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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #25)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to support development of the agriculture sector with actions including:

- (1) working with farmers and industry associations including Yukon Agriculture Association and the Grower's of Organic Food Yukon to implement the Agriculture Multi-Year Development Plan,
- (2) developing a "Yukon-Grown Food Policy" aimed at significantly increasing the production and use of locally-grown vegetables, meat and food products,
- (3) supporting the development of agriculture infrastructure that improves food security, facilitates access to market, and encourages local production of food,
- (4) supporting the development of local markets for Yukon agriculture products through measures including increasing the annual funding for the Fireweed Community Market; and
- (5) working with Yukon farmers to conduct agricultural research.

2. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #105)

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 2 of the *Ombudsman Act*, recommends that the Commissioner in Executive Council appoint Timothy E. Koepke as the Ombudsman of Yukon for a term of five years, effective May 1, 2012.

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**GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
**(Second Reading)**

- 1. Bill #5 - Third Appropriation Act, 2011-12  
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms. Taylor
- 2. Bill #41 - Act to Amend the Land Titles Act and the Condominium Act  
-Hon. Mr. Nixon
- 3. Bill #37 - Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act  
-Hon. Mr. Nixon
- 4. Bill #39 - Business Law Amendment Act  
-Hon. Ms. Taylor
- 5. Bill #40 - Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act  
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski
- 6. Bill #38 - Act to Amend the Child Care Act  
-Hon. Mr. Graham
- 7. Bill #36 - Act to Amend the Liquor Act  
-Hon. Mr. Kent

**GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
**(Third Reading)**

- 1. Bill #4 - Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 2012-13  
- Hon. Mr. Pasloski

**BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
**(Second Reading)**

- 1. Bill #1 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right  
- Ms. McLeod
- 2. Bill #101 - Disclosure Protection Act  
- Mr. Elias

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- 1. Bill #6 - First Appropriation Act, 2012-13  
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski

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NOTICE PAPER

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Dixon (Motion #119)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop and implement a Yukon Water Strategy that will help provide long-term direction for economically and environmentally responsible development, management, and use of water in Yukon and establish principles to guide future decision making.

2. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #120)

THAT a Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection be established,

THAT the honourable member Patti McLeod, be the Chair of that Committee,

THAT the honourable members Stacey Hassard, Hon. Doug Graham, Jan Stick, and Darius Elias be appointed to the Committee,

THAT the Committee shall have access to records generated by, or gathered by the Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection established by Motion No. 125 of the 32nd Legislative Assembly,

THAT the Committee report to the House its findings and recommendations respecting the central issues that should be addressed in whistle-blower protection legislation including:

- (1) whether all public institutions and private organizations performing "public" functions will be covered,
- (2) whether only employees or others -- unions, advocacy groups, the media, citizens -- can use this legislation,
- (3) what types of wrongdoing will be covered,
- (4) whether the same office will conduct investigation, mediation and the protection of whistle-blowers,
- (5) whether employees will have to exhaust departmental procedures before approaching the whistle-blower protection office,
- (6) how retaliation against whistle-blowers will be defined and how long protection will exist,
- (7) whether there will be a reverse onus on the employer to demonstrate that adverse decisions on a whistle-blowing employee were not a reprisal,
- (8) what remedies for employees judged to be adversely affected will be specified in the legislation; and
- (9) what sorts of consequences there will be for employees who engage in reckless or malicious accusations of wrongdoing and for managers who engage in reprisal against employees who act in good faith,

THAT the Committee report to the House its recommendation as to whether whistle-blower protection legislation should include a sunset clause similar to that found in section 35 of the *Ombudsman Act*,

THAT the Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during inter-sessional periods,

THAT the Committee may hold hearings for the purpose of receiving the views and opinions of Yukon citizens and interested groups on whistle-blower protection legislation,

THAT the Committee have the power to seek background information from experts and to be able to call and hear these experts as witnesses,

THAT while all testimony provided to the Committee shall be in a matter of public record, the Committee have the power to hold in-camera meetings and to direct that the records of the Committee, in specific instances, not contain details that could lead to the identification of an individual, group, third party, or community,

THAT if the House is not sitting at such time as the Committee is prepared to present its report, the Committee transmit its report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and then, not more than one day later, release the report to the public; and

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

### **MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Mr. Hassard (Motion #111)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to continue to work with the Yukon Convention Bureau, industry, and Yukon Communities to promote Yukon as a choice destination for hosting meetings, conventions, and sports events.

2. Mr. Hassard (Motion #112)

That this House urges the Yukon Government to continue to work with the City of Whitehorse and the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society to promote trolley and Yukon's railway history.

3. Mr. Hassard (Motion #113)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to use the 2012/13 budget to begin building a \$7 million recreation centre in Ross River.

4. Ms. McLeod (Motion #114)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to use the 2012/13 budget to provide \$75,000 for an annual Business Training Fund to assist Yukon businesses to access training opportunities to further contribute to Yukon's economic growth.

5. Ms. McLeod (Motion #115)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue working with industry, communities, and First Nations to promote the Yukon tourism brand that markets Yukon as an attractive year-round destination.

6. Ms. McLeod (Motion #116)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue working with Whitehorse and Carcross to develop their respective waterfronts.

7. Ms. McLeod (Motion #117)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue promoting employment and training opportunities for persons with disabilities.

8. Mr. Tredger (Motion #118)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to use the 2012-13 budget to live up to its election platform promise and to invest in rural seniors and elders by beginning construction of a seniors' and elders' residence as promised for Mayo for the summer of 2012.

9. Mr. Elias (Motion #121)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Justice to create a new independent aboriginal liaison communications officer position at the Whitehorse Correctional Centre as soon as is possible to facilitate relations between inmates, administration, staff, and the public.