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Whitehorse, Yukon**Tuesday, October 14, 1980 — 1:30 p.m.****Mr. Speaker:** I will now call the House to order.

We will proceed at this time with Prayers.

Prayers

Mr. Speaker: Before proceeding with Daily Routine today, I would like to introduce to the House the Pages, who will be doing the service of the House at this portion of this Session. They are: Pierre Germain, Andre Lamoureux, Cindy Laniuk, Jene Lee, Mike McLarnon, Jamie Mooney, Carla Pitzel, Fred Reibin, Joanne Weninger, and Laurie Whelan. I welcome the Pages today to the service of the House.

The Chair has also received some correspondence, which I will table today, specifically, a communication from the Honourable Member for Whitehorse North Centre, who has submitted his resignation as Deputy Speaker effective May 19, 1980. It is therefore the duty of the House to elect a successor at this time. May I have your pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, that Grafton Njootli, Member for Old Crow, be appointed Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, that Grafton Njootli, Member for Old Crow, be appointed Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I would welcome the Honourable Member to the onerous duties that he has undertaken and wish him well.

I have for tabling, also, at this time, a communication from Mr. Clerk, dated May 2, 1980, advising the Chair that he has attended upon the Administrator, in his capacity as Lieutenant Governor, and witnessed the granting of assent to certain bills which have been passed during this Third Session of the Yukon Legislative Assembly. Specifically, the Bills which have received assent are as follows: *An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance, Miscellaneous Statute Amendment Ordinance — 1980, An Ordinance to Amend the Transport Public Utilities Ordinance, Business Development Assistance Ordinance, An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance.*

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I feel that I would be remiss in my duties if I did not rise at this time on a point of personal privilege on behalf of the Members of this House to bring to everyone's attention what I consider to be a fairly momentous occasion that transpired during our recess.

Mr. Speaker, this momentous occasion, like most momentous occasions affecting this House, happened in Ottawa. It was in early September, Mr. Speaker. Our Clerk, Mr. Patrick Michael, was married, to the former Janet Moodie. Now, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clerk and Miss Moodie met in the Province of Alberta under, I think, rather interesting circumstances, considering the situation in the House today, because at that time Miss Moodie was in the employ of the government side of the House, and Mr. Clerk was in the employ of the opposition side of the House.

Now, Mr. Speaker, look at the circumstances today: Mr. Clerk is now, in effect, in the employ of the Government side of the House and Miss Moodie is an employee of one of the media in this town, which, on numerous occasions, I think we feel, is, if not part of the official, part of the unofficial, opposition. So I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, these roles are somewhat reversed.

I also want to tell you that Janet has had a considerable amount of education. Her Master's degree was in classical studies. I would submit to you she now has a classic to study.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of the members of this House, I wish to congratulate Janet and Mr. Clerk and wish them all the best in the future.

Applause

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed with Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any returns or documents for tabling?

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Byblow: I have for tabling a brief entitled *Statement of Needs for the Community of Faro*, prepared in consultation with the community and submitted to this Assembly for its consideration.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 102 of the *Yukon Public Service Staff Relations Ordinance*, I have for tabling the Tenth Annual Report, for 1979-80, of the Yukon Public Service Staff Relations Board.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Standing or Special Committees?

Presentation of Petitions?

Reading and Receiving of Petitions?

Is there any Introduction of Bills?

BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Renewable Resources, that a bill entitled *First Appropriation Ordinance, 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 Renewable Resources, that a bill entitled *First Appropriation Ordinance, 1981-82*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Defamation Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Defamation Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Compensation for Victims of Crime Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Compensation for Victims of Crime Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Ordinance, 1980 (No. 2)*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Ordinance, 1980 (No. 2)*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Partnership Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of

Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Partnership Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Community Assistance Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the School Ordinance*, be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the School Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that a bill entitled *An Amendment to Amend the Companies Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *Dependants' Relief Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *Dependants' Relief Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tatchun, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Income Tax Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Justice, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Member of Justice, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Premium Tax Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Home Owners' Grant Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Member for Old Crow, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Home Owners'*

Grant Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the Judicature Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that a bill entitled *An Ordinance to Amend the the Judicature Ordinance* be now introduced and read a first time.

Motion agreed to

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

Notices of Motion?

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Fleming: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Faro, that this House urge the Government to introduce legislation which will require the Government of Yukon to pay to its creditors interest, based on the then-current prime rate, on all accounts due for a period exceeding thirty days.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion?

Are there any Statements by Ministers?

This then brings us to the Question Period. Have you any questions?

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Secrecy of Legislation

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, my first question is to the Government Leader, and it concerns a general question of secrecy. In particular, can the Government Leader give some logical and coherent explanation for the reason for keeping secret all legislation until the first day of Session, so that Opposition Members are completely in the dark as to what is expected, out of the fifteen bills that were presented today?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, we have not kept secret, and in the dark, all legislation. In fact, we have been very, very public about some of the legislation that is intended to be tabled at this Session.

Mr. Speaker, the method of doing business in the House dictates that this Government, like every government, will keep to itself its calendar of business for the Session, until such time as it advises the House of that calendar of business.

Mr. MacKay: The Government Leader will recognize, though, that this is not a new question. I would ask him to explain. If things are not secret, as he is saying they are not, why are draft bills, all marked "Confidential", passed around among employees of the Government, and they are forbidden to talk to any MLAs about them?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, once again, this Government must do its work. One of the jobs that it has to do is to produce legislation. Mr. Speaker, we are responsible for the tabling of Government bills in this House. Until they are tabled in this House, they must be kept confidential. If they are not kept confidential until that point in time, the next thing I know I am reading it in the paper and it is Government policy. No one can govern effectively that way.

Mr. MacKay: Would the Government Leader be prepared to make a commitment to Opposition MLAs that, in the future, if Opposition MLAs give their oath of secrecy not to publish this information, they would be supplied with draft copies before the legislative session begins?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, not at all, and I think I have very, very sound reasons for denying such a request. It is the responsibility of this Government to table legislation, and we will table that legislation in the manner that we wish, and it is then the responsibility of the Opposition to react to it.

Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable Member opposite, or any Honourable Member, feels that we are not giving them time to give due consideration to legislation that we are proposing, that is an entirely different question, and I would be quite prepared to listen to submissions from them on that.

Question re: Dawson City Day Care Centre/Grant to

Mr. Penikett: Let me say in passing to the Government Leader that he has done a commendable job this time of keeping us com-

I would like to ask a friendly question to the Government Leader. Can he confirm or deny the report that in his capacity as Minister of Finance this summer he had occasion to make an agreement with the Mayor of Dawson whereby YTG would give to that City a forgivable, interest-free loan for the purpose of a grant to the Dawson City Day Care Centre?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, not at all. If I had made such an agreement, I imagine it would be in effect. There is not one, as such, in effect.

Mr. Speaker, the Mayor of the City of Dawson, the City Manager of the City of Dawson, and some other people came to my office, to see me not in my capacity as Minister of Finance but in that of Government Leader, and pointed out to me that they had a real problem in Dawson City with respect to their Day Care Centre. The specific problem was that the Day Care Centre needed \$7,000, in order to open up their top floor.

I had been apprised of the problem when I was in Dawson City this summer. I had gone to the Day Care Centre, along with the Minister responsible, the Minister for Health and Human Resources. We had indicated to the day care people in Dawson City that we were concerned; that we would like to see that second floor opened up. We came back to Whitehorse and ascertained that we had no authority to give them any funds.

Mr. Speaker, I suggested to the Mayor and the City Manager of the City of Dawson that, if they were sincere in their wishes to help the Day Care Centre in Dawson City, it was my opinion that they had the capability, under the *Municipal Ordinance*, to borrow funds from this Government toward that Day Care Centre.

Mr. Speaker, that capability is there. My suggestion to them was that, because they were in the process of borrowing money from us in any event, they might as well increase their borrowing by \$7,000, if they wished to do this, and give it to the Dawson Day Care Centre.

Mr. Speaker, I have not heard another word about it since.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I have.

I would like to thank the Government Leader for his answer. It was excellent and complete. I would like to ask him now if he would undertake, in his capacity as Minister responsible for disseminating information for the Government, to convey to those concerned in Dawson City that the fact that this financial arrangement was not concluded has nothing whatsoever to do with the confidentiality of the agreement having been breached by a letter of inquiry that I wrote to a couple of Ministers on the subject.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, I was aware that the Honourable Member had written a letter of inquiry, but frankly, I have not even seen it. I have not read it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Penikett: Let me try a supplementary, to the Minister responsible for day care, the Minister of Health.

I would like to ask the Minister, under what criteria, if at all, will the Dawson Day Care Centre be given a meet-the-standards grant this year?

Hon. Mrs. McCall: Mr. Speaker, the meet-the-standards grant was for day care centres already in operation. Dawson City Day Care Centre will not qualify under that, as it opened later.

Question re: Capital Assistance Program

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the Government Leader in his capacity as Minister of Finance. My question relates to the capital assistance program that has been available to municipalities over the past seven years.

It is my understanding that funding under this program expires at the end of this fiscal year. In light of the vital financing to the municipalities, under this program, can the Minister state whether a similar program will be put into place?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully suggest that this is one of the big items in our capital budget that was tabled this afternoon. I will have more to say about that tomorrow, when I speak at second reading to the principle of the bill.

Mr. Byblow: Of a more specific nature, then, Mr. Speaker, the Municipality of Faro is presently undergoing a utility expansion to accommodate the rapidly expanding population base. Last spring this Government re-allocated a million dollars towards that particular program, with the understanding that the remaining 1.8 million would be forthcoming under a cost sharing arrangement.

To date, no such arrangement has emanated from the Government. My question is, when, and under what formula, will the Government honour that commitment of necessity?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, to start with, the reallocation was not a million dollars; it was two million dollars. Mr. Speaker, that was taken away from other communities in the Territory. That money was not available then to other communities in the Territory to use. So any suggestion, Mr. Speaker, by the Honourable Member, that we have done Faro hard-by, are just completely unfounded.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot, nor will I, get into a debate on the budget in Question Period today. This item will be discussed in its entirety when we get to it in the budget.

Question re: Constitutional Position of Government

Mr. MacKay: My question is to the Government Leader, concerning a paper which was delivered by him to Mr. Jake Epp, with respect to the supposed constitutional position of this Government. Can the Government Leader inform this House if that paper, excerpts of which were broadcast nationally and were distributed throughout the PC Caucus, is the official Government policy?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, that paper represents positions that this Government has taken with respect to constitutional development in this Territory. As I will be referring to them in my speech this afternoon, yes, they are positions that we are taking, but they are also positions that could well change, once we know more about what we are doing with respect to the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, you must appreciate that everyone, all of the provinces as well as the Territories, had to take positions, not knowing what the proposal from the Prime Minister of Canada was going to be.

