sharing basis. They pointed out to me, which is the only way that I could accept it, that the legislation under which they are governed, that is the Federal Medicare Act, only deals specifically with 50% of the per capita cost of medical services. Therefore, they couldn't do anything about it because it would go outside of the legislation that the Parliament of Canada had passed in this area. This is the reason why the price structure is in that particular way. The most important point to recognize is that the additional 20% premiums which shows in the total premium expected to come in, and the 20% that we have to pay to the doctors, which is 20% more of the B.C. schedule of fees shows the adjustment, the reasoning behind the whole area. I am sure that the Honourable Member would recognize this.

Mr. Tanner: While I recognize that the Honourable Member who has just spoken has got a long explanation and he was asked the question, I really have to agree with the Chairman when he said that these two Sessional Papers have been moved into Committee, and they are going to come up for discussion again anyway. Why continue it now. We could probably devote a whole day to it if we need to later on. So, let's get on with the Budget.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, my question was exactly on Recoveries which is exactly what we are discussing in the Budget. And I had wanted to go into the debate more, but I will keep my remarks on the Medicare Plan itself, until the Sessional Paper comes in. But we are dealing with the Recovery section of the Budget. My question was pointed directly at the Recovery section of the Budget. It is where the question should have been asked and where I'm going to ask the question when it concerns that subject matter in the Budget.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Both of the last two speakers were recognized by the Chair. Are there any further questions directly related to this particular item; may we have them now. Next item?

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Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item is Yukon Hospital Insurance Services - \$1,116,043.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, it is based on the \$60 per day in the Whitehorse General Hospital but the charges are different on different occasions but it has dropped because, as I have already said, the utilization committee specifically at the Whitehorse General Hospital, is working so effectively it has really dropped the amount of money; the day use is down.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if a person goes outside of Canadian jurisdictions what is the optimum amount that the Yukon Hospital Insurance Service will pay for the hospital bed?

Mr. Chamberlist: Sixty dollars a day.

Mr. McKinnon: I would imagine, Mr. Chairman, with the cost of hospitals in other jurisdictions, that this would nowhere near cover the per diem rate if a person was so unfortunate as to get stuck in that jurisdiction in a hospital, for a lengthy stay. Is there any exception that can be made to such a rule of \$60 per diem without exceptions.

Mr. Chamberlist: In different jurisdictions, there are different per diem rates. Alberta, I think, has 72; Toronto is 78.50; the highest ones, of course, are in the States where they run anywhere from \$94 to \$130, depending on the State. Now, beyond the \$60 there is no cost-sharing but many people do have if they -- for instance if they go to the States they do take out a supplementary hospital policy in case they become sick. But it is very, very rare that it's been brought to my attention -- it's very, very rare that the charges that have been made, haven't been completely covered. We cover the full amount anywhere in Canada but not if it would be in the States and that's where cost-sharing would be worth having but we have on one occasion, I have been told, we have paid the full amount up to \$71 in Canada. This was approved by the referees.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on this item?

Mr. Taylor: Is it still as it always has been that notwithstanding, for instance with Medicare, that if you don't have a card you still get the hospital bed wherever you go. They are not tied together now because I know the Medicare card is not acceptable in some places in B.C. People have great difficulty.

Mr. Chamberlist: The Honourable Member can be assured that if he were to have to go into the hospital, the bed would be paid for and also the medical attention would be paid for. The only thing, the registration card for the medical services would be required. There is no difference at all as to what since about 1961 when the Y.S.F. existed came about into being. Let us say, a fully paid up program. There is no insurance cost involved, it's completely paid thereof 100%.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next items are under Welfare, the first item being Administration \$180,000. Mr. Chairman, this is the Canada Assistance Plan Recovery. I will indicate in this area where it is not Canada Assistance. Categorical allowances - \$19,000 this is Canada Assistance Plan as well. Next item is Child Welfare Services - \$460,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions on this item?

Mr. Miller: You can say that about 99% of this is Canada Assistance Plan. Next item is Social Assistance - \$277,000, this again is Canada Assistance Plan.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Clear?

Mr. Miller: The next item is Homes and Institutions - \$203,000. There is a portion of this that is recovery of rent from the tenants living in the institutions. Next item is Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program - \$25,000; again this is Canada Assistance Plan. The last item is Social Service Agencies - \$16,000 which again is Canada Assistance.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask whether there are recoveries at all under Corrections from the Federal Government?

Mr. Chamberlist: No, we pay the whole shot for the Correctional Institute except we do get a little bit recovery but I don't know where in the recoveries, under the National Parole Board for doing parole. This is just recent; in the last six months we entered into an agreement and this has just come through but I think it's about \$1,500 or some figure like that.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the recoveries from Corrections have been so small that we haven't even bothered showing it. In other words, it doesn't even come to a thousand dollars.

Mr. McKinnon: The point, Mr. Chairman, seems strange and unfair that we pay a federal police agency to arrest people under the Criminal Code which is a Federal code, we then put them because they have been arrested under a Federal act into a Territorial institution and give them room and board there for two years and the fine that has been got from the person goes to the Federal Government. We don't see a cent of it, yet we get no recovery from keeping them there under a Federal act and even if there is a fine instituted, that too goes to the Federal Government. So I think that they have a pretty nice set-up going for them, particularly with the percentage of charges under the two fifty club act in the Territory. One wouldn't feel quite so bad if that were coming in the recovery section under Corrections and shown in the Budget but that all goes to the Federal Government, it's just the two bit fines that show up in the recovery under the Territorial legal system, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chamberlist: That's right. I agree with the Honourable Member, they don't even allow us a commission for the money we collect but we collect lots of money but it would be surprising -- if we let you know how much money -- I think we can get the statistics and let you know how much fine money is collected under the criminal code charges and sent out. It would be amazing. I will get the statistics, I think it would be interesting for the Members to see.

Mr. Commissioner: They are pretty well brought up-to-date on a regular basis in the monthly newsletter, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller: In the January newsletter, Mr. Chairman, it points out that there were \$9,575.00 sent to the Receiver General of Canada for one month.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on the Social Service Agency.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the next item to come under Local Government, the first one being Municipal Taxes Assessment - \$20,000. Mr. Chairman, under the Taxation Ordinance of the Yukon Territory we have one tax assessor who does all the tax assessment throughout the Territory when he is working within the municipalities of the Territory, his time is billed back to the municipality on an actual time basis. Next item, Protection Services - \$3,000. This relates to our inspectors doing certain work within the municipality. Next item is Insect Control - \$30,000. The next item is Sales of Lots, Riverdale - \$200,000.

Mr. Taylor: How many lots are there available there now? Has there been an additional survey within the last year or two or what is going?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there is ample to meet the demands of the market and we service them on an as and when required basis. I think the Honourable Member will remember that up until approximately three years ago, we came to Council and got a very substantial amount of money made available to us to service a considerable amount of property in Riverdale and the money was voted here -- the money that was dealt here yesterday or the day before was for a certain amount of further hookups to be made in the course of this year to activate the sewer and water system.

Mr. Miller: The next item is Zoning Appeal Board - \$1,500. Next item is Dust Control - \$17,000. No, Mr. Chairman, this is the dust control that we undertake within communities. We do it for them and they pay us back for doing it.

Mr. Taylor: This is in the case of municipalities only?

Mr. Commissioner: Say we go to a privately-owned area and do some dust control work for them while we have our equipment in the area, we would recover on that particular thing. I believe that a certain amount of dust control work could be possibly done in some other communities in the Territories as well, Mr. Chairman. That is the situation.

Mr. Miller: It relates to municipalities.

Mr. Taylor: And Local Improvement Districts, I would suppose. We give them the money for dust control and then we taken it back, and when we take it back it's showing here.

Mr. Commissioner: Remember though, I think you must differentiate here between things going on in a Local Improvement District as say on the Alaskan Highway that goes through the district, that is another kettle of fish altogether and it may well be the same equipment that is being used. That is not being charged back.

Mr. Miller: Next item, Mr. Chairman, is Highway and Public Works, Rental of Government Property - \$3,000. Next item is Engineering Services Agreement Administration - \$110,000. Next item is Alaska Highway Administration - \$315,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, why isn't this included in the one overall recovery?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe to answer the question, the agreement is broken into two sections. One the actual cost of the highway maintenance and the second the administration fee. Next item is Dawson Airport - \$10,000. It's recoverable from NOT. The next item is Mayo Airport - \$14,000 again from NOT. The next item is Third Party Services - \$124,000. Anybody that hires our equipment. This is the 110% item.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have asked Mr. Commissioner this question many times and I will ask again, what are the guidelines from NOT to decide whether there is a recovery on an airport in the Yukon Territory or not? Who decides, what are the guidelines?

Mr. Commissioner: There is a policy, Mr. Chairman, arrangement that the Ministry of Transport has, I think all the Honourable Members are aware that some of the airports in the Territory are looked upon as Ministry of Transport airfields, others are looked upon as Territorial airfields, some are looked upon as part of the highway system, others are looked upon as private and the fields that are involved here namely, the Dawson and Mayo, they fortunately sit in the category that permits the NOT to give us the money for the basic maintenance of them and as traffic builds up in other areas, other airfields would fit in these categories; I would venture to say that we may well have a case to make in the not too distant future for the Old Crow airport, although at the present time it is a Territorial airport, the traffic may build up and permit us to fall under the NOT umbrella the same as applies the Faro airport but Honourable Members must be aware of the fact that NOT have very stringent guidelines on these things and it is very difficult to get airfields brought under their umbrella to participate, but it's the Ministry of Transport that make this decision.

Mr. McKinnon: It isn't just whether it's a regularly scheduled aircraft, it has to deal with the amount of traffic actually using it.

Mr. Commissioner: Also, Mr. Chairman, it has to do with the type of services that the Ministry of Transport is prepared to provide there. I think that the Honourable Members are aware that at both Dawson and Mayo, the Ministry of Transport -- there's just more than an airfield there, there's I believe the terminology is air-radio services, that is part of the categorization.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder just as a matter of interest, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Commissioner could get the number of airports in the Northwest Territories that are considered by NOT to be under aegis of the Ministry of Transport, are receiving recoveries from the Department of Transport.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that we could get this information. However, while I am on my feet, I would say something, that the relations between the Ministry of Transport and the Yukon Territorial Government with regard to where a field is to be constructed and the securing of monies under the Northern Airfields Program from the Ministry of Transport, are very, very good. We find the agencies, the field workers from the Ministry of Transport to be very, very cooperative and I think that Members are aware that as a consequence of this kind of cooperation then the upgrading of the Dawson field, upgrading of the Mayo field, the construction of the field at Faro, the construction of the field at Beaver Creek, are there any others Mr. Treasurer? You know, these strike me right off the bat that these have been made possible by this kind of cooperation and while it is not easy to get the maintenance from the Ministry of Transport, certainly in the initial engineering and the basic construction funds, they treat us very, very well and I would not like leave this question with the impression in Honourable Members' minds that the Ministry of Transport is anything less than a very, very cooperative Federal agency with the Yukon Territorial Government. The question asked by the Honourable Member, we can secure an answer to it and we will.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item?

Mr. Miller: Next item is Alaska Highway Agreement 100% Recoveries - \$4,847,000.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions? Next item.

Mr. Miller: Next item is an 85% Recoveries of Expenditures under the Federal-Territorial Engineering Services Agreement - \$3,104,460.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any questions?

Mr. Miller: The last item is 100% Recovery of Expenditures under the Federal-Territorial Engineering Services Agreement \$55,000. This covers the operation of the Dawson skyline.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Questions?

Mr. Miller: The next item is Yukon Housing Corporation Rental-Purchase Housing Subsidy \$196,000.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could have an explanation on this? Is this the amount of monies recoverable from rents or where does this come from?

Mr. Chamberlist: We gave the explanations when you asked about the expenditures which is exactly the same amount of \$196,000, and this is the amount of subsidy that the Federal Government pick up. The amount of the subsidy is 100% that we are getting back.

Mr. Taylor: I am still confused between the subsidy on rental-purchase housing and the public housing or is it all lumped in the same -- or what?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the rental-purchase housing program is operated by the Housing Association. Now any costs involved in this are paid for by the Association - they collect the rent, the Government of the Yukon Territory picks up the net operating deficit of operating rental-purchase housing. We in turn get our funds from the Federal Government.

Mr. Taylor: This represents the deficit?

Mr. Miller: This represents the deficit.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on Housing Corporation? In view of the time, I think we will declare a recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will call the Committee back to order and ask Mr. Treasurer if he has the answers to some of the outstanding questions.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this afternoon Mr. Tanner asked total number of gallon sales of fuel oil and total diesel sales of fuel oil; the total tax-free. In round figures, the total gallons of fuel oil was \$42,000,000 gasoline makes up \$8,000,000 of that; diesel oil makes up \$8,000,000 of that; aviation fuel makes up 1.3 million. Exempt sales come to \$21,000,000 and Federal and Territorial-Exempt sales come to \$4,000,000. We have estimated that heating oil makes up \$10,000,000 of the \$21,000,000 currently tax-free. The remaining \$10,000,000 would be for heating in the mining process and generating of electricity. Without going to NCPC and Yukon Electric and a number of other users in the Territory; the generating of electricity would be impossible to get but it would be something less than the 10,000,000 gallons.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Were there any further answers?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, that completes all the outstanding questions to my knowledge.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Well maybe we can report progress on Bill 6 and now continue with Bill 7. (Roads Section 1, 2 and 3 of Bill No. 7)

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Mr. Tanner: Perhaps one of the Members that have been here longer than I have can advise me, is this the general wording that we have had in all the fiscal arrangements in the Territorial-Federal Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the only difference in this Ordinance between this one and any previous one is the provision for the payment in lieu of the Government of Canada levying personal and corporate income tax, and later on in the Agreement, you will find that there is no reference made to the item of succession duty tax. That has now been deleted from the Ordinance.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, would I be correct then in saying that the authority who levies personal and corporate income tax rests with the government as it is described in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the authority rests with the Government of Canada. They are paying us a grant in lieu of us levying our own.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions on this point?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, just for clarification purposes, the reason is because we are not a responsible government; we are not a province; we are denied the right that every other province, every other responsible government has under the terms of confederation. Period.

Mr. Chamberlist: That is right and I would also like to add that although we make reference to the Government of the Yukon Territory, the government is again sitting over there. The Yukon Act says the Commissioner has the administration of the government of the Yukon Territory yet the Yukon Government doesn't define the Government of the Yukon Territory nor does this Ordinance but yet we have to live with it. So here goes.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have a question related to grant lieu. Incidentally, those who think we are a Crown colony are very conceited because we are not, we do not have a Lieutenant-Governor. We have not attained that status yet.

Mr. Chamberlist: He didn't say a Crown colony, he said a colony.

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Mr. Taylor: In any event, I have a question arising or wrapped around in this Bill in terms of a grant in lieu of taxes aspect of it and I think, and every time and every year over the number of years I have been in this House and always raised this point, that the Federal Government buffaloed the people of the Yukon, the people of Canada into believing that indeed, there is this tremendous deficit grant. This is what it is termed and it's the same thing as a grant in lieu of taxes and every year we ask, or I ask and other Members have as well, ask for a breakdown of this deficit grant to indicate clearly how much of the deficit grant is for instance, a charge to the Federal Government for services rendered to us by the Government of the Yukon Territory and many other areas of the Budget that we've discussed as going through it here in the last few days. The Government owe us money for one purpose or another - by agreement, by allotment, by negotiation or otherwise and they say rather than identify it as an individual grant, we will just throw it into this deficit grant and by the time they are finished with this agreement, they have a pretty sizeable deficit grant and most people get the impression that the Federal Government are really feeding the people of the Yukon Territory to an extent to which they are not and I think it behooves this Administration at least on the Government side of the Legislature to insist in Executive Committee or anywhere else that there should be a clear accounting of just really what the financial position of this Territory is because if we are ever going to make a case for autonomy, we've got to have those figures stated and stated clearly.

Mr. Chamberlist: We're working on it.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out for the benefit of the Members that this is the first year that the grant, the payment in lieu of us levying personal-corporate income tax is spelled out in the agreement. In all previous agreements, the total funds coming to us, in this case the \$6,864,000 and the \$4,637,000, would have been lumped in one sum and the deficit grant in this case would be a little over \$11,000,000. But the Canadian Government has seen fit to break this out and this is the income equalization payment that we would get if we were a province. This \$4,000,000 that's right.

Mr. Chamberlist: And the percentage, if the Members look at the sheet, the percentage is 30.4%. This is what this \$4,000,000 represents.

Mr. Miller: It is based on a cost-sharing formula, Mr. Chairman. The 30% is made up of two pieces. The 30% income tax rate for personal income tax is made up two pieces; one a Federal tax portion and the balance, if you like, a Territorial tax portion without the Territory's percentage being spelled out. Another item which might help to clarify in some Members' minds, the Government of the Yukon Territory does have the legal competence to impose a personal and corporate income tax. The difficulty that we get into in this area is our inability to live with the administrative nightmare that we would get into. In other words, we are not big enough for that side of it yet. As an example of what can happen under a system of a province raising its own income tax, if you look at the Government of Saskatchewan in their last fiscal year, they were very hard pressed to pay back to the Federal Government funds that they had received under the income tax equalization plan and they operated in a deficit of something like \$10,000,000 last year. Because they had spent the money that Ottawa had given them and then they had to turn around and give some of it back. A dicey situation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further questions? (Reads sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Bill No. 7).

