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Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to Order.

We will proceed at this time with Prayers.

Prayers

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I would beg your indulgence and that of the Members of the House, to ask for unanimous consent to allow me to present, at this time, the Budget Speech.

Mr. Speaker: Such a request would require the unanimous consent of the House. Does the Honourable Government Leader have unanimous consent?

Agreed

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.

Acting in my capacity as Minister of Finance, I have the pleasure of introducing the 1982-83 Budget for the Operation and Maintenance Expenditures of the Government of Yukon. Reflected in the Budget is the culmination of four years of experience with progressively maturing and responsible government, as well as our immediate responses to the increasingly complex social and economic circumstances which surround us.

One of the most immediate and pressing issues of the moment is the sensitivity of the economy to changing conditions in world markets and the Government of Yukon's lack of control over our economy, which is primarily the responsibility of the Federal Government. Falling metal prices have had a direct effect on the development of the natural resources of Yukon, most particularly and dramatically in the mining sector. To some extent, however, the impact of reduced mining activity has been accentuated by the extraordinary increases which have occurred during the past year.

⁰² For example, there was a 24 percent increase in the number of persons in mineral exploration last year, along with a substantial expansion in placer mining as a result of the high price of gold. Cyprus Anvil injected new capital into the development of its Grum deposit and six large mineral inventories, with potential to become major producers of lead, zinc, tungsten, molybdenum and copper, were under active consideration in other areas of the Territory.

Generally, business volumes have been encouraging during the past year. Capital investment increased significantly in 1981. Construction value totaled \$33.6 million in our larger Yukon communities, an increase of fully 13.3 percent over the previous year. More than \$100 million was spent on major capital projects such as the Cyprus Anvil expansion, which accounted for \$7 million, and the Quill Creek Test Station and related activity by Foothills Pipelines, Ltd. Retail trade, a significant indicator of economic activity, stood at \$112.8 million in December 1981, some 27.5 percent above the total one year previous.

⁰³ Although far from being a reversal of the situation a year ago, the wait and see attitude, particularly in the mining industry, is in marked contrast with the optimism — in retrospect, perhaps it was an unrealistically high level of optimism — of a year ago. World metal prices have fallen and plans of expanded mineral exploration have been set aside for the time being.

However, a number of new investments have been committed, and they will help stimulate our economy this year. The Alaska Government will provide \$20 million to finish phase one of the Shakwak road reconstruction project.

Northern Canada Power Commission will soon begin construction of a fourth turbine at Whitehorse, now estimated at a total cost of \$58 million. Catermole Timber is committed to a \$6 million expansion at Watson Lake. Parks Canada will spend \$3 million in Klwane Park. Amax Northwest Mining Company will continue development of its Mactung property. Our information remains positive for the Alaska highway gas pipeline. All these projects amount to more than a \$44 million injection of capital into the economy of Yukon.

Let us not forget, either, Mr. Speaker, that we have passed the largest capital budget in Yukon Government history, substantially higher than the 1981-82 budget.

In the area of tourism, there has been continuing growth over the last

three years, in spite of rising interest rates and other difficulties in our economic environment. Last year a record 386,000 visitors entered Yukon and spent \$51 million here. There is some possibility that the effect of the low value of the Canadian dollar could be of continuing benefit to our tourist industry, particularly if the co-ordination of tourism between Yukon and Alaska continues, as planned, to widen opportunities and provide stability for the industry. The Government contributed substantially to the industry's growth by spending more than \$2.5 million in tourism-related capital projects last year. A further \$1.4 million will be spent over the next two years.

In parts of the economy, which the Yukon Government has little capacity to influence, the Federal Government has been compounding our difficulties with its continuing disregard for high interest rates and increased debt. Energy prices have risen dramatically, to a very large extent as a result of the federal policies, and the capital markets have been strained to the limit by the inordinate demands of federal deficit financing. Simultaneously, tax incentives for savings and investment are reduced. And, closer to home, there is hanging over our heads the threat of taxation of northern benefits, which are so essential to the maintenance of an adequate standard of life in Yukon.

Over the last few years, Mr. Speaker, there has been steady erosion in the value of the dollar due to inflation, accompanied by rising expectations for enhanced Government services. In spite of pressures on the value of the dollar, the Yukon Government has been able to respond to the needs of its citizens by an increase in program standards in all areas. I am pleased to be able to report to you that the expenditure plan for 1982-83 foresees no change in our ability to continue to respond in the same way.

The Budget presented today is approximately 50 percent higher than that of three years ago. As Members are aware, funding for Operations and Maintenance Expenditures is derived from three principle sources.

The first of these consists of revenues from locally generated taxes, licences and fees, including personal and corporation income taxes which, until 1980, were exclusively a federal tax field. The second significant area of revenue generation is program recoveries under such schemes as the Road Maintenance Agreement for the Alaska Highway, Hospital and Medical Insurance and other cost sharing agreements with Canada. The balance is obtained under the Federal-Territorial Financial Agreement with the Federal Government.

In 1982-83, our own revenues are expected to amount to slightly less than \$26 million. Income tax will produce approximately \$23 million, and the operating grant from the Federal Government will be \$43 million. Total Operations and Maintenance expenditures will amount to \$137,924,000.

