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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.
- 6. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #499)

THAT this House urges the Environment critics for the Official Opposition and the Third Party to accept the Yukon Government's invitation to attend the Climate Leaders Summit in Poznan, Poland, as observers, during the dates of December 8-12, 2008.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #54 Electoral District Boundaries Act -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #60 Act to Amend the Judicature Act -Hon. Ms. Horne
- 3. Bill #57 Act to Amend the Miners Lien Act -Hon. Mr. Lang
- 4. Bill #55 Act to Amend the Social Assistance Act -Hon. Mr. Hart
- 5. Bill #56 Act to Amend the Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 6. Bill #12 Second Appropriation Act, 2008-09 -Hon. Mr. Fentie

(Third Reading)

- 1. Bill #61 Act to Amend the Municipal Act -Hon. Mr. Lang
- 2. Bill #62 Act to Amend the Animal Protection Act -Hon. Mr. Lang

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
- Bill #109 Young Worker Protection Act

 -Mr. Cardiff
 Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1. Bill #59 Forest Resources Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 2. Bill #63 Act to Amend the Seniors Income Supplement Act -Hon. Mr. Hart

BILLS WAITING ASSENT

1. Bill #58 - Act to Amend the Quartz Mining Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers

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)
- 8. Mr. Edzerza (November 18, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister of Education

Will the Minister of Education table all documentation dealing with the Destruction Bay school which pertains to the presence or not of moisture and mould in the building and all other Departmental investigations into the safety and health of students attending the school? (WQ #10)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICES OF MOTION MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #608)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to fulfill its responsibility to properly maintain the Shakwak section of the North Alaska Highway to acceptable safety standards by stepping up the existing rip and reshape program to ensure the section north of the Duke River bridge to the Alaska Border is resurfaced in its entirety within each four-year period and to make available the proper resources to highway maintenance crews so they can ensure, at minimum, this international highway meets acceptable standards of public safety protection at all times.

2. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #609)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work co-operatively with the City of Whitehorse, Yukon Housing Corporation, Yukon College, and the Whitehorse Housing Authority to address the public transportation needs of the senior citizens residing at 600 College Drive by:

- (1) upgrading the property maintenance program at 600 College Drive to meet public transportation accessibility standards,
- (2) extending the public bus service to include the location of 600 College Drive as part of the regular bus schedule; and
- (3) installing a bus-stop at the entrance to 600 College Drive.
- 3. Mr. Hardy (Motion #610)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to post on the government website and table in the Legislative Assembly in a timely fashion all internal audits done on government departments and services.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #611)

THAT this House urges the Minister of the Environment to provide the House with an update on actions completed as part of the Government of Yukon's Climate Change Action Plan prior to the all-party delegations' departure to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poznan, Poland.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #612)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to direct the Steering Committee for the consultation on the findings and recommendations of the Yukon Health Care Review report to investigate and listen to recommendations on savings and efficiencies that can be realized in the pharmacare system, such as:

- (1) negotiating a new agreement between the Yukon Government and the Pharmacy Society of Yukon which reduces the mark-up rate on the cost of drugs,
- (2) implementing new strategies between pharmacists, prescribing physicians, and the Government of Yukon which improve the cost effective delivery of the Pharmacare and Extended Benefits programs,
- (3) establishing appropriate procedures for verifying claims and approving payment within the Finance, Systems, and Administration Branch of the Department of Finance,

- (4) providing adequate software for the Pharmacare system,
- (5) assuring that the Pharmacare and Extended Benefits programs have systems for reporting information to internal and external users; and
- (6) implementing a policy of auditing pharmacies to recover funds and to deter potential abuse.
- 6. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #613)

THAT this House opposes the permitting of coal-fired power projects anywhere in the Territory before Yukon people have been fully consulted on the acceptability of such activity, or before a comprehensive regulatory regime is in place to safeguard Yukon's people, wildlife, and natural environment from the negative impacts of coal-fired power projects.