Mr. McInnon: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest on record progress on this Bill because I don't think it should be passed before the clearance of the Budget. Certainly Mr. Chairman if we agree to the amount of money that the Government of the Yukon Territory is going to borrow from the Federal Government to make up the deficit of the budget, we have passively agreed to the Budget. There is no doubt about that. Once the budget is cleared, the Bill becomes an automatic passage or negotiation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Agreed?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads Schedule and preamble of Bill No. 7) That completes the reading of Bill No. 7. Is it Committees wish that we report progress on Bill No. 7? Next Bill is Bill No. 8, I wonder if the Bill requires the Treasurer to remain with us?

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Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it is a loan agreement.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Chamberlist, would you read the Explanatory Note?

Mr. Chamberlist: The Explanatory Note for the records. The purpose of this Bill is to provide the funds to authorize loans to municipalities and to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in second mortgages.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads Bill No. 8)

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Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 8 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mrs. Watson: I'll second that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 8 pass out of Committee without amendment. Are prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next Bill for consideration is Bill No. 9. (Reads sections 1, 2, 3 and 4)

BILL #9

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, in paragraph 2, to get the Town of Faro off the hook in case they exceed their 3 mill borrowing power?

Mr. Chamberlist: What particular section is the Honourable Member referring to?

Mr. Tanner: Paragraph 4 says that they can go ahead and do this without submitting it, for example, through a public plebiscite. Paragraph 2 says anything that is in conflict with the Municipal Ordinance which appears to me to be to get them off the hook from doing that sort of thing as I read it. In other words, if the Town of Faro has been borrowing more than a total of 3 mills of their assessment, they have to submit it to the public scrutiny, I believe. Paragraph 2(2) gets them off out of this. Is that the purpose?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is a separate section in the Municipal Ordinance that deals with the Town of Faro. They do not come under the normal section of the Municipal Ordinance.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Any further questions up to and including 4(1)? (Reads sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I've looked at the next two loans, one for the City of Dawson and one for the City of Whitehorse. I notice that both have that condition that I spoke of earlier is imposed on them. I can't remember the reason we didn't impose these conditions, or why we gave exception to the City of Faro?

Mr. Miller: In the original Village of Faro Ordinance special provisions were made because the Anvil Mining Corporation owns 75% of the property.

Mr. Chamberlist: I would move that Bill No. 9 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I wonder if I might read the preamble first. (Reads preamble)

Mr. Chamberlist: My apologies, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 9 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mrs. Watson: I second that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It was been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 9 be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next item is Bill No. 10. (Reads sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9)

BILL #10

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as much as these three Bills, Bill No. 11 is the same thing, are based on provisional budgets only the remarks made by the Administration earlier today, still apply to this -- when the formal budgets are in that further loan monies are available, they will be considered in supplementary estimates?

Mr. Chamberlist: This is a loan amount that has been requested from the City of Dawson, it is not a provisional amount; they have requested it and the Bill is made up on the basis of the request that has been made.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, could I direct that question to the Commissioner and I was referring to all three Bills?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the legislative authority is very, very clear in these Bills. Now if loans beyond this amount are required and funds are available for them, we will have to come here to seek further legislative authority. It is just that simple.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads preamble)

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 10 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I second that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 10 be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Next is Bill No. 11. (Reads sections 1, 2, 3 and 4) I wonder, Mr. Clerk, would it be possible to get that echo turned down? (Reads sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and preamble)

BILL #11

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 11 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

BILL #11

Mr. Tanner: I'll second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 11 be reported out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I will declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think that with Bill No. 12, we've agreed to discuss this in conjunction with other matters on BILL #12 Tuesday.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect to Bill No. 13, there are two things that I was hoping to have. One is the Legal Adviser, and the other is a copy of the Fire Prevention Ordinance. I am wondering, in light of the time, if we could reserve this subject until tomorrow when Mr. Legal Adviser will be available? BILL #13

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could proceed with the Bill and report progress on it, that we have read it, and give the Honourable Member the opportunity to have whatever he wants. We could go ahead with reading the Bill. It would save time, and we have time to proceed.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Does Committee agree to just read the Bill?

Mr. Taylor: As at the last Spring Session one year ago, this was always the soft soap. All Members know that once the Bill is read, notwithstanding who wants to discuss it, it's gone. The Commissioner gives assent to it and that's the end of it. I think that it would be more than proper in discussing this Bill, to have the Legal Department with us, and I see no reason to proceed with it at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: We will not report it out of Committee, but it's the wish of most Members of Committee to proceed with this Bill, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Chamberlist, would you read the Explanatory Note?

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, Mr. Chairman. "The purpose of this Bill is to add property damage insurance to the insurance business taxable under the Ordinance. Modern insurance policy procedure makes the single classification of fire insurance difficult to capture when mixed with other forms of insurance. The change should result in increased revenues." To add to that, Mr. Chairman, recently the insurance companies now are including an overall property insurance, and you can't separate what portion is the fire premium. This is the purpose of this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: (Reads Bill No. 13)

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if at this time we could report progress on this Bill?

Mr. Tanner: Before we report progress, I've got one question for the Treasurer. Does he have any sum in mind for the amount that's going to return this coming February on this?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, under the old Fire Prevention Ordinance, the premium of one-half of 1 percent, we estimated that this would raise approximately \$10,000.00. The 1 percent will probably raise an amount of \$20,000.00. We don't have any experience; it's strictly an estimate.

Mr. Tanner: I don't see anything in the Budget showing that.

Mr. Miller: You are right. I'm sorry. There is nothing in the Budget to show that.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Treasurer, would it be somewhere in another bulk item, or have we omitted it completely; and how much was that amount in dollars?

Mr. Miller: I'm afraid, Mr. Chairman, that we have omitted it. It was an oversight on my part. As indicated, for 1972-73, it would be approximately \$10,000.00; for 1973-74, it could be as high as \$20,000.00.

Mr. Chamberlist: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if we could report progress, and Mr. Treasurer can bring that information forward to us.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is it the wish of Committee that I read the preamble first?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could report progress at this point, and leave the preamble. The preamble, if Honourable Members would consult their Beauchesne, the preamble and the title of the Bill are the last things to be considered in a Bill.

Mr. Chamberlist: That doesn't matter.

Mr. Taylor: Rules are important.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Tanner: I have one question, Mr. Chairman. Why is that last paragraph, paragraph 21.1(3) -- is the insurer then paying the tax rather than the insurance company?

Mr. Miller: That's right. It would be the insurer rather than the insurance company.

Mr. Tanner: The insurance company would you need that?

Mr. Miller: There is a possibility of having an unlicensed company in the Territory writing a premium, or writing a policy in the Territory. All we're saying there is that the insurer has a responsibility to pay the tax. We can't touch the unlicensed company.

BILL #13

Mr. Tanner: An unlicensed insurance company shouldn't be insuring in the Territory surely.

Mr. Miller: I quite agree with you, Mr. Chairman, but there is the possibility of this happening, and this allows us to collect the tax, if you like, from the insurer.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'll make the comment that I don't particularly think that's fair, because if the unlicensed insurance company is insuring in the Territory, there is a very good chance that the insurer is buying a fallacious policy. Even if that happens, and the policy is no good, then the poor old guy is going to get hit a second time for 1 percent of the insurance policy.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I don't think that would happen. This is a covering section similar to the one that we have for example in the Fuel Oil Tax Ordinance. You don't have to buy the fuel oil here to pay the tax; you have to use it here. That's the principle applied. This is common phrasology, if you like, out of the provincial statutes.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: In view of the time, the Treasurer can be excused, and I'll entertain a motion that Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, before the Treasurer is excused, I'd like to personally thank him, and I think I'm speaking for all Members of this Council, for the presentation of his Budget. It is the third budget that I've been through since I've been in Council, and by far the easiest to work on. Also, I would like to thank him for his immediate and clear answers to the many questions that were put to him. I think every Member of this Council probably expresses the same view.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I'm sure that Committee agrees with those remarks.

Mr. Miller: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Miller leaves the Chamber.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is there a seconder to that motion?

Mr. Tanner: I'll second it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I'll declare the motion carried.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order. May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker. At 2:40 p.m., Committee was called to order to discuss Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns. In further discussions on Bill No. 6, under tax revenue, a motion was put forward by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that the increase in diesel fuel taxation by two cents per gallon, contained in Bill No. 6, be deleted. This motion was defeated. I can report further progress on Bill No. 6. Bill No. 7 was also discussed, and I can report progress on it. Bill No. 8, an Ordinance entitled Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, was discussed, and it was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that this Bill be passed out of Committee without amendment. The motion carried. Bill No. 9, an Ordinance entitled the Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, was discussed. It was regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that this Bill pass out of Committee without amendment. The motion carried. Bill No. 10, an Ordinance entitled the City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance, was discussed. It was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that this Bill be passed out of Committee without amendment. The motion carried. Bill No. 11, an Ordinance entitled the Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance, was discussed. It was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that this Bill be passed out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. Bill No. 13 was discussed, and I can report progress on that. At 9:15 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. This motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed? Perhaps we have something for the agenda for tomorrow?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is the intention of Council, at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, to discuss Bills, Motions, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I would move we call it 9:30.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Stutter: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the motion. Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Council now stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer. Councillor Rivett is absent.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Mr. Clerk: There is Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now come to order. Under Orders of the Day is there any Correspondence and Documents to be tabled? Are there any Reports of Committees? Introduction of Bills?

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 14, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Dental Profession Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #14
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 15, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Pharmaceutical Chemists Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #15
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 16, an Ordinance intituled Building Standards Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #16
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 17, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Vital Statistics Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #17
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 18, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #18
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 19, an Ordinance intituled An Ordinance to Amend the Cooperative Associations Ordinance, be introduced.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #19
INTRODUCED
MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution? Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? We will proceed then to the Daily Routine. We have Motions for the Production of Papers - No. 1, moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Stutter, that the salaries of the Public Service of the Yukon Territory be made available on a Confidential basis, to the Members of the Yukon Legislative Council. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF
PAPERS #1

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, with respect, Mr....

Mr. Speaker: I'm afraid there is no debate on a Motion for the Production of Papers.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, it is a public document now, I mean, what is the use of asking for something that is a public document that can be obtained at any time. You can have it any time.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Under Motions for the Production of Papers, No. 2 - moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Stutter, that the monies paid to individual doctors under the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan during the fiscal year 1972-73, be made available on a Confidential basis to the Members of the Yukon Legislative Council. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF
PAPERS #2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed to Motion No. 9, I wonder if the Honourable Member for Dawson will stand and take the Chair.

MOTION #9

Councillor Stutter takes the Chair.

Mr. Acting Speaker: We now come to Motion No. 9, it was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that the Administration endeavour to obtain from the Joint Insurance Underwriters, complete details and reasons for the twenty-five percent surcharge levied on Yukon Fire Insurance Premiums. Are you prepared to proceed with the motion?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Speaker, for some time now we have been endeavouring to obtain from the Canadian Underwriters or Joint Insurance Underwriters, as the case may be, information relating to the extremely high cost of fire insurance in the Yukon Territory. We have to date been unable to get this information and I might say, Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, that this is a matter of very great public interest. During the Spring Session of 1967, I think that is the last time we stated this matter, and we asked at that time, by motion, that this information be forthcoming from the underwriters. Now, just for the record, Mr. Speaker, at that time we received Sessional Paper No. 110 and in the course of it, they say the investigation was instigated by Motion No. 7, 1965, First Session, dated March 18, 1965, which called for justification of apparently excessive fire rates in force in the Yukon Territory. This motion was answered by Sessional Paper No. 17, 1965, Second Session, dated October 1, 1965, and from that it can be noted that special rating tariff of the Yukon was to have been produced. The tariff has not been received and upon being contacted, our insurance agent informed us that it is confidential and not available to the Yukon Territorial Government. It is proposed to request our insurance agent to supply a paper on this matter, containing the information for which Council has asked and which up to the present it has not been possible to supply. It would appear, Mr. Speaker, that at that point in time, this is in 1967, that since that point in time we still haven't been able to get this information. Now, as we all know fire insurance could be

Mr. Taylor continues:

categorized in the field of a public utility and it is very difficult, more particularly for individuals or a small business, if you wish, to fully cover by insurance their belongings, their possessions, their buildings, their -- whatever, because basically they just can't afford them at such a high premium cost. Now, since 1967, I think that most Members will agree that we have bettered our fire protection facilities in the Territory. We now have fire fighting apparatus and a trained volunteer department in most outlying districts and in some cases municipalities have paid fire departments. We might say generally, that things have improved a great deal in terms of fire protection over these years. Now, it is entirely possible that the insurance -- the Joint Insurance Underwriters could in fact justify the premiums that are being charged, however, it is this opinion of many citizens that really, nothing could justify the high premiums that we are bound to pay. What we are particularly concerned with, more than anything else, is the 25% surcharge charged on Yukon fire insurance over provincial type of coverages. I think that we have a right to know from insurance underwriters what this 25% surcharge consists of. This is nothing new; this is something that has been in effect for a great deal of time. I think that the way -- the approach that Government should take would be through the offices of the Legal Department and I think that they would be best equipped to communicate with the Joint Fire Underwriters to see if, now, several years later, five years later, if they may be willing to present this Legislature with some sort of accounting and justification of fire insurance rates in the Territory. This, Mr. Speaker, is the reason for the motion. I would ask for the whole-hearted support of all Members.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I think I have already stated my reasons why I support this motion in the House prior. The last motion, as the Honourable Member said, went forward in 1967 and since that time, I was going to sit down and add up the millions of dollars that the Government of the Yukon have spent in sprinkler systems, water and sewer systems, and fire equipment all over the Yukon Territory. I am most positive that it is in the millions of dollars. Every time an expenditure of this type appeared in the Budget, we were always told that one of the reasons that we were making these expenditures was that the fire insurance premiums would then be lowered to the Yukon consumer. And unfortunately, such is not the case. The ludicrousness of the situation is surely pointed out by the example that the Honourable Member for Watson Lake always uses, that the Village of Lower Post is served by the fire department in Watson Lake, so how many miles is it from Watson Lake -- 12 miles, and yet they enjoy a 25% lower fire insurance premium than Watson Lake, where the volunteer fire department and equipment is because they have that distinct advantage of living in the Province of British Columbia and not in the Yukon Territory. Almost every piece of legislation coming from the Federal Government, almost every edict that private entrepreneurs bring forth, all have a penalty on those people living in the North. If they would just treat us as equal Canadians, not put us at any disadvantage, give us any advantages, just treat us as equals, we would be so much better off in our attempt to make our home here in the Yukon Territory. Of course, this is one of the fights that the Honourable Member for Whitehorse East used to lead and I certainly wish that he would come back to represent the people of the Yukon Territory and help other Members of Council take these fights to the Government of Canada and to the corporations of Canada where they are imposing unnecessary penalties on the people who live and work north of 60. Mr. Speaker, those are my reasons why I was happy to second the motion of the Honourable Member for Watson Lake. I give him my whole-hearted support.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of voting against the motion. But, I wish to point out at the same time that the motion is not going to give you any information. Now if Honourable Members would have been following the legislation, but obviously they have not, they would notice that Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, having a specific amendment to get a tax out of the premiums that are being paid to insurance companies. I read into the record the Explanatory Note which is attached to that piece of legislation, and I will read again: "It is the purpose of the Bill to add property damage insurance to the insurance business taxable under the Ordinance. Modern insurance policy," and I want you to take note of this please, Members of Council, "Modern insurance policy procedure makes the single classification of fire insurance difficult to capture when mixed with other forms of insurance. The change should result in increased revenues." What happens now with the insurance companies is they don't issue, or very rarely issue specific fire insurance policies. I will agree with both Honourable Members, but the time that we had this before Council before, it was an entirely different situation where they provided a fire insurance policy and you knew exactly what the premiums were for fire insurance because they're specifically for that purpose. But the policies that are being issued today are property damage and they don't separate what portion of the premium is for a property damage, perhaps by flood or by fire or by wind. It is just a property damage insurance. But as I say, I am not going to vote against the motion. I am going to support the motion, but it is supporting a motion that is not going to have any effect because the insurance companies will not break down what their premiums are; how much of the premium is for fire insurance and how much is for any other risk. But it is because the premiums are written out in that particular way, I'm sure Honourable Members are following very closely what I'm saying here, that is why we're now making this amendment. We thought at first we were able to catch the insurance companies by taxing the fire insurance premium. But when we found that they were not separating the fire insurance premiums and it is underlined in the Bill, Mr. Speaker, we have underlined the business of fire insurance or property damage insurance, simply because a few insurance policies which are continuing policies are still issued on fire insurance only. But the trend now that should happen with the changed policies, I happen to know this on an insurance policy that was just replaced on a property that my family is connected with, this is quite true; it is going up by nearly 25%, but they now refer to it as the property damage insurance policy. This is where it is, anything -- they have got it -- because this -- this is why we have got these words in there and if Honourable Members would look at the Bill, we have got the words, "or property damage insurance" underlined in two instances. I think this is the main point and the main concern. As I say I will support the motion for whatever it is worth.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I find the two not that closely related although they, indeed, are to some extent. What I am saying is, is that this 25% surcharge has been charged and levied over many, many years -- long before the Faro fire, for instance -- it has gone back ten years or even longer. To say that this motion would have no effect I don't think is quite true, because at that time we asked the Legal Department to investigate the possibility of charging the insurance companies under the Combines Investigations Act if they were not prepared to come before this legislative body and explain, justify the 25% surcharge. Indeed, in basics this is what we were after, to explain the surcharge and justify it. This is what the motion seeks. I really think if the Legal Department did knuckle down on this one, they could find a way to force the insurance companies if they did not want to go along on a co-operative basis; they could force them to give us this information. This is really an attempt to get this information. MOTION #9

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Next motion, Motion No. 10. Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that the subject of Territorial Parks be discussed in Committee of the Whole with Mr. Commissioner and Executive Committee Member Mr. G. McIntyre, in attendance. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? MOTION #10

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I have one motion standing on the Order Paper. I am wondering if it is the intention of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West to proceed with Motion No. 11?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the press has already successfully speculated that I got bought off in this smoke-filled room. I would ask that the motion be withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to the Question Period. Mr. Clerk, would you see if the Commissioner is available? I will declare a brief recess.

