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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #69)

Oral Question Period

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, all affected First Nations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and stakeholders, to develop a Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy that ensures to the greatest extent possible, the conservation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

2. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #167)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nation governments to develop a timely, inclusive process through the re-instated Intergovernmental Forum to implement the recommendations of the Nine Year Review of the Yukon Final Land Claims Agreements in order to ensure the spirit and intent of the land claims agreements are fulfilled.

3. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #169)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, through the Department of Community Services, to establish an Infrastructure Fund to address the immediate infrastructure needs of Yukon communities.

4. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #170)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to utilize the review of social assistance rates currently underway to increase social assistance rates for those in need, and to provide incentives for those on social assistance who want to enter the work force.

5. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #194)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Registered Nurses Association to continue working together on the development of legislation that will allow Nurse Practitioners to work within their full scope of practice.

6. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #233)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to recognize that the unilateral decision in 1966 to integrate the Canadian Forces Superannuation and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation with the Canada Pension Plan contributions imposed an injustice and unfairness upon members and retirees of the Canadian Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and therefore should take action to remedy that injustice.

7. Hon. Mr. Kenyon (Motion #239)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with the Government of Canada, First Nations, Yukon College, members of the business community and non-governmental organizations to:

- (1) enhance and develop labour market initiatives targeting First Nations, older workers, youth, persons with disabilities and immigrants through measures such as apprenticeship programs, the Youth Employment Program, the Yukon Nominee Program, the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and other programs,
- (2) develop a national recruiting campaign; and
- (3) assist in the development of retention incentives for employers.
- 8. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #357)

THAT this House urges the Department of Health and Social Services to launch a new health promotion initiative to:

- (1) further assist Yukoners who wish to quit smoking by funding a portion of the cost of nicotine replacement therapies; and
- (2) work in partnership with the Motor Vehicles Branch to provide drivers with information on the increased health impacts of smoking within the confined space of a motor vehicle.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Third Reading)

- 1. Bill #48 Act to Amend the Summary Convictions Act -Hon. Ms. Horne
- 2. Bill #47 Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2008 -Hon, Ms. Horne
- 3. Bill #52 Workers' Compensation Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 4. Bill #53 Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 5. Bill #49 Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act -Hon. Mr. Fentie

6. Bill #51 - International Child Abduction (Hague Convention) Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #101 Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right -Mr. Nordick
- 2. Bill #102 Act to Amend the Yukon Human Rights Act
 -Mr. Inverarity

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

3. Bill #105 - An Act to Amend the Cooperation in Governance Act -Mr. Mitchell

Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick

4. Bill #106 - Net Metering Act -Mr. McRobb

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Lang

- 5. Bill #107 Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act -Mr. Hardy
- 6. Bill #108 Legislative Renewal Act -Mr. Hardy

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

GOVERNMENT BILLS

1. Bill #11 - First Appropriation Act, 2008-09 -Hon. Mr. Fentie

2. Bill #9 - Third Appropriation Act, 2007-08 -Hon. Mr. Fentie

3. Bill #46 - Act to Amend the Liquor Act -Hon. Mr. Kenyon

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Mr. Hardy (April 30, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission

Will the Minister please provide responses to the following questions related to the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Public Service Commission:

- (1) what is the Public Service Commission doing to reduce workplace injuries and lower the Workers' Compensation assessment rate the Government pays,
- (2) does the Government believe it is on-track with respect to recruitment and succession planning, and that we will have enough well-trained employees to maintain excellent public services as the current employees reach retirement age,
- (3) how long is the project involving people with disabilities who look after the Government's document shredding and recycling scheduled to run, and what plans are there to provide opportunities for people with disabilities in the public service,
- (4) why has the Public Service Commission taken the position that the right to join unions doesn't extend to certain categories, such as teachers-on-call and emergency fire-fighters,
- (5) is the Minister prepared to re-visit that position for example, if teachers-on-call make another attempt at union certification,
- (6) how many grievances are currently on the books, and what is being done to clear up any backlog? (WQ#9)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICES OF MOTION MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #433)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to:

- (1) extend the federal housing programs that are due to expire on March 31, 2009,
- (2) engage in discussion with the provinces and territories in order to develop a long term housing strategy; and

THAT a copy of this motion be transmitted to the House of Commons.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #434)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Community Services to immediately sit down with the Association of Yukon Fire Chiefs to work out an amicable solution to the current problem of administrative overload related to complying with Occupational Health and Safety regulations that has led some volunteer fire chief's to threaten to resign.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #435)

THAT this House urges the Department of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Department of Community Services, to hold public information sessions in all Yukon communities about the health risks associated with not cleaning water holding tanks regularly and properly, and to make testing and cleaning available at a reasonable fee by training contracted individuals to provide this service at the community level.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #436)

THAT this House urges the Premier to organize and lead a delegation to Juneau involving representatives of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, before any final decision is made designating what company or companies will be permitted to build a natural gas pipeline from Alaska to southern Canada, to make it clear to the Governor of Alaska and other Alaska legislators that the Yukon people remain adamantly opposed to oil or gas exploration and extraction activity in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and that any future Yukon participation in an Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline does not alter Yukons' position regarding the need to protect the critical habitat of the Porcupine Caribou herd from industrial activity.