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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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Hassard (Motion #122)
 THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue its efforts to make Kluane National Park more accessible to Yukoners.
2. Mr. Tredger (Motion #123)
 THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to conduct a comprehensive public review and consultation on the *Oil and Gas Act*, its regulations and policy.
3. Ms. McLeod (Motion #124)
 That this House urges the Yukon Government to continue to encourage the growth and diversification of the Yukon economy.
4. Ms. Moorcroft (Motion #125)
 THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to direct the Minister of Justice to delay implementation of the *Safe Streets and Communities Act* (Canada) in Yukon, in response to the federal Minister's statement that he will work with provinces and territories on an implementation schedule for mandatory minimum sentences, the elimination of conditional sentences, and youth justice issues, until such time as the Government of Yukon can:
 - (1) implement and augment Justice Department programming and measures that protect and support affected Yukon offenders such as the Community Wellness Court, land-based treatment programs, and other counselling supports that address individuals' health and social needs, and
 - (2) complete the calculation of potential financial costs of implementing the Act on Yukon's justice, and social service systems
5. Ms. Moorcroft (Motion #126)
 THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to delay the implementation of the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, or repeal it, in order to:
 - (1) protect taxpayers from further extending the debt the Government of Canada has already incurred, as recommended by the Parliamentary Budget Officer, through eliminating the need for more correctional institutions,
 - (2) support Aboriginal peoples and persons with mental health and learning disabilities by using restorative justice programs rather than increasing the population of incarcerated persons; and
 - (3) uphold the rights and obligations of the courts to determine sentencing.
6. Ms. Hanson (Motion #127)
 THAT the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended to allow for electronic petitions, or e-petitions, in order to modernize our democratic practices.
7. Mr. Silver (Motion #128)
 THAT this House urges the Minister of Education to support the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation's innovative virtual education initiatives designed to better engage and retain students within the educational system.

8. Mr. Elias (Motion #129)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Education to provide safe, reliable school bus transportation to the students of Old Crow as soon as possible.

9. Mr. Elias (Motion #130)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Education to foster the strong family and community ties students need to excel by providing funding for Old Crow students to fly home for the Thanksgiving and Easter school holidays.

10. Mr. Elias (Motion #131)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Education to build upon and expand the successes of the land-based experiential learning program in Old Crow, in partnership with educators in the community, by:

- (1) developing additional curricula and learning materials,
- (2) integrating proven best practices into the education system,
- (3) sharing these successes with other jurisdictions; and
- (4) working towards the long term funding of the program in Old Crow.