RECESS

RECESS

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council back to order. We have arrived at the Question Period.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if this is an appropriate time to answer this or not, but I would like to take the opportunity. There was a question asked during the Budget by Councillor Stutter concerning the possibility of excess equipment or surplus equipment that might be available to the City of Whitehorse as a consequence of conversations that.... QUESTION RE
EXCESS
EQUIPMENT

Mr. Stutter: Councillor Tanner.

Mr. Commissioner: I am sorry, Councillor Tanner.in connection with the takeover of the Alaska Highway. I have instructed my officers to take this surplus list up with the City of Whitehorse, and apply the internal policies that we have in connection with this so that it will be offered, that which is located here in Whitehorse, to the municipality on a prior basis to its going up for other types of disposal, such as public tender.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Commissioner for this. It was something that came up during the amalgamation talks, and I think that it is very important to give the City the opportunity to buy the equipment.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner, and if he isn't able to answer it, I would like a written answer. I would like to know what the Government of the Yukon Territory presently is paying White Pass, the contract price, for diesel fuel? QUESTION RE
DIESEL FUEL
CONTRACT

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, this is a great, long schedule, and it isn't necessarily to the White Pass. It is on a public tender basis. If the current year's supplies, the contracts that we have, and the prices that we pay, we will gladly table this for Council's information. I may say that there are tenders being called, I would assume, in the fairly near future, for the supplies starting again on the first of April.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a series of four written questions that I would ask that the Administration attempt to get answers for me as quickly as possible. The first one: What revenue would accrue to the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund if an extra ten cent tax were put on each bottle of liquor sold in the Yukon Territory? Number two: What revenue would accrue to the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund if an extra ten cent tax was put on each bottle of wine sold in the Yukon Territory? Number three: What revenue would accrue to the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund if a one cent tax was charged on fuel oil used for heating ore as a part of a mineral extraction process? Number four: What revenue would accrue to the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund if a ten cent tax were levied on 1) each package of cigarettes, package of twenty-five; 2) each box of cigars, package of five and up; 3) each pouch and/or tin of tobacco? QUESTION #6

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Commissioner can fill us in on any details. I think that the Treasury Department in Ottawa today was discussing the Capitol Building? I wonder if he has heard anything at all? QUESTION RE
CAPITOL BUILDING

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I have had no word from Ottawa so far. I have promised the Honourable Members that just as soon as I have word, I will see that it is delivered to the House.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Commissioner can tell us if he has had any confirmation in writing of his talks in Ottawa, and whether or not he can tell this House how these talks went? QUESTION RE
OTTAWA TALKS

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I haven't as yet, but I am sure that this will be forthcoming in the next day or so.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner if he has any knowledge of any land that has been purchased from the Yukon Territorial Government on Range Road within the last month, and if he could endeavor to find out if any has been purchased from the Territorial Government? QUESTION RE
LAND PURCHASED
FROM Y.T.G.

Mr. Commissioner: We can certainly determine this, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, if no land has been sold by the Territory, whether any land has been leased on Range Road from the Territorial Government within the last month, and what the terms and conditions of the lease arrangements are with the Territorial Government.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to thank Mr. Commissioner for his attendance at the Question Period today. We will move on to Public Bills and Orders. What is your pleasure?

BILL #8,
THIRD
READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 8, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, be given Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

BILL #8,
TITLE
ADOPTED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 8, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 8, Loan Agreement Ordinance (1973) No. 1, has passed this House.

BILL #9,
THIRD
READING

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 9, Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be given Third Reading.

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BILL #9,
TITLE
ADOPTED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 9, Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be adopted as written.

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Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 9, Faro General Purposes Loan Ordinance, has passed this House.

BILL #10,
THIRD
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Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 10, City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be given Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED

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BILL #10,
TITLE
ADOPTED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 10, City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 10, City of Dawson General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be adopted as written.

BILL #11,
THIRD
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Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Bill No. 11, Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be given Third Reading.

MOTION CARRIED

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BILL #11,
TITLE
ADOPTED

Moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Watson, that the title to Bill No. 11, Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be adopted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: I declare that Bill No. 11, Whitehorse General Purposes Loan Ordinance, be adopted as written.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that Council resolve itself in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Tanner: Second.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think at this time I will declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. We have several Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns in Committee, but I wonder if perhaps we could recap for a moment. The first one that is still outstanding is Bill No. 3. Councillor Taylor are you prepared to proceed with this Bill?

BILL #3

Mr. Taylor: Just as soon as I get a hold of Mr. Legal Adviser. I haven't been able to catch him, Mr. Chairman; he is very busy with a J. P. Conference.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Do you require him in Committee or...

Mr. Taylor: No, it is an attempt at a redraft of that section we were talking about.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Can we set a day to...

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, just as quickly as I can get some time with the Legal Adviser, I can notify the Chair, and we can proceed with it.

Mr. Chamberlist: I would prefer, Mr. Chairman, that we set a date to deal with this and that we will have the Legal Adviser there on that date. If the Honourable Member could say whether Monday, or Tuesday, then certainly that would be a reasonable attitude for the Government to take, but to allow the position that we do not go ahead with the legislation is -- this just isn't right.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, possibly if the Honourable Member for Watson Lake could indicate to us what section he is thinking of having a redraft done on, and if we could discuss it, possibly it could be a submission to the Legal Adviser to have him look into it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, often I have stood in this House since 1961, demanding that the Members of the Legislative Council have a Legal Adviser and we don't. In the books we have a Legal Adviser, yes; in fact we do not. One of the duties in the original concept of this ball game was that Members would have the assistance of the Legal Adviser of Council to help draft Private Members' Bills, motions, amendments, and this type of thing. What I am saying to you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of this Committee, is that the Legal Adviser to the Territorial Government, apparently the only Legal Adviser we have at the moment, has been very, very busy and is still occupied basically with the J.P. Conference. Now I want to sit down with him and put together the information I have gleaned over the last few days on this Bill and come up with a proposed amendment, which I cannot immediately at this time in Committee. I also cannot see why the squeeze. Could we not let this stand over until such time as I can get hold of the Legal Adviser? It is that simple; it is a basic request.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I don't believe, from the Chair, that there is a squeeze intended; it is just that we would like to know when this particular Bill is to be discussed.

Mr. Taylor: Just as fast as I can have some time with the Legal Adviser, possibly when we resume next week I should have this resolved if I can get the Legal Adviser; otherwise I will have to hire a lawyer down the street.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, why not do that. Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member will indicate which particular section is bothering him in the legislation, then perhaps all Members of Committee could have a worthwhile discussion on it. We are the legislative body here. Mr. Legal Adviser can advise, but surely if the Honourable Member is not prepared to let the rest of the Committee know what is bothering him, how can he expect to get some help from us so we could even support his amendment.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the section that I refer to is 19(1) and I wish time next week to prepare an amendment.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Legal Adviser is available at any time the Council wishes and if the Honourable Member for Watson Lake would like to arrange an appointment for Monday morning with the Legal Adviser at 9:00 o'clock, I'm sure that this can be arranged.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the problem I meet in this House, more than any other Member, I am here in the mornings, I'm here at different times, and if the Legal Adviser is available I can generally catch him; it is just that he has not been available.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that maybe we can look at something -- another piece of work that has to do with appropriation.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: The first Sessional Paper, taken in numerical order with Sessional Paper No. 4, put in by Councillor McKinnon. Are you prepared to proceed with this, Councillor McKinnon.

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Mr. McKinnon: Yes, I am, Mr. Chairman, and I would ask that Mr. Commissioner be available in Committee when Sessional Paper No. 4 is discussed.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Mr. Clerk, would you see if Mr. Commissioner is available. The next one to be discussed after this would be Sessional Paper No. 8, again by Councillor McKinnon. Do you require anybody for that one.

Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, I am certainly prepared to proceed with Sessional Paper No. 8 if Committee is agreed. Mr. Chairman, I am opposed in no uncertain terms as to a levy of a campground fee on residents of the Yukon Territory of \$5.00 for the fiscal year 1973/74. I thought it was one of the brighter days in this Session of Council's history when a majority of Members voted against imposing a campground fee of \$3.00 on Yukon residents for the 1972 season. I thought that the arguments of the Members who voted against levying that fee was valid then, as they are valid now. Perhaps even a little more valid now considering the extra taxation that once again is going to be placed on the public of the Yukon in the fiscal year 1973/74. I contend, Mr. Chairman, that this is a double taxation on the purse strings of the Yukon public. Not only are they putting out some \$80,000 for the maintenance of campgrounds this year, they are also putting out another \$50,000 for improvement and other campground facilities this year. Well, over \$130,000 are going to be contributed by the taxpayers of the Yukon Territory this year so that visitors can enjoy the campgrounds that are provided to them through the taxes and the tax dollars of the Yukon public. I find it galling to the extreme, Mr. Chairman, to even suggest that a user fee be placed on the people of the Yukon Territory and not only a nominal fee, but a fee of \$5.00 for the use of Yukon campgrounds that are already being paid for by the taxpayer of the Yukon Territory. Mr. Chairman, it appears to me that for some reason, only the powerful Member for Whitehorse North can attempt to justify that he has changed his thinking on the campground policy. I don't know why in the course of a year, it seems to me that I'm the one that is always getting charged with inconsistency in this House. But, in the short course

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Mr. McKinnon continues:

of a few months the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, who is always chiding me for my inconsistency, has appeared to go 180 degrees around the bend and now is accepting the arguments used by the Executive Committee Member that this fee should be levied. I can only tell you gentlemen, I can put it in terms of the human perspective, it's irony to people of the Yukon Territory at this time and that is one of the reasons that even with the penalties that are increasingly placed on all Yukon residents for living in the Yukon Territory, north of 60, one of the things that keeps us here and draws us here is the ability to drive, and in five minutes in any direction, you are out in the open and you are out in the wilderness and we are away from all the pressures that are so predominant in contemporary living. For those of us who do use the campgrounds and use them extensively, who travel the highway system of the Yukon extensively, who check in on the campgrounds to make sure that the Territorial Government is maintaining them in the condition that we want to see them, I think that it is a penalty, and one that I tell you the Yukon people are going to object to; they are going to object a lot more strenuously than you think they are and it is just another burden on their already short pocketbook. For a country and a people who love nothing more than getting away from government madness and government bureaucracy by escaping from the confines of bureaucracy to go into a public campground they have already paid for, and have an Administrative Officer come up and say, that'll be five bucks for the ability for you to stay here overnight, to have lunch here in a campground that you have already paid for, is just too much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Tanner: The accusation is well leveled by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West, that I am being inconsistent. But at least I'm not being consistently inconsistent like he is. I am merely being inconsistent because I have seen the light. In the past year, Mr. Chairman, I have done a little travelling around; I had a look around. What the Honourable Member suggests or maybe didn't even know because I didn't even know last year either, is that we have a Tourist Advisory Committee; in fact every Member of this House has nominated one Member to that Committee and then there are four or five other Members besides. Last year the Tourist Advisory Committee which I was unaware of, advised the Government to impose a \$3.00 tax fee throughout the Territory on both tourists and residents. This year the Tourist Advisory Committee, our nominees from the public, have advised the Government to impose a \$5.00 fee for campground use for all residents and on tourists. That is basically the reason that I am going to vote for it. Because it is my nominee on that committee, who I very highly respect, who came to me and said, you have made a mistake last time and there is a specialist which we choose to make these decisions for us. We set up this Board for this very reason. They have made a recommendation and this House and I, in particular in my ignorance, didn't know about the recommendations and went against their wishes. That is number one. Number two: It has been my experience, and having talked to a number of the campground attendants that a great number of the campgrounds, particularly within the radius of 100 miles of Whitehorse, are used a great deal by Whitehorse residents. It has been his unfortunately observation that some of the worse abuses of campgrounds have taken place by the residents of Whitehorse. I hate to say this, but it is a fact. Because one particular attendant went so far as to say he has seen tourists picking up after Whitehorse residents. Thirdly, Mr. Chairman, when you think about it, if there is anybody who can find somewhere else to park a trailer or go camping, other than in a campground, it is going to be a Whitehorse resident. And if it is really such an impost at \$5.00 a year to use our campgrounds, which incidentally I think are some of the finest I've seen in western Canada and Alaska, if it really is such an impost then they can probably -- the residents of the Yukon can probably find somewhere else to camp if they want to. I think it is an opportunity to allow the tourists to use the campgrounds because they are not familiar with the countryside and they can see them more obviously, and consequently, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to support the \$5.00 campground fee to all users, be they resident or tourist.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I, too, am disappointed to hear that the Honourable Member has changed his opinion. During the course of a summer season for many Yukon residents who are not as urban oriented as possibly the Honourable Member who has just spoken is, for what short time they do get in summer to go camping, some, indeed, use the facilities of the campgrounds out in the hinterland, shall we say, from time-to-time and I don't know, it is just unthinkable that one would charge the Yukon residents a \$5.00 fee that he is already paying for in the first place. It has been pointed out by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West that the citizen of the Yukon or resident of the Yukon is, indeed, paying his fair share of the maintenance of campgrounds at the present time, as evidenced in our Budget. I think, as the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North has just stated, why don't people go somewhere else in the Whitehorse area. So what you are really doing now is penalizing the rest of the Territory for the sins of what he states--the Whitehorse residents. I don't necessarily agree. I think that if we were to reflect upon this, and many times I have stood in this House and attempted to make the point, that the reason for the campgrounds in the first place is not necessarily for the benefit of the tourists themselves. The reason for the campground is for forest protection reasons: to attempt to get campfires into controlled areas and encourage the tourists, instead of going camping in the bushes as the Honourable Member suggests, and costing us hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in destruction -- for destruction around the Territory, that is what the campgrounds were initially put in for, and it would appear that with some Members of Council that this concept has been long forgotten. Indeed, if this ever was to be imposed, and it would appear that it could be pulled through in the manner that other legislation is pulled through, then, indeed, you better find or the Federal Government better find hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of thousands of dollars that are going to be required to fight fires if we have a drying season this summer, particular June. The committee -- I have seen the recommendations of the committee. For what reason they came up with this suggestion, I don't know; I have never seen any justification for their decision. Nevertheless, I think -- I know the resident is not in favour of the \$5.00 campground fee, that's for sure. Now the committee arrives at this and whether it was a close vote or whether it was an unanimous vote, I don't know. It is really something else. It is as the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West has stated, a matter of double taxation because the people who use the campgrounds will then pay twice for that privilege. I don't think it should occur and I would certainly deplore the action if it did. It has further implications as well. I know in my particular area, once a year, one of the campgrounds, Territorial campground, is used and this is as a matter of fact this case; it will be our Klondike '73 celebrations which we have been working on for some months now. Indeed, in one instant, that absolutely kills that so it will wipe out that. I think that is even unimportant; we can get away with that; we don't have to have a Klondike '73 celebration. But that is not as important as the other aspects that I have raised. Fire, if you bring this in you are going to have campfires scattered all over the Yukon and we are going to fight fire from spring to fall. Secondly, I don't think that the people of the Yukon should have to pay for something that might give them a little bit of enjoyment during the summer season and, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move at this time that residents of the Yukon Territory be exempted from campground permit requirements as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 8.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to rise to second the motion of the Honourable Member from Watson Lake. As usual, the logic and the reasoning of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North have left me completely astounded, and I really would suggest that he do take a course in basic logical reasoning because he's saying that the people from the Whitehorse area have been complained about as being the worst offenders. I agree with you. I've seen some of the most horrible examples of pigs -- that's the only word I'll use for them -- using the campgrounds that I know are from Whitehorse. I'll tell you this, and I know it for a fact, that the people that I know -- a lot of them are young people too -- who are making a mess out of the campgrounds are exactly the people, and I guarantee this, who are not going to put out the \$5.00 to go into the campground. They're going to go out in the bush. What the Honourable Member from Watson Lake says is true; the other areas are even going to be a worse mess than they are now, and it's not that damn fine now anywhere in the Yukon. The other problem is that you're going to have a fire raise because they're not in an area where they're controlled. Just mark my words; that is exactly the person that the Honourable Member is talking about who abuses the campgrounds, who won't be abusing the campgrounds any longer, but he'll be abusing the other parts of the Yukon Territory. You're going to find that this \$5.00 fee that you are levying against these residents will come back and haunt this House by the amount of money that we are paying in cleaning up the rest of the Territory and in the fire costs that we are going to see put upon to fight the fires in the Yukon Territory. This is not just a simple matter. It is a very, very serious matter. Mark my words; I know the people of whom he talks. I've watched them behave in campgrounds; I've watched them behave in the bush. You're not going to get \$5.00 from them and you're not going to stop them from going in the bush and camping. That is the sad fact of the matter.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, before the motion is called, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West has made some remarks about logic, he's made some remarks about consistency, and I think I just wish to take these two points at this time. The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West has always indicated, when he has been dealing with Community Development Funds, that a committee be set up, and once you have a committee to deal with Community Development Funds, you accept the advice of that committee. Now, I don't see any difference at all, and this is my logic, once Members of Council have the opportunity to appoint people to an advisory committee, the Tourist Advisory Committee, and we do not accept the advice that has been given -- the advice that has been given by your representative, as each Member has a representative on that committee, and I know that it was unanimous that there be a charge to everybody concerned. I'm going to support it on the general principle that the logic is there; we have an advisory committee and we should be guided by the advisory committee.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, government by committee in areas like a \$56,000.00 slush fund, I say, is pretty insignificant. When you use a committee to set a tax upon the people of the Yukon Territory. That's delegating every responsibility that every Member of Council should have. That's exactly what you're doing. You're imposing a tax upon the people of the Yukon Territory through the advice of a committee. How many years, and how long, have we fought to get the tax imposing authority in the hands of the elected representatives of the public of the Yukon Territory? And, now we're going to delegate that authority to allow a committee to tell us whether we should set a tax or not. That's this House's prerogative, and this House's prerogative only. I don't think that this House should be guided by a committee's report when it comes to setting up a tax structure in the Yukon Territory. The people of the Yukon Territory, through their elected representatives, should have the courage not to slough it off on the committee by saying, "I'm imposing this tax because the committee told me to". What nonsense. You stand up and you say, "Look it, I'm for this tax increase not because the committee says so, but because these are the arguments which I say are valid and these are the arguments which I say are not valid, and on those arguments I'll make my decision". If you use the sound reasoning and the logical arguments, then this tax should not come about upon the public of the Yukon Territory. Mark my words; we'll rue the day that we put this \$5.00 tax on for many, many reasons.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the point just occurred to me when the Honourable Member from Whitehorse East spoke last, about the wisdom of the committee. I talked to my representative on the committee after I received the report with their various suggestions.

