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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. Mr. Cathers (Motion #709)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as established by Motion #8 of the First Session of the 32nd Legislative Assembly, be amended by:

- (1) rescinding the appointment of John Edzerza; and
- (2) appointing Steve Cardiff to the Committee.

7. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #710)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees, as established by Motion #70 of the First Session of the 32nd Legislative Assembly, be amended by:

- (1) rescinding the appointment of John Edzerza; and
- (2) appointing Steve Cardiff to the Committee.

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 #15 - First Appropriation Act, 2009-10
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #68 - Yukon College Act, Act to Amend the
-Hon. Mr. Rouble
- 3. Bill #67 - Employment Standards Act, Act to Amend the
-Hon. Mr. Lang
- 4. Bill #71 - Human Rights Act, Act to Amend the
-Hon. Ms. Horne
- 5. Bill #66 - Corporate Governance Statute Law Amendment Act
-Hon. Mr. Lang
- 6. Bill #65 - Yukon Advisory Council on Women’s Issues Act, Act to Amend the
-Hon. Ms. Horne
- 7. Bill #70 - Child and Youth Advocate Act
-Hon. Mr. Hart
- 8. Bill #69 - Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009
-Hon. Ms. Horne
- 9. Bill #64 - Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007, Act to Amend the
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 10. Bill #13 - Third Appropriation Act, 2008-09
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 11. Bill #72 - Corrections Act, 2009
-Hon. Ms. Horne

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)

9. Mr. Cardiff (December 1, 2008)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide responses to the following questions:

- (1) what is the status of each recommendation made in the Audit of Contracts including:

- (a) what recommendations has the government adopted to date?;
- (b) what recommendations does the government plan to adopt at a later date?; and
- (c) what recommendations does the government not plan to adopt? **(WQ #11)**

10. Mr. Cardiff (December 10, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

Will the Minister please provide the following information:

- (1) the detailed total amount expended by the Yukon Housing Corporation for litigation with the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative; and
 - (2) the detailed total amount expended in fulfilling the Yukon Housing Corporation's duties as receiver responsible for the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative, including expenses for management and maintenance of the property and infrastructure.
- (WQ#12)**

NOTICE PAPER

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #713)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and its NATO allies to insist in the strongest possible terms that the Government of Afghanistan fully honour its human rights treaty obligations under international laws and demonstrate its commitment both in law and in practice to respect, protect and enforce the equality rights of the women of Afghanistan or face international sanctions.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #714)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to move quickly, in consultation with First Nations, the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition and its member non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, to identify potential housing projects and to design and construct additional affordable housing using the \$50 million announced in the federal 2009 budget in order to address:

- (1) the serious problem of Yukoners living in sub-standard housing or without any permanent housing,
- (2) the needs of the numerous Yukoners who have self-identified in a recent survey by the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition as saying they couldn't afford their current housing,
- (3) the needs of numerous Yukoners who responded to the recent survey by the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition by reporting they have no access to cooking facilities,
- (4) the needs of numerous Yukoners who responded to the recent survey by the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition that their housing situation is not stable; and
- (5) the startling number of respondents in the recent survey by the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition who reported that they couch surf, live in vehicles or tents or rely on the shelter for a warm place to sleep.

2. Mr. Elias (Motion #715)

THAT this House supports the repeal of the long-gun registry requirements in the Federal *Long-Gun Registry Act*.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #716)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work with the Friends of McIntyre Creek, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, the Porter Creek Community Association, the Takhini North Community Association, Yukon College, the Yukon Conservation Society, the Klondike Snowmobile Association, the Yukon Orienteering Club, Yukon Electrical Company Limited, Icy Waters Ltd., the Whitehorse Ski Club, the Rock Climbing Club, the Yukon Fish and Game Association, the Dog Powered Sports Association and the Yukon Bird Club, with the purpose of preserving McIntyre Creek, its wetlands and environs, so this important parcel of wilderness will be enjoyed by all Yukoners long into the future.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #717)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Canada should increase the cash reserve of the Canada Employment Insurance Financing Board and explain to Canadian workers what has happened to the \$54 billion surplus in the Employment Insurance Fund.