Mr. Speaker, it is my view that the Government itself, if it is to be both responsive and responsible, must share, and wherever possible, ease the burdens of the economic environment over which we have so little control. To that end, we have developed an expenditure plan for 1982-83 which provides for improved protection of those least able to adapt to changing economic circumstances. At the same time, we have made the greatest possible economies in the administration of the programs for which we are responsible.

⁰⁴ It is my view, and the view of my colleagues, that standards of service can be maintained and even enhanced, probably with a greater degree of efficiency than ever before, through careful implementation of internal economies.

As a result of this approach, we propose to reduce staff costs throughout the Government by reallocating work among our employees, by reducing departmental salary budgets, where these budgets are demonstrably greater than the funds required, and by transferring responsibility to the private sector under contract, where work can be carried out more economically and efficiently than by the Government itself.

In some cases, this will involve a reassignment of staff, from one department to another, and from Government to the private sector. But these moves will take place only after a careful examination of the circumstances in every instance, and in a manner that will ensure the

least possible disruption of the departmental programs concerned.

Mr. Speaker, our record in the efficient administration now speaks for itself. We compare very favourably with other orders of Government. Statistics Canada reports, for example, that the size of the Federal payroll increased by 18.9 percent between 1980 and 1981. The size of the Canadian municipalities grew by a whopping 58.7 percent. Compared to that, our payroll increased by 14.7 percent. In terms of the number of employees, our increase was 0.7 percent, compared to a 2.7 percent for the Federal Government and 28.9 percent for the municipalities. In choosing our priorities for the coming year, we have emphasized the social side of our responsibility, as distinct from those that are broadly economic, in keeping with our constitutional responsibilities.

As a result of this emphasis, I would like to highlight some of the major changes we propose in this Budget. We are introducing an Income Supplement Program for Senior Citizens, as a means of directing additional income to those Senior Citizens most in need.

⊙ This new supplement will be provided monthly on a variable scale, up to a maximum of \$100.00, reducing to a minimum of \$10.00, graduated to the amount of G.I.S. received. This program, which will come into effect on July 1st, is a recognition by the Government of the need to provide additional financial help to those Seniors on fixed income who have no other means of coping with the rising cost of living. The Pioneer Utility Grant will be increased, in keeping with our continuing concerns for long-time residents who maintain a home in Yukon.

The Extended Health Benefits Program for Seniors is being implemented in recognition of the fact that advancing age often brings additional health costs to the individual. This program will provide for coverage of medically necessary non-insured items, such as medical-surgical supplies, some dental work and optometric and hearing aid services. This program, which is an extension of the initiative of last year, when a Pharmacare Program was introduced for Seniors, will also come into effect on July 1st. An additional person-year will be established in the Social Assistance Program to allow for critical examination of Social Assistance funds to specific client groups. This examination will focus on the areas of special needs.

In conjunction with this, the incumbent will be responsible for developing special programs related to employment. These programs will be aimed at those clients with good work potential, and will be as individualized as possible to help the client overcome present problems and allow them to enter the workplace. This program will be known as the Yukon Opportunity Plan.

The extension of the Medical Health Program, although managed by Medical Services Branch, is to encourage improved services to the community. There is a growing awareness of mental illness in its varying degrees. The additional funds will be directed to the provision of outpatient services by the creation of a Community Psychology position, a Native Mental Health Coordinator position and expansion of community health nurses. The funds will be used for contracting the services of the above positions. Those same funds represent the Yukon Government's share of the service, which will be managed by Medical Services Branch.

One of the most serious handicaps we have had is the fact that this Legislature has responsibilities for health legislation, but the delivery of health programs is the responsibility of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Over the years, we have had the support of excellent, dedicated people in National Health and Welfare, but for our financial planning purposes, there is a clear gap between the two levels of government, which we have not been able to surmount. During the coming year we intend to work more closely with senior officers of National Health and Welfare to find ways and means of bringing about closer, more compatible financial planning. It is essential that we overcome these difficulties before the transfer of health responsibilities to the Government of Yukon.

In Municipal and Community Affairs, new financial arrangements with the municipalities will come into effect this summer, including the incorporation of five local improvement districts as municipalities, which will enable them to levy and collect their own local revenues for the first time. Accompanying this program will be substantial upward adjustments in grants in lieu of taxes for municipalities, and a revised

Municipal Capital Expenditure Program.

By highlighting the social aspects of the Budget, I do not want to leave the impression that we have disregarded the economic sector. In the past few years it has been our policy to promote the economic development and renewable resource sectors. Although these efforts have made an enormous improvement in the planning environment for economic development, this has been clouded by uncertainty as a result of the recent decisions of the Federal Government to embark on a unilateral approach to regional economic development and the creation of the new Ministry of State for Economic Regional Development, which has yet to make known how it proposes to proceed in Yukon.

In keeping with our objective of alleviating undue economic hardship, we have introduced a tendering policy whereby small contractors can avoid excessive charges on bid bonds for Territorial projects. Also, in connection with the high interest charges, Yukoners should not be penalized as a result of doing business with their own Government, and we are considering a policy of interest payment on overdue accounts. This policy is in effect in some of the provinces and we believe that it could do a great deal to facilitate business arrangements between the Government and the general public.