I would respectfully suggest, Mr. Speaker, that positions, provincially and territorially, will change dramatically as a result of what is reflected in the Prime Minister's proposed Constitution for 1980.

Mr. MacKay: My concern, at this point, is as much for the secrecy surrounding this paper as the contents. Is the Government Leader aware, for example, that in British Columbia, the Premier of BC, before proceeding to the conference, sent to every householder in BC a statement of the British Columbia Government's position? If he is aware of that, why was a similar thing not done in Yukon?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I am aware of a lot of things that happen in British Columbia that do not happen in the Yukon. Mr. Speaker, I reserve unto this Government the right to take positions and to express views. I will not apologize to anyone for that. Mr. Speaker, my taking those positions and expressing those views is a way of informing the people exactly what we are thinking about, and that is what it was designed to do, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacKay: Could the Government Leader explain why all these positions were kept secret from the Constitutional Development Committee of this House?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, let us not have any doubts in anyone's mind about this. Now, this Government reserves the right to establish positions, Constitutional Committees notwithstanding. This House has the right to establish a Constitutional Committee, and Mr. Speaker I support that very, very much.

I am most anxious that the Constitutional Committee will take those papers and scrutinize them very, very carefully and tell us what they think about them; but, Mr. Speaker, that does not preclude the right nor the responsibility of this Government to take positions.

Question re: Food Prices

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, I guess we are in the fine, strange position of Mr. Pearson agreeing with Mr. Trudeau, yet many of us agreeing with Mr. Clark.

I have a question for the Minister of everything, including Consumer Affairs. The subject, Mr. Speaker, is prices, and I hope that, for once, the Minister will be able to give us a nutritious answer. Last April's price survey by this Government showed that, not only were prices still rising, but the gap between prices down south and Yukon was increasing. Overall prices were 29.3 per cent, up from 28.8 per cent, higher than Edmonton. At Watson Lake, they were an astonishing 50 per cent higher, up from 48.8 per cent previously.

My question to the Minister is, what is going on here? Does the Government have any explanation for all these continuing, unjustifiable increases; in particular, the growing discrepancy between prices here and prices in the Edmonton and Vancouver areas?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, we are in the process of conducting an investigation, and also, if you will, a mini-inquiry, into food prices in the Territory. I hope to have more on this subject

before this Session is over. I will be only too happy to share that information with the rest of the Members when it is available.

Mr. Penikett: I would like to thank the Minister for his answer. I would hope that when the Minister is conducting his inquiries he would also, in view of the number of bankruptcies in the food sector we have had here recently, give some attention to the study in Ontario which shows that increased retail competition, where there is a wholesale monopoly, does not, in fact, do anything positive about prices at all.

I would like to ask the Minister, briefly, whether, given these continuing differences, the Minister will be, specifically, in his investigation and in his statement that is coming, trying to identify the source of the price spread, especially at the retail level, given that the wholesale price spread between here and down south is relatively modest?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, we have every intention of investigating that. However, I believe that there is some conflict in the information received to date, over the spread between wholesale dealers in Yukon and in outside areas. I hope to be able to identify exactly where the 29 per cent, if that figure is correct, difference is, between Vancouver, Edmonton and Whitehorse. As I said, when that information is available, I will make it available to everyone.

Question re: Haines Junction Highway Bypass

Mrs. McGuire: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. YTG, through DPW, has presented a road design to the citizens of Haines Junction which shows a highway bypassing the Haines Junction business district. The citizens are strongly opposing the newly designed road. My question to the Minister is: do you intend to commence with the bypass design, or will you withdraw it as requested?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, I will take that question under advisement.

Question re: Land Availability

Mr. Fleming: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. We need a little explanation. In years past we have had a problem with land not being available to anyone other than the native peoples in the Territory. There were some status people and non-status people who did actually move on to a reserve, because of the fact that they could get land. I wonder if the Minister is aware that there are still now — and land is available of course — people who are not non-status and not native, white people who move on to land that is designated as a reserve and laid aside for the native peoples?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I cannot quite understand what the Member is asking me.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Honourable Member could speak a little louder. It seems our ear-pieces are not working at this time.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, of course, but if the Minister cannot understand what I am speaking about, he is going to have another problem some day. White people are moving — I suppose with the agreement of the Chiefs and so forth — onto Indian land, reservations and land laid aside for the Indians. They are moving in to these areas and building homes and they intend to stay there. Is the Minister aware that there are no taxes or anything in this situation?

Another question: Can the Minister do anything about it, or will the Minister look into the problem?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, I will take that question under advisement and look into it.

Question re: Income Tax Ordinance

Mr. MacKay: I have a question for the Government Leader. I note today, among the fifteen pieces of legislation placed before us, an amendment to the *Income Tax Ordinance*. Can the Government Leader tell this House if the amendment corrects the flaws that were pointed out in that Ordinance which have resulted in many businesses in the Yukon paying more tax this year?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, that is not what the amendment is about. Once again, rather than answer that question in any fullness at all I might as well speak to second reading of the bill at that time. So Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable Leader of the Opposition would wait for the normal procedure of the House to take place, I am sure his questions will be answered.

Mr. MacKay: My supplementary question is about something that is not in the bill, so I presume that the Government Leader will be happy to answer it. Has he or his staff done any research into the

possibility of alleviating the distress that has been caused some Yukon businesses by the passing of this *Income Tax Ordinance* last fall?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I am quite prepared to answer that question. Yes, we have done extensive research and have determined that such an alleviation does not exist anywhere in Canada. Mr. Speaker, we would be in breach of our agreement with Canada with respect to income tax if we did pass such legislation.

Mr. MacKay: Would the Government Leader be prepared to accept the advice of the Leader of the Opposition that the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia have already overcome this problem and that such amendments are possible?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The Honourable Member is making a statement.

Question re: Workers' Compensation/Work Safety

Mr. Penikett: I have a question for the Minister of Education. In commending the Minister on the taking up and implementing one of my suggestions, that is, the consolidation of the Departments of Manpower, Labour, Occupational Health and Safety, Women's Bureau, Workers' Compensation and the assuming of some responsibilities from the Federal Department of Mining Safety, I am curious to know from the Minister what new information lead him to take this progressive, intelligent, and positive step, in view of his stated opposition to it in the last Session?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I cannot recall opposing such a move in the last session. However, it must have been the Honourable Member's suggestion that brought such a change about. Although, in all seriousness, Mr. Speaker, we had been researching this change for some time and I will elaborate on it somewhat further in my opening remarks.

Mr. Penikett: On a more serious note, since the Government has now recognized the obvious need for coordination of these labour-related responsibilities, I would like to ask the Minister if he plans, prior to the introduction of any legislation, to make a ministerial statement outlining the ways in which, for example, Workers' Compensation statistics will be used by the inspection branch to prevent accidents, or to bring a new emphasis on prevention rather than compensation, in the whole work safety field?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, one of the first duties of the new Department of Labour was to coordinate activities between the Workers' Compensation Bureau and the Labour Department. One of the objects of the exercise was to prevent accidents before they occur. It is commonly known that we pay some of the highest Workers' Compensation premiums in Canada, and that was one of the things that we hoped to look at and attempt to alleviate, through the coordination of both departments.

Mr. Penikett: I would still hope to hear from the Minister, if he is willing, a statement on some details of the effect of this amalgamation. Specifically, I would like to ask if the Minister could now indicate which of the several agencies under this new Manpower and Labour Branch will carry out primary responsibility for safety inspection and prevention?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I will definitely make a statement as to the effect of the amalgamation, the duties and responsibilities of the newly formed Department of Labour. At this time all things are up in the air; we have the ability to change anything. The Workers' Compensation Board will continue to pay the salary of one of our safety inspectors in the Department of Labour, and the Labour branch will continue to carry out the duties and functions of safety inspections. Hopefully, we will get into some worker education in the Territory.

Question re: Mineral Industry

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the Minister of Tourism and Economic Development. In early June the Government hosted a Mineral Industries Symposium, which by most accounts was a productive session of idea exchanges and problem identification.

I would like to know what follow-up is now intended to more properly address and resolve the common concerns of government and the mineral industry.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the session that we had in the spring was a success. The Government of the Yukon Territory has been following-up in respect to holding another symposium. We have invited two ministers responsible for that particular area, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Munroe, and the Minister of Mines, Mrs. Judy Erola, to come to Yukon.

Now, we have left the time frame open to try to schedule a meeting that they can both make at the same time. I have had

indications that they may have problems making it here prior to December. Hopefully we can rectify this. I feel it is very important that the people who have responsibility for the resources of the Territory should be here; hopefully to give an answer to the industry, as well as to this government, what their long-term policies are going to be in respect to the development of this particular industry.

Mr. Byblow: Just by way of preparation for the federal visit, can the Minister assure me that he is preparing some long range strategy and proposals to submit, with respect to the way development should go?

Hon. Mr. Lang: There is no question, we are developing in areas of our responsibility, in fact in some areas outside of our responsibility. It would be my intention to speak to the Ministers responsible, if they have the time, and attempt to inform them what our concerns are. Now, I cannot speak for the Government of Canada, though I am sure that the Member probably wishes I could.

Mr. Byblow: On a very specific matter, can the Minister assure me that he has the concerns of industry and the related groups in hand, with respect to the MacMillan Pass region?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I was just up to the Mac Pass area two weeks ago. I thought it was a very worthwhile trip; I had not been up in that area for approximately ten years — but now I am starting to date myself. Yes, we have heard their concerns. Basically it boils down to the concerns that the whole mining industry has; primarily power and transportation. That responsibility is the responsibility of the Government of Canada, that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition defends so well in this House.

Question re: Taxation Exemption

Mrs. McGuire: I must say we did not get school trips like that when I was in school.

I have a question for the Minister of Highways and Public Works. A suggestion came from our local taxation board of the possibility of property taxes being lowered for seasonal businesses, such as Alaska Highway lodges, for example. Would the Minister care to comment on the feasibility of such an exemption?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, I am not going to comment on it at this time.

Mrs. McGuire: I take it from that answer that he is completely negative. Seeing that the whole property structure is completely out of balance, can we expect any changes within the next year on the tax structure?

Hon. Mr. Lattin: I cannot say whether there will be any change or not. I will certainly take a look at it, but at this time I am not prepared to make any statement either way.

Question re: White Pass and Yukon Route

Mr. MacKay: I have a question to the Government Leader, Mr. Speaker. Can he inform the House as to what the state of negotiations presently is between YTG, Government of Canada, White Pass, and other players with respect to the imminent insolvency of the White Pass Railroad?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: There are very active negotiations taking place at the present time, and, from my perspective, they appear to be quite productive. I am hoping, for the sake of White Pass and this Territory, that they will culminate in an agreement in the very near future that will allow White Pass to continue operating with some light at the end of the tunnel and to become a viable operation once again.

