YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION OF THE 32^{ND} LEGISLATURE ORDER PAPER

No. 197

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

PRAYERS DAILY ROUTINE

Tributes

Introduction of Visitors

Tabling Returns and Documents

Presenting Reports of Committees

Petitions

Introduction of Bills

Notices of Motions

Ministerial Statement

Oral Question Period

ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Elias (Motion #848)

THAT this House establish an independent, non-partisan Commission on Yukon Aboriginal Language Protection,

THAT the Commission be comprised of four Yukon residents, one to be appointed by the Premier, one to be appointed by the Leader of the Official Opposition, one to be appointed by the Leader of the Third Party and a non-voting chair to be appointed by the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees,

THAT the Commission receive the views and opinions of Yukoners, interested groups and stakeholders on legislative amendments to Yukon's *Languages Act* that include granting rights in respect of, or providing services in any Yukon aboriginal language in addition to the rights and services provided in the Act, as well as other matters,

THAT the Commission shall develop terms of reference before receiving the views and opinions of Yukon residents,

THAT the *Languages Act* be referred to the Commission,

THAT the decisions by the Commission require majority support by members of the Commission.

THAT the Commission report to the Legislative Assembly no later than two years after its establishment:

(1) its findings relating to public opinion for the protection of Yukon Aboriginal languages,

(2) its recommendations regarding what form legislation implementing changes recommended by the Commission should take,

THAT in the event the Legislative Assembly is not sitting at the time the Commission is prepared to report, the Chair of the Commission shall forward copies of the report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, and thereafter make the report public,

THAT the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall table the report in the Legislative Assembly on the first sitting day following the release of the report,

THAT during its review of public opinion on legislative options for Yukon Aboriginal Language Protection, the Commission shall be empowered:

- (1) to invite officials from the Government of Yukon, the Government of Nunavut, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nations to appear as witnesses,
- (2) to invite such other persons as it deems necessary to appear as witnesses on technical matters,
- (3) to invite a designate of the Yukon Native Language Centre to appear as a witness,
- (4) to hold public hearings, meetings with individuals, focus groups and town hall type meetings,
- (5) to print such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and

THAT the Commissioners shall be paid a daily honorarium,

THAT the Chair shall receive an additional honorarium; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Commission

Adjourned debate: Mr. Elias

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #992)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to amend Yukon's *Quartz Mining Act* and Yukon's *Placer Mining Act* to bring them into harmony with the values of today's society concerning the critical issues of:

- (1) conflicts inherent in surface rights versus mining rights within the mineral tenure system and security of investment, or free-entry staking, particularly within municipal boundaries,
- (2) prioritization of land claim settlements in disputes around mineral staking; and
- (3) maintenance of the mineral industry's contribution to Yukon's economy.

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. 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.

4. 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.

5. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #723)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support the findings of the <u>Motion #542 Consultation Report</u> done by the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board, responding to Motion #542 adopted during the 2008 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, by requesting that the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board:

- (1) work together within their existing frameworks of authority to appropriately address areas of general consensus;
- (2) work together to ensure adequate training, orientation and supervision of young workers; and
- (3) conduct a review within 5 years to assess the effectiveness of any regulations resulting from this consultation and consider whether there is a need for a general minimum working age in Yukon.

6. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #832)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to explore the concept of a multidisciplinary approach to dealing with the complex needs of chronic substance abusers.

7. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #935)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to meet its obligations under the Yukon First Nation Self-Government Agreements by providing sufficient financial resources to

implement these agreements through the Assumption of Responsibilities Agreement (ARA) process; and to demonstrate this commitment by negotiating an appropriate ARA on the administration of justice with the Teslin Tlingit Council.

8. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #941)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to work with Canada's tourism industry, provinces and territories and other stakeholders in the development of China Approved Destination Status policies and processes that will enable Canada's tourism sector to capitalize on this opportunity.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #18 Third Appropriation Act, 2009-10 -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #20 First Appropriation Act, 2010-11 -Hon. Mr. Fentie

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Lang

- 3. Bill #81 Victims of Crime Act -Hon. Ms. Horne
- 4. Bill #82 Civil Forfeiture Act -Hon. Ms. Horne
- 5. Bill #83 Act to Repeal an Amendment to the Human Rights Act -Hon. Ms. Horne
- 6. Bill #84 Labour Mobility Amendments Act -Hon. Mr. Lang
- 7. Bill #85 Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 2010 -Hon. Mr. Lang

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #101 Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right -Mr. Nordick
- 2. Bill #105 An Act to Amend the Cooperation in Governance Act -Mr. Mitchell

Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick

- 3. Bill #107 Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act -Mr. Hardy
- 4. Bill #108 Legislative Renewal Act -Mr. Hardy
- 5. Bill #109 Young Worker Protection Act
 -Mr. Cardiff

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cathers

6. Bill #110 - Yukon Energy Corporation Protection Act -Mr. McRobb

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Fentie

NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #1004)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to act on the Government of Canada's investigation into pensions by developing and submitting to it a statement which supports:

- (1) expanding and increasing the Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income Supplement,
- (2) establishing a self-financing pension insurance program,
- (3) ensuring pension funds go to the front of the line of creditors in the event of bankruptcy proceedings,
- (4) protecting the Canada Pension Plan from imprudent investment practices,
- (5) ceasing the practice of awarding managers performance-based bonuses,
- (6) recovering those bonuses; and
- (7) paying pension fund managers appropriate industry-competitive salaries rather than bonuses.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #1005)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide stable, predictable, long-term funding to non-government organizations that provide programs and services on behalf of the Yukon Government in order to ensure these organizations can continue to serve the Yukon people without having to spend much of their time looking for funding, operating with below-standard salaries and without appropriate administrative and training opportunities.