Mr. Chamberlist: You said that you have not seen it just a moment ago.

Mr. Taylor: I have seen it.

Mr. Chamberlist: Oh, you have.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Taylor: I've talked to him since receiving that report. As a matter of fact, I made a point of getting a hold of him to ask him about this thing. I asked him about the forestry consideration; I asked him about the garbage and different things like that. He said that it really hadn't been considered. Now, if there's any doubt before we move this, if you're going to vote against this motion, why don't we ask the Superintendent of Forestry down here to explain some of the things that I'm attempting to explain to you. What you're doing, Mr. Chairman, by attempting to impose this fee is, really, you're putting the game and forestry resources on the block. You are, quite simply and quite factually. As the Honourable Member says, this is an awfully important issue. To an urban oriented person, it might sound like, \$5.00 is \$5.00. But, if you take the whole Territory into consideration on this, I'll think that you'll find that what I'm saying is quite true. If there is any doubt in any Member's mind on this question, let's call down the Superintendent of Forestry, and I'm quite sure he'll point it out to you in more clear and more eloquent terms than I.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm always impressed by the Honourable Member's from Watson Lake quotation of "Let the people speak; don't listen to the bureaucrats". Now, he is asking for a bureaucrat to come down and advise us, when the people have spoken through their committee. I am also quite sort of tongue in cheek when the Councillor from Whitehorse West said that we have to make the decisions here as to how we should raise revenue, how funds should be allocated. I'd like to point out to the Members of this Committee that the Honourable Member has a slush fund of approximately -- a Community Development Fund -- of \$8,000.00, and he won't make the decision as to where that \$8,000.00 goes. He has to refer to the Advisory Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sports.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is too important a debate to get into personality clashes, Mr. Chairman. I'm wondering if this could all be set aside because this is a very, very serious and important matter.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, you know, I saw the seriousness of the Honourable Member's face, but it doesn't fizz on me because the inconsistency between both the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West and the Honourable Member from Watson Lake was so clear. Here is the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West saying that the decision shouldn't be made by a committee; it should be made here. Well, of course it's going to be made here. It's going to be made right here and, yes, I'm for it; as the Honourable Member knows, I'm for it quite clearly. The Honourable Member from Watson Lake says to bring in the Superintendent of Forestry, and as the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane has said, now he wants somebody else to make the decision. It is amazing, the number of local residents who just, although they weren't compelled

Mr. Chamberlist continued:

to last year, bought the stickers just simply to have them and go there to these parks when they want. I haven't a camper, but I have taken the trouble to speak to people who have campers and I haven't found one person that has objected to it. The purpose, as we have already explained in this Sessional Paper, is because the increasing costs of maintaining campgrounds are so much that this is the only way that we could find to raise the funds to offset this. I'm surprised that the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West hasn't stood up and said, "Let's not operate campgrounds at all; let's give them to private business enterprises." Now, he hasn't said this. He's speaking about various taxation; we should find a luxury tax. Well, I don't know whether the Honourable Member would consider camping as a luxury tax. It's an enjoyable tax. You don't have to camp, but you can go and camp.

Mr. McKinnon: It's essential after listening to you.

Mr. Chamberlist: I should think the Honourable Member looks as if he's been camping for many, many a day and hasn't rested up from it. But, that's all right; I don't mind that. I am going to support the program.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there is just one final point that I would like to bring up. Apparently the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West thinks my logic is inconsistent. Well, whether being consistent or not, I don't think we should consider this question because of the small minority of people who abuse the campgrounds. I was just illustrating this as just one misuse of campgrounds. What really the Honourable Member is suggesting is that we shouldn't impose this tax now because other people are going to be driven out of the campgrounds. We can't, surely, make laws for the 5 or 10 percent who are abusing them. Let's just think about it a little bit more, take your own logic a little further. If the majority of the members of the public are paying the \$5.00 fee for using the campgrounds, surely they're going to be using it themselves and they're going to be watching those other misuses by other people, and maybe bring pressure to bear in the areas that need to be to stop that sort of thing. There is one other problem, and this whole thing worries me just a little bit. That is that during the discussion or the debate, there was mention of two items, and I think it behooves all Members in the next budget debate next year -- first of all, they're spending \$5,000.00 in putting up signs, and secondly, they spent \$2,000.00 a year on making the stickers. I'm just wonder if some of the costs that have occurred in the first year, we should very seriously watch next year in the next budget that they don't occur again. I personally will be watching that. Other than that I have no reservations. I am supporting the campground fee.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the Legal Adviser isn't here, but I have a question to put, a constitutional one. Is it within the competence of a province or a territory to tax people twice for the same thing? I'd like an answer for that.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, we get taxed to support the roads and you get taxed when you buy a driver's licence.

Mr. Taylor: I'm still asking, Mr. Chairman, I think it's a very valid point.

Mr. Chamberlist: You got the answer; yes.

Mr. Taylor: I say again, if you bring this campground fee in, the result will be that you'll rue the day you ever did. I personally, and I'm sure those who support me -- and there are many citizens of the Territory -- in what I have said, I think we'll hang the burden of what is going to happen as a result of this around the necks of those Members who vote for it, the retention of the \$5.00 fee, or the implementation of it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I now have a motion before me. It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that residents of the Yukon Territory be exempted from campground permit requirements as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 8. Are you prepared for the question? Those supporting the motion, please signify in the usual manner. Contrary? I declare the motion defeated.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: We now have with us Mr. Commissioner. He was requested to be in attendance while we discuss Sessional Paper No. 4. Again, this was put in at the request of Councillor McKinnon.

Mr. McKinnon: Can we have coffee before we get into this, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is this agreed by Committee? I'll declare a brief recess.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I'll now call Committee to order. We're about to discuss Sessional Paper No. 4.

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Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I've read the Sessional Paper No. 4 several times quite carefully, and I'd like to lend my support to the contents of Sessional Paper No. 4.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, there's one question that arises in my mind and that is, the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West made this motion three years ago.

Mr. Commissioner: Oh no. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, it was a year ago.

Mr. Tanner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and it has come to my knowledge that in the past year, some of the merchants in town have been inclined to put up signs and I would have thought, that until this motion has been put into effect, there would have been a freeze on putting up signs. A particular merchant in town has already told me that his company has paid \$500.00 to erect the sign. I'm wondering whether or not this is a little passe; we've maybe gone to far. The Administration has, in effect, put up more signs and is now going to find itself in the position where in the past year it's been allowing signs to go up; it's going to be in the difficult position to tell those people who are all presently advertising, to move into a certain area.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, anytime that you attempt to completely reverse a program which has been in effect for something approaching twenty-five years, there are going to be difficulties about it. I would certainly be hopeful that Honourable Members will see fit to give their support to the basic concept here, and leave it to the good judgment of our administrative people, to bring the program into effect with the least amount of personal or financial disaster, if you wish to term it that, to the people who are presently sign holders and sign owners. I'm quite confident that this can be done; we can't do this all in a matter of a few weeks, it's going to take some time, but the suggestion made by Councillor Tanner, that we should have put a freeze on the issuing of sign permits; this is a very difficult thing to do, until we have some program to take its place. In other words, you don't have to have too much between your ears to go out and stop something, but the idea is to have some intelligent move to have a program to take the place of one that you're trying to bring to a stop. This is what we have here. I'm quite confident that the whole thing will work out in a very satisfactory manner for all concerned, providing that Councillors see fit to give their support.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, in that case, I seconded the motion that Councillor McKinnon put on. As I say, my one concern was the administration of the thing, and I'm pleased to hear that the Commissioner is, with the approval of Council, is going to proceed, and I would heartily endorse it.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just one question that I'd like to get an answer to. I'm not quite sure in my mind, whether this is to be done in one year, or if it's to be programmed over a period of years, during one or two rest stops a year?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would be hopeful that we would be able to do more than one or two a year, but certainly, the program should be completed, as we see it here, in something in the neighbourhood of three to five years. In other words, at the end of a five-year period, we should have a program of this nature in full effect. Remember, that where we have new highways opening up, such as the Dempster, the Carcross-Skegway connection, this policy will go into effect at the time that the road is opened. We are not going to have to backtrack. The areas of difficulty are where we have to backtrack and pick up twenty-five years of really, no policy, and this may well take a little bit of time. Certainly, I would be hopeful that Honourable Members would understand that this is not going to be a bulldozer operation and happen in the course of this coming year.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have some questions on this one point that strikes me right off. We're talking about looking for money and curtailing programs, possibly, to find money, here you're embarking on a \$270,000.00 total program with an operation and maintenance factor of about \$27,000.00 a year. I'm wondering if this is really a necessary program. What I am concerned about, is those of us, again, who live in the hinterland, away from this place, and maybe don't have the same problems that the municipality does, in terms of signs; I will agree that there are old signs on the highways all through the Territory that are in a very bad state of repair and should be replaced or removed, I agree. But, I think that if you have a lodge-operating facility, the facility being food, being lodging, being fuel, that these lodges should have the opportunity of placing signs out on either side of their premise. I think the usual criteria is to place a sign a mile out from your lodge on either side, so that the person driving down the highway can in the period of that mile, determine whether or not he needs gas, or needs a stop. He can look and see what services are to be provided, and I don't think that this should be curtailed. I would like to know if this is the intention, to curtail this type of advertising. Also, the advertising immediately on site; usually it's a sign or maybe two signs, facing one way and the other, and the nature of the road may dictate that two signs are necessary; indicating the entrance, indicating the facility itself. I'm wondering if this is to be removed. Also, on either side of the larger communities: Whitehorse, Watson Lake, maybe Haines Junction; I'm not sure about Haines Junction, or Destruction Bay, or wherever, that service clubs like to put out these signs -- it's a clean-cut little sign, advertising the Lions Club or the Elks Club, or whatever it might be. This is normally found in any city and a person coming through spotting the sign, knows that indeed, there is a club there and might wish to visit somebody. Now, it's these certain signs I'm concerned with. The other point, is that you're talking about making a rest stop -- at \$13,000.00 a stop, and then you're going to fill it full of signs. I think this would be a good idea outside of Whitehorse here, but I'm just wondering about the wisdom of doing this -- you give a nice rest stop and then you clutter it up with signs again. I'm just wondering on these questions, if maybe Mr. Commissioner may have some comments.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, first and foremost, Mr. Chairman, the communities designated here in the paper, are certainly going to be the recipients of the main program, and no other signing will be allowed, except on people's property. There's two different things between a person having a sign on their own property, and signs on the highway right-of-way. The highway right-of-way signs will have to be abolished, so far as these communities are concerned. As far as the location of individual business along the highways, certainly, the regulations will permit them such advertising of facilities as is adequate for their needs, and which appears to be well-regulated at the moment. I don't think there's any intention of interfering with this at all. Insofar as service clubs and any other advertisers are concerned, they will have to join in with their signs in the package that is indicated here for these communities.

Mr. Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner, to make sure, I should say, that any signs on the highway then, between these allocated areas, would be government signs. In the provinces in many areas, you see a neat little sign that says "telephone, one mile" or "meals, one mile" or something to this effect. I personally feel, that these signs should still be in effect.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is definitely the policy, so that in the regulations, under the -- wherever our highway sign regulations come under, whatever Ordinance it is -- the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, I believe, I think that's the Ordinance that they fall under; that right in those regulations, it will indicate the signs that will be permitted and in fact, the signs that will be required for the government to provide on the highways, and they will include such things as emergency services, telephones, and so on, as what the Honourable Member has referred to. This is a significant part of this kind of a program.

Mr. Stutter: I'll resume the Chair. Councillor Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'm still -- all I've got in my reply to those advertisers who are in remote areas -- I asked a question as to whether they would be permitted to still advertise their own signs: "Joe Blow's Lodge" or "such and such lodge, meals, accommodation etc.", in the same manner as they do now, on either side of their premises in remote areas, away from these areas you've -- Watson Lake, Teslin, Whitehorse, Haines Junction, and so forth. Now, what I get from the answer given to the Honourable Member from Dawson, is that these will be government signs and these people will not be allowed to advertise, now, can I have some clarification?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, basically, what I'm saying is, the signs that a person has on their own property, this is their own business, providing that they don't interfere with the fire laws, or the health laws, or such. That is up to them -- the particular individual. Communities will have the kind of a situation as you have located here. Where you have individual operators in remote areas, the kinds of services that are being provided, these one-mile hints will be the end result of the kind of government sign that is indicated in the question from the Honourable Member from Dawson City.

Mr. Taylor: But, Mr. Chairman, this will be an identifying sign, identifying the individual lodge, or operator, or government signs? Well, I don't think that that is quite fair. I think that a man who has invested something in a remote area more particularly, should have the right to place his sign on either side, without going to the lengths which he'd have to go to under these terms, of going and buying a piece of property, one mile on either side, for instance, of his lodge, in order to advertise his lodge.

Mr. Chamberlain: Mr. Chairman, there are two types of signs: the advertising signs, and the information signs. The case that the Honourable Member has just referred to, where there is a lodge on the highway, he can put his sign on his own property, back from the highway, on his own property. If somebody else has a piece of property somewhere further down, and he's made arrangements with the private owner of that property to put a sign up, the government can not interfere with him. There would be an information sign, so that coming from either direction, towards that particular lodge, the information sign will read "one-mile, telephone, food, garage"; this will be the type of information that will be given. The thing is, that you defeat the whole program then, by having advertising on the highway to advertise people's lodges. I will say this much, the Rotary Club likes to comply with the law and we have no hesitation in having Rotary Club signs-- I know the Lions, the Kiwanis; they don't mind having their signs in exactly the same areas, in picnic grounds, where the advertising will be. The general idea of this advertising is a good one. I wish the Honourable Member would learn from his colleagues, who has congratulated the government on the policy paper that has been suggested here.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't disagree with the policy as generally is laid down here as it affects the more urban-types, like Whitehorse, Faro, Dawson City, and the smaller communities. What I'm concerned with is the person who has a lodge or facility, out in the very remote areas. I don't -- I would have some doubts about restricting his ability to put signs out, advertising his facility, on an advertising basis. Notwithstanding, that the government put a sign a mile on either side. I've seen some very nice signs, that look every bit as good as our government campground signs, for that matter. Well done up, placed twenty miles out from that particular person's facility, in remote areas. I would hesitate to take that particular prerogative away from them. I really would. That's where I'm having my difficulty.

Mrs. Watson: I think that the Honourable Member doesn't realize, for example, Mendenhall is approximately forty miles from Whitehorse. There would be nothing stopping Mendenhall Lodge from having their sign at the Whitehorse stop, and then one mile before Mendenhall you would have a nice Government sign that the individual lodge owner wouldn't have to pay for. Actually, he would be getting a sign at the expense of the Government who would maintain and properly erect it. The same thing at Haines Junction, the lodge at Canyon Creek could have a sign at that rest stop indicating that thirty miles south is the Canyon Creek Lodge. You are not really restricting these lodges; actually, you are giving them an opportunity to have double advertising.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: Any further debate on Sessional Paper No. 4. Is there a motion coming from the Floor to support the principles of the Sessional Paper?

Mr. McKinnon: I move that the contents of Sessional Paper No. 4 - 1973 (First Session) be adopted.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that the contents of Sessional Paper No. 4 - 1973 (First Session) be adopted. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper No. 5, which is one that I requested to be put in myself. I wonder, Councillor Taylor, if you would take the Chair?