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development recognized his government's responsibility in respect to this railway and did enter into negotiations with White Pass in respect to some sort of help. The Government of Canada has brought the Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation into those negotiations as the major user, the Government of the Yukon Territory as the people most interested in keeping the railway operating. White Pass itself, needless to say, the Canadian Transport Commission and the Government of Alaska, along with the Government of the United States.

There are talks, discussions and negotiations going on amongst these many players on just about a daily basis. As I say, there are some major stumbling blocks yet to be overcome, but it is my perception that, on the whole, things do look as if they will get themselves resolved and resolved in a manner that will be most beneficial to the people of this Territory.

Mr. MacKay: I would like to thank the Government Leader for his explanation. Can he tell us if at this point in negotiations the Government of the Yukon Territory has made any commitment to

grant money to the White Pass and Yukon Route?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, not at all.

Mr. MacKay: Has the Government of the Yukon Territory made any agreement to lend money to the White Pass and Yukon Route? If so, under what conditions?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I am not going to answer that question at this point in time because, Mr. Speaker, our involvement in whatever is going to transpire is a point of negotiation. I feel that for the benefit of the Territory I must not answer this question at this time.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to the same question. Last spring we were advised that the end was nigh thirty days hence, in connection with this railroad. That appears not to have been the case. Negotiations seem to have been carried on at a much more leisurely pace than we anticipated at the time. Can the Government Leader assure the House that there is at least one non-negotiable item and that is the position this House took on the question of public disclosure prior to a financial commitment?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt about at all.

Mr. Speaker, I must say that circumstances for White Pass have changed considerably. They have been able to negotiate an increase in rates with Cyprus Anvil that will be part of the overall package. They have not completely nullified their loss position, but have minimized it considerably. Mr. Speaker, I must say that White Pass and Yukon Corporation have demonstrated, in the past months, their willingness to continue to absorb these losses while we get this problem straightened out. They are to be commended for that.

I rose in this House, a year and a half ago, and stated that it was my opinion at that time that we did not need corporate citizens like Federal Industries or White Pass and Yukon Corporation if their attitude was going to be, "We are just going to pack up and leave the Territory." Mr. Speaker, it seems that they have since changed their attitude.

Question re: Highways and Public Works

Mr. Penikett: I have a written question for the Minister of Highways and Public Works:

a) Is decentralization of Government services still a policy of this Government?

b) In the Department of Highways and Public Works, how many persons were employed in the fiscal years, 1969—70, 1974—75 and 1979—80 on a permanent basis, a part time basis and as casual, by category and place of work, i.e. all maintenance stations operated by YTG as well as offices?

Question re: French Immersion

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the Minister of Education, Mr. Speaker. There has been considerable pressure in the Yukon community to have a French Immersion program instituted in Yukon schools. Can the Minister say what support he or his Department is lending to this campaign, both fiscally and by policy?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, our policy has not changed on French Immersion since last year. The Department and the Government support it in total. However, it is a fairly expensive operation, at least in the initial stages, and we are not at this time willing to take any money away from other programs currently being operated by the Department of Education in order to initiate a French Immersion program.

Recently, though, we have made a proposal to the Government of Canada to cost-share with us a French Immersion program. It was a five-year program. We have not heard back from them. We made the proposal, I believe, in July; we have not yet had a response from the Government of Canada. Recently, I had occasion also to speak to the Secretary of State, Mr. Francis Fox, and he indicated at that time that a French Immersion program in Yukon would be a good thing. I think that we can possibly expect some support from the federal government in the very near future.

Mr. Byblow: I would thank the Minister for his very thorough answer. He made reference to priorities for funding. I would then have a two part question. I would ask him, on the one hand, whether or not his Department would fund it if the Secretary of State funding fell through and, with respect to priorities, I would ask the Minister if he considers beautification of schools a priority over French Immersion?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I had assumed, after a two year period of sitting in this Legislature, that the Member opposite would know the difference between capital funds and operation and maintenance funds. Obviously he does not so I will give him a

Capital funds are the ones that we are going to vote on today for capital projects. Those include the school beautification programs. Operation and maintenance funds, however, are an altogether different kettle of fish. Those are the ones we vote on on April 1st. Okay?

Now that we have got that down, we consider the programs currently being operated within the operation and maintenance budget of the Department of Education, in the main, a higher priority than French Immersion programs, due to the great expense of French Immersion. It would cost us a whole lot of money and we would have to cut a great number of things that we in the Department of Education consider very important. That is the simple fact.

Mr. Speaker: The time normally allotted for Question Period has now expired so we will proceed to Orders of the Day, under Government Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Mr. Clerk: Item Number 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Pearson.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to deal with Item 1 at this time?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Motion Number 13

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Government Leader, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that this House approves in general the operations of the Government since the adjournment of the spring sitting.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, since this House adjourned last spring, your Government has been very active and has made great advances in many respects. We have not, however, been able to make much progress in some important areas, but I want to begin by assuring you and the people of Yukon that we are continuing our efforts.

It is my intention today, Mr. Speaker, in speaking to the motion before us, to apprise you of some of the difficulties that we, as a government, face, and to briefly list or highlight some of the areas where there have been significant advances.

Mr. Speaker, I want to start my report to you by formally introducing to the House the Honourable Geoffrey Lattin, who has replaced the Honourable Peter Hanson on the front benches. Mr. Lattin's portfolio responsibilities are: Municipal and Community Affairs, Highways and Public Works, the Yukon Housing Corporation, and the Yukon Liquor Corporation.

The Honourable Mr. Lang, Mr. Speaker, has assumed responsibility for Tourism and Economic Development and Renewable Resources.

The only other portfolio change has been the transfer of the responsibility for Workers' Compensation from the Honourable Mrs. McCall to the Honourable Mr. Graham in order to facilitate and enhance our decision to create an identifiable labour branch in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

While I will be speaking in a general or overall manner in respect to the Government, Mr. Speaker, your Ministers will outline the activities of their specific portfolio responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, the two most important philosophical issues facing this Territory today are Yukon Land Claims and the Canadian Constitution. Both will determine how we conduct ourselves in the future and neither can be ignored for the sake of simple government administration.

It is all well and good to sit back and suggest that government should just be a delivery service. We do deliver services, but we also have to ask ourselves who foots the bill. The outcome of our role in the renewal of the Canadian Constitution will determine how we will pay for future developments and services within this Territory and whether the people living here in this unique part of Canada will have the right to determine their future, their choice of government, their way of life, and the ways of improving or retaining their own particular life style.

As Yukoners know only too well, Mr. Speaker, jobs, job security, income levels and many of the essentials of day to day living now depend on governments and their policies. Governments, in turn, are bound and guided by legislation and, most fundamentally, the basic law, that overworked word in our national vocabulary, the Constitution.

In Yukon, Mr. Speaker, that means the *Yukon Act*, a basic law for the governing of our Territory, as well as the *British North America Act*, the foundation of our federal government and the powers it exercises here. Your Yukon Progressive Conservative Government has achieved some success during the last two years in establishing a greater degree of responsible self-government. Towards that end, the government has been working to fulfill its mandate.

Yukoners voted in 1978 for the Progressive Conservative program, their territorial, political and economic development, based on our belief that more decisions should be made here and fewer in Ottawa.

When the Federal Government made clear in early June its determination to hold a whole series of meetings to thrash out a new Canadian Constitution, we as the Government had a responsibility not only to be aware of what was taking place, but to contribute to the discussions. Our present and our future welfare as Yukoners demanded it.

Since June 6, the Government has worked diligently to make sure Yukon interests have not been overlooked. We initiated a program to involve the Territory as much as possible in the summer's meetings, right through to and including the First Ministers' Conference. We have, to use the vernacular, some bad news and some good news.

The bad news is that we did not succeed in actually participating during the summer. The Trudeau Liberal Government not only refused to give Yukoners a role, but Liberal Ministers refused to discuss our interests at any time.

The good news is that we learned a lot. We monitored the talks closely and prepared position papers on a wide range of subjects. These position papers have been made public and we are anxious to hear the views of all Yukoners. We also raised the level of understanding of our position among Canadians outside the Territory. I spoke in Ottawa and Winnipeg and the text of my remarks were made available simultaneously to Yukon as well as national media.

The *Toronto Globe and Mail* responded to our efforts with an editorial published the morning of the First Ministers Conference. *The Globe* wrote, "They (the Yukon) should have the right to speak their minds, and argue with the perceptions of Ottawa and the provinces, and they should be able to do so through their elected officials. There will be issues discussed, from control of natural resources to education and the satisfaction of land claims by native people, in which they have a firm stake. Denying them a voice has made a mockery of the consultative process."

Mr. Speaker, that was *The Globe and Mail*.

We have spoken our minds and much more. We have prepared, as mentioned previously, discussion papers on all the points discussed between Ottawa and the provinces. We have outlined where we stand in relation to our own future. For starters, Mr. Speaker, we have called on Ottawa to agree to full non-voting participation for Yukon in all intergovernmental meetings.

We have asked the long-promised transfer of recreational lands to our control, clearing the way for Yukoners to own cottage lots. We have asked for the administration of Health Care Services so that responsibility rests with those of us who pay for those services.

Where do the Liberals stand? Let the Yukon Liberals tell us openly if they oppose your Government's objectives and why. Let them explain their position on Ottawa's mockery of consultation with us. Instead they have said nothing except some silly suggestions that we should not, as a Government, put forward any views.

We have been speaking out for Yukon in national forums but our task would be easier with a federal government that viewed itself as a partner in Confederation. Unfortunately the federal manipulation and paternalism that the provinces have encountered applies even more seriously to Yukon. Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House believe that Yukon will prosper and will contribute more than its share to Canada. We want in to Confederation, and we will continue to work to that end. Inability to put forward our views has culminated in the result I feared most, Mr. Speaker, that is the proposed implementation by Canada of an amendment to the Constitution which will affect Yukon more than any other area of Canada.

The Prime Minister is proposing an amendment which will allow Canadians to seek employment anywhere in Canada without discrimination of residence.

The effect of this proposal, found at Section 6 of the proposed *Constitution Act, 1980*, will be to negate and cancel all affirmative action, preferential treatment, and local-hire employment programs. What this means, in actual fact, is that there will be no local hire preferences for the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline and it puts into question the preferential native-hire clauses in the Cyprus Anvil agreement. The importance of this matter to many Yukoners has not been considered. Even worse, we have not been given the opportunity to explain how meaningful it really is to us. I would very much like to tell the Prime Minister and the first Ministers what effect such a clause had on Fairbanks during the building of the Alyeska Line, and explain to them that we do not want that happening in Yukon during the construction of the largest single undertaking in North America. The only way it can be avoided is if there is in-migration control.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to inform you that the Yukon Native Land Claims negotiations have been in full swing throughout the summer and that substantial progress has been made. The settlement of Land Claims is the number one priority of this Government and we have worked extremely hard towards this end. The work being done leads me to be very optimistic that a settlement is now within sight and will not be far off. A great deal of credit must go to the CYI and the new federal negotiator, Mr. Dennis O'Connor, for the success these talks are experiencing.