⊙ Over the years, we have become involved, along with the provinces, in a wide range of cost sharing agreements with the Federal Government. These vary from the prevailing system of recoveries for hospital and medical care, on the one hand, to Special ARDA on the other. The terms and conditions of these agreements are usually straightforward, and our relationships with the particular agencies of the Federal Government are generally good. But, there are some cases where arrangements have been made, in relation to particular areas of activity, without relating that activity to the wider responsibility and operating conditions of the Territorial Government. We intend to review all the terms and conditions of these agreements to ensure, firstly, that they are, in fact, meeting the particular needs of Yukon, and that we are deriving the maximum possible advantage from them. Secondly, we propose to review these agreements in the light of the administrative arrangements and obligations that they impose upon us, to eliminate, wherever possible, inconsistencies and anomalies, and to develop a uniform approach to methods of cost recovery and audit.

As a part of our contribution to the future of Yukon's economy my Government agreed with the Federal Government to provide the White Pass and Yukon Railway with an interest free loan. The Yukon Government's share of this loan was \$1 million, of which the last payment was made this month.

Our wildlife resource is of great significance to most Yukon residents, and it is a measure of this Government's recognition of that fact that we have increased this year's projected expenditures for improving the wildlife data base and the preparation of Wildlife Management Plans. The 1981-82 Estimates showed an expenditure of \$675,900 for Wildlife Management. The 1982-83 Estimates provide for \$315,000 for small game management and \$465,200 for big game management, for a total of \$780,000, an increase of \$104,000 over last year.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to emphasize once again the importance that I attach to a balance between our social and economic responsibilities and the imbalance which exists between our constitutional responsibilities and those of the Federal Government. We intend to continue to administer the Territory as economically and efficiently as possible and to minimize to the fullest possible extent the impact that the cost of Government imposes on our permanent residents.

Although our expenses have increased significantly in many areas, in recent years, I am happy to advise members that I have been able to avoid increases in the rates of income tax, fuel tax, excise taxes and land taxes for the coming fiscal year. I am able to hold the line on tax rates, to some extent, because our economy did so well during 1981. As a result, the rates which we set in previous years have generated sufficient increases in real revenues to meet our requirements for additional funds this year. At a time of ever-rising costs for all of us, we are fortunate to be able to keep Yukon Income Tax at the second lowest rate in Canada for yet another year. We wish to ensure you that those who are least able to cope with the corrosive effects of inflation,

or with other social and economic hardships, are afforded the greatest possible support that the Government can provide. I commend to the attention of all Members of this House the details of our Operation and Maintenance Budget for the fiscal year 1982-83. I can assure all Members that I, and my colleagues, and our officials, will be pleased to provide you with assistance and advice wherever necessary.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Applause

Mr. Penikett: I move, seconded by the Member for Faro that debate now be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Honourable Member for Faro, that debate be now adjourned.

Motion agreed to

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Hanson: I feel that the House should recognize the Yukoner who today, at 11:05, crossed the finish line at Nome, Alaska. It was a tough trip. He had only five dogs left and was 28th place, but the "Cowboy" Larry Smith survived this whole race on sheer guts and determination, and I think that he should be widely recognized by this Government and people of Yukon for his test of endurance.

Applause

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Tablings of Returns or Documents? Reports of Committees? Petitions?

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READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Mr. Veale: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have two petitions to present relating to the same subject matter, and that is the Lewes Village housing project and unit number 77. The first petition is from the tenants in Lewes Village, and the second petition is from the Kids' Club that uses unit 77. The people in Lewes Village feel very strongly about keeping this unit available to be used on a community basis and have met with myself and with the Minister in charge of the Yukon Housing Corporation. I would like to table these two petitions at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further petitions? Are there any Introduction of Bills?

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 2: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Justice, that Bill No. 2 entitled, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 1982-83* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Justice, that Bill No. 2 entitled, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 1982-83* be now introduced and read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 3: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Renewable Resources, that Bill No. 3 entitled, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that a Bill No. 3 entitled *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 4: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Justice, that Bill No. 4 entitled *Fourth Appropriation Act 1981-82* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Justice, that Bill No.

4 entitled, *Fourth Appropriation Act 1981-82* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 5: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 5 entitled *Second Appropriation Act 1982-83* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 5 entitled *Second Appropriation Act 1982-83* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 6: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Renewable Resources, that Bill No. 6 entitled *Financial Agreement Act 1982* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that Bill No. 6 entitled *Financial Agreement Act 1982* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 7: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Highways and Public Works that Bill No. 7 entitled *Loan Agreement Act 1982, No. 1* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Highways and Public Works that Bill No. 7 entitled *Loan Agreement Act 1982, No. 1* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 101: First Reading

Mr. Penikett: I would move, seconded by the Member for Faro, that a Bill entitled *An Ordinance to Provide for Freedom of Information* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Honourable Member for Faro that a Bill entitled *An Ordinance Respecting Freedom of Information* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Veale: I rise on a Point of Order. A number of documents have been introduced by the Government's side entitled "Acts". My understanding of the *Yukon Act* is that only ordinances are allowed to be passed. Would the Speaker make a ruling on whether this Assembly has the constitutional jurisdiction to pass acts?

Mr. Speaker: I think in respect to the question raised by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse Riverdale South as to whether or not the Speaker will rule on the Constitution, that is not possible, as the Speaker is not given those authorities. In respect to anything placed before the House, it will be the decision of the House as to whether they wish to deal with any subject matter raised, no matter how it is entitled, and if the House wished not to receive any document so proposed before it, it merely, by majority, refuses to accept it. I would give the House the guidance, in the Point of Order as raised by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse Riverdale South, in determining the question that he has raised, I think that only the House could determine that, and so I must rule, at this time, that it is possible to introduce anything that the House may wish to accept.