Mr. Stutter: Before I get into the debate on this, I wonder if I could get a little more clarification from the Commissioner. I did put a question to him the other day on the Floor of the House, and he pretty well answered my questions, but I would just like to have assurance that, in this particular instance, the Government isn't necessarily trying to interfere with the motion that was passed last fall.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that there is even a suggestion that we are trying to interfere with the motion. The two things were coming along in parallel, and it was felt only right that, as there have been changes in the past to the Discovery Day Holiday, or the date on which it is celebrated, that have been the cause of a certain amount of consternation, and also, in some instances, a lot of violent reaction against the Administration of the Territory -- and actually, the Administration was only doing what the Council wished -- that we felt that the other alternative that we were working on might well be presented to Council and have a decision between the two alternatives, the one that was proposed by the Honourable Member, and the one that at the same time was being worked on by the Administration.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, the Sessional Paper suggests, the way I read it anyway, that definitely we call Discovery Day the 17th day of August, but, nevertheless, this shall not be a holiday, except that it be taken as a holiday in the municipalities -- it is an optional choice within the municipalities. The point is that the pioneers of Dawson and the pioneers of Whitehorse, in suggesting the Discovery Day holiday be the third Monday in August, this does allow a day certain in August that everybody in the Territory has a holiday. If we take the suggestions that have been put forward in this Sessional Paper, you could very well have three or four different holidays within the Territory. Surely, the main thought behind having a Discovery Day holiday is to celebrate the Discovery Day of 1896 and 1898. If you allowed holidays to be on several different days in different areas in the Territory, it doesn't allow the Territory as a whole to get together in Dawson to celebrate the Discovery Day. These are the only objections that I have, and I am sure that the pioneers would have the same objections.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this could be the overriding consideration on the thing. All that I would like to bring to the Honourable Member's attention is that we are finding -- this is only the Administration's look at it, and we are not attempting to impose our thinking on Council's wishes. We are finding that in other jurisdictions the August municipal holiday appears to become a rather optional day so that it can't necessarily be celebrated in every municipality or in every section of the Territory on the same day. I think that Honourable Members might want to consider that in Watson Lake where they have various celebrations, not necessarily celebrations as such, but in the summer time they very often have activities going on in that area, it may well be that within that particular area of the Territory, which, by road mileage anyway, is quite considerably remote from Dawson, that it might well be that they would like to exercise the option of having the Discovery Day holiday on a day other than Monday, the 17th. But, there has to be the holiday in the month of August; there is no argument about this. It is in our Interpretation Ordinance; it is in the Public Service Working Agreement that we have to have that day as a holiday. This is really why the matter was brought forward. I think that Honourable Members would agree that there is no way that you can move the day and do anything that you want, but insofar as the pioneers are concerned with regard to Dawson, the 17th of August is the 17th of August; you can do anything you want to about it. If I have been told once, I have been told twice and twenty times that I can move the day any way that I want to, but the 17th is still the 17th. With all of these factors involved, it may well be that it would be a good thing to hear discussions around the Council Table as to what Members feel, particularly rural Members that are quite remote from Dawson, as to whether or not there might be some advantage, as far as their community is concerned, of having the option of having their August holiday on a day that they would establish in their own communities.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I certainly appreciate that other areas than Dawson probably do have their own types of celebrations, but I feel that that has nothing really to do with the Discovery Day Celebration. There is, as the Commissioner has already pointed out, there is only one Discovery Day, but the fact that it is the 17th of August doesn't necessarily mean that you can always celebrate it on the 17th of August. The 17th might be a Tuesday, or a Wednesday, which makes it virtually impossible to combine it with normal week-end leave to make it a worthwhile celebration. I think that perhaps the reason that in the past it has been difficult for people to get from long distances, such as Watson Lake, has been the fact that the declared holiday has been a Friday. Many people are bound to work on the Saturday in any event; so, by declaring a holiday on a Friday, it makes it virtually impossible for them to leave their area anyway. Now, by declaring a holiday, the official holiday, on a Monday, at least they have the Sunday and the Monday. They have at least two days in a row now where they can get around and travel a bit if they want to. As far as the distances are concerned, I would be one of the first to say that there has been a vast improvement in the highways in the Territory, and the time needed anymore to travel from one part of the Territory to another is far less than it has ever been in the past. I feel that with the improvement, changing the holiday to a Monday rather than on a Friday, that this isn't perhaps as valid a reason as it was before. I certainly appreciate that the other areas do have their own celebrations, but I think that if there is an extra day to be held, a day at any other time, then this is fine, but I don't think that it should interfere with the Discovery Day Celebrations or the Discovery Day Holiday. I would like to see the motion go through the way it was presented last fall. I will resume the Chair.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, this is very similar to a certain degree to the Sourdough Rendezvous that we are entering into at the present time. In the past, we have declared a school holiday all across the Territory for the Sourdough

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Rendezvous, but we have found that other communities in the Yukon -- Mayo, Faro, Dawson -- also want school holidays for a rendezvous that they want to have. We have had to not declare a school holiday across the Yukon, but leave it up to the schools themselves within Whitehorse and within the communities themselves. I could well be that if we adopt this suggestion that all three of these would coincide on the same day -- the municipality of Dawson, the municipality of Whitehorse, the municipality of Faro, would all agree on one day that they want to celebrate. Unless any other community indicated anything different, I am sure that the Commissioner would declare that the Discovery Day Holiday. By bringing it in this manner, you are leaving enough flexibility so that if Beaver Creek wants to have a different type of Discovery Day Celebration on a different day than that in Dawson, I think that we should permit them to do that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we have talked at some length on this matter at different times. I have a copy of the same correspondence that the Honourable Member from Dawson was speaking of from the Yukon Order of Pioneers from last October. I think that they make a good case. They say that the legal holiday in August for the commemoration of the big gold strike of 1896 be the third Monday of the month. It might be that if certain latitude is required here that you could say in another subsection, notwithstanding, a municipality may alter this day. I think that it should be stated as the pioneers have asked here. I think that it should be stated as the third Monday of the month. What you are saying here is that outside of the municipalities -- you say here that the municipality may, by resolution, declare a day in the month of August to be the official, blah, blah. Then you say that the Commissioner may declare a day in the month of August to be the official holiday in respect of Discovery Day in respect of any area or areas not within a municipality. Why not take the pioneers' advice and request when they say that the legal holiday in August for the commemoration of the big gold strike be the third Monday of the month? They go on to say that this has been talked about by members of the Lodge, the Dawsonites, and the Whitehorse Lodge No. 2, and has their support. Why not do it? Why not set it as the third Monday?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I would just like to say that, as far as I am concerned, Discovery Day is the birthday of the Yukon Territory almost. You don't celebrate the birthday -- you don't go to a birthday party, half the people in one town celebrating a birthday in one place at one time and three days later, half the other towns are celebrating the same birthday three days later. It is a common celebration. I appreciate the fact that other communities in the Territory may have some individual plans in the month of August or in any other month in the year. They have every right to have their plans. They have every right to go ahead with them, but that surely is outside of the birthday celebration, the Yukon celebration, the Discovery Day celebration.

Mr. Tanner: I haven't got into the debate, but I would just like to throw one little tangent into it. The only particular objections that I have to having it the third Monday in August is that in certain years, the very following weekend is another long weekend, if Labour Day is early. If there is any inclination one way or another, you should make it earlier in August rather than later in August.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, but as it is, what the Honourable Member has said is right. August the 17th is the birthday of the Yukon, but we don't celebrate it on August the 17th. That is the whole thing. Last year we got really fouled up. Whitehorse residents, the Territorial Government employees wanted a different day off; Dawson had a different day. There was no conformity whatsoever. If you give the authority to the municipalities, then I am sure that the day the Dawson chose would likely coincide with the day that Whitehorse chose. If no other municipality, or no other area of the Yukon, wanted a different day, I am sure that a Commissioner's Order would then be made for that day. At least you are leaving the flexibility in there that we require so that we are not in a mess like we were last year.

Mr. Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I would hope that Whitehorse's day would coincide with the day that Dawson chose rather than the other way around. But, nevertheless, I agree with you. You have made a very good point that even now we are not necessarily celebrating on the 17th. But, nevertheless, we are all celebrating the Discovery Day Celebration on one particular day. If we go ahead with this, you could be celebrating the Discovery Day Celebration on three or four different days in August in three or four different areas of the Territory. Now, this is my point exactly. The minute you do this, the minute you permit this, you have gotten away completely from the fact that, really, what we are trying to celebrate, and really, what we are trying to remember is Discovery Day. This is the holiday. This is the one holiday, I feel, that we should all celebrate at the same time, the same day, whether it is in the same area -- I am not saying that you have got to go to Dawson to celebrate. But, nevertheless, that one day should be set aside to celebrate the Discovery Day Celebration.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the 17th of August in Dawson, there is no argument at all about this, if you are going to celebrate the birthday of the Yukon Territory, I think it is the 12th, 13th, or 11th of June. You know, let's not talk about the birthday of the Yukon. The 17th of August is Dawson Day, I don't care what you do about it, you are never going to take that away from Dawson and that is all that there is to it. But I think that the consideration that Honourable Members might want to give is that it may well be that other communities that have particular things that they want to do which it would be more for the communities advantage to have a civic holiday on a day other than the third Monday in August, that it might well be a consideration for Honourable Members to allow them that room to maneuver or that flexibility. It would be my considerate opinion that it would be a rare occasion when any community in the Territory decided on a holiday other than on the same day that Dawson was celebrating, but at least the flexibility would be there so if there was reason in Faro or Watson Lake for a particular civic holiday other than that, they would be able to. But don't let's ever do anything that would indicate that the 17th of August is anything other than Dawson Day and their day on the claim to fame on the Klondike Gold Rush. No way out of this.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say, the Commissioner has brought up one point now that has just reminded me of something else. If as he says, and I think it is probably true that most areas of the Territory would choose to celebrate on the same date that Dawson choose, if we leave it the way the Sessional Paper now states then they would have to contact Dawson every year to see when the Dawson holiday was in order to plan their own activities. If it is left the way that we left it, or the way my motion stated last fall, they know ten years in advance when the Dawson holiday is going to be and they can plan accordingly.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the honourable and local Order of Yukon Pioneers organized at Forty Mile of Yukon Territory in December 1st, 1894 and asked that the legal holiday in August for the commemoration of the big gold strike of 1896 be the third Monday of the month. We have on file a letter from Commissioner Smith which you have seen stating that the Executive Committee was putting a proposal before the next Session of Council to have the Ordinance changed so that the holiday will be at the option of each municipality in the Territory as to when they would like the holiday. This, we don't agree with, Mr. Chairman. I am fully and absolutely behind Order of Pioneers of the Yukon. When they want the holiday is the time that they should have the holiday; they want it the third Monday of the month. That is what this Council agreed to and that is what should continue to be the policy of this Council.

Mr. Stutter: Yes, if you need a motion to that effect, I will give attention to it. I would move that the motion that I put forward, sorry, I would move that the motion put forward, if you want the exact date and the number, would you give me a two-minute recess.

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Mr. Chairman: At this time I will call Committee back to order. I believe there is a motion forthcoming to Committee. Councillor Stutter.

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would move and I believe you, yourself are prepared to second it, that Motion No. 7, as carried on December 7th, 1972 regarding changes to the Interpretation Ordinance, be brought into effect in the year 1974 and thereafter.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Stutter, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Motion No. 7 be carried on December 7th, 1972 regarding the changes in the Interpretation Ordinance, be brought into effect in the year 1974 and thereafter. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Chairman: Mr. Stutter will you resume the Chair.

Councillor Stutter resumes the Chair.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members will realize that this will call for an amendment to be tabled at a subsequent Session of Council to make the changes in the Interpretation Ordinance. We will have those legislative changes.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, the Commissioner should remember that when he was away, there was a change brought down to the Interpretation Ordinance. This received very good passage through the House that this should be worded very carefully.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think the next item of business in Committee are Legislative Returns No. 1 and 5, that I have requested to be put in.

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Mrs. Watson: Could I ask Mr. Chairman to repeat that, I didn't hear it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Legislative Return Nos. 1 and 5, that I, myself have requested be put in. Councillor Taylor would you take the Chair please.

Councillor Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: I have two or three questions that I would like to ask the Minister of Health first. I think they are questions that he should be able to answer quite readily, but I will just give them to him fairly slowly and he can make note of them and then give me an answer and then I would like to proceed. In Sessional Paper, or rather in Legislative Return No. 5 of all the claims -- the claims that are processed in the Territory -- I would like to ask if in those claims the number of the status Indians are included in them -- the claims? Also, if those claims are reimbursed 100% by the Federal Government. Then, going back to Legislative Return No. 1, I would ask the same question in the makeup of 19,730, does this include status Indians? The reason I am asking these particular questions is because I'm trying to get a fairly accurate idea of the amounts of money being put into the fund, if I could just get an answer to those questions, then I would like to carry on.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, those are pretty straight forward questions; there are pretty straight forward answers. I will satisfy the Honourable Member, I'm sure. The -- question one, first of all, that all people resident in the Yukon pay a premium and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development pay the premiums for registered band Indians and their families. So that is, the claims, therefore, are included. That's the question there. Now, the next question related to Legislative Return No. 1; again those -- these statistics include all people in the Territory.

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Mr. Stutter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One other question, I'd like to ask the Minister what the Federal contribution now is. I think, during the discussions before the plan was brought into effect, the figure of \$30.00 was used, but I think it is perhaps \$32.00 or \$33.00. Could I get that figure?

Mr. Chamberlist: The per capita costs of medical services which I believe now is \$63.50 and I think we get 50% of that, so we get about \$31.00, something like that. I can't give you the exact figure. It is based on the per capita costs and based on the D.B.S. census and this is one of the areas that we are negotiating with on the basis that we have 19,730 registered people that have gone through the computer, but keeping in mind as I said yesterday, that there -- for the purpose of Medicare it is 19,730 residents, but because people who have perhaps left the Territory which might be 100, 200 or 1,000 and they are covered for 90 days, they might be anywhere else; they are still, for the purposes of the Medicare program, residents, and included, of course, is -- are those people that come into the Territory and after 90 days, they become residents.

Mr. Stutter: Well, Mr. Chairman, then I can proceed with the figures that I have here because using this 19,730, I'm just going to give you some figures and then I'm going to cut those figures by 5% to take care of these people that are coming in and out of the Territory. I'm going to end up using figures of 19,000, instead of 19,730. If we take the number of policies that are given here in singles, you will get a monthly revenue of \$29,790; if we take the double, you will get a monthly revenue of \$18,812; if you take the monthly revenue from the families, you'll get the revenue of \$45,981; getting a total monthly revenue in premiums of \$94,583. This is taken from the 19,730 residents. If we cut this by 5% to bring it back to the 19,000, you then have monthly -- or rather add in now the Federal contributions for 19,000 at \$2.50 a month, this a further \$47,500.

Mr. Chamberlist: Say that again?

Mr. Stutter: The Federal contribution of \$2.50 per head, monthly contributions, that is \$30.00 per year divided by 12, which is \$2.50 per month.

Mr. Chamberlist: You are just trying to pull a Harvey Kent now.

Mr. Stutter: Well, I will sit down and have that particular point destroyed then, if you ...

Mr. Chamberlist: You see, you can't go on the basis of a monthly payment, because with people moving in and out of the Territory and the residents -- the number of residents changing in different months, we might be getting paid on a per capita basis for just a certain number of people for just three or four months because the total will differ. We know that on the basis of D.B.S., if we take 19,000 people, we get paid 19,000 times the per capita amount. Now when we talk about -- this is a recovery that we expect to get. All right. Now, we get this as a recovery, if we say, that is because I think -- I am not sure whether it is \$31.50 that we get or \$31.20, but take on the average of \$30.00, you will take \$30.00 times 19,000 on the basis of that; it is \$57,000. Now because we get \$57,000, you must realize that the figure that are being shown on this paper is only being shown for a certain part of the year. This isn't the recovery for the whole amount of year, because they payout in a portion of a year. They will send us a cheque each month for about \$40,000 or \$42,000; at the end of the year there is an adjustment made. This adjustment is a continuing thing that takes place over the year. So really, you just can't take an average of \$2.50 a month unless you keep in the figure of the D.B.S. figure of 19,000.

Mr. Stutter: That's the figure I gave you.

Mr. Chamberlist: But you were talking about going up and down 5%, not on that figure. Okay, go ahead.

Mr. Stutter: Oh.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to call the Honourable Member -- has used his argument. I wonder really whether the whole thing really isn't academic. I have had a four-year operation now, Mr. Chairman. I am not denying the right of the Member to question this; in fact, the mere fact is that the Minister put these figures to indicate -- I think an indication of how the plan is doing, but it is like any business; until the end of the year and it is subsequent months or so, two months after, you can't really make a rational judgment on three-quarters of a year's figures. I am -- don't -- the Honourable Member misunderstand me. I'm not denying him the right to question or do anything else he wants to do. I'm just wondering whether there is any point in chasing it right now.