Also in connection with the Land Claims, Mr. Speaker, we have, this summer, been able to sit down at the table with COPE for the first time to discuss our concerns for the north Yukon. As you are well aware, we were not party to the original COPE agreement. We fought very hard to have a say in the process because we felt Yukoners had been treated unjustly and had not been heard. During the summer, the Federal Government appointed a negotiator, Senator Davey Stuart, and negotiations have been underway since. Because of the time constraints the two Land Claims processes have placed on our own negotiators, I wish to inform you that we have hired Mr. John McGilp as our COPE negotiator to assist Mr. Phelps. Mr. McGilp has a wealth of experience in the claims area and was most recently a leading member of the federal team dealing with the Yukon claim.

I have indicated already my feeling that both of these negotiations are progressing well, and I must reiterate that I am most optimistic that an equitable solution can be reached in both cases for all Yukoners.

In our COPE information package, we outline a concern that the Agreement in Principle could set a precedent in respect to extra-territorial aboriginal groups filing and pursuing claims for Yukon land and resources. I regret, Mr. Speaker, that I must inform you that our concerns have proven to be well founded. Mr. Speaker, without informing this Government, who are officially the Federal Government's partner in the Yukon Land Claims process; without informing his own chief negotiator; without informing the Council for Yukon Indians; the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, in direct violation of the memorandum of understanding signed by this government in all good faith in 1979, has agreed to fund the Tahltans of British Columbia, and has instructed them to pursue an aboriginal claim in Yukon.

This, Mr. Speaker, is a deplorable situation, and I have written to the Minister expressing our displeasure and requesting a copy of the Tahltan claim to Yukon Land and Resources. His actions are an insult to all Yukoners, native and non-native alike, and shows us once again we cannot trust the federal government, even when they sign an agreement.

The Minister has gone to the extent of providing special funding to the Tahltan people, even though, as he states in his August 4th, 1980 letter to them, there is a major policy review underway and no new funding is being allotted. The most insulting aspect of this, Mr. Speaker, is that the Minister has clearly broken the trends of the Memorandum of Understanding, which states: "There shall be one native claims process."

We have not received an answer to our letter of September 18th, to the Minister, nor have we been given a copy of the claim submitted by the Association of United Tahltans.

My Liberal friends in the Opposition have accused this Government of not being open, and trying to undermine the CYI process. They have even supported the COPE claim, but I say it is not we who are irresponsible. We have taken major, positive steps in regards to land claims. The Liberal federal government has, however, really done the people of Yukon an injustice and it is your government who will have to pick up the pieces and look out for the

welfare of Yukoners, and, Mr. Speaker, I can assure you we will do just that.

Mr. Speaker, the Yukon Government and the Public Service Alliance of Canada signed a new employment contract on September 22nd, 1980. The agreement is for a 10.2 per cent increase in the first year and a 10 per cent increase in the second year of the two year contract. In addition to changes in fringe benefits, the hourly rate of employees received an additional two per cent increase, effective September 13th, 1980, along with another two per cent effective April 1st, 1981. The contract also provides for a regional differential for employees living outside of Whitehorse. Depending on the distance from Whitehorse, employees will receive either \$700 or \$400 in each of the two years.

We feel this contract is fair, from both the employee and the employer point of view, and is consistent with other settlements throughout Canada.

In the field of inter-governmental affairs, Mr. Speaker, your Government is presently in the process of setting up the annual meeting of the BC, Yukon, and Alaska heads of government. The meeting will be held sometime in January and marks the first occasion that three elected heads of government have had to sit down at the table and discuss matters of mutual interest. The importance of such an exchange lies in the regional consideration that, just as Yukon development will be influenced by what happens in Alaska and BC, conversely, economic development and activity in Yukon will have an impact on the jurisdictions adjacent to us.

Mr. Speaker, the Pipeline Branch, which was established to provide a single window through which to conduct virtually all dealings of Government of Yukon regarding the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline, has been actively engaged in many areas since our last Session. These areas of activity have included: the finalization of proposed socio-economic and environmental terms and conditions, which, together with the technical requirements will govern the design, construction and operation of the pipeline; the negotiation of an administrative agreement with the Northern Pipeline Agency, which formalizes the consultative process between our government and the Agency; the preparation, in consultation with both the Agency and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, of a proposed easement agreement for the pipeline right-of-way. This exercise has involved a considerable amount of work in many areas, including land appraisal, along the entire route of the pipeline in Yukon; the continuing negotiation with Foothills and consultation with the Agency with respect to the question of the Yukon property tax as outlined in the Canada/USA agreement. We are currently at a crucial stage in our negotiations, but are hopeful that they can be concluded before the end of 1980, and the finalization of draft legislation concerning a Yukon Heritage Savings and Investment Fund.

During this period, the Pipeline Branch maintained close liaison with other orders of Government involved in the project in order to ensure that our respective operations were coordinated, participated in the mandatory meetings of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Consultative Council, and met with the Yukon Advisory Council on a number of occasions to discuss items of mutual concern. In addition, the branch continued its internal review of the many studies and plans required and prepared by Foothills as part of the project requirements.

To ensure that the proponent's activities can proceed on a timely basis, the Pipeline Branch has also undertaken to expedite the issuance of Territorial approvals for various land use which involves Commissioner's land.

I am very pleased to report, Mr. Speaker, that the Pipeline Branch has established a sound working relationship with both the Agency and the Foothills group of companies, and so appears to be in a position to monitor pipeline-related activities and determine whether or not the project is proceeding as planned.

As we all know, the drive to tap the country's hydrocarbon storehouse has moved beyond the established producing areas. Energy depletion has forced the attention of major producers to the remote, expensive northern reaches of our country. Dome Petroleum's activity in the Beaufort Sea, particularly in the areas north of our coastline, is of considerable interest and concern to us, Mr. Speaker. The development of a useful resource in a hitherto economically idle area will reinforce our presence in this area. To this end, your Government has embarked on a modest program to monitor the current exploration-activities. We have developed a working relationship with Dome and continue to be apprised of

their Beaufort Sea activities. Since the development of Dome's recent find could have major effects on Yukon, we have requested representation on the Federal Beaufort Sea Steering Committee.

In addition to the offshore hydrocarbon activities, we are also monitoring the situation concerning the Kotaneelee Gas Field, in your area of the Territory, Mr. Speaker. Recent testing of the field has indicated that the reserves are considerably higher than originally determined. If the required import licences are granted by the appropriate USA agency, we can anticipate additional seismic, exploration, and development work in the area. We want a piece of the action so that the benefits, be they employment or economic, flow to Yukoners.

To ensure our participation, we have initiated discussions with Columbia Gas and are hopeful that we can ensure some degree of Yukon participation.

In addition to the purely economic benefits, your Government has, since our last Session, initiated a study into the feasibility of utilizing domestic natural gas as an energy source for Yukon. As the study proceeds, you can be assured that this Legislature will be kept advised.

The Capital Budget that is being tabled, Mr. Speaker, marks the second time your Government has been able to present this Budget in the Fall in order to proceed with planning and the preparation of tenders through the winter. We are pleased with the new procedure in that it allows the projects to get an early start, and minimizes work delays which formerly resulted from construction having to continue into the cold winter months.

The multi-million dollar Budget will prove to be an economic stimulus to the local economy, and in addition will help to improve the quality of life in Yukon.

Mr. Speaker, this Government offers and delivers a multitude of programs which touch the lives of all residents one way or the other. We have endeavoured, and will continue to endeavour, to bring in measures which will permit all Yukoners to acquire recreational land. We have tightened up the penalties for the motor vehicle infractions, to remove unsafe and irresponsible drivers from our streets and highways.

We have cooperated with the Whitehorse Ski Club to ensure that a world class competition will be held in the Yukon, and that local residents will benefit from the use of a first-class recreational facility.

We have improved educational facilities in several Yukon communities and improved the delivery of the educational system to other communities. We are implementing a vocational training mobile unit to expand skills to residents in our rural communities.

We have implemented, and are continuing with, plans for a Yukon College and a modern and expanded vocational training centre.

We have expanded the teacher education program, to encourage local residents to obtain a higher level of education and then become teachers within their own communities.

We have streamlined and made more efficient our government car pool system in order to cut costs and encourage energy conservation savings.

We have amalgamated the departments of Health and Human Resources to reduce the duplication of social delivery systems and reduce costs to the taxpayer, while maintaining an efficient and effective social delivery system.

We have initiated improved highway maintenance standards and methods to enhance and ensure driver safety and comfort.

We are continuing in our efforts to reduce the high cost of building operation and maintenance by the implementation of energy conservation procedures.

We have redirected large sums of money to ensure the ongoing development of Yukon's second largest community, Faro. We are bringing in a new *Municipal Ordinance* to allow local communities the right to exercise greater control over their local affairs.

We have implemented studies into an agricultural policy for Yukon, so that local residents will be able to pursue a unique life-style and contribute to the economic well-being of the total Territory.

We are pursuing land management programs to ensure that the rights of some residents are not interfered with by the desires of others.

We are pursuing initiatives to ensure that recreational and cultural interests can continue to prosper and develop within Yukon.

We are working towards the enhancement of game management programs, to ensure that our wildlife does not join the list of endangered species.

We are improving our camp grounds and recreational areas, for the benefit of local residents and the comfort of our annual visitors.

We have initiated new programs to ensure the economic viability of one of our outstanding Territorial treasures: Dawson City.

We are working with the City of Whitehorse to improve recreational opportunities within this community.

We have concluded an agreement with the White Pass to ensure that Carcross area residents will have access to privately held lands, and are pursuing further negotiations to benefit other Yukon residents.

We have successfully negotiated a new collective agreement with our Public Service and are in the process of negotiating a new agreement with our teachers.

We have negotiated a comprehensive promotional program in concert with the State of Alaska and the Alaska Visitors Association, to bring more visitors and more dollars to this Territory and our economy.

We are working with the mining industry to ensure that Yukoners benefit from future developments, and have initiated discussions with the mining industry so as to assist them in their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the list is nearly endless. Government is not simply a headline about constitutional conferences or land claims negotiations. It is a daily, functioning entity, which we too often take for granted, which requires the cold eye of administrative diligence along with a warm empathy towards the needs of the people. We do listen to the needs of the people. We go out of our way to hear the views of the public and we respond, one way or the other, to their concerns. We try to ensure that the public has every access to their government and that we are, in fact, accessible.

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure you and all Members that your Ministers and the officers of this Government stand ready and willing to assist you in any way during our deliberations in this House.