Mr. Veale: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Bill No. 8: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Economic Development that Bill No. 8, *Municipal General Purpose Loan Act, 1982* be now introduced and read for a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Economic Development, that Bill 8, *Muni-*

cipal General Purpose Loan Act, 1982 be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

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Bill No. 9: First Reading

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs that Bill No. 9, *Municipal Capital Expenditure Act* be now introduced and read for a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs that Bill 9, *Municipal Capital Expenditure Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 10: First Reading

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell that Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Health and Human Resources, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell that Bill No. 10, *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Veale: I rise on a Point of Order again. The Minister has presented an *Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act*. There is no such document, bill, or piece of legislative material that has ever been passed in the Yukon Territory called the *Students' Financial Assistance Act*. I do not believe that this Assembly can consider that.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I thought that I had dealt with that question. That this is a question that only the House itself could decide, and really we seem to have here some differences between Members, as to allegations of fact which, of course, the Chair is powerless to rule upon at this time. Perhaps the House has its own solution in whether it accepts the introduction and first reading of the proposition. This is something that the Chair cannot deal with at this time.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: If I could beg your indulgence for half a moment, I might be able to alleviate some of the concerns of the Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the Honourable Member rising on a Point of Order?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow that Bill No. 11, *Seniors' Income Supplement Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: Just before we proceed, I will ask Mr. Clerk if we have dealt with Bill No. 10.

It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Health and Human Resources, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell, that Bill No. 10, *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act* be now introduced and read a first time. I believe we are now prepared for the vote.

Motion agreed to

13 Bill No. 11: First Reading

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow that Bill No. 11, *Seniors' Income Supplement Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Health and Human Resources, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow that Bill No. 11, *Seniors' Income Supplement Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Bill No. 12: First Reading

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo that Bill No. 12, *An Act to Amend the Pioneer Utility Grant Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Health and Human Resources, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo that Bill No. 12, *An Act to Amend the Pioneer Utility Grant*

Act be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Bills for introduction at this time?

We will then proceed on the Order Paper to Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Mr. Kimmerly: I move, seconded by the Member for Whitehorse West, that all agreements in principle, which are reached during the land claims negotiations between the Government of Yukon, the Council for Yukon Indians and the Government of Canada, be Tabled in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

Mr. Kimmerly: I move, seconded by the Member for Whitehorse West, that the draft Green Paper on Human Rights, as prepared for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, be Tabled in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Kimmerly: I move, seconded by the Member for Faro, that it is the opinion of this House that (a) Section 245 of the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* should be proclaimed in force, and (b), Section 247 of the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* should be proclaimed in force.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motions?
Are there any Statements by Ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I rise on a Point of Privilege to clear up a statement that was made in the Throne Speech yesterday, inadvertently. There was a part of the Throne Speech that was left out that would have caused one of my departments to cause the other department to be overloaded. The last sentence of the first paragraph, page 11, should have read, "The amendment will require jail terms for all second offences of driving while under suspension for those convicted of driving with a blood count over the allowable limit".

Mr. Veale: In response to the Ministerial Statement, it is amazing what advances in technology will bring us, but quite often it is a great surprise. My concern, of course, about the statement in the Throne Speech was that it was stating a proposition that was completely impossible, which would be to allow the Territory to amend the *Criminal Code*. I would much prefer to see this Government take a position on having something like the Province of Ontario, or perhaps in British Columbia, where impaired drivers who are at breathalyzer limits lower than .08 — that is the allowable limit in the *Criminal Code* — say, between .05 and .08, that those people be pulled off the road and their licences taken away for a temporary period of time. I would hope that the Minister of Justice would consider that when he is going to introduce this legislation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe that we have had spokesmen for both parties who have now spoken on this matter. Are there any further Statements by Ministers?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Re: Unemployment in Yukon

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the Government Leader. This week the Director of the Yukon Government's Economic Research and Planning Unit anticipated an unemployment rate of 30 percent in Yukon this year and I would like to ask the Government Leader, in his capacity as Minister of Finance, on this Budget day, if this is an official Government projection, and if he could detail in advance of the scant information in the Budget Speech, the specific steps that he would be taking to reduce this figure?

15 **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the study to which the Honourable Member refers.

Mr. Penikett: I perhaps should have anticipated that, knowing the Government Leader's choice in reading material, but it did appear in the Whitehorse Star this week. The recently published ERPU report, entitled "Yukon Economic Review", shows that in December, 1981, there were 1,445 people collecting unemployment insurance in Yukon compared with 1,348 in December, 1980. And yet, the Government shows the rate of unemployment down to 9.7 percent last December from 22.5 percent the December before, even though the numbers have gone up. This looks like very interesting bookkeeping, but I would like to ask the Government, again, what steps specifically it will be taking to reduce this extraordinarily high level of unemployment, which this Government has predicted, will increase.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, if the Leader of the Opposition had been listening to the media, I am sure that he would have found out that I have answered the exact same question, in the last couple of days, a couple of times. We have passed the largest capital budget in Yukon's history, fully 46 percent higher than the year before. It is labour intensive. We have just tabled an Operations and Maintenance Budget 14 percent higher than last year's, 50 percent higher than three years ago. We are a major employer in this Territory. We employ a lot of people, we create a lot of employment through our budgets. We are doing everything we can.