Mr. Stutter: This is rather amusing, Mr. Chairman, because when we were talking about the city not getting their budget in, I have here and I'll quote from Mr. Chamberlist when he was talking about other people. Now this is -- I'll read from Votes and Proceedings, it says here, that, once the city, Once the City of Whitehorse has complied with its mandatory obligation to provide the information that the Territorial Government requires, that is, the financial statement, at least an interest statement so that we will have something to go on and surely any good business, whether it is a municipality or just an ordinary operating business, can take up a month's end statement and say this is our position at the end of the month and they can take a three-months statement out; they could take a six-months statement out. We have a statement for April 1st to December 31st; it is an interim statement. This is for the nine months; based on the nine months. We are including the last three months and so on. But yet when he talks in reply to a question that was put forward by Councillor Taylor in Medicare, he says now it will take anywhere from 14 months to 16 months before we have actually had a full year of operation and can produce the papers. But this is inconsistent, but nevertheless, I don't particularly want to pick on him. I know....

Mr. Chamberlist: Just a minute.

Mr. Stutter: I know that Councillor Chamberlist is going to get up and reply to that, but I would nevertheless like to continue. Since the point that he has raised a minute ago, I have cut my figure back to the 18,000, which is a D.B.S. figure; multiply that by the \$2.50 a month, or if you want to bring in a year, multiply it by \$30.00, that is fine. Nevertheless, it comes out to \$45,000 a month, between premiums, the premiums cut back to a 19,000 population and the D.B.S. figures taken in an 18,000 population, you have monthly premiums coming in of \$134,833, or in a year you have in excess of one and a half million dollars coming in. Now if we take the figures, the monthly expenses...

Mr. Chamberlist: What are you talking about? Go ahead.

Mr. Stutter: I'd be pleased to draw this up a little better and let the Member look at my figures; just pull them a part; that is fine. If we take the figures that were given, the average monthly expenses at \$74,000 even, put that to \$80,000 and project that for a year to \$960,000, it appears that we are looking at a surplus in the fund of \$680,000.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if you look at the Legislative Return No. 5, under recoveries it says, premiums for a ten-month period of \$540,000. I'm sure that the Member responsible for Health could even break that down for every month.

Mr. Stutter: This is exactly why I started out with the line of questions that I did to begin with. Because, if an accountant, or anybody else -- and, I am not claiming to be an accountant, but I do enjoy mathematics -- if you take the figures presented to us, and Legislative Return No. 1, and you take the figures in No. 5 and you try to relate them, somewhere along your figuring you will come across an absolute blind wall. I still maintain, and I am quite willing to sit down with the Minister after Council and go through my figures and have him show me where I am completely wet, but I am going on the figures that have been presented to us in the Legislative Return. If those figures are incorrect, then let's have the correct ones, and then I can do my homework a little better perhaps.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, there are a few things that I have got to answer first. I would strongly suggest that if the Honourable Member had really wanted to get the information, because he doesn't understand the paper, then he should have sat down with me prior to Council. Now I am in the position of having to show where he is actually negligent in looking at the figures. I didn't want to do that. First, let me deal with the reading of the Votes and Proceedings in relation to the Municipal Aid package and his suggestion that I haven't supplied the information. That I am contrary or inconsistent with what I have said. Within this document, this is an interim statement, and this is what I have supplied, and this is what I say that the municipalities should have supplied.

Mr. Stutter: These are the figures that I am using.

Mr. Chamberlist: How do you bring municipalities into a Medicare Program; this is void of logic in my way of thinking, and I am very much surprised that the Honourable Member would have to come forward like that. There is no parallel anywhere that you can even consider one with the other, but then, all Members at times wonder, and I am sure that the Honourable Member from Dawson is no different than the Honourable Member from Watson Lake or Whitehorse West. It is just an inconsistency that occurs. The paper that has been presented, Legislative Return No. 5, is an information paper. It gives information showing that for ten months -- April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December and January -- the amount of claims that have been processed in the Territory, the amount of claims out of the Territory, with a total. It also gives you the insured service payments that have been made in the Territory -- these are actual payments that have been made in the Territory -- and those that have been made out of the Territory. It also indicates for you for the same period of time the recoveries and the premiums. Now the Honourable Member can relate any of the mathematics that he seems to be so interested in with the figures that have been provided, I don't know. If the Honourable Member wants different types of figures, we will give you different types of figures. This is what has been asked so that we can give the information of the Plan as it is to date. That is what has been given. Now, if all the Honourable Member wants to do is just ask for certain figures in relation to -- if he says, "How much dollars can come in and how much dollars have been in," then I can provide all of those figures. But, to try to outsmart himself with the figures that have been just given for one particular purpose as an information paper, get to be quite surprising. Then, of course, you have got the two funny boys at the other side that will just cheer for you every time that you say something that might show that something hasn't been done for you. They are a couple of puppets that jump up and down. They are not very good looking ones at that. Specifically, the Honourable Member is dealing now with both Legislative Returns together as I see it. If there is any question, any specific question, in relation to the Legislative Return No. 1 so that I can understand what information he is trying to get, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Stutter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do have specific questions on Legislative Return No. 1. Using your figures, and these are figures that are over your signature, using you figure of 19,730 residents, you give us the make up of these number of residents. Now, let's forget for one moment the number of 19,730, but use that same ratio of single policies, double policies, and family policies for a population of 18,000, which is recognized by D.B.S.. Would it not be fair to take that as a good base to work from? If you would just answer that question first.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, no, because they vary with the number of dependents. You have got to keep that in mind, because a person with one dependent which could be a husband and wife team or a woman with an unmarried child, that would work out to the \$12.50. These are just assessments; the way these things are done, the computer doesn't list all of the family units. What happens is that the computer only lists names. We don't know whether there are one, two, five or six in a family. The computer doesn't give that. What we have done here is that we have taken 19,730 names that went through the computer. We have taken a statistical figure of 3.2 per family -- or, 3.6 -- we have taken this statistical figure and this is how this 4,583 has come about. This is how our administrative people work. Then we have taken the person with one dependent. Now, although we have taken the single status of 4,583, and we have taken the two or more dependents, which are the families, the 3,378, it doesn't mean that all of those families have 3.6. Some of them might have 3.6, and some of them might have nine. We have something like twelve families that have got eight or more dependents. It varies. This is how this is given on that basis, and then we have average monthly expenses that have been paid up which are actual dollars. What we have done, we have taken the total of the number of months of August, September, October and November, and in different months they were different values. And, then we divide them by four, and this is how this comes about. It is an average. It doesn't mean that it is the same amount in every month. One month there can be \$90,000; one month it was \$91,960; another month would be \$62,000; so, we get an average of it. I say that it is improper to suggest that the figures that have been given here are actual physical statistics of numbers of family units, number of singles, numbers of couples. They are just statistics broken down for informational purposes. You can't relate that to the dollars and cents that should be coming in, because we have no way of knowing that figure. If you want anything specific, I will get that figure for you from the administrative department.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, when I read through a Legislative Return, I take it that the facts that are given are for a particular day or for a particular circumstance, and in this particular instance this Legislative Return started out by answering a question that I had put. And it stated that there were 19,730 residents. Now, those 19,730 residents, I agree, that may not be the true figure today. Nevertheless, for that 19,730 figure that was made up, or at least I take it that it was made up, of 4,583 single policies, 1,505 double policies, and 3,378 family policies. That makes no difference with the family policies whether there are three people in the family or whether there are thirteen. The policy, nevertheless, brings in a revenue of \$14.50 a month. All I have done is taken the figures that have been put in front of me here, and I have brought those numbers of policies, and I have taken it to a dollar revenue per month, and I have projected that, and I have cut it literally; I have been conservative on this thing with a small "c". I have been conservative on this thing, and I have come up with what I feel is a surplus in excess of \$600,000. If you can show me wrong, then fine; so far, you haven't.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, I haven't had the opportunity; you have been talking so much. Again, you see, you take it on the basis of a month, and you multiply it by twelve. But, it is not the same every month. I have already explained that. The Honourable Member doesn't seem to recognize that these are statistical figures for a specific time. Right now, if I went today and tried to get this same information, I might find that as a result of certain people that have moved out of the Territory and are no longer registered as residents, this might have dropped considerably. It might have been whole families that have moved out. It might be that the reduction of the families might be brought down from 3,378 some 200. It would be 200 times \$14.50 that would come off it. These are the things that we have to take into consideration. When you talk

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about a surplus of \$600,000, and we have given you just a few months, you haven't even taken into consideration the amount of money that has been paid out, and the amount of money that has to be paid out. All you have done is to take the figures that seem to have been paid out during certain months. He forgets that they are two months behind; also, there are anywhere up to \$65,000 in bills that are in process all of the time. There are bills also that are not paid as a result of the cards not coming in. This is not like a cash-and-carry business where you take your money to the cash register and you ring up the cash register and you have got your money. It doesn't happen like that. The method of accounting that the Honourable Member is using really isn't very factual at all. I would suggest that if the Honourable Member would like to get a further breakdown of the amount of money that is paid in any specific month and the amount of money that is paid out, all he has got to do is look at what has been done here on the Legislative Return No. 5. There are the claims that have been processed; there is the money that has been paid out. In the second part, Insured Services Payments, we have paid out \$483,000 and \$74,000 for out-of-Territory for a total of \$557,000. If you add the \$600,000 that you are talking about now, it will mean that is the \$1.2 million that we budgeted for last year. What the Honourable Member wants is a further explanation, totals and breakdown figures.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could just intercede. On the basis of the Legislative Return No. 5, and those figures are actual figures, and they have been projected into our Budget, if you look at page 25, the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan, including the salaries and wages and all of the costs of the Plan, were projected on the basis of the figures that we already have. The cost of the Plan is \$1,312,531; that is taking all of our expenses. Then, if we turn to page 66 under recoveries, we are looking at premium recoveries of \$889,470, and we are looking at a Department of National Health and Welfare contribution of \$513,000, based on half of the per capita cost using the D.B.S. figures. So we are looking at recoveries of \$1,402,470. On the basis of this information that the department has available now on these months' experience, they are projecting \$89,939. And, only after actually going through those months can we see how close our projections are.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Chairman, I am just going to give one more crack at it, and then I am going to sit down. To begin with, No. 3 on Legislative Return No. 1, in your own figures, the average monthly expenses of the Plan for the months of August, September and October are \$74,000. I have given you some leeway; I have taken the monthly expenses as \$80,000 to get the figures that I have come up with. Obviously, my figures don't agree with yours, and I am going to get together with you afterwards that is for sure. And, you can convince me, or I will try to convince you, that using the figures that are put in front of us, just don't make sense. It doesn't make any difference whether you have got people coming into the Territory or going out of the Territory. The population of the Territory and the people drawing on that Plan, the people putting into that Plan, remain on a stable basis of around 18,000 which is the D.B.S. figure. While we are on the subject of 18,000 which is the D.B.S. figure, if you go to the Budget, as Councillor Watson has said, to page 66, and you look at the Department of Health and Welfare, their portion of it, that is less than 17,000 that they are using as their portion. \$513,000 divided by \$30 and you will come out to 17,000, and if it is \$32 or \$33 then it is less than 17,000 that you are using here for the Department of Health contribution to the Plan. It should be greater than that in itself.

Mr. Chamberlist: That is 90% of the total of the medical costs. This is how it is done. I think that the Honourable Members should refresh their minds, and perhaps I should send around again the Medicare Act of Canada so that you can read it so that you understand exactly what the accounting of it is. This is why this has been disturbing to the Honourable Member, I am sure, because he doesn't recognize the methods of accounting which we have to follow because of the Yukon Medicare Act.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it is outlined on A-22, the per capita cost and the estimated population.

Mr. Chamberlist: The estimated cost of the insured population is 19,000, not 18,000, and the per capita cost is \$64.99. We are talking then of \$32.50. The estimated cost, 19,000 times \$64.99, is \$1,234,810. You are coming back to the same point. When the Plan was originated, it was originated on the basis that premiums we would get in would be approximately 50% of the average cost. This is why the premiums were based on that; plus, we had to add the 20% that we had to pay to the doctors. This is 120%; the cost of medical services here that we pay out is 120% of the cost of medical services elsewhere because we have to pay that extra for the doctors. In all of the reckoning that the Honourable Member is making, he is not taking that 20% into consideration, the amount of money that we have to pay over and above. If the Honourable Member will leave it until tomorrow, I will get some further statistical breakdowns for him on this particular item, a breakdown in the particular policy holders, because this I think may be somewhat disturbing, except that I can say again that this is just a statistical figure, an average figure. It is not a computer figure.

Mr. Stutter: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I could just use the figures then for one minute, that are on Appendix 22, before I leave it, then I'll willingly leave it. Councillor Watson has brought up the point that it -- or it shows in A22, that the population of 19,000 is being used. If we take 19,000, and multiply it by 50% of the national per capita, you come up with a figure of 600,000, and the Budget shows 513,000.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, might I suggest that the Honourable Member might be able to get further clarification rather from the Minister responsible for Health, but from the Administrator of the Plan. Maybe you could meet with him and have it clarified.

Mr. Chamberlist: That's not necessary, my friend. I can get -- I certainly wouldn't suggest that he go and see the Superintendent of Schools, if the Honourable Member's in the House. The information is clear that's been given on the basis of the statistics. I will find the further information.

Mr. Stutter: I'll resume the Chair, Councillor Taylor. Is there anything further on Legislative Returns No. 1 and 5? I would like, with Committee's permission, to report progress on those, awaiting the replies for tomorrow.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if members of the Public Service of the Territory who are status Indians have Medicare payments deducted from their paycheques?

Mr. Chamberlist: Everybody. Everybody that's an employee -- we don't differentiate at all. We are all Canadians.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, at the beginning of his remarks the Honourable Member says that they were receiving payments from the Federal Government for status Indians -- all status Indians in the Territory. I wonder, is he receiving a double payment -- he's taking it off the payroll and then also receiving a payment from the Federal Government.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, my information is that once the computer shows the people that have been deducted from, and they have a band number, this deduction from the person who has the band number -- the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is advised of that and when they make the following payments, that amount of money is deducted.

Mr. McKinnon: I wonder if I could ask, Mr. Chairman, would it be a condition of employment if a status Indian says that being a status Indian, that he was not liable for Medicare payments, because according to the Indian Act, those payments would be made on his behalf, by the Federal Government. Would it be a term and condition of employment with the Public Service of the Territory, that he still pay Medicare from his paycheque, into the Yukon Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the terms and conditions of employment for all people who enter the Public Service, are the same. The terms and conditions that individuals, as individuals, may have with the Minister of Indian Affairs, in his capacity as the Administrator of the Indian Act, are another set of rules altogether, Mr. Chairman. If there are private arrangements that the Minister is responsible for, then it's another kettle of fish altogether.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Anything further on Legislative Returns No. 1 and 5?

Mr. Taylor: Not at this time, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think rather than proceed with anything else, we'll declare Committee stand down until 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Deputy Chairman: I'll call Committee back to order, and it is that we have completed Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back to Sessional Paper 1, Legislative Returns 1 and 5.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Okay, agreed by Committee? Councillor Chamberlist?