Thank you.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, 1980 has been an extremely active field season for the Department of Renewable Resources. The Park Branch is in the process of completing several projects initiated over the past year through the Renewable Resources Subsidiary Agreement.

New campgrounds were completed at Marsh Lake, Kusawa Lake and along the Dempster Highway. Construction of a new workshop in the Whitehorse area is quickly moving to the completion stage and it should be ready for occupancy in November, 1980.

The Branch also initiated an Historic Structure Stabilization Program on the Yukon River at Fort Selkirk and Forty Mile, with funds supplied by the Canada/Yukon Tourism Subsidiary Agreement.

Conceptual Management and Development plans for the establishment of the Chadburn Lake Park were prepared in cooperation with the City of Whitehorse. The Branch also cooperated on a variety of programs with the Departments of Education, Manpower and Justice in providing employment, work and training programs.

The Resource Planning Branch is moving quickly to complete two regional planning areas, the East Kluane Region and the Dempster Highway area. As well, the Branch provided the initial start-up and planning required for a recreational cottage lot program.

Over the summer, production cost data was collected from various farms operating throughout Yukon, to assist in the development of an agriculture policy. The policy itself is in the final stages of development.

The Branch is presently cooperating with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in a study dealing with Yukon's fresh water fisheries. The major concern of this study involves the renewed interest in fly-in sport fishing by tourists and other non-residents.

The management section of the Wildlife Branch, Mr. Speaker, has continued to carry out investigations with the Porcupine Caribou Herd in regard to total number, recruitment rate, harvest rate, range investigation, migration patterns and timing.

Three major studies are presently being conducted on mountain caribou in the vicinity of Burwash, Mount Michie and the Bonnet

Plume. Of major concern is the determination of migration routes and timing, along with the location of critical areas such as calving and wintering grounds.

The Bonnet Plume study was made possible through the co-operation of the Pan-Ocean Mining Corporation.

Research on moose is continuing through the assessment of harvesting and the monitoring of six radio equipped moose in the Stewart-Yukon Rivers corridors. More emphasis will be placed on this valuable big game species during the coming year.

Several projects were carried out on Yukon sheep population over the last year, including sheep inventories, range assessment, and mapping of critical habitat areas. The study was initiated near Kluane Lake, from rams with deformed horns, and the results are still awaiting analysis by experts.

As well, the Branch is co-operating with the Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation in a study of sheep in the Faro area. These sheep appear to migrate across the Vangorda Creek Mining Development on their way to summer range, and the Branch will be putting forward recommendations to the company regarding mitigative measures.

The past season has seen extremely high levels of effort being spent on nuisance bear problems. Two areas of effort which appear to be well received are the pamphlet which is presently available from the Department entitled "Bear Facts", and the audio-visual presentation which the Branch ran for the exploration camps dealing with handling problem bears.

I am also working with my colleague, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, in respect to disposal areas.

The study of grizzly bears in the Ogilvie Mountain area is continuing, in order to monitor seasonal ranges, daily activity patterns, feeding habits and reproductive performance.

The fur harvest, Mr. Speaker, for Yukon trappers, reached an all-time high last year, and expectations are that new highs will be set during the coming trapping season. The fur section is now in its third year of a five-year investigative program on one of the most valuable fur-bearers, the marten.

The Branch has also continued with an inventory of our highly valuable falcon population during the past year. A policy has been developed regarding the harvest of this valuable resource, and I will be presenting this policy to Cabinet in the near future.

In addition to this work, staff has been co-operating with the Canada Wildlife Service regarding studies on water fowl, specifically in the Nisutlin River area. A co-operative program was also initiated on trumpeter swans.

The Field Service Section was regionalized this spring with the hiring of two new senior conservation officers, one for Dawson City and the other one in Whitehorse. Each officer has the responsibility for half of Yukon, and through this we hope to provide the public with higher quality services and staff, and additional supervision and training.

Over the past summer, we have constructed storage and warehouse facilities for the conservation officer districts of Watson Lake, Ross River and Haines Junction.

The Wildlife Advisory Committee, consisting of seven members who were appointed this spring, has held three meetings, and is providing valuable advice to me and the Department regarding wildlife use and management in the Territory.

I would like to announce, Mr. Speaker, a third request. Last week, we amended the regulations to allow for more public participation in their proceedings as had been requested.

Our Education Officer is now in the final stages of preparing a new hunter training instruction manual, which is a further step in developing our hunter safety program.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, as a government we have put more and more emphasis on game management enforcement, which we feel is important to the long-term protection of our wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Tourism and Economic Development underwent a major reorganization since the Spring Session. The Department now consists of five branches, reporting to the Deputy Minister. These branches are Tourism Marketing, Tourism Planning and Development, Special Programs, Economic Research and Planning, and Administration.

This realignment placed increased emphasis on the planning and development of Yukon's tourism product.

A separate administrative unit incorporating many of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee has been set up

to provide for greater control in the areas of financial management, personnel administration and general administration.

I will now provide you with a review of the past activities of the branches. In the area of mineral development, the department has taken on an active role in making industry more aware of this Government's position on development, and in developing a responsible working relationship between government and industry.

A number of factors has been responsible for this shift in emphasis. First, a full time mineral economist, who is actively engaged in developing a strong working relationship with industry, was hired. Second, my colleagues and I have visited, and become familiar with, general major mineral developments in the Territory. We travelled to areas such as Bonnet Plume, McMillan Pass, and we talked extensively with mining people to gain insight into future developments. Yukon's future looks bright.

Third, a major mineral symposium was held in June and brought together forty-five of the top executives involved in the mining industry in Yukon for a frank discussion in a number of key areas. As a result of consensus reached on a number of major development constraints during the symposium, our government has requested the presence of the Honourable John Munroe, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and Mrs. Judy Erola, Minister of State for Mining, at a second symposium, now being planned by our department, to be held some time in the next few months.

Finally, our government has worked diligently to put forward this government's economic development policy in a straightforward manner. We have indicated to the mining industry that our policy is to support development, provided that there are net benefits accruing to the people of Yukon, and that due consideration is made to minimizing detrimental effects to the natural environment.

As well, Mr. Speaker, the Department has been negotiating with various barium producers, and some petroleum, to ensure that the Beaufort Sea is supplied with barium from Yukon sources and that the barite grinding mill will be located in a Yukon community. Our government will continue to pursue this issue over the next few months.

In the area of energy policy, a paper outlining the Yukon Government's position on energy was presented to the Special Committee on Alternative Energy and Oil Substitution on September 18th. The paper is available to all members of the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, for those who may be interested in reading it.

In brief, the paper outlined the present situation of oil dependency in Yukon, and described the major policy thrust this government has to reduce this dependency in the future. The most critical thrust will be towards increased emphasis on energy conservation and towards a rational development of the vast array of renewable, non-renewable, and in particular, small hydro energy resources available to us.

In order to implement these policy thrusts, our government proposes to assume control over the management of NCPC, so that Yukon can properly plan for development in the Territory in a manner and speed dictated by Yukoners.

In support of the planning process, the Department has also undertaken to make some improvements to the quality and quantity of data available to business and government. First, the present five quarterly statistical publications have been consolidated into one single quarterly publication, entitled "The Yukon Economic Review". The publication, to be released in November, amalgamates the existing rent, real estate, labour force and price survey, and provides expanded coverage of a number of new areas. The publication should provide more information at lower cost to the tax payer.

Second, the June, 1980, Yukon Price Survey was expanded to include ten per cent of the items presently surveyed by the Consumer Price Index. This will provide data comparable to the official consumer price index.

In addition, a formal commitment has been received from Statistics Canada to undertake an official special prices comparison in Whitehorse in November of 1980.

In addition, we expect a formal commitment to conduct the consumer price index in Whitehorse by bid in 1981.

Thirdly, technical expertise has been provided to various government departments, most notably Justice and Health and Human Resources, to develop a proper information data base which will provide statistical information necessary for decision-making by your Government.

Finally, in support of growing demand by the private sector for information and technical assistance, the department has expanded its library and is providing much more technical assistance to individuals wishing to start new businesses.

A Special Programs Branch was established to manage and implement programs of the Yukon Government designed to encourage economic development and stability in the Territory. By organizing these programs into one branch of the department, a more efficient and complete service is provided to the private sector for whom these programs have been designed.

The Branch is presently responsible for four major areas, namely Special ARDA, the Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement, and an Energy Conservation Incentive Program. The implementation of the Special ARDA program has received increased emphasis over the last few months. A coordinator has been hired to provide full-time support to the program to ensure that the objectives are being met, and to provide on-the-job training. For native trainees, there is a Special ARDA program officer. The coordinator will be working closely with the CYI and other organizations to develop proposals for training and other forms of social adjustment, and for the harvesting of primary resources.

An agreement with Energy, Mines and Resources Canada to cost-share the funding of this program was designed last May. Since that time, implementation staff for the program has been hired. Initially, it is the intention of the program to respond to proposals for demonstration as put forth by the private sector. Due to a poor response to program advertisement in June, the second promotion campaign for this program was launched in September.

The program staff is also working on the development of a project proposal to be initiated internally.

A greater public response to the current promotion of the program is indicated, and it is anticipated that a number of proposals for conservation and renewable energy demonstrations will be put forward in the coming months.

The Energy Conservation Incentive Program was designed to provide energy audits and financial incentives to commercial, industrial and institutional establishments to reduce their energy consumption. The agreement with Energy, Mines and Resources to cost-share this program was also signed in May.

Due to the current national shortage of qualified engineers, some difficulty was encountered in recruiting implementation staff for the program. As a result, we will be offering energy audits for this program in January. Application forms for participation in this program will be available in December.

Since the passing of Bill 32, the Business Development Assistance Program, in the spring Session, the department has been negotiating with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to transfer funds for this program. Although the department officials of DIAND have agreed with the principle and concepts of the business development incentives program, there have been considerable delays encountered in seeking federal Cabinet and Treasury Board approval.

It is my understanding that a federal Cabinet memorandum, in respect to funding, has been prepared and passed for consideration from DIAND to Cabinet. Due to delays, it now appears that program funding will not be available until next fiscal year, depending whether or not Cabinet approves the program.

As reported last Session, Mr. Speaker, the Canada/Yukon Tourism Agreement came into effect in February of this year. The Department of Tourism and Economic Development has proceeded with implementation of a number of projects under this agreement, the following being a few of these projects:

- 1) in conjunction with the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, construction of a cross-country ski chalet in Whitehorse in order to stimulate off-season tourism activity, particularly in the cross-country ski markets.

stabilization of significant historic buildings in the Yukon River communities of Hootalinqua, Fort Selkirk and Forty-Mile;

improvements to the downtown tourist area of Dawson City, including installation of boardwalks, street surfacing, erection of street signs, cemetery rehabilitation, and improved fire protection;

a program of tourism incentives which provides financial assistance to the private sector to carry out tourism-related projects in one of the four areas;

opportunity identification, tourist attraction development,

accommodation development in Dawson City, and Dawson historic facades development; construction of a visitors' reception centre in Dawson City, which will be a reconstruction of the NC Company store originally constructed on the site in 1897;

development of training programs standards for wilderness guides, and also the rehabilitation of the Carnegie Library Building in Dawson City. The building will not only provide a significant historic attraction in the City, but will be placed in active use as the community's public library.

