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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 nongovernmental 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 #55 Act to Amend the Social Assistance Act -Hon. Mr. Hart
- 4. Bill #56 Act to Amend the Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act -Hon. Mr. Cathers

(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
- 3. Bill #59 Forest Resources 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 #107 -	Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act -Mr. Hardy
5.	Bill #108 -	Legislative Renewal Act -Mr. Hardy
6.	Bill #109 -	Young Worker Protection Act -Mr. Cardiff Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1. Bill #63 Act to Amend the Seniors Income Supplement Act -Hon. Mr. Hart
- 2. Bill #12 Second Appropriation Act, 2008-09 -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)
- 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. Mitchell (Motion #629)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately negotiate a new agreement with the Pharmacy Society of Yukon which provides for insured health services to eligible beneficiaries and the manner in which these services would be charged to the government in order to reduce prescription drug costs for Yukoners.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #630)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to enable the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, or SCREP, to fulfil its mandate to propose changes to the Standing Orders of this Assembly, make progress on legislative reform and improve decorum in the House by:

- (1) equalizing the number of vote-bearing members between the government and opposition,
- (2) ensuring that the chair of the committee calls a meeting in the near future,
- (3) giving its members on the committee a free hand in determining matters,
- (4) allowing the committee to schedule a sufficient number of meetings to deal with these matters; and
- (5) providing the committee with sufficient resources to properly carry out its important work.
- 3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #631)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to respond to the dramatic increase in numbers of sexually assaulted women in the Territory in this month where we focus on violence toward women, by establishing a rape crisis centre in conjunction with non-government organizations who have asked for this service for many years.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #632)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to improve Yukoners' access to health care by:

- working with the Specialist Physician Service Committee to assess wait lists, volumes of services being provided in and out of the territory, medical travel trips/costs, and patterns of use in other jurisdictions,
- (2) developing quantitative and qualitative assessment tools to improve how the committee assesses which new specialists are required to improve Yukoners' access to care; and
- (3) assuring that the tools developed should lead to an evidenced-based process that assists the committee in arriving at sound selection decisions based on access, cost effectiveness and medical appropriateness and feasibility.
- 5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #633)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to expand locally available specialist services, provided either through resident specialists or visiting specialists, as appropriate and possible, where it can be demonstrated that they are likely to improve Yukoners' access to these physician specialists' services and it is cost effective and feasible to do so.

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #634)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to introduce an amendment to clause 95 of Bill #59, Forest Resources Act, to explicitly state that a process for reviewing the Act must be established within five years of the Act coming into force.

7. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #635)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Community Services to publicly notify Marsh Lake residents on the status of land-use planning in their community and inform them when the first public meeting will be held.