Mr. Penikett: I may ask the Government Leader later some more questions about whether he is doing everything he can. In the light of his reference to the Capital Budget, which we adopted last fall, which included a 46 percent increase, I wonder if he could explain to the House his remark to the *Globe and Mail* in January 25th of this year, that the Capital Budget for 1982-83, not all of it accepted yet by the Federal Government, shows an increase of 46 percent.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: As I said at the time we passed the Budget — we made it very very clear to the members of the Opposition, because we didn't want to mislead them or anyone else in the Territory — that there were three specific projects for which we were looking for Treasury Board approval. Now, those projects are still in limbo, to some extent, but we have not given up on any of them yet, nor will we, because it is all work that must be done in this Territory.

16 **Question re: Automobile leasing**

Mr. Veale: I have a question for the Government Leader. I understand that the Yukon taxpayers have purchased, or perhaps leased, five new government cars for the use of the Government Leader and other Cabinet Ministers. Would the Government Leader confirm or deny this allegation?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, we lease, purchase and rent a large number of vehicles. There has always been one vehicle here at this building for the use of Ministers. That continues.

Mr. Veale: Could the Government Leader tell me if in fact there are five cars, single cars, that can be used individually by each Minister.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes, I can tell him without any hesitation, the answer is no.

Mr. Veale: Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary, is the Government Leader has been driving a new car which is a station wagon, probably a Chevrolet or some other model. Is that the car the Government Leader is referring to?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I happen to drive two station wagons. One belongs to me personally, and the other belongs to the Government of Yukon, that is correct. When I am on Government business, I sometimes avail myself of the right to use that car.

Question re: Economic policy

Mr. Byblow: I direct my question to the Government Leader, as well, on the general subject of the economy. The effect of the economic downturn in the Territory, precipitated by the metals market, has highlighted Yukon's heavy reliance on mining. But, in spite of the Budget address moments ago, I fail to see any immediate and specific plan to offset the economic vacuum occurring to us now. I would then ask the Government Leader what immediate economic diversification plans this Government has in mind to cushion the mining downturn effect this summer?

17 **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** I want to correct the Honourable Member. It

has never been necessary to this side of the House to be told that mining is, in fact, and always has been, the major industry in this Territory. If the Honourable Member wishes, he can go back through votes and proceedings ad infinitum, and he will find that we have always recognized this point. So, for him to imply that we have finally woken up to this fact just is not so, it does not fly at all. Once again, we, as a Government, control certain functions that can be developed in respect to our own local economy. They are few and far between, and they are all reflected in the two budgets.

Mr. Byblow: I was seeking some very specific initiatives on the part of this Government. In fact, I recently wrote to the Government Leader outlining some initiatives that his Government could take. So, I would then very specifically ask him if his Government is prepared to initiate projects, such as new home construction through YHC, with CMHC funding, in order to take advantage of the local labour and materials, as well as taking advantage of already expanded and recently developed Government lots.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Again, I find that I have to correct the Honourable Member. He said that he was listing projects, or specific items, that we, as a Government, could undertake. What he did, in fact, was give a list of the projects that he, as a Member in the Opposition, thought that this Government should undertake. Probably that is the reason why he is sitting on that side of the House, and I am on this side.

Mr. Byblow: Let us attempt to get an answer another way. Since this Government took office in 1978, it has been promising a policy, or a strategy, of economic development. And, again, in light of the Budget address just delivered, it appears that the lack of such a policy is the fault of the Federal Government and their regional development policies. So I would like to ask the Government Leader if his Government is planning to articulate an economic development policy?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Once again, I respectfully refer the Honourable Member to the Budget that was Tabled and passed in this House last fall, and the Budget that was Tabled today. That must be, and has to be, our economic policy.

18 **Question re: Constitution, equal rights**

Mrs. McGuire: I have a question for the Government Leader, who I hope will pay particular attention.

It has been brought to my attention that Yukon and its population may well be categorized under the equal rights, Section 12, of Canada's amended Constitution, which stipulates that every individual is equal before and under the law, except any law, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged individuals, groups, and whoever. And, whereas Yukon is disadvantaged because of geographical location and harsh living conditions, has the Government Leader taken steps to use that particular clause as ways and means to establish a preferential Yukon local hiring policy?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: The Constitution is not here yet, and there is provision in that Constitution, when it does get here, finally, for this Government and the people of the Territory to be recognized by the Federal Government. I am confident that we will get an opportunity to express our opinion in respect to that Constitution and where Yukon should fit into it, at that time.

Mrs. McGuire: Perhaps the Government Leader is not aware that the Canadian Constitution has been passed today.

Even though the pipeline construction has now been delayed another year, time is growing very short. I would like to ask the Government Leader if he intends to start ahead of time to work on a local hire policy?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I am happy to hear that the Constitution has been passed, but I cannot let the Honourable Member leave it like that. It is not, in fact, Canada's Constitution until the Queen brings it here, whenever she is going to come. The last that I had heard is that she intends to be here, possibly, the week after Easter. That may change. That was very tentative at that time.

If I understand that Constitution properly, and what it says, any local hire provisions that we have anywhere would be unconstitutional, as a result of the new Constitution.

19 **Question re: Alcohol and Drug Services**

Mr. Kimmerly: I have a question to the Minister responsible for Alcohol and Drug Services.

In the Estimates recently tabled in this Assembly, all fifteen person years in this Department are cut. Will the Minister assure us that those now employed in the Department will be transferred and not laid off?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I do not have the Budget with me for details but there have been no positions cut in that department. There have been some people transferred around, that is all.

Mr. Kimmerly: In view of the estimates for outpatient services being substantially decreased, can the Minister assure us that the present level of outpatient service will continue or increase?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: I would like to suggest that the details of that vote be discussed when the vote comes up. I do not have the Budget with me. I did not think this Question Period was going to be devoted to details of each vote.

Question re: School janitorial contracts

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the Government Leader. It is a matter arising from his speech today.

I wonder if he can confirm that tenders are now being prepared to contract out custodial work in Yukon's schools, which will mean layoffs for Yukon school janitors?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, I can confirm just the opposite.

Mr. Penikett: The Government Leader is confirming then that this Government will be respecting the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement between the Territory and its employees, including wages and job security for the janitors, which has recently been initialled by both parties?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: As implied in the Budget Speech, we are looking at alternatives to some of the work that is now being done by Government employees and contracting that out to the private sector. That should not be of any surprise to the Leader of the Opposition. It is a philosophy of this Government.

We are looking at the alternatives in full view, and are completely cognizant of all of our employees.

Mr. Penikett: Notwithstanding that layoffs in such cases would be clearly union-busting for members of the union, and given that there are numerous studies existent which indicate that such contracting out is less efficient than having it done in House, can I ask the Government Leader, since he mentions the careful examination of the circumstances in his Budget Speech, if he has given thought to the circumstances of contracting out, in the case of janitors, where the same employees may be doing the same jobs at less wages? The only beneficiary of such a system, therefore, becomes their private employer.

²⁰ **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** No, another beneficiary is the taxpayer.

Question re: Yukon Housing Corporation

Mr. Veale: I have a question for the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation.

I have been informed that there are 35 families waiting to receive housing assistance in Whitehorse, and that in Whitehorse there are only five units in the process of being vacated. What steps is the Minister taking to help alleviate the present crisis in the public housing sector in Whitehorse?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: We are looking into the various alternatives. When we come up with alternatives, I will certainly inform the Member.

Mr. Veale: I am pleased to see that the Minister is looking into alternatives. He has had several months since the last session to look into them, and I am surprised that he has not produced any. What specific projects does the Minister have now to put into place to help the 30 families who are not going to have housing units at the end of this month? What is he going to do with them?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I do not know of the 30 families he is talking about. If he is talking about the 30 families in the apartment across the river, I am not aware that those 30 families have been given notice to vacate.

Mr. Veale: I am talking about the 35 families on the waiting list of the Whitehorse Housing Authority to obtain housing. Tell me, Mr. Speaker, can the Minister advise what plans he has to deal with the decrease in housing units, by 31, which has taken place as a result of rental purchase agreements with tenants. In other words, there has been a total decrease in Whitehorse of 31 public housing units because of that. What has the Minister got in place now that will alleviate that

specific shortage?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Again, I would remind the Member opposite that those particular living accommodations have not vanished. People are still living in them, so I do not see how, mysteriously, they have made the housing situation any worse than it was a year ago.

Question re: Unemployment

Mr. Byblow: I direct my question again to the Government Leader on the subject of employment. In light of the anticipated 30 percent unemployment rate upon us, a figure advanced by the Government's own Economic Research and Planning Unit. Has the Government Leader any intention of guaranteeing local employment, and perhaps contracting, in as yet untendered Public Works projects?

²¹ **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** We, as a Government, have always been very strong advocates of local hire in respect to local work, and we will continue that policy. We have always encouraged contractors, who have Government contracts, to hire locally. I can see no deviation from that policy in any way, shape or form.

Mr. Byblow: In light of that policy, I would like to ask of the Government Leader, did his Government place any local employment guarantees, or at least local contracting guarantees, on the Old Crow School project?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I hope that you will allow me to answer the question in its entirety. I am most pleased that it was brought up by the Honourable Member. I have been listening to some of the comments in the media the last two days about the Old Crow School. I would like very much to give the responsible Minister the opportunity to reply in detail, but I think that I would like to get in a couple of digs right off the top.

It was a devastating thing for the people of Old Crow, and for this Government, the night that school burned down. I went to Old Crow the next day. The concern in Old Crow was that there be school facilities for the children of Old Crow, and we assured them that we would do whatever was necessary, whatever was possible, to get them school facilities. I heard that what we should have done was to get everybody out cutting logs and get a school built. It was the opinion of the people of Old Crow that it was not practical to build another school in Old Crow out of logs, simply because there are not any within something like 100 miles. We, in fact, used them all up, building the last school and the addition, the gymnasium, that had just burned down.

It was of top priority to the people of Old Crow that we get a school in there at the quickest possible time, and that is exactly what we are doing.

Mr. Byblow: To some degree I fail to see a full answer provided to my question. It would appear to me that in the opportunity the Government Leader took to make a speech, I would like to make one simple reply, that . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if the Honourable Member would get to the question.

Mr. Byblow: I will place my question. In view of the fact that there were local materials in operative sawmills in the Territory, I would like to ask if there is any explanation, or correctness, to the fact that YTG engaged in a selective and private tendering on the supply of the school job?

²² **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** As I have already explained to the Honourable Member, the object of the exercise was to get an education facility into Old Crow at the earliest, quickest possible date. Now, that meant one thing, a prefabricated building moved in there over a winter road at the earliest possible time. We could not even wait to consider flying something in by Hercules, because we would not have been able to take advantage of the same size of construction, and so on.

Question re: White Pass loan

Mr. Kimmerly: I have a question for the Minister of Finance. As the Government recently made a \$1,000,000 interest free loan to White Pass, and as the principle of low interest loans to the private sector was recently announced by the Government, is the Government now considering extending this program to residential owners who are facing a mortgage renewal?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: We are looking at methods and means of making available land to people in this Territory who want it to build homes on. We have announced, over the past number of years, our

desire and our wishes to make land available at reasonable costs. We have done that, and I am sure that we will continue to work along those lines, but for us to get into some sort of other supplementary programs, would be very, very difficult at this particular time. We do not have the money.

Mr. Kimmerly: Would the Minister make a commitment to this Assembly to study the program in Manitoba, and to specifically study the probable impact on residential construction and the construction industry that the low interest loans would generate?

²³ **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** I do not know whether I would make a commitment to the Assembly, but I would certainly make a commitment to the Honourable Member that if he will get the information available for me, I will take a look at it, yes.

Mr. Kimmerly: Would the Minister of Finance also make a commitment that there will be a study done of the impact on the unemployment rate of residential construction programs being generated by low interest loans to homeowners.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: It may be that studies would be a creation of employment, but in spite of that, no, I would not make such a commitment.

Question re: Northland Park property

Mr. Penikett: I would like to give the Government Leader a break and put a question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Some time ago this Government granted title to the owners of the Northland Park property even though several services and facilities promised in the development proposal appended to the agreement for sale as schedule two were not provided. I would like to ask the Minister if this deviation from the agreement for sale was authorized by the Minister, or was the decision to grant title made entirely by departmental officers?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I was aware of it at that particular time. The reason why we did that was that it seemed at that particular time that things had not gone as planned, in respect to occupancy. The owner wanted to go ahead. I said at that time that I think it was a wise decision for him to go ahead on the deal.

Mr. Penikett: I am not sure that I caught it correctly, but I believe the Minister was saying that it was a Ministerial decision. I would like to ask him then, when a property that the department originally sells subject to the terms of an agreement for sale is sold to a third party, is it the position of this Government that the original agreement for sale is binding on the new owner?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I am not quite clear on the question but as I understand it if he is asking if it should be a condition, I would say it should be, or would be.

Mr. Penikett: I am sure the tenants of Northland Trailer Park will be very pleased to hear that. Given the hassle suffered by private homeowner builders on the score of obtaining title and complying with the exact terms of the agreement for sale, could I ask the Minister if he is now prepared to act to enforce the terms of the agreement for sale on the Northland Park property, in particular, to have the services and facilities promised in schedule two of the agreement provided?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: In regards to the Northland Park situation, I am having meetings, next week, with the MLA for that area, who is on this side of the House, and the people there, and we are going to explore all the avenues that we can proceed with. After we have confirmed with them, and after we have decided what we will do, I am sure that we will be very happy to inform the Member opposite what our decision will be.

²⁴ **Question re: Game management, agricultural conflict**

Mr. Veale: I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. The Speech from the Throne indicated that the Government will be establishing an agricultural industry in Yukon and that there will be legislation this Session.

The Minister is also responsible for the management of wildlife and can he tell the House whether his Department has commissioned any studies or prepared any reports regarding the conflict, or potential conflict, between game management and agriculture?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I am kind of glad that the Member asked me a question. I was beginning to wonder whether I should have shown you. There was a study done a number of years ago, recognizing that

there is conflicts between wildlife and implementation of agriculture. It depends on the scope of the implementation of agriculture, as to what extent there would be a conflict. I am sure that all those conflicts will be taken into account, in any case, and I am sure that a compromise can be reached.

Mr. Veale: I am aware of a specific report that has been prepared within the last two months, and I would ask the Minister if he is going to make that report a public document so that there can be a full-scale debate on the subject when the legislation is brought before this Assembly?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I have no problem making that particular report available to the Legislature at an appropriate time. That is why we are all here. I questioned earlier today why we need a *Freedom of Information Act* because, in most cases, all the information is made available to the Members opposite, if they ask.

Mr. Veale: I am glad the Minister is so free with information. In the last Session, I asked him to table a copy of the document entitled, "Towards the Future for Yukon Wildlife", which has been gathering dust for some three years in his Department. Is he now prepared to present a copy of that to each MLA in this Assembly?

Hon. Mr. Lang: No, but if he wants to come up to my office and read it, he is more than welcome.

Question re: Foothills Pipe Lines taxation

Mrs. McGuire: I have a question for the Government Leader and it is in reference to the Yukon Property Tax to be imposed on Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., as per the Pipeline Agreement, Bill C25, Clause 5, under Taxation and Provincial Undertaking, Subsection B, "for the collection of taxes not exceeding \$5,000,000 for 1980; \$10,000,000 for 1981 and \$20,000,000 for 1982." I would like to ask the Government Leader if his Government has collected all, or part of, the aforementioned back taxes?

