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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

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

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. 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.

7. 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 #52 - Workers' Compensation Act
-Hon. Mr. Cathers
2. 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

BILLS WAITING ASSENT

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (November 29, 2007)

Addressed to: Hon. Mr. Fentie, Minister of Finance

On what date was the Yukon Government's public web site updated to make available the internal government audit, officially entitled "Report on the Audit of Contributions" dated January 2007, prepared by the Government Audit Services Branch? **(WQ#1)**

2. Mr. Elias (December 11, 2007)

Addressed to: Minister of Environment

Does the Government of Yukon support the Kyoto Protocol? **(WQ#2)**

3. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) plans for the Family Focus Housing project that include location, size, and total cost,
- (2) the type of programming and counseling support services to be offered to tenants in the Family Focus Housing,
- (3) the eligibility criteria for the project's tenancy; including family income, number of children, social conditions, criminal records, pet restrictions, and family history of violence,
- (4) the expected completion date for the Family Focus Housing; and
- (5) how the Directorate will assure tenants and the public that the project will not become a ghetto. **(WQ#5)**

4. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister please table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a list of recipients, a breakdown of the amounts transferred, and the objectives of projects for funds transferred in the line item "Various Women's Groups",
- (2) the evaluation process used for the various women's groups for measuring success,
- (3) justification for the difference in amounts transferred to various women's groups and the amount transferred to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre; and,
- (4) the guidelines for transfer payments. **(WQ#6)**

5. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) how the Directorate has met its program objectives over the past year, as listed on page 16-6; and

(2) how the Directorate measures its success in meeting its program objectives. (WQ#7)

6. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 08/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a progress report on the Northern Strategy Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study,
- (2) the criteria for the evaluation of the Long Term Public Education Campaign on the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children,
- (3) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects initiated by Aboriginal women to address violence prevention in their communities in 2007-08; and,
- (4) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects funded in 2007-08 under the Women's Equality Fund. (WQ#8)

7. 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
GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #457)

THAT, pursuant to section 18 of the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the Legislative Assembly reappoint David Phillip Jones, Q.C., as a member of the Conflict of Interest Commission for a three-year period.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #458)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to undertake a two year pilot project in conjunction with the City of Whitehorse to offer free public bus transportation to all residents of the city with upgraded and more frequent routes so that residents can:

- (1) reduce the harmful carbon emissions and thus make a very significant reduction in global warming,
- (2) reduce their dependence on high priced gasoline and diesel fuel; and
- (3) assist their families with their transportation needs by possibly reducing their dependence on having to have a second vehicle.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #459)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to undertake a review of ways of preventing the controversial drink "Blow", which is sold as a white powder, is packaged with a mirror and a credit card and contains 240 milligrams of caffeine and uses the street slang for cocaine and has packaging which resembles drug paraphernalia from being sold in Yukon.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #460)

THAT this House urges the Premier of Yukon to write to the federal Treasury Board President and ask him to reinstate the Co-ordination of Access to Information Requests Systems (CAIRS) and to update the laws and institutions that ensure that people have reasonable access to government information in the interests of strengthening our democracy.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #461)

THAT this House extend the 2008 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly until at least May 22, to give Members more opportunity to attend to important public business, including completing their review of the 2008-2009 Main Estimates and other outstanding matters, such as the proposed amendments to the *Liquor Act*, as well as conducting detailed scrutiny of the Yukon Government's long-awaited Climate Change Action Plan.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #462)

THAT this House urges the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to schedule a meeting of the Committee before the end of the 2008 Spring Sitting for the purpose of determining areas of Government spending and financial management that should be subject to scrutiny by the Committee over the next year, including such subjects as the delays and cost overruns associated with the Watson Lake health facility, the follow-up by the Department of Highways and Public Works to the Auditor General's report on the operations of that department, and the long-term implications of the Yukon Government's recent investment practices.