Financial assistance has also been granted to the Diocese of Yukon for the rehabilitation of the Old Log Church and Rectory in downtown Whitehorse.

In addition to these programs being implemented now, planning is underway for more long-term projects and programs in aid of tourism development in the Territory. As well, we anticipate announcing other projects for implementation under the Canada/Yukon Tourism Agreement in the coming months.

Mr. Speaker, the Yukon Tourism Advisory Board met in its semi-annual meeting in April and brought forward a number of recommendations pertaining to government's role in the Yukon tourism industry. The Tourism Advisory Board also recommended a number of grants in aid of tourism development amounting to nearly \$50,000, and these recommendations have all been accepted.

In response to an appeal from the tourism industry and members along the Campbell Highway, a new member was appointed to the board to represent the Faro region of the Territory.

Since the spring Session of this House, Mr. Speaker, the Tourism Marketing Branch has undergone a major program change and I believe this is significant. The program change has been the joint promotion program with the State of Alaska, better known as the *Worlds of Alaska*. This program consists of a major magazine advertising campaign throughout the United States. Production and distribution of five hundred thousand copies of a magazine and various other projects such as travel trade ads and consumer and travel shows. This year, Yukon is buying into this program which will be named *Worlds of Alaska and Canada's Yukon*. An eight-page section on Yukon, and special tip-in cards, have been inserted in the magazine. Upon receipt of the tip-in card by Tourism Yukon, the joint YTG and Yukon Visitors Association publication will be mailed out. In addition to the eight-page section, Yukon has been written into the opening pages and maps, and is featured on the front cover. An additional 50,000 copies of *Worlds of Alaska and Canada's Yukon* will be printed with specific information for travel agents.

It is interesting to note, Mr. Speaker, that the word "Yukon" through this advertising media is read by more than 40 million people.

Worlds of Alaska and Canada's Yukon magazine will appear in 42 magazines, primarily in the United States, but also in Japan, Germany and Canada. Magazines such as *National Geographic*, *News Week*, airline magazines and *Reader's Digest* will be used to gain maximum exposure.

The Department is also involved in marketing with the Yukon Visitors Association. The thrust has been changed over previous years with more emphasis being placed on joint marketing ventures as opposed to administrative assistance. The agreement between the government and the Yukon Visitors Association, signed on July 10th, 1980, is designed to provide a framework within which both the Yukon Visitors Association and the Government of Yukon may work towards the common objective of improving Yukon's tourist industry. The agreement spells out the expected roles of the Yukon Visitors Association to accomplish these goals.

It also details the financial assistance forthcoming from the Government of the Yukon to implement the programs. Fifty thousand dollars has been made available to the YVA for tourism projects on the condition an equivalent amount is to be raised from the private sector. An additional \$10,000 was made available for convention marketing under the same terms.

As of September 25, Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to report that the YVA has successfully raised the required matching money and have requested the financial commitment made by the Government.

In the spring Session, there was a commitment made by this Government that there would be an evaluation made of the Tourism Marketing Program. As you can see, the Yukon Government's

Tourism Marketing Program underwent a drastic change with the addition of a joint marketing effort with Alaska. It would seem fruitless to carry out an evaluation of the program as it has been carried out in the past. We will carry out an extensive evaluation of the joint marketing with Alaska to determine if this is a more effective way to meet our tourism marketing objectives. Regardless of the joint program with Alaska, however, we are carrying out a coupon conversion survey to determine the effectiveness of our immediate advertising campaign during the past spring. The results of this survey should be ready by the end of the year.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the departments are carrying out the mandate which was committed to the electorate two years ago. We have given the area of tourism a high profile since it is our second largest industry. We have also made Renewable Resources a high priority and just as importantly, Mr. Speaker, we have also created a climate in Yukon for investment which means jobs for our citizens. The potential of Yukon is unlimited, and with Yukoners involved, it will benefit each and every one of us.

Hon. Mr. Lattin: Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I submit to you my first statement on activities on the Department of Highway and Public Works since I took over the Highways portfolio this spring.

My association with the Department has been both productive and satisfying.

The main emphasis of the Department was in the field of improving the quality of existing road networks, both through our maintenance efforts and continuing upgrading program.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that we were able to do 158 kilometers of bituminous road surface treatment. While the majority of this work was on the Alaska Highway in the sections of Watson Lake, Swift River and Whitehorse, we also treated the Takhini Hot Springs Road for approximately twenty kilometers and also twenty kilometers on the Carcross-Skagway section of the Klondike Highway.

A further improvement was the treatment to the road from Stewart Crossing to Mayo with a calcium chloride dust control program.

Following a number of presentations made by small equipment rental contractors and in order to foster small business in the Yukon, we changed our method of renting tractor-tanker units for highway watering. We now award these equipment rentals for a three year period rather than annually, thus allowing contractors to plan three years ahead and also making it possible for them to obtain bank financing for new and replacement equipment.

The ongoing upgrading program of a highway system again focused on the Klondike Highway, between the Alaska Highway and Carmacks, where ten kilometers were reconstructed at Fox Lake and sixteen kilometers paved near Braeburn.

Mr. Speaker, on the Carcross-Skagway section of the Klondike Highway, nine kilometers of reconstruction were completed and the remaining six kilometers near Carcross requiring major construction work was recently awarded for contract.

The two-year operating program of the Boundary Road was completed, which eliminated many substandard and dangerous sections. On the South Canal Road, we are in the final stages of replacing eleven old timber bridges with large diameter culverts, under contract. The sudden mining boom in the Dawson area necessitated an immediate up-grading of the Hunker Creek Road which serves as a collector road for many small placer gold mine operations. We reacted to this need and carried out improvements with rented and owned equipment.

Mr. Speaker, also, I was pleased to conduct the official opening of the new Tagish Bridge early this September. In April of this year we were assisted by White Pass and Yukon Route to open the Carcross-Skagway Road a few days earlier than planned to allow the temporary use of this road by White Pass trucks. This was necessary to allow fuel to be hauled into the Territory, and to allow for the outbound shipment of ore when a railway bridge was badly damaged by a rock slide. Our immediate action was beneficial to the Yukon economy and was an example of the positive results that can be achieved when private enterprise and government work together to the common good.

A number of building construction jobs are completed, or are about to be completed, by various YTG departments, such as the school additions in Haines Junction, Watson Lake and Faro, and the construction of the Resources Workshop.

In summary, our roads and buildings are well maintained. Our

road system has been improved on an ongoing basis, and the construction program is, with a few exceptions, well underway, or continuing.

Mr. Speaker, finally, it is with sadness that we said good-bye to two distinguished civil servants with whom most of you are well acquainted. Mr. Ken Baker and Mr. Ches Campion have both retired. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both a happy a retirement.

At the present time the Yukon Liquor Corporation is working with the Chief and the people of Old Crow to see if we can resolve the liquor distribution problem in that community. We are not satisfied with the situation that has arisen in Old Crow, and feel we must work with the local residents to develop a more workable solution.

The decision to close the Highway Maintenance Camp at Destruction Bay was precipitated solely by a question of finances. New highway maintenance technologies and the funds required to construct new employee housing and a new water and sewer system left us with no choice but to make the move to close down the highway camp. We feel, Mr. Speaker, this was a responsible decision and we still feel that way. As a result of concerns expressed by the people of Destruction Bay, I travelled to the community and met with the residents. It was agreed that if our highway employees were prepared to build their own housing, we would ensure their jobs remained in Destruction Bay. The government employees in Destruction Bay have been given one year to decide whether or not they are willing to make a commitment to the community and build their own housing. On a recent trip to the community, we were informed that some people will experience difficulties in getting mortgages. I have formally written to the five major banks in Whitehorse asking them to explain their mortgage policies for communities outside of Whitehorse, and specifically Destruction Bay. Once I receive the answers from the banks, I will be informing the people of Destruction Bay. I will report to the House the results of our final efforts in regards to the Destruction Bay Highway Maintenance Camp next year, after our employees have made their commitments.

The Yukon Housing Corporation officially opened the Whitehorse senior citizen housing project this summer. It was named Greenwood Place in honour of one of the previous Anglican Bishops of Yukon, and in recognition of the fact that the site was obtained from the Anglican Diocese.

Mr. Speaker, as well, a smaller four unit senior citizens' housing project was recently completed in Watson Lake. We expect to have the building occupied in the next few weeks. A similar project is currently underway in Mayo with completion expected in late November.

Under the rural and remote housing program, two units are currently being constructed by the future owner/occupant and a third unit is being constructed by the owner. As well, there are currently two applications pending under this program. This represents the first activity under the home ownership aspect of this program since its inception in 1976. On a national basis, this program is under review, and YHC as well as CYI, locally, are participating in this review.

In staff housing, the only new activity was the removal of a surplus mobile home unit from Ross River to Faro, where the unit was required.

One of the most active programs in recent months has been the buy-back program under the Government Employee Housing Branch Ordinance. Since April 1st of this year, seven houses have been purchased with three more purchases pending. Four units have been sold with three sales in progress. The current inventory consists of twelve houses with a total value of \$709,447. This summer the Cabinet had to act to increase, on a temporary basis, the revolving fund limit to \$800,000 to deal with increased demands for the project. As well, Cabinet also implemented a temporary program measure to ensure that employees eligible for the buy-back plan prior to its revision at the spring Session would retain their eligibility even though they might not have occupied their homes for the last two year period now required. Naturally, this phasing in of the two year residency requirement is only applicable to employees eligible under the previous program.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the preceding, the Corporation's ongoing property management responsibilities are being carried out. The bulk of the ongoing scheduled maintenance necessary to operate the housing stock has been contracted with much of it completed and some going on at the present time. At the same time the capital projects under the energy conservation aspect of the

current budget are also underway.

During the Spring of 1980, a smooth transfer of responsibility for ambulance service was completed. As a result, some organizational changes are being made which will result in improved service. In addition, training to upgrade knowledge and expertise for ambulance drivers and attendants has been accomplished with the assistance of our Protective Services Branch.

Training sessions for volunteer fire fighters throughout the Territory have been ongoing as well and the competition to promote proficiency and interest have been well attended and very successful.

The Department of Municipal Affairs has been providing important input and has been very evident in the direction of negotiations on native land claims. Much time and effort has been devoted to this important process and I am sure the results of the native land claim negotiations will indeed relate to those efforts.

