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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. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.

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

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

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #480)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to stop dragging its feet on the promised legislative renewal process and to work with all Members of this Assembly and the Yukon public towards making their legislature more productive, accountable and fair to all.

2. Mr. Elias (Motion #481)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to inform and educate business on the new *Smoke-free Places Act*, as it takes effect today by:

- (1) making the Act and Regulations publicly and easily accessible,
- (2) mailing out the Act and Regulations to all affected businesses; and
- (3) informing businesses with an education campaign that consists of radio ads, newspaper ads, television ads and mail outs.

3. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #482)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to review the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* and bring forward amendments in the 2008 Fall Sitting that:

- (1) include provisions to ensure that appropriate intervention can be applied when criminal activity resumes at a location previously known to the SCAN program and where such criminal activity has been previously stopped as a result of actions taken by the SCAN program; and
- (2) ensure that neighbourhood residents are not required to file a new complaint about pre-existing criminal activity.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #484)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to section 7(1), (2), and (3) of the *Health Act*, and

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services demonstrate that the amount of four million, one hundred and eighty-seven thousand, eight hundred dollars, which is the amount of five per cent of health treatment in the current budget, is allocated for preventative health and health promotion programs and services.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #485)

THAT this House urges the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees to convene immediately with the purpose of addressing the number of vacancies on important Yukon Boards and Committees.

6. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #486)

THAT this House urges the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges to convene immediately for the purpose of developing recommendations to improve the conduct of the public's business in the Yukon Legislative Assembly, including, but not limited to such recommendations as:

- (1) the elimination of Standing Orders 75 and 76,
- (2) making provision for Members' Statements in the Daily Routine,

- (3) the allocation of time limits on speeches and replies during days with Private Members' Business has precedence and in departmental budget debate,
- (4) the allocation of overall time limits for debating individual motions,
- (5) equal representation on all Standing, Select and Special Committees of the Legislative Assembly,
- (6) provisions to increase opportunities for members of the public to appear as witnesses or to make presentations about matters before the Legislative Assembly,
- (7) amendments empowering the Speaker to rule against evasive or irrelevant responses during Oral Question Period,
- (8) the establishment of a Code of Ethics for Members of the Legislative Assembly,
- (9) the establishment of fixed dates for the commencement of the Spring and Fall Sittings; and
- (10) any other changes gleaned from the best practices found in other Legislatures.

7. Mr. Hardy (Motion #488)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to strike an all-party committee to establish criteria for donating public funds to international emergency relief efforts to ensure the process is fair, timely and appropriate.

8. Mr. Hardy (Motion #490)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to encourage the Federal Government to prohibit the trade of food staples such as rice and flour as commodities on the speculative exchange markets.

MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

1. Mr. Hardy (MPP #16)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of the Yukon State of the Environment Interim Report for 2006.