Mr. Chamberlist: Prior to the Session there was, of course, some difference of opinion between the Honourable Member for Dawson City and myself in relation to the figures that were given in Legislative Return No. 1. Now, it appeared on face value that the figures the Honourable Member was quoting that show a surplus of \$600,000 in the Medicare fund and I took the trouble during the hour to check to make sure that there was nothing wrong in my explanation. I think there is perhaps a little error in misunderstanding on both the Honourable Member's part and my part. Excuse me just one moment while I get myself organized here. If we look at Legislative Return No. 1, it preambles the question by saying this, "On Wednesday, December 6, 1972 Councillor Stutter asked for a written reply to the following questions." The information that was given in this paper is the information that existed as at the end of November. At the end of November in the computer system, that is for the month of November, there were the number as indicated in the answer. There are 19,730 residents. But during that -- from the beginning of the program April to November, there were at one time as low as 14,712. Now the Honourable Member has, in bringing forward his adjusted figure, I presume has taken 19,700 or 19,000 as an average figure for every month. They were not the number of residents that were resident on the average. But surmising that we would be using the figure of 19,000, it would appear then that if we took 19,000 and every person who was resident and every individual policy for a single policy, for a policy with one dependant, and with a policy of two or more dependants the maximum that would come in in actual cash would be near the figure that the Honourable Member has brought forward. But that is not the case. This paper is only to give for one particular month. In the meantime, for Monday, the computer, C.U. & C. of Vancouver, will be asked for Monday afternoon to give an up-to-date number of people that are registered and that will be for the end of January. Amongst the -- if the whole 19,000 were registered and the breakdown were based on the same approximate ratio, it would appear that \$1,112,000 would come in, but these figures differ because there is an approximately \$65,000 to \$75,000 worth of premiums differ each month because of people moving in or moving out. An example can be given that you may have 100 families move out in one particular month at \$14.50 a month and 100 single people may return during a given month. You can't multiply that whole amount by 12 and say this is the premium amount that is coming in. Now, I know these figures that I'm giving now might be a little confused, but it is to give to Honourable Members the purpose of what the paper is bringing forward. That is to bring forward at a particular time the amount of registration. I am just simply asking, Mr. Chairman, that Members do not multiply by 12 those figures and then go to Sessional Paper 5 and say, oh, this is the amount for every month during the year of the expense, because there is so much money involved which is in flotation all the time. Now, so I've got to the position where I say, yes, if we were dealing with 19,000 residents who are all paying their premiums all the money has been received; nobody getting any exemptions or any part of exemptions; and also that no person -- everybody is paying. Now we cannot give information as to every person who has not registered, but we have information of those people who have not registered and have received medical services. We also come across people who have not registered as a result of checks that have taken place. We will also have the names of those people who have not registered as a result of the expansion of the Inspection Department, to carry out the inspections of certain records in the hands of employers, so that the information on up-to-date basis to January 31st will be forthcoming Monday. Now to revert to Legislative Return No. 5, the information that is in there, the premiums that are shown as recoveries are based on an average of premiums that has been paid into the Medicare program. The monies that are shown as recoveries from the Department of National Health and Welfare are only a portion of those recoveries as they are paid out proportionately through the money that will come in and be bounced off at the end of the year by the Department. In other words, we receive an advance each month. The insured services payments that you see in Legislative Return No. 5 is the actual amount of money that has been paid out to the medical profession, both within the Territory and out of the Territory, plus, over and above that there are the various X-ray and diagnostic services that are part of the Medicare program and which are paid to the medical clinics and the hospitals where the hospitals have supplied those diagnostic services. Over and above the amount that has already been paid out as insured services, there is approximately \$61,000 now in payments which are in progress and it appears from the information that I have that this is varied monthly between \$55,000 and \$71,000 of payments that are floating payments. So that the actual figures of insured services that are to be paid is over and above the payments for this particular period. Also, you will note that for the month of April there was only -- there was no money paid out at all; for the month of May there was just \$4,764 paid out. So that we are two months behind almost in paying out of accounts which would be added to these. Now this is the information I can give you up to this time and on Monday, further up-to-date information will be given, so then you must understand, Mr. Chairman, that what we have now is information of payout and registration as of December 1972 -- as of December 30th, and on Monday we will have the information as of January, then you might be able to readjust these figures.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Will you take the Chair, Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: I don't want to get back into the type of heated debate that we had just prior to the recess and I am just going to make a couple of points and then I'm willing to let it drop until the added information is given to us. I would like to point out though, that the statement that the Minister has just made, I just don't follow many of those. To begin with, it makes no difference whether we are using this figure of 19,730 residents or not, we still can assume from D.B.S. figures, taking a population in the Territory of around 18,000, that you have got approximately 18,000 people that are registered permanently in the plan. You have got people coming into the plan, agreed; you have got families moving out, agreed; nevertheless, the base figure should be in the area of around 18,000. Now, the other day I had asked the question in Council and this was on Wednesday of this week. It would make a difference once I received the answer to that question, and the question that I asked the Minister at that time was -- "I have a question for the Minister of Health. This question refers to the Yukon Health Insurance Plan. I wonder, Mr. Minister, if you could tell us of the potential revenue that could be derived from premiums within the Territory, what percentage of it for some reason or other has not been paid under the policy." In other words, what I'm trying to get at through these series of questions, I'm trying to get answers that will allow me to derive figures that I consider accurate. We now have discussed Legislative Return No. 1 and No. 5 and it is apparent from the information given there or from the method that I have used to put the information together, that somewhere along the line we vary a great deal in our opinions as to the outcome or this final result of the figure. I have only got this particular information to work for and if there is more information to be given or more accurate information to be given, that is fine. As far as that flotation figure that you are referring to, that you are always two months behind, I agree that this is so; when you look at your own figures again in Legislative Return No. 5, it makes very little difference there whether you have got a flotation figure that is two months behind or not. Once the plan is into effect for six or seven months, you have got, you are catching up -- you've got two months outstanding for perhaps the month of January, itself, but in January, you are then making payments that were processed

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for November, so you can still take those figures and average them out to get an approximate average expense against the plan. I realize that these figures that are quoted in Legislative Return 5 are just to liquidate the claims and I know on top of that we can add approximately 6% for administration because the Minister has promised this, and I'm fairly sure that he stays within that 6% figure, so I have allowed an extra 10% in my figures to get not the \$74,000 that it averages out, but around \$80,000. This figure, I have projected to come out with the figure that I quoted before recess. In every instance, I have cut figures so that as far as revenue is concerned, I've added to figures as far as expense is concerned, and I still come up with a surplus figure of in excess of half a million dollars.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I don't appear to be getting across to the Honourable Member that the answers that are given -- that are given in the Legislative Return Paper No. 1 are answers to specific questions that were asked at the last Session. The question that has been asked the other day is a question that is additional so, therefore, I should only prepare the information that was required at that time and projected and you could -- the Honourable Member could only but wait for the other information before he can tie them together; this is what I've been suggesting. That it is unfair to ask those specific set of questions, get the answers and then throw in something extraneous to the original question. Now, I'm sure, and I ascertain that the information that has been requested is in the process of being got together, but you cannot compare it until such time that it gets together. Now there is one further point that I want to correct, that it is not only the amount of, as I refer to the flotation figure; it's the flotation figure plus the two months that we're behind. The flotation figure is billing that is in process all the time, currently at any given point, plus the two months that we are behind all the time. In June, the June amount of about \$54,000 may have been part of the April and May billings and the June and May billings would be in the following months' billings and so. In every month some of these items are outstanding; for instance, there is one doctor, if he would only complete the necessary documents, the plan owes him alone in the region of \$9,000 to \$10,000. It is an amount of money that has to be paid eventually because certain services have been rendered, but because the computer won't accept the payment unless the code numbers go into the computer, that these amounts are outstanding and various other doctors, the time may get a little bit late in their billing coming in is past two weeks, three weeks, four weeks up to six weeks and there are always monies that are outstanding. I agree with the Honourable Member that this should be left now, his figures based on the first paper only may be near correct if you do not take in those other areas as I have already indicated where payments are not made and payments are not coming in and this was perhaps part of the surplus that he is considering, but I'm saying that it is not surplus because these amounts of money still have to be paid. On Monday, I'm sure I will have the sufficient information to bring it up-to-date in the manner that the original questions were asked and also those of answers to the questions that was put the other day and I'm sure that the thing will clarify itself.

Mr. Stutter: I am perfectly willing to put it aside and wait until I get those answers I just hope that those answers will allow me to arrive at figures that I perhaps a different manner, but I still feel that it will be interesting to see what the outcome is. I'm could easily be wrong and I'd be the first one to admit it, but I will wait until then. I will resume the Chair Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Stutter resumes the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Outside of the the outstanding Bills which I think...

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder, if I might ask one more question on these papers. On the 19,730 people registered under Health Insurance Plan and I wonder if that great do-it-all computer does break down the number of those 19,730 that would be registered from say Whitehorse, Faro, Dawson. Are those figures available? I wonder if they could be provided to Members of Council?

Mr. Chamberlist: You know, it's -- you see, Mr. Chairman, I'm being pressed to keep the administrative costs down to within 6% that I indicated that I would like to do. And yet, we have only contracted to get certain administrative services for that amount of money. And it is very simple to say, can I have it, and then we have to make arrangements for the computer people to bring out to do more work, then we have to pay more money and as a result of paying more money we will have somebody standing up and saying, you said you were going to keep it within 6% and you are not. It is almost an impossible thing. It could be done, I'm sure.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could supplement the Honourable Members remarks. This can be done but it can only be done at the present time by manual means. In other words, we have to take the computer print-out and using the code of the computer print-out manually extract each name and location. Now we are doing this in some instances endeavouring to deal with such problems as the Honourable Member for Watson Lake has brought up in connection with his constituents at Faro and claiming 1,200 residents in the place and we have sat down and manually gone through this -- the computer print-out in order to extract this, but it is a fantastically time consuming job.

Mr. Taylor: Just for the edification of Committee and Mr. Commissioner more particularly that I think that the figure that was extracted from the computer was in the area of 926 or some light figure. Indeed, by actual count by the Anvil Mining Corporation last week, they came up with 1,167 people by actual count, 1,167 people by actual count, that was last week and I have not included the fringe areas around Faro like some native people or anybody else, so the figure of 1,200 seems rather close.

Mr. Chamberlist: This is -- whether or not that is right, I don't know, but this is the problem that we would be faced with if we had to break it down in particular areas. I'm sure, that Honourable Members will realize that what we get is a monthly count and names we get the name of every person, on the computer the district that it's from, the number of persons and then all the family names that are attached to it. As long as people realize that there is additional costs in administration to get this out, we'll offer to go ahead and do it.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Councillor Taylor will you take the Chair?

Councillor Taylor takes the Chair.

Mr. Stutter: I would just like to ask one more question of the Minister before we leave this subject until Monday. I wonder when he's providing this information for us on Monday, Tuesday or whenever he can do so, if could also provide the exact, or maybe not the exact, as close as you can get the number of residents in the Territory which the National Health is contributing 50% of the national per capita costs and just exactly what that amount is, whether it is \$32.00 per head or \$31.00.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, for this -- I can't tell you -- for this time here it is a little bit less than what we would be getting for next year. I think it is a matter of \$1.07 difference in the area, but I'll get the exact figure as well.

Mr. Stutter: I'll resume the Chair.

Councillor Stutter resumes the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Are there any further questions on Legislative Returns 1 or 5?

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Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, with respect to what has happened this evening and earlier this afternoon that these would be held in abeyance pending further information, and they are still under consideration.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: I think Committee already agreed to that.

Mr. Taylor: What we agree to and what happens are two different things.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please. The only outstanding Bill that is now in Committee is Bill No. 3, and I understand that Councillor Taylor is going to get together with the Legal Adviser on this one on Monday. Bill No. 6 goes with the Budget Bill, depends on other Bills. Bill No. 7 which is the same thing and Bill No. 12. We do have yet Bill No. 13 which we could thoroughly read. Is Committee agreed?

Mr. Taylor: We need Mr. Legal Adviser for this.

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Mr. Chamberlist: Is Mr. Legal Adviser available, Mr. Clerk?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Honourable Member for Watson Lake could indicate whether he is prepared to put forward the amendment to the Pounds Ordinance; I understand that he has had sometime with the Legal Adviser this evening, and they were working on this.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't know how many times in one day I must waste the taxpayers' money by responding to such ignorance as I just heard. I thought, Mr. Chairman, that we had concluded this discussion prior to the recess. I had explained that I'm getting together with Mr. Legal Adviser, everything is coming along fine, and I do not appreciate this type of harassment; if it continues, they will get returned harassment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I just thought we might be wasting the taxpayers' money; we've delayed three days now for one section of an Ordinance.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order please. Are there some questions of the Legal Adviser regarding Bill No. 13?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have endeavoured today to look into this situation. I didn't agree with the position of the original Bill which was assented to on March 30, 1972, that is a year ago, the Spring Session, that we impose upon the people of the Yukon or, indeed, in this case it is the insurance companies -- this particular tax, however, it is a fact of life. The Bill as originally constituted adds only the words "or property damage insurance". It escapes me, Mr. Chairman, how one expects to read any reasonable amount of revenue out of this, and how, indeed, it can be administered, how it can be extracted because many of the insurance companies have been brought out here, have different forms of taxation, they have not specified peril, but general peril is that what you call it. Where it might be by fire, it might be hit by an elephant on Main Street in Whitehorse; it could be by an earthquake, or caught in a landslide. How do you extract out of property damage insurance, without going into too great a length, how does one define this?

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it there is no attempt to increase, although there will be a marginal increase, but to actually say it is to increase the amount of money collected. But what apparently is happening according to our advice is the package deal with the insurance companies is different from just pure fire insurance. So if we just keep it at fire insurance then the insurance companies will find it difficult to divide the type of business they are doing with relation to property easily for us to collect our money, so our advice is that we should add in the words "property damage insurance" in order to make it easy on a comprehensive or other type of policy to collect the 1% tax. This is the reason for it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't accept that, you say our advice is from whom or who?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there are many comprehensive provincial type conferences that we send officers of the Government to. I think that Honourable Members are probably aware that in the Motor Vehicle branch we send the Territorial Secretary to attend all conferences on motor vehicles, and we also, I believe, attend in connection with Workmen's Compensation, I believe, there is some interprovincial conference of Canada and for some, I think, for the second year now, our Treasurer attends a provincial revenue conference at which Provincial Treasurers or Provincial Deputy Ministers of Finance attend and attempt to deal with what is euphemistically a firm -- the universality of legislation -- the uniformity of legislation and it is from that last conference the Treasurer attended, where this particular matter is matter was brought up, and I might say for the benefit of the Honourable Members that all provincial jurisdictions have this form of a tax on the premiums being collected by insurance companies. It is on that basis that this change is being put forth, in other words, to permit our tax to be levied and paid by the insurance companies on a similar uniform basis as what is collected and paid in other provincial jurisdictions.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I just can't help to remark that this afternoon the Honourable Member for Watson Lake nearly brought us into tears when he suggested that people in the Yukon were being hit 25% on their fire insurance policies. Now it appears he is crying because we want to tax the fire insurance companies. I wish he would make up his mind, one way or the other, because I'm not following him; I'm not following him one little bit. I already explained the disposition this afternoon that the Legal Adviser has said exactly the same; the Commissioner said exactly the same; so, we all can't be wrong. I would suggest that Councillor Taylor should recognize at this time for sure he is wrong.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, a proper legislative term, let us retire the remarks of the Honourable Member to bovine excreta, I think is the way you would say it parliamentarily. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner's remarks I do appreciate, I recall when we discussed this, Mr. Commissioner did say we see no reason why they should be allowed to continue to escape this penalty or whatever terminology you would use. This was when we talked about fire insurance, and, indeed, I have and I will continue to raise the question of the high rates of fire insurance. However, I think if some Members would give a little thought to the real issue they would determine that every time you slap a tax on somebody, whether it be a fuel company or an insurance company or anybody else, they just pass it along to the consumer, and the guy that really gets it in the chin is John Consumer down the street. That is when we talk about a nice little piece of legislation here in this urban-oriented society that I appear to be surrounded by. There are people out in the hinterland and there are people who are paying excessive premiums and, I think it behooves us as legislators to be as

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cautious and as careful as we can in terms of taxation in order that we don't levy a 1c tax here and have \$10.00 bill levy in addition to whatever else he is paying to John Q. Consumer. Now, in this Ordinance, and as I say, I have no legal advice other than what we have at the Table in the presence of our esteemed Legal Adviser, but it says here, now we were talking about fire insurance. Every company whether upon the stock or mutual plan, and the attorney of every reciprocal interinsurance exchange, transacting the business of fire insurance, now the new words, or property damage insurance, within the meaning of the Insurance Ordinance, shall, in addition to taxes and fees required by law and so forth. Now, when we are talking about property damage insurance are we talking about all property damage insurance, I don't have right at hand the meaning of the Insurance Ordinance, or are we talking about only that portion of property damage insurance which is related to fire.

Mr. Legal Adviser: The same meaning of the words, Mr. Chairman, appear to be property damage that's the liability.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is my point, this is under the Fire Prevention Ordinance and should only relate to fire. If you are going to extend this tax into all forms of property insurance, we are going into a whole new ballgame, and I don't figure that is fair and reasonable without further-- This is the Fire Prevention Ordinance. Now we are talking about extending this tax into property insurance, and I'm certainly not sure of that and I don't think anybody else at this Table should be until it can be shown clearly, just what this issue -- this is smuggled in. This is why I asked for Mr. Legal Adviser to be present when we discussed this Bill and I get the ho-ho's yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, I don't try and explain..

Mr. Taylor: You do that.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Chamberlist: The obvious reason is that he doesn't understand that this is a piece of legislation...

Mr. Taylor: I got that.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well that is really good. The Government can tax those people who are issuing insurance policies. It is not the tax people who are insuring their property, and this is what the Honourable Member doesn't seem to understand, but in policies today they do not separate all policies as fire insurance policies. I have made this clear because I gave an example of one this afternoon that I know about personally of where they have altered their -- from the fire insurance policy to a property damage insurance which includes fire and all other risks that are taken. It seems to me that the Honourable Member is picking a herring bone; the bone is very, very thin. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we deal with this now, the explanation that has been given, I'm sure it is satisfactory to everyone.

Mr. Taylor: I don't think that it is satisfactory to everybody. Either we are talking about fire insurance under the Fire Prevention Ordinance, which is one ballgame, but when you start adding property damage insurance, that is another kettle of fish, in my opinion. And, it still can't be shown to me where it isn't. During the initial discussion a year ago when we were bulldozed into the first Bill covering fire insurance, we were told that this should bring into the Territorial coffers something in the area of \$10,000 a year. Now, with the addition of property damage insurance, which I don't think has any proper place in this Ordinance, what in addition would this bring to the Territory.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Chairman, when the Treasurer was here, I asked him that same question. He said \$20,000.

Mr. Chamberlist: He was here too.

Mr. Tanner: Well, I thought he was.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Honourable Member to respect the comments of the Treasurer on this. This is strictly an estimated situation which we are basing on the best information that we can get from other provincial jurisdictions. Honourable Members must realize that the date that is involved in this Ordinance is, in other words, a year hence. We do not have, even at this point in time, any experience as yet; so, it is not what the Treasurer suggested originally, that we would get \$10,000. This change could conceivably have the effect of doubling that. We have not historic figures of our own to refer to.

Mr. Taylor: Historical information or not, this one percent levy, I oppose, to the tune of \$10,000, now we are talking in the area of \$30,000.

Mr. Chamberlist: \$20,000.

Mr. Taylor: The figure of \$20,000 was quoted, do I take it, as relating to property damage insurance? Fire insurance accounting for \$10,000, \$20,000 for property damage insurance, are we not looking at \$30,000, or am I getting some bad information?