Mr. Speaker, later in this Session, new municipal legislation with expanded power to the local government as well as consolidation of existing power, will be introduced. This legislation has been prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs and much additional effort is required to put the legislation into place and to train local people to use it.

This summer saw the completion of the new water and sewer system in Dawson City and the employment of a full-time plumbing inspector for Dawson. The transition from the old system to the new went smoothly.

In the area of planning and community development, we have produced an accurate, up-to-date mapping system, and the gathering of data required to update community development plans in the future. As well, in anticipation of receiving the recreational cottage lot program from the Federal Government, resource information is being gathered to facilitate further development. In addition, a re-evaluation of all existing recreational lots was completed this summer. My department has also worked with Faro and Dawson to prepare up-dated zoning bylaws and building regulations. New regulations under the *Boiler and Pressure Vessels Ordinance* are now completed and will be in place very soon.

Work is progressing on the preparation of regulations to put into effect the Whitehorse North and Whitehorse South planning studies which were completed as a result of the joint efforts of this government and the Federal Department of Northern Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a brief outline of the programs of the departments under my jurisdiction. I am sure it is evident that these noted improvements indicate and demonstrate that this Government is dedicated to providing a better climate and conditions for all our citizens to enjoy. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a part of it, and to provide in a small way, this direction for a better life-style for all Yukoners. Thank you.

Mrs. McCall: I would like to briefly review the progress of my department, Health and Human Resources, since this Government was elected, and more specifically, since I was appointed Minister.

As a move toward coordination of services and more efficient use of staff, the Departments of Health and Human Resources were amalgamated in June of this year. Staff in Alcohol and Drug Services and Rehabilitation Services are now able to work more effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team with the staff in Human Resources. The communication, coordination and cooperation I spoke of is now in effect. Alcohol and Drug Services have been working closely with Crossroads and assuming responsibility for the assessment of all applicants to the Crossroads program. The program at Crossroads had improved steadily over the past several months, and in November of this year will become more flexible to allow a longer length of stay of up to 42 days, although remaining adaptable enough for some residents to complete the treatment program in 28 days. All residents will have planned follow-up upon discharge by staff in Alcohol and Drug Services.

The computerization of health records is being up-dated. The ability to use these records for research purposes should be enhanced. In line with the amalgamation of Health and Human Resources, the management structure of both departments has been revamped. The senior management positions, reporting to the deputy minister, will now be the Director of Child Welfare, Regional Manager - Whitehorse, Regional Manager - Field, Director of Research and Training, Director of Health Services and the departmental administrator. Senior staff within the department will be appointed to these positions within the next two weeks. Any positions not filled during this process will be advertised first in

Yukon and then, if no suitable applicant is available, broader exposure will be considered. This restructure of management will result in clearer delegation of responsibility and increased capacity to coordinate services and enhancing of the team spirit. I had to work for that one.

Since last Session, in line with the intent of the *Day Care Ordinance*, a Day Care Board has been set up, and the process of licencing day care centres and family day care homes is now almost complete. A 'meet the standards' grant is being provided to non-profit day care centres that existed at the time the Ordinance was proclaimed. I am confident that these initial steps will help to improve the quality of day care services in Yukon. The new Ordinance and Regulations were welcomed by the day care centres in existence.

In the last month, my department has taken responsibility from the Department of Education for one of its dormitories, namely the Pelly Block, and has purchased a house in the downtown area. These residences are undergoing renovation and will be brought into use to replace the Youth Services Centre at Wolf Creek.

One of the buildings will be used for short term assessment purposes while the other will be staffed to allow for more long term treatment purpose. By moving from the institutional setting to community based homes, we should be able to provide more consistent care and a wider variety of services for young offenders and their families. The future of the Youth Services Center at Wolf Creek is under consideration by the Government's Accommodation Committee.

In our field offices, positive initiatives are in place by programmed staff of the field services unit for treating as a top priority the development of coordinated links with existing agencies and organizations in the area served by them. This efforts have been instrumental in the reactivation of inter-agency planning committees. Groups in Watson Lake, Faro, Ross River, Carmacks and Haines Junction are active.

An inter-agency social development committee in Mayo meets regularly in the department office there. This coordination of service and planning is also taking place in collaboration with the Band Social Service Worker in each Yukon Community.

You will have noticed the pins I have distributed today to help bring to your attention that this is Foster Parent Week. I would like to give praise to this group of dedicated volunteers who give unstintingly of their time, care and love to our children in care. We always require more foster parents and therefore the focus of this week is recruitment. The key to good placement of children is to have a variety of foster homes available. This allows us to find the most suitable home for a child and one which is less likely to produce cultural shock. This is particularly pertinent today. We can take pride that our Child Welfare Programs work closely with communities to prevent children coming into care, but when such a move is necessary, careful thought is given to finding the most suitable home. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all foster parents, the backbone of our child placement system.

Recently I have attended inter-provincial meetings for Ministers responsible for Social Services and Ministers of Health. The latter was precluded by a meeting with the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare. It should be noted that progress has been made on a national level in Health and Human Resources. My officials and I did play a full part in these meetings; we were not observers, but indeed did have full participant status. Our attendance at such meetings is essential in terms of social and health planning and is important in terms of Yukon becoming increasingly a full partner with the provinces in their communicating with the Federal Government. Without this, we are without a voice.

During the last Session, I informed you that together with the Federal Government and funded by them, the Department of Human Resources was engaged in a feasibility study on improved management information services. This study is now completed and it has been decided to enter into a contract with the Federal Government to develop an improved computerized information system which should be extremely beneficial in terms of giving sound and readily available information to increase our social planning ability. That program will be 100 per cent recoverable.

To return to the field of alcoholism and drugs, Cabinet is currently considering recommendations emanating from the Brass Report. The report itself had only one major recommendation, namely that a Yukon Foundation for Alcoholism be established. In our deliberations we shall be looking at the pros and cons of an alcoholism foundation. Matters to be considered will be financial and

program control, makeup of the board of directors and program consideration such as coordination of foundation activities with similar activities in other social service areas. We are not satisfied, however, at this time that other alternatives for delivery of alcohol and drug services have been thoroughly explored.

We will not be making hasty judgment but will seek a means of achieving the optimum and most satisfactory organization for dealing with the complex and difficult problem of alcoholism and drug abuse in all its aspects. I am pleased that public interest has been aroused in this area and welcome the express intentions of CYI to be involved in solving this common problem. I am also pleased with the significant change in Crossroads and I am proud of the staff there and board members who are doing a superb job.

Important aspects of social services program delivery is to help ensure that appropriate public and private initiatives are encouraged. In pursuit of this, I have been actively supporting such important private programs as Transition House, Kaushee's Place, the Child Development Centre, Yukon Family Services Association, day care centres and the Rehabilitation Society which is presently negotiating for new premises. It is my intention to financially support the Rehabilitation Society in the purchase of these premises. Each of these groups is successfully pursuing its mandate.

Mr. Speaker, I have been charged in the past with always having programs under review. I trust that all of you are able to see that thoughtful review does bring clear direction and policy. In fact, the review process is one that should never end and certainly should not take place only at fixed times. While I am pleased with the direction of the department, it is my intention to continually evaluate and adapt programs to meet the needs of the people for whom they are established in the most effective and productive manner. Government should not be stampeded into political expedient solutions and I will not be.

In conclusion, I am determined that social growth and improvement should keep pace with economic growth so that Yukon continues to be a place for people to live and thrive, a very civilized frontier.

Mr. Speaker, this Department has come under fire in the past year or so. The criticisms levelled a year ago are no longer valid and I will not tolerate unjustified, unsubstantiated, destructive criticism.

My staff throughout Health and Human Resources have considerable achievements to their credit in the past several months. I wish to thank, commend, congratulate and encourage my Deputy and all my employees for that dedication in the past, and their continued efforts for the future in these areas which are so complicated because they always boil down to a question of human relations to which Government has to respond with human resources.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I was going to start off my short address with something to the effect that it was nice to see all these bright and shining faces opposite; however, over the past couple of hours I have noticed they have become less bright and less shining than they were when we started. It is very difficult for them to absorb all the good information that they are getting. I realize that it is going to be very difficult for them to criticize this Government; however, Mr. Speaker, in the interest of keeping all Members aware of some of the more interesting and important activities of the department and agencies among my ministerial portfolio responsibilities, I take pleasure in briefly addressing the House today.

Since the spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the Department of Education has been actively planning new developments and the maintaining general operation in each of its branches.

In the public schools branch, school committee and department personnel have been planning new building projects for Old Crow using a great deal of local labour in that project. I might add. Also at Carmacks, Pelly Crossing and in the Junior Secondary School in Whitehorse. The Watson Lake and Haines Junction additions have been completed and the Faro addition is expected to be completed in early 1981. Also the extensive renovations to Christ the King Elementary School, although behind schedule, are expected to be completed by mid-November.

Once again, this year the Public Schools Branch experienced a very low turnover of teachers. There were a total of 63 new-hires in the Department, of these 23 were Yukon residents, two were Yukon students, five trained at the Yukon Teacher Education program, five were re-hires and only 28 of the new-hires were from outside, filling general specialist positions at the secondary level or in the

Department of Administration.

Department personnel were faced with problem planning for grade expansions in Haines Junction, Teslin, Carcross and Christ the King High School. Also it has been necessary to continue and expand the English as a second language program in Whitehorse due to the influx of new Canadians to this community.

Through our contact with the Council for Yukon Indians, native language programs are now offered in sixteen of the Yukon schools. Work is continuing in this area, to assist the Indian people of Yukon to develop and maintain their traditional language skills. This has been a tremendously time-consuming task, but the coordination between the school committees, band councils, and the teaching staff has been of vital importance to the program to date.

Each year, with the opening of the schools, parents in the Territory experience some misgivings as the school bus schedule is firmed up. This year, to remain within budget, many changes had to be made, including some cut-backs in Whitehorse and in a few rural areas.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to thank parents in the Territory who were inconvenienced while the Department made their adjustments. Busing in the Territory is a very expensive item and has to be watched closely. Hopefully we have found reasonable compromises in bringing satisfaction not only to the parents in the Territory, but also to the taxpayers of this very expensive item.

In the area of student financial assistance, this year 154 students have received assistance in the amount of about \$275,000. This may seem low in comparison to previous years; however, the committee has several additional meetings left yet to consider applications.

The Yukon Teacher Education Program has been enlarged, with the addition of some portable classrooms in their campus here in Whitehorse. This is particularly necessary to accommodate the forty-one full-time students and fifty-seven part-time students who are taking courses at the Yukon Teacher Education program.

Of the full-time students, there are six former remedial tutors beginning their first year in the regular teacher education program. Two more remedial tutors are working and taking first year English courses at YTEP.

In the area of Adult Training, the Department is in the City of Whitehorse entered into a very significant training project for heavy equipment operators, that being the Porter Creek alternate access. The road is generally progressing favourably but, more importantly, the opportunity now exists for students to exit from the program with a great deal better training than they had previously.

In addition, several program changes have been made so that there will be an opportunity for training in sheet metal work and in the area of plumbing, in addition to the regular ongoing courses.

The Adult Training and Continuing Education Branch has also done a great deal of work to facilitate the organization and planning for a Yukon college. Much work is still yet to be done and we have budgetted a small amount in the capital program to ensure that complete and total planning takes place before this facility is constructed.

The highlight in the area of recreation has been the very successful hosting of the Arctic Winter Games. The Host Society did a tremendous job and we now have a problem, if you want to call it a problem, of equitably disposing of the surplus that was accrued.

These are some of the more important highlights that come to mind as I review the summer's activities. There are areas where not all has gone smoothly, but with a positive attitude and a genuine will to seek solutions to problems rather than engaging confrontation, the Department will continue to serve the best interests of all Yukoners.

In the area of Justice, we are turning the main thrust of expenditures away from expensive custodial sentences which cost us in the area of \$85 per day towards probation and community work programs, which cost some \$15 per day. We are attempting to recruit local residents in these areas, especially in smaller rural areas, as we have done in Mayo and we will continue to do in other areas.

We are also becoming involved in a general upgrading of management information for future planning purposes which will inform us how effective our programs really are, what they are costing us in both man years and in dollars, and where we ought to place our efforts in the future.

The current highlights in this area are four-fold. We are just completing a study on the correctional centre which will tell us

where we are going in the 1990's and where our dollars ought to go in capital expenditures and renovations to the existing centres.

We now have a planning consultant on staff under a contract which is cost-shared with Canada, and in about six months we expect to have some kind of a plan. When we implement the plan, we will initiate a case-tracking system which will enable us to follow individuals right through the system, from arrest or summons through the police system, from the Crown Attorney's Office to court to probation and/or sentence, whichever; even beyond that, if the offender is a repeat offender or if he commits crimes in future. This statistical and management program is expected to be a model for Canada and if we are able to follow through, I think that we will be a great help to many other jurisdictions in the country.

We have now two complete Magistrate's Courts, so although delays will occur in the hearing of cases, they ought not to be due to the resources available through the Territorial Government.

The court reporting system in both courts has also been streamlined, particularly in the Supreme Court where there have been delays in obtaining transcripts of up to one year or more. We have changed the system and have got up-to-date now with transcript delivery.

We are also heavily involved at the Deputy Minister level in preparing for the RCMP negotiations. The ministerial level is expected to commence very shortly and the negotiations will be difficult and complex because we are really aiming at two main goals. The first is to keep the cost for RCMP services down to a reasonable level in the Territory. This could be very difficult due to the fact that the federal government has indicated that they will be asking for roughly a fifty per cent increase in the Territory's contribution to the RCMP.

The second goal is to provide for police accountability and policy control by elected officials, such as the Solicitor General. I do not want to say much beyond this point because of the fact that we have not yet commenced ministerial consultations.

The Department is also heavily involved in a total revamping of the information system in every segment of Justice administration, which includes police, prosecution, court systems, probation and correction systems.

The original plan that commenced when I took over the ministry, with the amalgamation of all justice systems into a single unit, is working very well and all segments are cooperating with each other in a way that I do not think would have been possible in previous years.

With the new management information systems, we are catering to the future in a meaningful way to develop good programs and to help prune the bad ones.

With the emphasis on community programs which we have developed, we have held down the number of inmate days in the correctional institute and hope to continue this work in future. I would also like to take the opportunity at this time to compliment the line officers, not only in the Department of Justice, but in all departments within my portfolio, for the tremendous amount of work that they have done in the past little while, as well.

There have been two significant organizational changes in line with new directions taken in the Consumer and Corporate Affairs Department by this Government. In September I announced the establishment of a new Manpower and Labour Branch in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. This Branch will address, on a priority basis, the labour-related responsibilities of the Territorial Government while maintaining an active Women's Bureau and an important role in manpower planning in general for the government.

I am certain that all Members will agree that manpower and labour concerns are most important in Yukon. The Branch has specific responsibilities for manpower policy and planning, the Women's Bureau, labour services, occupational health and safety. We will also, hopefully, get the transfer of the mining safety inspector office to the Territorial Government within the next six months.

I would like to assure the House that I am committed to full discussions with Yukon employers, labour organizations, workers and other interest groups to ensure that initiatives taken by this Government in the manpower and labour field are sensitive to our needs in Yukon.

The other important change in direction involves Consumer Affairs. I was interested to note at a recent meeting of the Ministers responsible for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, that most of our provincial colleagues are also moving in this direction. Consum-

er education will be an important new thrust of this Government with our focus originally being to the education of younger residents in Yukon secondary schools. This consumer education program, you will be pleased to note, is being developed in cooperation with an active Whitehorse branch of the Consumer Association of Canada.

My department of Corporate Affairs, in cooperation with Justice, has been preparing, for the consideration of this Assembly, personal property security registration legislation. We are using the Uniform Law approach, following our provincial counterparts in Saskatchewan, and will be utilizing the new registry system recently implemented in Ontario and Manitoba and proposed in other areas in Canada.

We are a little ahead of most of Canada in this area, but the legislation, as you will see, will certainly simplify matters, especially for local business concerns. Our registry will be maintained by a computerized data base to facilitate services. At the next Legislative Session, I have also asked the department to initiate some investigations into the areas of corporate legislation in the Territory.

Apart from the Consumer Education Program initiative which I mentioned earlier, I have asked the Consumer Affairs people to review current consumer protection legislation. You will also be interested to know that at the recent meeting of Consumer Affairs Ministers from across Canada, the provinces are also seeking a degree of uniformity in this area and Yukon will be actively participating in discussions in this regard.

In spring, the new driver demerit system established through earlier changes in the *Motor Vehicle Ordinance* came into effect. No particular problems are being experienced except that after some recent experience with the system, I found that a \$75 fine plus three points on the demerit system is a little bit heavy and perhaps that should be reviewed.

The Government continues to place emphasis on the employment and training needs of Yukon women. The Women's Bureau, in conjunction with adult and continuing education, organized the delivery of a very successful pre-trades training course for women. We plan to offer it again. Another new initiative in programming will be tested this winter through employment orientation course for women, which will focus on the needs of homemakers now wishing to enter the labour force. As with the pre-trades course, this new program will again feature the involvement of local women's organizations in the design and contents of the course.

I indicated to the House previously, Mr. Speaker, that this Government had launched a review of our labour standards legislation. This review has now been completed. The department is now actively engaged in the preparation of draft legislation for the consideration of the Assembly in 1981. I am very concerned that employers and workers are not sufficiently aware of labour legislation in the Territory so we will be continuing a very active public participation process in bringing this legislation into effect.

A number of initiatives are being taken to address requirements in the field of occupational health and safety. As the first step, this Government is moving to rationalize the legislative base and to reduce the number of agencies administering aspects of occupational health and safety. The number of agencies causes considerable confusion among employers and workers. In this vein we are negotiating the transfer of the federal mining safety inspector personnel and program resources to this Government. We have completed a review of the legislative authority in the health and safety field and will be developing new, comprehensive legislation, hopefully with the view to eliminating about six pieces of legislation that currently control occupational health and safety in the Territory.

These comments, you will realize, are very selective and I can assure you that they identify only a small part of what the total Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has been doing over the last few months.

The Government Services Branch has been a very active branch also, and I would like to outline a few of the highlights.

The Systems and Computing Services are currently in the process of converting from the old IBM Series III computer to the new IBM 4331 system, resulting in increased computing capacity and, hopefully, better service to all government departments.

Total purchasing activity in the Supply Services Branch reached 19,500,000 with roughly 73 per cent of it going to Yukon businesses.

This is a continuation of a trend started when this Government took office, to ensure that the majority of goods obtained for this Government were from local establishments.

The Central Transportation Agency, which has as part of it, the chauffeur system, coordinated out-of-town travel. Itemization of transport costs, et cetera, is now in full operation. The immediate savings to this Government, of some \$55,000.00, is as a result of reduced acquisitions and a reduced fleet size.

The Queen's Printer also acquired new machinery in the duplicating area thus increasing capacity and efficiency and the asset control segment of that department netted some \$133,000 at a recent auction.

The Public Affairs Branch, as probably all of you have seen recently established and printed the *Sluice Box* which is an internal newspaper for government employees. Hopefully this newspaper will continue to be supported by employees in the government and become an important area of communication.

The Library Services Branch, through its instructional material coordinator position in the Department of Education, is working on the establishment of a centre which will integrate both departments' audio-visual services and provide a one-stop shop for schools to obtain instructional material. A review and reorganization of most school libraries which will be the contact point in schools for this service, has been completed. Work is now underway on a back log of unorganized audio-visual material in the basement of Whitehorse Elementary School and preliminary design of renovations to Whitehorse Elementary to accommodate this service have been completed.

As the Minister of Tourism and Economic Development has recently announced, we are planning to lease the Carnegie Library in Dawson City from the Masonic Lodge and to restore it as a turn of the century library is now underway. It gives me great pleasure to be able to maintain a building of such significance to Yukon heritage while at the same time maintaining a present day service.

Library development in Yukon has been on a plateau for some time because of economic restraint but the future looks very exciting. Planning for this includes the Learning Resources Centre, automation of libraries, the Carnegie Library, a new branch in the Mayo Administration Building and examination of the support role of public libraries to adult education services in communities outside of Whitehorse.

Our Library Services appears to be in good shape and to be responding to community change and community needs throughout the Territory.

Yukon Archives and Records Services have made a number of significant new Archive acquisitions. We have also undertaken to plan to accommodate the growth of Archives collections and to free space in the Territorial Government building for offices. In this program we have planned a combined Archives/Records Centre which will hopefully be located in the area or at the site of the new Yukon College. This will integrate the records storage environment needed for both facilities and will place the research capabilities of the Archives close-by future institutions with similar purposes.

The Archive's public programs have been unable to continue its Whitehorse lecture series, but it has continued a very active public program outside of Whitehorse. Film showings have b FILE ERROR

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Mr. MacKay: I move that we adjourn debate to a day following, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fleming: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Honourable Member for Campbell, that we do now adjourn debate.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that we do now call it 5:30.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Justice, seconded by the Honourable Member for Mayo, that we do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned.

The House adjourned at 3:53 o'clock p.m.

The following Sessional Papers were tabled Tuesday, October 14, 1980:

80-3-16

Deputy Speaker: Letter of Resignation

80-3-17

Granting of assent to certain bills which had been passed during the Third Session: Letter to the Speaker from the Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly

80-3-18

Statement of Needs for the Community of Faro, October, 1980

80-3-19

Yukon Public Service Staff Relations Board Tenth Annual Report 1979-80

