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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 Motion #542 Consultation Report 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.

9. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #1007)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to reinstate its funding for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to ensure that the Kwanlin Dun First Nation, the Liard Aboriginal Women's Society, the Northern Tutchone Tribal Council, and the Committee on Abuse in Residential Schools Society (CAIRS), which have provided services to residential school survivors, can continue their programs.

10. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #1017)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to recognize Yukon Self-Governing First Nations as a senior level of government, by working with the first seven Yukon First Nations who settled their land claims to develop new Financial Transfer Agreements that include an

economic development incentive allowing Yukon First Nations to retain an appropriate percentage of their own source revenues.

11. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #1241)

THAT this House supports the Government of Canada's introduction of Bill C-54, Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act, in order to help protect children from adult sexual predators by establishing mandatory prison sentences for seven existing Criminal Code offences such as luring a child, sexual assault and aggravated assault as well as creating two new offences related to facilitating a sexual offence against a child and using telecommunications, including the Internet, to communicate with another person to agree or make arrangements to commit a sexual offence against a child.

12. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #1289)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure that Yukon remains one of the best jurisdictions in the world in which to invest by continuing to implement competitive taxation and royalty regimes in order to maintain or reduce industry's cost of doing business in the territory.

13. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #1310)

THAT, pursuant to section 18 of the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the Legislative Assembly reappoint David Phillip Jones, Q.C., as a Member for the Conflict of Interest Commission for a three-year period.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

1. Bill #94 - Act to Amend the Judicature Act (Trade Orders)
-Hon. Ms. Horne

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 #108 Legislative Renewal Act -Mr. Cardiff
- 4. Bill #109 Young Worker Protection Act
 -Mr. Cardiff

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cathers

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Fentie

6. Bill #111- Act to Amend the Elections Act
- Mr. Cardiff

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Fentie

- 7. Bill #112 Disclosure Protection Act
 -Mr. Inverarity
- 8. Bill #113 Acutely Intoxicated Persons (Care and Protection) Act Ms. Hanson

Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms. Horne

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Bill #82 - Civil Forfeiture Act -Hon. Ms. Horne

- 2. Bill #24 First Appropriation Act, 2011-12 -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 3. Bill #23 Third Appropriation Act, 2010-11 -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. 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)
- 4. 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)

5. Mr. Cardiff (May 4, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

What is the process for distributing the \$50 million in housing funding that Yukon is to receive from the Federal Government including:

- (1) the criteria for determining which projects will qualify for funding?,
- (2) the criteria for determining which projects are priorities?; and
- (3) the timeframe for determining which projects will receive funding? (WQ #13)
- 6. Mr. Cardiff (May 13, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister of Community Services

Will the Minister provide the House with the following information concerning implementing measures to protect young workers in the workplace:

- (1) an update on progress in implementing of changes to the *Employment Standards Act* and related regulations in response to the findings of the <u>Motion 542 Consultation Report</u>,
- (2) a timeline for when legislative changes will come before the Legislative Assembly for First Reading; and

(3) a timeline for when regulatory changes will come into effect.

(WQ #14)

7. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier identify the mystery investor providing \$12 million to the Carmacks-Stewart Transmission Line Project, Phase II, which is censored in the document entitled <u>Canada-Yukon Energy Corporation Green Infrastructure Fund Agreement for the Yukon Green Energy Legacy Project 2009-2010/2011-2012</u> as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on December 15, 2009? (WQ #15)

8. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide a full chronology of his secret negotiations with ATCO regarding Yukon Energy, which ran in parallel to those negotiations he ordered government officials to undertake? (WQ #16)

NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #1323)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to contribute financially, as it has in response to past disasters around the world, to assist the citizens of New Zealand and all those affected by the recent earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #1324)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) government caucus members should be willing to fulfill their primary role of being held accountable by providing information that is requested; and
- (2) opposition members, including independent members, should be willing to fulfill their primary role of holding the government side accountable,

in order that all Members of this Assembly can fulfill their respective roles according to parliamentary tradition and in the public interest.

3. Mr. McRobb (Motion #1325)

THAT the Select Committee on Bill #108, Legislative Renewal Act shall consult Yukoners on whether members of the public want the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to preside over the proceedings of the House according to the following principles:

- (1) acting in a fair and balanced way in all deliberations and rulings,
- (2) remaining impartial to political affiliation and being seen as non-partisan by all members,
- (3) recognizing the importance of neutrality in maintaining the respect for the institution of the Assembly; and
- (4) acting in accordance with accepted practice in similar jurisdictions within our Commonwealth of Nations by avoiding becoming involved in partisan activities especially during a sitting of this Assembly, such as:
 - (a) co-hosting public meetings with government ministers,
 - (b) being included in caucus photos printed in government newsletters; and
 - (c) expressing opinions on political issues through the media.

4. Ms. Hanson (Motion #1326)

THAT this House urges the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges to investigate and report to this House regarding the procedures of the Yukon Legislative Assembly with regard to petitions, including the acceptance of online petitions (e-petitions), in order to:

- (1) allow greater participation of individuals, community groups and organizations in the democratic process by raising issues of public concern in a timely and efficient manner,
- (2) make issues of public concern available to a much wider audience,
- (3) give members of the public an enhanced opportunity to gather and submit names in support of a cause; and
- (4) ensure the procedural acceptability of petitions.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #1327)

THAT this House urges the Premier to appoint a government caucus member to the Select Committee on Bill #108, Legislative Renewal Act, in order to:

- (1) improve the way the Yukon Legislative Assembly operates; and
- (2) facilitate the productive, professional, and respectful conduct of MLAs in their respective roles.

6. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #1328)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to sign the United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, in order to ensure that:

- (1) the basic rights and freedoms of migrant workers and members of their families are upheld,
- (2) migrant workers and members of their families receive:
 - (a) due process,
 - (b) the right of Consular Protection,
 - (c) equality with nationals,
- (3) the confiscation of identity documents of migrant workers and members of their families is prohibited,
- (4) migrant workers and members of their families have the right to:
 - (a) transfer earnings,
 - (b) information,
- (5) the cultural identity of migrant workers and members of their families is respected; and
- (6) the obligation to comply with local laws is enforced.