²⁵ **Hon. Mr. Pearson:** It is most extraordinary that the question should be coming from that particular Honourable Member. I am sure she, and all Members in the House, will recall that it was her respected Leader who ridiculed me to some great extent when I suggested that we, as a Government, in order to fulfill our responsibilities, should go after that very money. We have done so, Mr. Speaker. We are still going after that money.

We are very close to reaching an agreement with Foothills in respect to, not taxation, but to our costs for the work that we have done on the planning of the pipeline and its impact on the Territory. I am hopeful that sometime during the course of this Session I will be able to make an announcement to the House, and I will do so the moment that I can, in respect to Foothills reimbursing this Government for some of the work that we have done. I must sadly report to the House that our legal advice, as well as the legal advice of the Federal Government and the Northern Pipeline Agency, was that we cannot expect that tax to come into play until the pipeline construction actually does start, or that the period that is allowed for in the agreement is reached.

Mrs. McGuire: To my knowledge, any occupation of Yukon lands is subject to taxes. Perhaps the Government Leader would explain why he is unable to collect them, or perhaps he could make it a bit more clear.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Certainly, the only land that is taxable is land that the people of the Yukon own. The Government of Canada is the major landholder in Yukon, and I suspect that what the Honourable Member is referring to is the test site at Quill Creek. That test site has been built there under a permit issued by the Federal Government on Federal land, and we do not have any right to tax it.

Question re: Vocational School vacancies

Mr. Byblow: I have a question I will direct to the Minister of Education.

In light of the somewhat floundering Vocational School system in Yukon, I would like to ask the Minister when her department plans to fill the administrative vacancies in the Branch.

²⁶ **Hon. Mrs. McCall:** Far from floundering, the Vocational School is in very good condition and we are reviewing applications at the moment for a principal.

Mr. Byblow: I thank the Minister, however, she did not say when I would move into a related area. In light of the fact that the layoff situation in Faro has drastically affected the apprenticeship

training programs that were in place, will her Government commit the services of her department towards assisting in the relocation of these apprentices appropriately in their respective trades, wherever that may be?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Yes. As to when, the Honourable Member knows very well that there is a process by which people are hired and that process is taking place. When, is a matter of when everyone has been interviewed and when the choice is made. As for the layoffs in Cyprus Anvil and the apprenticeships, I know that there are a number of apprentices there, a large number, and the department is endeavouring to place them within the Territory and outside of the Territory as well, and has already done so.

Mr. Byblow: Since discussions between the Minister's department, and the interest in my community over the past couple of years, are indicative of some very real possibilities towards some form of trades and vocational training facilities to be located there, I would like to ask the Minister if she is now prepared to step up negotiations towards the development of such a facility, in light of the conditions?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: No, the Honourable Member knows very well this is not an expansionary budget. There will be no stepping up of any plans that we have.

Question re: Greenway House

Mr. Kimmerly: A question to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation. Last Session the Minister said that he would check into the progress on Greenway House. Will the Minister now report when the renovations and reconstruction will commence on Greenway House?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I am not aware of what renovations he is speaking about, but maybe the Honourable Member could be more explicit.

Mr. Kimmerly: The Minister said in the last Session, and I will find the exact reference, that he would check into the renovations of the old Bishop's residence, and consult with the people who live in the facility and the Golden Age Society, as to the renovations there, and I would ask the Minister to pursue that.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I wonder if there is a question there, or is it a request? Is the Honourable Member raising a question?

Mr. Kimmerly: Will the Minister pursue that inquiry with the Golden Age Society and the residents of Greenway House?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Yes, I will take up that question and advise you.

Question re: Northern tax benefits

Mr. Penikett: I have another question for the Government Leader.

On January 11 of this year, the Government Leader is reported to have told a public meeting at the Elsa Rec Hall that the Territorial Government favoured the abolition of the moratorium on northern tax benefits in favour of some other scheme. I would like to ask if this is, in fact, this Government's present position?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes, it was tabled in this House at a previous Session. We forwarded it on to Ottawa, and that is still our position, yes. In essence what it says is that a scheme should be put in place whereby all northerners would benefit.

Mr. Penikett: I just want to be helpful to the Government Leader on this point, and I am sure he realizes that. I just want to make sure that his Government position is perfectly clear. Do I understand correctly, then, that this Territory does not support the continuation of the negotiated tax-free benefits, such as has been achieved by the mine employees at Faro and Elsa, and telephone and Government workers here in Whitehorse?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: That is a play on words, and that is not what we have said, not ever. Nor will I sit still for the Leader of the Opposition implying such a thing.

It is an either-or proposition with us. Either they do away with the present scheme and put in something better — I think better for everybody in the Territory and in Northern Canada — or else they leave what is in place.

Mr. Penikett: Those people who still have jobs, thank the Government Leader.

Northern Affairs Minister, John Munro, has indicated that he might substitute a Federal Energy Program for the Northern Tax Benefits. I would like to ask the Government Leader if Mr. Munro has discussed

this idea with the Government Leader, and does the Government Leader support Mr. Munro's proposal — including Mr. Munro's ascertainment that our cost of living is only two percent above Southern Canada's?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I would like to assure the Honourable Leader of the Opposition that the Minister has not discussed this with me in any way, shape or form.

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the House that the time allotted for Question Period is now expired.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I would like to inform the House that replies to the speech from the throne will be heard when we next sit on Monday.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Mr. Graham: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell, that we do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse Porter Creek West, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell that we do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to

The House adjourned at 2:56 p.m.