Mr. Chamberlist: No, you are not hearing properly.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I am sure that if you check on the comments made by the Treasurer last night, the package, as it fits right now, was estimated at the revenue figure of \$20,000. I think that it is only fair to say that the definition of this kind of insurance, and the Legal Adviser, I am sure, would be very pleased to help with this, is a very, very narrow and limited definition which, according to our own Ordinance, eliminates the vast majority of other kinds of casualty-type insurance.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, this appears to be a highly technical area. Property is used in the Insurance Ordinance in a very narrow field and in relation to the failure to be able to occupy a property that has been insured against fire. The definition of property itself in the Fire Insurance Ordinance says, "includes use and occupancy, rents, profits and charges where these are the subject matter of the insurance." In the property damage insurance section, it says, "'property damage insurance' means insurance against loss or damage to the person or property of others that is not included in or incidental to some other class of insurance defined by or under this Ordinance." And, property is again defined as including "profits, earnings and other pecuniary interests" and it's "in respect of inability to occupy the insured premises, but only to the extent of express provision in the contract." As I see it, you insure a piece of property against property, if it burns then you are entitled, under the terms of the policy, to get up to the actual value that you have insured against, to be reimbursed. But, there are other losses; if it is the question of a business, the business may be out of use for a period of time; you may have to rent alternative premises; even in respect of a house, there are extra clauses in some package deals whereby a person can have the rent paid by the insurance company on another house for up to three or four months, or until he can rebuild. It is these fringe benefits that we are attempting to deal with in this particular Bill. In other words, when you pay a policy premium of, say, \$300, \$250 of it may relate to the replacement cost of the building; \$50 may be for other things which are tacked in as useful package deal by the insurance company; so, the insurance companies are put in a position, in respect of the one percent tax, of handing over to the Government \$2.50 in respect of the fire part, but nothing in respect of the other \$50. What we are attempting to do is to collect \$3.00 from that policy as a package deal. We have a package collection; the insurance company has a package policy. And, we prefer to deal with one thing at a time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to see some more -- it has been suggested by Mr. Commissioner in his initial remarks a year ago and again today that it is the policy of provinces through Commissioners on Uniformity -- do I take it that all provinces in Canada now include property insurance with fire insurance in this legislation, or is this wrong.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, they either have made the necessary amendments or are in the process of doing so, because there is no question that the fire insurance industry has gone to provincial Treasurers and the Minister of Finance and said, "Look, the administrative cost of us extracting fire insurance as a separate entity is no longer a practical situation."

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if the Administration would gather for me the information as to the provinces that have now in effect this legislation and those that do not. I wonder if I could have that before we conclude this Bill?

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Chairman, no, I can't agree that we do that for the simple reason that this legislation is here. You can bring this information to the Honourable Member, but that should be no reason why the whole legislature has to stop its work until the Honourable Member is satisfied that everything is being done to satisfy him.

Mr. Taylor: That's quite correct.

Mr. Chamberlist: Well, this is not the case. Sufficient information has been given. The Honourable Member insisted that he have Mr. Legal Adviser assure him. He has been assured by Mr. Legal Adviser. Now, he doesn't wish to accept his advice.

Mr. Taylor: The Honourable Member is making assumptions, but I won't get dragged into one of those arguments. I think that the result of this particular piece of legislation is going to mean an increase in the cost of insurance premiums to policyholders in the Territory. I see all of this head-shaking around here. Well, I have checked today in part with some of these insurance companies involved, and they feel the same way that I do. That this will result in an increase in premiums, and all of the head-shaking in this Committee is not going to change my mind. I asked for this information, and, at this point in time, I am opposed to this Bill. I feel that under the Fire Prevention Ordinance we deal with fire insurance, and I feel that there is no logical reason for us to embark on the addition of property damage insurance at this time until there is further information provided to justify why we should.

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Mr. Tannert: Mr. Chairman, one other point that the Honourable Member is missing is that during the debate on this Ordinance last year, it was pointed out that the fire insurance companies are paying this premium right across the country, and they are not paying it in the Yukon. And, they are paying more, two and three percent. There is no reason at all why we shouldn't pick it up here. It is just ridiculous that we have passed it up all this time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that is an incorrect statement. I have the Votes and Proceedings of that particular Session. We talked about fire insurance; we didn't talk about property insurance. There it is; I am probably the only guy that looked it up.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that you read the preamble to the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Is the Committee agreed? (Reads preamble to Bill No. 13) And that completes the reading of the Bill.

Mr. Chamberlist: I would move that Bill No. 13 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Tannert: I'll second.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, before the question is called on moving Bill No. 13 out of Committee. I am not so much perturbed with the Bill. I have listened to these explanations. I am a little perturbed by the lack of concern of those in power for the questions and the answers to questions from Members of Council. I think that we noticed it in both the questions that were asked on Medicare and on this amendment to the Fire Prevention Ordinance. Those in power seem to be attempting to belittle and almost berate those Members who aren't in power and aren't in Government and don't have the resources of Government when they attempt to find out what Government is doing, and what is happening to the taxpayers dollars. I think that the Honourable Member from Watson Lake has made a legitimate request in asking for further information on Bill No. 13 prior to passage of the Bill. He has just asked that further information come before this Council prior to the Bill passing. There is no rush for the Bill, of course the Ordinance is going to come into force on a day to be fixed by the Commissioner. If I can have any bearing, I would suggest, Mr. Commissioner, until the fiscal year that Mr. Treasurer has just been talking about -- and I am concerned, and I have voiced my concern before in this regard. And I am going to voice it again, that I don't think it does this Council and the Government of the Yukon Territory really any good to really attempt to intimidate and to belittle and to berate those of us who don't have the full resources of Government behind us in an attempt to do the job. Now, I have been on both sides of the fence, and I know that when you are on the Financial Advisory Committee and you do have full working knowledge and are steadily involved in the Government processes that you may find it a little short to put up with Members questions which you have been working on for months and had all the department heads and all their people to be able to bring you the facts and to be able to sway you with their argumentation, and then when you come before the Council you are asked the same questions again, and you think it might be a waste of time. But, I find that I am less and less getting up to really try to dig into what is happening because of the attempt of Members of Government to belittle the Members who aren't in Government in attempting to ferret out the facts and figures and attempting to find out the information. We are all not experts on everything, but I think that we are all legitimately trying to do the job as best we can. There is one thing that I think that any politician from looking into the history particularly of the Government of Canada can read and the government in provinces, and that is the one thing that the people don't like and they don't understand and they don't put up with, and that is arrogance in power. I think that is one thing that we are seeing an awful lot of in the Government of the Yukon Territory these days, Mr. Chairman. I am going to vote against the Bill for two reasons. One, because I am and have been consistent in voting against any tax increases as long as the present Government situation of the Yukon Territory remains as it is; and, the second one is that I think that a legitimate request has been made, and for some reason or other, whether it is personal or other, very few wishes from the Honourable Member from Watson Lake to get further information are listened to by Members of this Committee and Members of this Council.

Mr. Chamberlist: I have got to reply to the remarks of the Honourable Member because I don't think that he was really concerned. I watched him very closely when he was speaking, very closely. Certainly, it was a very fine political speech to support somebody who has been working with him in opposition, and I suppose that one can't blame him for that particular purpose. I think that every opportunity has been given to the Honourable Member when he has raised objections; specifically, he wanted the Legal Adviser; he got the Legal Adviser. The Legal Adviser has given him the explanation. Now, he is not satisfied with the Legal Adviser's explanation. Now, he wants to put it off for another time and another time and another time. It is not right to say that the people in power are arrogant. We are just as concerned about the public being given a fair deal all the way along the line. Just because the Honourable Member is on the other side of the fence in what is our type of Government, however unfortunate it is now, this doesn't necessarily mean that being on the other side is being opposed to the people. I, perhaps, in many, many areas am much more concerned than the Honourable Member who has just spoken. I have aired my concern to such a great extent that at times he wouldn't even want to come out into the open and speak about it because of the fact that it might involve his own personal interests. Perhaps I might get around to this a little bit later during this Session, but I do say that he is absolutely wrong when he makes the suggestion that we are not prepared to give any Member the opportunity to dig as deep as possible. This is your function, and it is only right that you should do it. We also dig; you don't hear us digging here because we have already done the digging before we get here, and I can tell you that any piece of legislation that comes into this House has been torn to pieces before it gets here until we know that we are getting something that is really worthwhile. Sometime you ought to speak to some of the Members of the Leg. Prog. Committee and just find out what happens when we go through a piece of legislation. I have seen pieces of legislation that you have got that are different except for the preamble from what it originally was when it first came to us. This is how very diligently Councillor Watson and myself have been going into these pieces of legislation. I can't except the remarks the Honourable Member has made, and I want to assure everybody that we do our best. Sometimes it is not good enough, and I expect that from the Honourable Member to say that it is not good enough, perhaps to say that we are not doing our best. But, we have got to live with ourselves too. I can live with myself because I know that I am doing my best at this job.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Do the mover and seconder of the motion wish to proceed with the motion at this time.

Mr. Chamberlist: Proceed.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, be passed out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Those in favour please signify in the usual manner. I declare the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: What a way to run a railroad.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: That appears to complete the work that we can carry on with. Mr. Clerk, are the motions before the Committee?

Mr. Clerk: Motion No. 3 is in Committee, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been agreed to leave Motion No. 3 at this point. Unless the Committee Members have anything further, the Chair would entertain a motion that Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Tanner: I move that the Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. Chamberlist: I will second that motion.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: It has been regularly moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Chamberlist, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? I declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege at this time. This morning when two motions for the production of papers were called, the Honourable Mr. Speaker indicated that those notices of motion for the production of papers were to be dealt with without debate. I will draw Mr. Speaker's attention to Standing Order No. 47 of Beauchesne's. That part reads: "Notices of motions for the production of papers . . . All such notices when called shall be forthwith disposed of; but if on any such motion a debate be desired, it will be transferred to the Clerk to the order of 'Notices of motions'". As a result of His Honour's ruling, the opportunity to debate these motions and have them placed on the Order Paper was not given. I am sure that Mr. Speaker inadvertently ruled in that manner, and I would move at this time that the vote be rescinded and that the motions for the production of papers be placed on the Order Paper as a notice of motion for the day following.

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Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, in the first instance the Standing Order in question under Beauchesne's is Standing Order 47. Standing Order 47 provides as the Honourable Member has stated that notices of motion for the production of papers generally are taken with no debate. If a debate is requested by any Honourable Member, then the notice of motion for the production of papers moves to a notice of motion category in the normal routine. During the course of the morning there was no request by any given Member of Council to move that notice of motion for the production of papers on the Order Paper to a notice of motion; and, therefore, the motion in question was proceeded with. Perhaps, it may be difficult to understand, but not having been suggested by any Member knowledgeable in these rules, he did have the opportunity to do so. There was no motion or suggestion that this be moved to the Orders of the Day to the question of motion, and consequently, I must rule that any suggestion of a motion at this time to alter a decision made by the House earlier this morning would be quite out of order.

Mr. Chamberlist: With respect, Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out that I did commence to speak to the motion which is the commencement of debate.

Mr. Speaker: Do I take it that the Honourable Member is rising on a point of personal privilege.

Mr. Chamberlist: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am rising. I commenced to debate and it was at that time that Mr. Speaker moved that notices for the production of papers were not debatable. The Votes and Proceedings will surely bear me out in those actual words that were used by Mr. Speaker. I am just simply suggesting that Mr. Speaker inadvertently was in error. I won't go to the extent that Mr. Speaker has gone to by saying that the Honourable Member does not know his rules. I will not say that of Mr. Speaker. I am simply suggesting that also there is the right of a Member where he has risen for a question of privilege in dealing with a vote that has been taken in error for the motion to rescind that particular vote. I, really, am asking that this be done so that Honourable Members will get the opportunity of not only looking at the particular procedure, but also get the opportunity of debating two very important notices of motion that require debate so that they should not be refused the documents requested without necessarily being given ample reason. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that in the interests of the House that you allow a vote to rescind to go through.

Mr. Speaker: I want to thank the Honourable Member for his comments. I think that it should be understood by all Members that one of the greatest parliamentary principles of which we follow here in form is the British Parliamentary System. Predominant in that system is the impartiality of the Chair, notwithstanding what we may do in the House. The House is guided by rules which it has set up for itself, generally, along the guidelines, in this case, of the House of Commons. In the case of this House we have adopted the rules of Beauchesne and we have modified the rules of Beauchesne into a form of rules of our own order. They do complement each other; it is the duty, and I know that it is often difficult, of all Members to make themselves as knowledgeable as possible with the rules of the House. It is difficult for the Chair to do anything, to interfere with another Member, other than assist him upon request, and if a Member has failed to note in the rules that we have an alternative in such case as Standing Order No. 47, it is not, I don't think, the problem of the Chair. I think that is the problem of the Member. Indeed, what the Honourable Member has said is quite correct, that upon motion, or even, in the case of the Legislative Council, upon suggestion that the notices of the motion that the Honourable Member refers to be stood over to motions on the Order Paper, the Chair would agree with the concurrence of the Members. In this particular instance, there was no request made to the Chair at that time, that the matter be stood over to notices of motion and the Chair could only, in all fairness and without impartiality, rule as the rule states -- that, unless the request has been made there can be no debate on a notice of motion. The Chair took that view in having received no request for a transfer on the Order Paper, properly, in the opinion of the Chair, conducted the business as per the schedule of the House. I must rule that at this point in time, this is the end of the matter.

Mr. Chamberlist: Mr. Speaker, I hate to have to challenge Mr. Speaker's ruling, because Mr. Speaker speaks of impartiality.

Mr. Speaker: I must ask the Honourable Member to bear well in what he may say. If he wishes to rise, he must rise on a point of privilege. I must also advise the Honourable Member that he does have one course of action to follow, and that is, he can appeal through the House the Speaker's ruling inasmuch as rules permit this. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Chamberlist: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, to appeal to the Members of the House to have your ruling rescinded on the basis of this question that you had indicated, and I would say, in error, that a Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers is not debatable. I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that you put the question to the House, whether or not the change can be made.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Honourable Member. The question now stands before the House. I, as Speaker and your servant, have been, as you heard, placed in a division whereby my ruling has been challenged. As a servant of the House, I have no alternative but to put the question to the House, to whether the House, in its wisdom or otherwise, feels that the ruling I have made in this particular matter is in the interest of the House and in keeping with the rules of the House. I would therefore, without further debate, call upon Members to indicate to the Chair, their feelings in this matter. The question is as stated. I would suggest that those who are opposed to the decision of the Chair would kindly indicate by Yea's and Nay's. Mr. Clerk, would you kindly record the Yea's and Nay's of this division.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Carmacks-Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Whitehorse West.

Mr. McKinnon: I agree with the ruling of the Chair, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Chamberlist: What is that answer?

Mr. Speaker: If you agree with the ruling of the Chair, I suggest that you might vote Yea; if you disagree with the ruling of the Chair you may vote Nay.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Carmacks-Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Nay.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Whitehorse West.

Mr. McKinnon: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Dawson.

Mr. Stutter: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Whitehorse East.

Mr. Chamberlist: Nay.

Mr. Clerk: The Member for Whitehorse North.

Mr. Tanner: Yea.

Mr. Clerk: The vote, Mr. Speaker, is three Yea and two Nay.

Mr. Speaker: I think at this time, it is a difficult time and all Members of Council are involved in personality clashes and the like. I think it's very, very important that all Members must understand that it is not an easy chore; it is a difficult chore to do the service of the House, both in the service as the Speaker and in the service as His Honour the Deputy Speaker, who also fills the chore as Deputy Chairman in Committee. I think that no matter how hostile feelings may run in Council, it behooves every Member to control his emotion, and no matter who fills the Chair, either in Committee or the Whole or this Chair, as it belongs to the people no matter who fills it, to attempt to settle or resolve or calm, or whatever word you might say, the emotion in dealing with the Chair because when you're dealing with the Chair you're dealing with the people. Perhaps, upon reflection of this evening, we may find another bond to get us closer together in this Legislature working on behalf of the people. I do wish to say that it has never been my intention to restrict any Member at any time in the pursuance of his duties on behalf of his constituents or in the House. Have you anything further? May we have a report of the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker. At 2:40 p.m., Committee was called to order to discuss Sessional Papers, Motions, Legislative Returns. Sessional Paper No. 8 was taken under discussion, and it was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor McKinnon, that residents of the Yukon Territory be exempted from campground permits requirements as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 8. This motion was defeated. In discussing Sessional Paper No. 4, it was moved by Councillor McKinnon, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that the concept of the paper be adopted. This motion carried. In discussing Sessional Paper No. 5, it was moved by Councillor Stutter, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Motion No. 7, as carried on December 7th, 1972, regarding changes in the Interpretation Ordinance, be brought into effect in the year 1974 and thereafter. This motion carried. I can report progress on Legislative Returns No. 1 and 5. Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Prevention Ordinance, was discussed, and it was moved by Councillor Chamberlist, seconded by Councillor Tanner, that Bill No. 13 pass out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. It was then moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Chamberlist, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair. This motion carried. That's the report of Committee, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed? What is your further pleasure.

Mr. Stutter: Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of Council, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, to discuss Motions, Bills, Sessional Papers and Legislative Returns.

Mr. Speaker: What is your further pleasure?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Speaker, I move we call it 9:30.

Mr. Stutter: I'll second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Dawson, that we now call it 9:30. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? This House now stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday.