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Hon. Dan Lang	Whitehorse Porter Creek East	Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs, Highways, Yukon Housing Corporation, and Yukon Liquor Corporation.
Hon. Howard Tracey	Tatchun	Minister responsible for Health and Human Resources, Renewable Resources, Government Services.
Hon. Clarke Ashley	Klondike	Minister responsible for Justice, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and Workers' Compensation.
Hon. Bea Firth	Whitehorse Riverdale South	Minister responsible for Education, Tourism, and Heritage and Cultural Resources.

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Margaret Joe	Whitehorse North Centre
Roger Kimmerly	Whitehorse South Centre
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Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order. We will now proceed with prayers.

Prayers

Hon. Mr. Lang: I rise on a point of privilege, this afternoon, to bring to the attention of all members that, a week today, Mr. Erik Nielsen will have served the people of the territory as a Member of Parliament for 25 years.

As we all know, Erik Nielsen is a war veteran and has also served in a number of capacities as a Member of Parliament, not only as a minister of the Crown, but also as the present house leader for the opposition in the House of Commons.

Just as a side note, it is interesting to note that one of the major planks that Mr. Nielsen put forward in 1957, was that he wanted a new air terminal and, in 1982, it appears that within the next two years it is going to become a reality, so no one can say that government operates quickly.

I want to conclude by saying that no matter what the political stripe of the people of the territory happen to be, I think we are all very proud of the fact that we have Member of Parliament who has served the people of Yukon for 25 years and who has also attained the seniority that he does now hold in the House of Commons, with the likes of Mr. Stanley Knowles.

Mr. Byblow: Rising to the same point of privilege, I would like to say, on behalf of my colleagues, that we, too, recognize the endurance record of the hon. Member of Parliament.

It appears that anyone who survives for 25 years in the House of Commons is deserving of a well-earned retirement. Even if the hon. member sees through the airport project construction, we, too, would like to extend a congratulatory message to the hon. member.

DAILY ROUTINE

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

TABLING OF RETURNS OR DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I have for tabling the annual report the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan and the Yukon Hospital Insurance Plan.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any reports of committees?
 Petitions?

Reading or receiving of petitions?

Are there any introduction of bills?

Notices of motion for the production of papers?

Notices of motion?

Are there any statements by ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I am pleased to announce phase three of our employment development program. This government, in concert with the Government of Canada, represented by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, will sign an agreement to introduce a program of employment bridging for the purpose of creating incremental jobs.

The Yukon Canada Employment Assistance Program provides for the enhancement of unemployment insurance benefits and the provision of purposeful employment to unemployment insurance recipients.

This program will allow the utilization of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits for the purpose of undertaking activities to improve Yukon's present and future economic base. The focus will be on a community employment component designed to respond to local and regional priorities and to enhance and expand community resources and initiatives. There will be an opportunity to respond to unemployment at the local level by

implementing projects utilizing the skills of local unemployed.

The purpose of the program is to allow individual communities, community-based agencies, including non-profit organizations and service clubs, to retain or employ workers and thereby sustain Yukon's social and economic vigor. Businesses may also sponsor projects providing activities do not provide a competitive advantage, and all income derived from project is used to offset project expenses.

Proposals are encouraged for labour-intensive projects to focus upon: one, community development and improvement; two, tourism development and promotion; three, energy and fuel reduction; four, improvement and expansion of community recreational facilities.

This government has set aside \$300,000 for top-up of enhanced unemployment insurance benefits or other forms of assistance. A committee representing the Canada Employment and Insurance Commission and this government will select and approve project proposals.

This program while creating meaningful employment will also serve to bring an additional \$600,000 of enhanced UI benefits into the territory.

Mr. Byblow: I would like to say to the minister that we welcome the announcement of continuation. As we have indicated previously on a number of occasions, we support any beneficial program that encourages employment opportunity in the Yukon communities, especially during this economic depression.

In reference to the particular program that the minister describes, I am quite familiar with the program because it was an employment-bridging program that was instituted in Faro this past summer. That program saw a number of very useful community projects brought on stream and completed, so the program is a very useful one. I would hope however that the minister would closely examine the various problems that have been associated with that bridging program, as they surfaced during the trial period of that program this summer. Some of the problems are still being resolved. Primarily, the main problem surrounded the lengthy delays in payments to participants in the program.

It appears that unemployment insurance did not adequately streamline their computer facilities to handle the auditing of recipients of unemployment insurance who are participating in a work program, coupled with the topping-up exercise that the program offers. I would mention to the minister that, in fact, because of these lengthy delays, some hostility developed towards the program. I would hope that the minister, through the committee that she indicates will be struck to review the projects, will address this very carefully because it stands to reason that someone who chooses not to work in the program can very easily draw unemployment insurance without any problem. Those who chose to work and be productive in an employment program have to wait for their pay cheques, and that is not reasonable.

Another problem that surfaced on the bridging program surrounded project management. I realize that that is something, administratively, that could be looked after locally, so I would hope that the minister would learn from the experience of the bridging program at Faro this summer and, in its institution, correct those deficiencies.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I want to reassure the member for Faro that we have identified these two problems and that we have already taken action on one. If the member recalls, when I did sign the national training agreement with the hon. Lloyd Axworthy, in Vancouver, the concern of the member for Faro was relayed to the minister. I believe that they were questioning that the postal system, in fact, was possibly the cause of the delay in the people receiving their cheques. He gave me a guarantee, a promise, that he would look into the matter and I believe, since then, some people have been sent to Faro to investigate the matter.

As for project management, we are addressing this situation, as well, and I am not at liberty right now to disclose what we are doing; however, as soon as all of the necessary parties have been consulted and the negotiations have finalized, I will be in touch with the member by letter to inform him of what has passed.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Since assuming office, one of my concerns has been to look into the operation of the courts in Yukon and,

more particularly, the Yukon Territorial Court. I am interested, as I am sure all members are, in ensuring that there is public involvement and confidence in Yukon's courts.

⁶⁶ I recently engaged the services of an independent consultant, Mr. Les Peterson, to examine the territorial court system and whose report has been instrumental in confirming to the government the need for a change in the organization operation of the territorial court and a method of appointment and consultation with the judges of that bench.

We have a tradition in this government of valuing individual rights and freedoms above all else. One of the fundamental freedoms that any citizen in Yukon is entitled to, is the right to know that there is an independent judiciary available to him or her at any time that a person comes into contact, or into a legal conflict, with another person in our society, including government.

It is a basic concept of our Canadian legal and governmental system that the judiciary exists as one of the three independent institutions in the state, along with an executive and the legislature. There must be that recognition of the separate role of each that preserves, among other things, the independence of the judiciary. Canada has, as well, acquired, through the *Canada Act, 1982*, a Charter of Rights and Freedoms governing all executive, legislative and judicial decisions. The Charter reflects much of the law, custom and practice built up over the years.

The Canadian Charter of Rights recognizes the place of an independent judiciary in our society when, at section 11(c), it says: "any person charged with an offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law, in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal".

This government is now in the process of bringing Yukon into the mainstream of responsible government as it exists elsewhere in Canada and as we hope it will exist in Yukon sometime in the near future. We are in the process of developing and refining the territorial court and justice of the peace systems in Yukon as they are the basic components in the judicial system that affect the day-to-day lives of most of the public in Yukon. We will be bringing in legislation in the spring sitting to deal with the concerns about the independence of the territorial court judiciary so that they can function with the same status and independence that exists in other Canadian jurisdictions, and that is required by the Canadian Constitution. We will be: one, creating a judicial council to recommend judicial and justice of the peace appointments and to deal generally with the discipline of judges and justices of the peace; two, removing judges of the territorial court from their present status as public servants; three, providing for the judicial administration of the territorial court by its chief judge.

We are now and will continue to consult with the judges in Yukon, judges outside of Yukon, the legal profession here, other departments of justice and with known experts in this field, to design the most appropriate system for securing for the Yukon Territorial Court and the justice of the peace system, an organization that reflects our concerns for individual freedoms and the protection and perpetuation of an independent judiciary.

As part of our review of the legal system in Yukon, we have also established, as a priority for our legislative program in the spring, the implementation of self-governing status for the legal profession in Yukon, a concept which exists in every other jurisdiction in Canada.

⁶⁷ We see these steps as a progressive movement towards responsible self-government, not only for Yukon, but for those persons involved in the fundamental legal institutions operating in Yukon. We have the full support of the legal profession and the judiciary for these changes.

We look forward to continuing this government's ongoing concern and action in the positive growth and development of Yukon.

Mrs. Joe: I read the statement today and I was very pleased at a lot of the changes that are going to take place. Over the years there have been many many problems in the justice department and it appeared that out of a lot of people who came to work in the department, a lot of people had to leave because there were so many problems and there were so many changes that had to be made, and

they were not able to make them at that time.

In the last few months I have seen a lot of change take place and I am very pleased to find out at last that there are changes that are going to be taking place within the territorial courts because a lot of people did not really know that those problems did exist. I think probably the most outdated system they have had in any government department existed there, so that these changes will be welcomed by all people who work there and all people in the department as well.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I have a special ministerial statement for the hon. member for Mayo, as I promised earlier in the session.

I arrived today to announce today this government's policy directions for commercial highway signs. In addressing this problem, this government is aware of the careful balance that has to be maintained to prevent our wilderness landscape from becoming cluttered, and, at the same time, to allow the private sector to advertise its products. This problem has been brought to my attention on several occasions: as the October 4th tourism conference by individual private operators, and the Board of Directors of the Yukon Visitors Association.

There are a number of aspects to this problem. Thus, I have directed the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources to proceed in two phases. Phase one concerns commercial signs on territorial highways. Phase two pertains to highways signs in and around the larger communities. As there is no legislative base in the Tourism department, our department is drafting legislation under the *Highways Act* that will permit private advertising signs to be placed along Yukon highways.

While I make this announcement today, there is still much to be done prior to the actual implementation. For example, specific information on this policy has to be forwarded to the affected businesses, so that they can become aware prior to the beginning of the tourist season.

⁶⁸ The decision to allow private signs along the highways was not lightly. The vast majority of our tourists identify sightseeing the wilderness as their greatest reason for visiting the north. This includes the rubber-tire traffic that journeys our highways. It is not our desire to spoil the resource, thus several guiding principles regulate this new policy direction, some of the more significant being: each business may erect two signs on each major highway, one in each direction within four kilometres of the location of the business — a business for the purposes of these regulations includes museums, arts and craft shops, as well as lodges and service stations; the Department of Highways will approve the location and size of the signs keeping safety and maintenance considerations in mind; the present system of highway information signs will be maintained and under certain conditions private operators will be able to choose and advertise on these signs as an alternative to erecting their own signs.

I am pleased to report that the directions proposed in this announcement have the concurrence of the Yukon Visitors Association. Further consultation will take place with the YVA as the implementation date draws closer.

In phase two, highways signs in and around communities will involve discussions with the communities as to what direction they would like to pursue. Initial contacts have already been made at the officials' level with the Association of Yukon Communities and the City of Whitehorse. We are concerned particularly with those communities that have a number of potential advertisers.

I am looking forward to the same level of co-operation from the communities as I have enjoyed with the Yukon Visitors Association and the Klondike Visitors Association. With that in mind it is my intention to have both phases ready for implementation for 1983 tourist season.

Mr. McDonald: I can honestly say that I am most pleased to see the invocation of this policy direction for highway signs today. The minister promised that it would here this session and she has managed to squeeze it in on the last day. I was just sent a note from my colleague for Faro who suggested that I might mention that the minister gave a policy direction not policy today, but he suggests further that we should not quibble on details and that we should take the high road of principle.

We applaud the provisions to permit signing for commercial ventures and museums, et cetera and would trust that effective guidelines for both uniformity and balance will be laid out so that it no way jeopardizes or obstructs the natural beauty along our highways. We would also hope that regulations be not so stringent as to prevent small businesses from taking advantage of such an opportunity. Perhaps government assistance to erect structures could assist small operators financially and could help to promote uniformity and balance.

One concern that we do have however is that many rural communities with tourist potential may strongly wish to divert the steady flow of tourist traffic from the major thoroughfares such as the Alaska and Klondike highways. Unfortunately, the businesses in these communities would not be able to do so without breaching the four-kilometre limit mentioned in the ministerial statement this afternoon.

I am pleased to see that the current highway guidance line policy is not affected, by this new policy, enabling the minister responsible for guidance signing to improve the information system along the highways without further delay. We believe that the general thrust of the new policy is acceptable and we will be looking forward to full public disclosure of details promised, in the near future.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further statements by ministers? This then brings us to the question period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Question re: Cyprus Anvil Mine

Mr. Byblow: I have a question I will direct to the government leader. Given the concerted effort now being applied to encourage the immediate reopening of the Faro mine, is it still the position of this government to support either or both of a federal-territorial equity position in the mine, should it encourage the reopening of that mine?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: It is a hypothetical question. We have not been asked to consider an equity position by Cyprus Anvil or Dome, nor, for that matter, by the federal government.

Mr. Byblow: Has this government, then, participated in any discussions involving CYI equity in the mine and, if so, can the government leader report on that likelihood?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I recall answering the same question, from the same member, some weeks ago. The answer, at that time, was yes, the Chairman of the CYI had discussed with me the desirability of the Council for Yukon Indians taking an equity position in Cyprus Anvil mine. I told him, then, as I reported to the legislature that day, that it was my personal opinion that it would be an excellent thing for the CYI to do, if they were so inclined and if they had the financial wherewithal to do it.

Mr. Byblow: Can the government leader report today on the federal aid package, in terms of its current status; whether it has passed Cabinet approval and whether it is still being considered?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I was advised by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development yesterday, that, until there is a signed agreement between Cyprus Anvil and the unions involved, he will not be proceeding with his aid package to the federal Cabinet.

The minister assured me that he is prepared to proceed. He has a package together and he is prepared to take it to Cabinet. He has advised both the unions involved and Cyprus Anvil and Dome of this decision, as well.

Question re: Women's transition home

Mr. Kimmerly: A question to the minister of social programs concerning the women's transition home. I am informed that an application and a budget for block funding has recently gone to the department. Is the minister aware of it and is the department considering block funding?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: Yes, the department and I are aware of it and we are considering block funding. That is not to say that it will happen. What it is saying is that we are considering it.

Mr. Kimmerly: Will the minister say if the department will investigate a federal-territorial agreement for block funding of this program as was the case with Crossroads?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: We will investigate every means to have block funding if and when we decide that we will proceed with it.

Mr. Kimmerly: A supplementary to the minister responsible for Yukon Housing. The organization is, I am told, \$4,000 in arrears on rent. Will the minister investigate any possibility of an abatement of rent for the transition home?

Speaker's Ruling

Mr. Speaker: The question, again, makes representations, however, I will permit it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: The member can correct me if I wrong, but my understanding is that it is a federal house that they are presently utilizing, not a house of the Yukon Housing Corporation.

Question re: West coast fishing treaty

Mr. Porter: My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It seems, after 16 years of sporadic bargaining, Canada and the United States have finally reached an agreement on the west coast fishing treaty. Considering the fact that the minister has been in contact with Canadian representatives, can he tell us, briefly, what the treaty will mean for the Yukon salmon fishery?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: No, I cannot. I have not been apprised of all the details.

Mr. Porter: The treaty calls for the creation of a joint management board. Would the minister give this House the undertaking that he would prepare and submit the position of this government on the Yukon salmon fishery to the board?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: We have been in contact with these people and we will be making full representation on behalf of all Yukoners.

Mr. Porter: The Department of Fisheries officials have stated a desire to hold public hearings on the treaty in the Yukon. What is this government's position on those public hearings and, if it is positive, will they be participating?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: The position of this government on a salmon fishery in Yukon is presently being worked on by my department and, when it is put forward to me and I have brought it to my Cabinet, then I would be in a position to say what our position is; until then, I cannot give it to you.

Question re: Department of Justice

Mrs. Joe: I have a question for the Minister of Justice. On November 24th, I submitted a written question to the government leader concerning the recruitment of an acting deputy minister for the Department of Justice. Could the minister tell me if a person has been found?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: We have a number of applicants that we are very seriously looking at right now, but we do not have a certain person chosen, at this point.

Mrs. Joe: Could the minister give the House some idea of when the position will be filled?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Just as soon as possible.

Mrs. Joe: Should a person be found to fill the position, could the minister indicate to the House how long he would expect the person to be substituting as deputy minister?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: That depends on an awful lot of things. It could be six months, it is hard to say.

Question re: Mayo Administration building

Mr. MacDonald: I have a question for the Minister of Public Works or the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, whichever minister is in a position to answer.

I have been informed that construction of the Mayo Administration Building has ceased and that all workers are to be off the site by Friday; that is tomorrow. Could the minister tell the House if this means that the building is finished and, if so, will the minister be attending an opening in the near future?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: No, the building is not finished; in fact, it is

about 82 percent finished. The contractor has given notice to all of his employees that tomorrow will be their last day. I have found out through our sources that the problem is a dispute between the contractor and his bonding agency and, until that is resolved, I do not know exactly what will happen in that situation. However, I can assure all members of the House that we are fully protected by the bonding company.

Mr. MacDonald: I just have one supplementary to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, regarding the same project.

I understand that a number of carpenters who were employed on this project, earlier, have not received retroactive pay which was their due. Will the minister undertake to look into this matter and ensure that workers on this YTG building project do not lose out on the pay that they have earned?

Mr. Speaker: Again, the question is making representations and I must say that, in the future, I am going to have to respect the rule dealing with representations. These are things that ought to be made by substantive motion; and a decision of the House, made upon representations, rather than using the question period.

Again, I will allow the question but, in future days, I am just going to have to enforce that rule.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I have not been informed of this at all, but I will certainly look into it.

Question re: School buses

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the Minister of Education. The minister has stated that her government intends to save up to \$200,000 in this school year by having reduced the number of Whitehorse school buses from 14 to 12. Does the minister plan to continue the current level of bus service on a permanent basis or at least for the current school year?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I do not believe that I made the statement that we were saving \$200,000 in this year. I believe I referred to that amount in a roll-over effect and that next year that amount would be saved. The amount we are saving this year is maybe \$50,000 or \$60,000.

In regards to the maintenance of the service that we are providing at present; that will continue for the remainder of the school year because we have a contract that we must fulfill.

Mr. Byblow: Given what the minister has said, may I conclude that Porter Creek will continue to have one less than its former complement of buses?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It is not that Porter Creek has one less than its complement of buses. The total bus complement for the City of Whitehorse is down one. It was not a bus that was specifically assigned to Porter Creek.

Mr. Byblow: I think the minister would agree that the students affected were primarily from Porter Creek. I would like to ask the minister, in light of her government's cost-cutting measures in school bus transportation whereby so many poor school children are forced to walk in sub-zero temperatures up to two miles to get their education, would the minister accept from me a small measure of assistance towards restoring adequate bus service in Porter Creek.

Question re: Christmas present to Government Leader from Opposition

Mr. Kimmerly: I have a question for the leader of the government. I am going to ask the government leader if he would accept a Christmas present from the opposition. I was not able on my salary to afford the real thing, but I was able to obtain a black and orange Corvette. I would ask the government leader if he would accept it?

Laughter

Question re: Presentation to Minister of Renewable Resources

Mr. Porter: I would like to ask the member for Tatchun, who also doubles as the Minister for Renewable Resources if he expresses any fear for the big bad wolf. Knowing his answer and that is to the negative I would like to make a presentation to the member and it is a very good presentation inasmuch as it concerning the three little pigs; it is a book along with the

combination of a record and it is entitled "Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?"

As to which pig best represents him, I would leave that up to him, but I would suggest the one with the yellow hat; he is the one that is fiddling while the wolf stalks his companions. He can, during the down-time of the session, when he has some spare time, together with a SWAT team on wolves, they can sing along with this record. At the same time, I think he knows what the second present is and it is concerning pinocchio and the guy has a problem with his nose.

Question re: Christmas gift to Minister of Justice

Mrs. Joe: I would also like to know from the Minister of Justice if he would accept a Christmas gift from me in lieu of all the answers that I have received from him over the past six weeks. I would like to present him with a book. The title is "No Comment", and he will notice that inside, where there are no comments, where the cartoons are, there are all of his answers captioned.

Question re: Christmas gift to Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

Mr. McDonald: I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and I fully realize that I do not want to give him any medical problems. Would the minister, at this point in time, be prepared to accept from this side of the House, specifically from where I sit as a taxpayer, this broken record with many of the minister's greatest hits, including his latest release, "I Don't Want to Give the Member Any Medical Problems"; and included are the old favourites, "It is My Understanding and I am Going on Memory Now", "Jo Jo Lunchbuckette" and who could live without his latest rendition of "39 Cedar Crescent Blues". I am here to tell you, from this side of the House, as a taxpayer, that I am pleased to present to the minister his golden super-hits, top of the pop cliches.

Mr. Speaker: Am I to understand that the question period is to continue?

Question re: "Good Doctor from Hootalinqua"

Mr. Byblow: I have a question for the government leader. I would like him to insure me that his loyal colleague, the good doctor from Hootalinqua, receives not only our best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season, but also, from this side, that he receives this small item of professional equipment as a gesture of our esteemed reverence and unparalleled respect for his doctoral status.

Question re: Medal for Mr. Speaker

Mr. Kimmerly: It is out of order to ask Mr. Speaker a question but, in view of your perseverance over the session, I would like to do two things: wish you, personally, a very Merry Christmas and give you a medal.

Question re: Uncle Chris Anti-COPE book

Mrs. Joe: I would like to ask the government leader if he would accept, on behalf of his colleague from Old Crow, a Christmas present from myself. I looked all over town to see if I could find an Uncle Chris Anti-COPE book, but I could not find one. The nearest I could come up with was Aunt Erma's Cope Book, because I am sure that the member for Old Crow wants to learn all she can about "cope".

Question re: Presentation on private property

Mr. McDonald: I have a question for the government leader. I would ask the government leader if he would accept on behalf of the member for Porter Creek West a present from this side of the House, not something that has to do specifically with highway signing but has everything to do with enshrining private property and no trespassing on this property.

Question re: Gifts to Mr. Clerk, Ms Assistant Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms

Mr. Kimmerly: I have two more gifts. First of all to Mr. Clerk and Assistant Clerk who have no voice in the assembly and also the

Sergeant-at-Arms a short poem and I would read it:

"Whereas, it has become obvious that three minutes is ample time for any member to speak to the record to impress the folks back home, and

Whereas, it is equally obvious that no member of this assembly can speak for longer than three minutes without repeating himself,

Ordered, that any member who speaks at any one time for longer than three minutes shall, at the sole discretion of the Speaker, be shot, stuffed and displayed in a glass case in the territorial museum — bearing around his neck the legend —

'Here am I, for ever enshrined,

My mouth is open, teeth are shined:

My colleagues' treatment less than kind

I talked them all deaf, dumb and blind.' "

For the two women who take down every word we say, I know that they think we are fools. I would like to prove it.

Mr. Kimmerly pulls a long multi-coloured collapsible streamer from his mouth

Laughter

Question re: Gift for Member for Kluane

Mr. Porter: The member from Kluane should not feel left out. It is just that I had simply forgotten to bring my present along, but I could not find a stuffed wolf. However, I did manage to find a little red riding hood record and I will give it to you at coffee.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps at this time we can get back to the business of the assembly. I will declare that the question period has certainly come to an end and we will proceed to government bills and orders.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Bill No. 9: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Third Reading, Bill No. 9 standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Ashley.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill No. 9, *An Act to Amend Workers' Compensation Act*, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education that Bill No. 9 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the bill?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Yes, I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 9, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 9 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion as carried and that Bill Number 9 has passed this House.

Bill Number 5: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Third reading, Bill Number 5, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Ashley.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill Number 5, *An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act*, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill Number 5 be now read a third time.

Mr. Kimmerly: I would give a very short speech, in order to say that there are substantial improvements in the present law in these amendments, although two, which are lacking, are a proper security of tenure for mobile home sites and a clarification of the law of residential tenancies, as it affects employer and employee relationships. It is unfortunate that those areas were not adequately

dealt with; nevertheless, it is an improvement in the law.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I believe, in answer to what the hon. member across the floor just said, that union negotiations and collective bargaining is the right place for the employee/employer relationship to be in housing.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt a title to the bill?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Yes, I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill Number 5, *An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act*, do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill Number 5 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion as carried and that Bill Number 5 has passed this House.

Bill Number 20: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Third reading, Bill Number 20, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Ashley.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 20, *An Act to Amend the Companies Act*, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 20 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Ashley: I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 20, *An Act to Amend the Companies Act*, do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 20 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion as carried and that Bill No. 20 has passed this House.

Bill Number 18: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Third reading, Bill Number 18, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Pearson.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Bill Number 18, *Third Appropriation Act, 1982-83*, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 18 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Bill Number 18 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill Number 18 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion as carried and that Bill No. 18 has passed this House.

Bill Number 17: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Third reading, Bill Number 17, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Pearson.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, that Bill Number 17 be not now read a third time, but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering clause 9.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, that Bill Number 17 be not now read a third time but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering clause 9.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Lang: I move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order. We will have a short break.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order.

Bill Number 19

Mr. Chairman: We will go to Municipal and Community Affairs, at page 24. Is there any general debate?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I will take the liberty of giving a brief run-down of the line items and, if one has any questions, then we can get into them as we go through.

In fire services, it is indicated that the amount is for a replacement of firefighting equipment throughout the territory, with the largest expenditure being \$75,000 for a fire truck garage in the community of Mayo.

In ambulance services, we intend to replace one of our ambulances; road, streets and sidewalks, we are looking at a new access road into Carcross, in view of the visitors reception centre, which is estimated at \$50,000; in Carmacks, we will be doing some resurfacing of the river road; in Old Crow, there will be some street upgrading and we will be completing the cemetery road, which I am sure the member for Old Crow will be pleased to see completed.

We do have an allocation of \$20,000 for firewood access roads, which we will be working on, as I indicated in question period some time ago, with Forestry in certain communities. There will be a certain amount of money for cottage lot subdivisions; also, there will be some completion of Crestview and the Crag road.

As far as local services are concerned, we are looking at purchasing a sewage truck for the community of Teslin and, also, a steamer for Carmacks. There will be a certain amount of upgrading of the TV systems throughout the territory and we have allocated approximately \$70,000 for this, which is just an estimate, at this time. We have an individual doing a study of the present TV installations and, until that comes in, we will not know exactly what the costs will be.

In land development, the major items are: in Whitehorse, the completion of the Golden Horn subdivision and the Cowley Lake subdivision; in Porter Creek, we will be doing some remedial work; and we will also be doing a cottage lot survey and some quarry development, especially in the Whitehorse area.

In the community assistance program, there is going to be some pre-engineering done, which is ongoing every year. There are some monies available for the Beaver Creek Community Hall; we are going into Carmacks to look at their sewage treatment plant and there will be some work done there; in Mayo, we will be doing some design work for the long-term project of a sewage lagoon, depending on finances; in Teslin, there will be some work done on the LID office, depending on some negotiations going on between the LID and the Government of Yukon and there is certain work to be done on garbage dumps. For the member for Campbell's information, I did commit myself, and the member for Campbell supported, a new garbage dump in the community of Teslin.

There are a number of projects ongoing in Whitehorse. One, of course, is Second Avenue. This has a fair amount of publicity. We do have some monies allocated to upgrade the Jim Light Arena. There is a certain amount of work that has to be done on the roads in Crestview and, also, there will be some work done for sewage treatment in view of the question mark as far as the sewage lagoon

in Whitehorse is concerned.

There is also some work that has to be done on the Riverdale reservoir in conjunction with the City of Whitehorse, and in Haines Junction there will be some design of the storage and pump house in that community.

As far as the capital assistance program is concerned, I should point out that this is a very tentative list. It can change and, of course, it becomes firm when I come back with a supplementary to indicate which particular projects were actually undergone.

You will note that we have also allocated a substantial amount of money for the BST treatment. We are looking at Carmacks, Watson Lake, as well as reaching an agreement with Whitehorse, and we will be discussing it with various other communities as well.

There is also monies allocated to complete the Watson Lake arena which is primary there for the purposes of building an area for the Zamboni. The Whitehorse public works compound is an ongoing program which will be completed this year and that is the Cassiar building that was purchased by the City of Whitehorse, in conjunction with YTG, through the Capital Assistance Program last year. Certain work will have to be done to upgrade it to complete it.

Of course, we have our pet project, from all sides of the House, which is the Porter Creek alternate access road of which, I am sure, all members realize the necessity it should be completed. This should complete phase three of the project.

Dawson City water and sewer repairs, as I indicated, seems it is going to with us for some time and a certain amount of work is going to have to be done there, both in improvements which is purchasing some materials, about \$110,000 worth. The remainder is an estimate in respect to further problems that we may have with the sewage system itself. Hopefully, that will not happen.

Haines Junction sewage lagoon: this is the first part of a three-year program. Mayo admin. building: depending on what happens, we hope to complete that particular project. Watson Lake sewage lagoon, we are going ahead with. Dawson City survey surface drainage is part of a two-year program which will be finished this coming year. It was cost-shared 70-30 with the City of Dawson and it should solve a lot of their problems as far as the drainage in that community. Haines Junction swimming pool: hopefully, it will go a long ways to getting that particular project completed on which the community of Haines Junction has done a lot of work and a lot of fund raising to get it to the stage it is at at the present time. Also, the Pelly Crossing swimming pool: there is some monies allocated for that.

We are looking at flood damage reduction research which would be in conjunction with the Government of Canada and it is basically a line item. We are not exactly sure just what the negotiations will bring for us.

Mr. Porter: In respect to the signing on capital expenditure priorities with the communities, how is that process undertaken?

Hon. Mr. Lang: The communities are contacted in respect to the various projects that they would like to see go ahead and then all the information is brought forward. Then we go through it and we make decisions on just exactly what monies are to be made available.

Mr. Porter: Are they asked to submit a five-year capital works program, or a budget?

Hon. Mr. Lang: It is my understanding that they are in the process of being asked for a five-year project and of course that is one of the requirements under the new *Municipal Act* when it does come into place. I believe they do give some forecast of what projects could go ahead. I am not entirely sure if it is five years at the present time, but it will be five years for sure.

Mr. Porter: And, during that process the community supposedly would identify a wide range of capital works projects they would like to envision to take place. In the cases where, like we have have this year, there is not as much money as people would like or is available to undertake capital works projects throughout the Yukon, when a community makes a decision to undertake construction of a specific program, do they by and large get support from the department in that decision?

Hon. Mr. Lang: As soon as the project is agreed upon between the two levels of government, we find communities and the

government are both co-operative in getting ahead with the project and getting it under way.

On Fire Services

Mr. Porter: I understood that Teslin was last year slated for some resources to construct an addition to provide for a firehall. Does the minister know anything about it? If he does, can he tell us the status?

Hon. Mr. Lang: We are going to go with some upgrading of firehalls throughout the territory, but we are not going to go with any new ones at the present time. It is one of the areas that we felt we could get by without for another year without going into training rooms and this type of thing which some people might see as frills. I think in the long term it will come to pass, but that is not just for the community of Teslin. There are other communities as well.

Fire Services in the amount of \$120,000 agreed to

On Ambulance Services

Ambulance Services in the amount of \$32,000 agreed to

On Roads, Streets and Sidewalks

Roads, Streets and Sidewalks in the amount of \$175,000 agreed to

On Local Services

Local Services in the amount of \$165,000 agreed to

On Land Development

Land Development in the amount of \$750,000 agreed to

On Community Assistance Program

Mr. Byblow: I have a couple of questions. First, does the minister choose the projects to be funded under this program under the existing legislation, the *Capital Assistance Ordinance*?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If the final go-ahead does come across my desk, but it is in co-operation with the community and it is on a cost-shared basis.

Mr. Byblow: With respect to the CAP program, can the minister say that the project's advance for funding by the municipalities are for the most part accepted in this funding complement here, the near \$2,000,000 we have. I ask this because I am looking here at a five-year capital budget estimate on the community of Faro. Certainly, if I took into account the Government of Yukon portion-funding for the capital awards outlined by this, there is not enough here even for that community. I am a little curious as to — much along the same line of questioning as my colleague was pursuing — the priority considerations.

Hon. Mr. Lang: It depends on how much money is available. It is similar to what happened two years ago where we delayed a number of projects to put the money into Faro to put the water and sewer project in. So it is not a question of one community against another; it is a question of priorities and what has to be done and what is most urgent.

If you take, for example, Whitehorse, which has not had much money made available for the purpose of recreation, we have a situation where the Jim Light Memorial arena is in real major structural problems. So the city has put in application for it, but the final decision does come across my desk. That is the question.

Mr. Byblow: I appreciate the answer. Very specifically then, can the minister tell me at this time if we have any identified capital assistance money identified for Faro next year?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Not at the present time. My list tells me we have approximately \$120,000 that has not been designated. But, as I indicated to you, it is a very tentative list and it could change. For example, in Teslin, on my trip there, they said that they would sooner look at a new water reservoir as opposed to the one that is presently in place and as opposed to a new water and sewer system. That is an area which we may say "look, priority wise, maybe that is one thing that should be going ahead this year, depending on how things go".

Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$1,967,000 agreed to

On Bituminous Surface Treatment Program

Bituminous Surface Treatment Program in the amount of \$800,000 agreed to

On Watson Lake Arena

Mr. Porter: I would just like to ask a question here; this is the

second year of a two-year project estimated to cost \$475,000, so, is this is a last expenditure from this department on this project?

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is correct.

Mr. Porter: There was an announcement earlier by the Minister of Education and Tourism to the effect of expenditures in this area in respect to a job creation program. Could we have again an enunciation of the particular amount from the minister?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I am just going on memory but I believe it was approximately \$150,000, and that is figured into that \$475,000, so the total project is \$475,000.

21 Watson Lake Arena in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Public Works Compound

Whitehorse Public Works Compound in the amount of \$347,000 agreed to

On Porter Creek Alternate Access

Porter Creek Alternate Access in the amount of \$850,000 agreed to

On Dawson City Water and Sewer Repairs and Improvements

Dawson City Water and Sewer Repairs and Improvements in the amount of \$360,000 agreed to

On Haines Junction Sewage Lagoon

Haines Junction Sewage Lagoon in the amount of \$500,000 agreed to

On Mayo Administration Building

Mayo Administration Building in the amount of \$25,000 agreed to

On Watson Lake Sewage Lagoon

Watson Lake Sewage Lagoon in the amount of \$1,380,000 agreed to

On Dawson City Surface Drainage

Dawson City Surface Drainage in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to

On Haines Junction Swimming Pool

Haines Junction Swimming Pool in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to

On Pelly Crossing Swimming Pool

Pelly Crossing Swimming Pool in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to

On Flood Damage Reduction Research

Mr. Porter: I was wondering if it would be appropriate, at this point, to ask the minister responsible about the escarpment here in Whitehorse and the earlier announced program to buy back property in that area?

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is an ongoing program; we have not allocated any money for this forthcoming year because we are trying to make it as job intensive as we possibly can. I think we have, outstanding, approximately ten homes in which people can live as long as they want, but it would not be our plans to purchase any in this forthcoming year. We purchased one last year; the year before we purchased none.

Flood Damage Reduction Research in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

Mr. Byblow: Just before we clear the vote, I have a general question. In earlier debates with the government leader, surrounding the aid package of this government to Cyprus Anvil, the government leader provided the details of what their offer was. In fact, on November 3rd, he said that the Government of Yukon had offered the following assistance and it included a one-time grant of \$353,000, in 1983-84, under the Capital Assistance Program.

Earlier, I asked the minister about whether there was any capital money in the books for Faro. He said there was none; however, he did not rule out some loose \$150,000 in the budget elsewhere. We have gone now through the budget and I want him to try and identify that.

Hon. Mr. Lang: It is not in the budget. If Cyprus Anvil goes to work, we will be negotiating with the community of Faro and Cyprus Anvil, with respect to that particular part of what we call the aid package to Cyprus Anvil, from the Government of the Yukon Territory. We may delay some projects to go ahead with that, if negotiations are successful or if there is some working capital available. Those are choices that we would have to look at, at that time, similar to what we did when we changed money to put

the water and sewer in the hon. member's community two years ago.

Mr. Byblow: I do not want to get into a long debate because I do not want to touch it. The minister has to leave, I know, but it ought to have been a line item for a dollar, if nothing else, according to the principles enunciated earlier as to how this budget is assembled.

On Miscellaneous Equipment

*Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$5,000 agreed to
Municipal and Community Affairs in the amount of \$7,837,000 agreed to*

On Department of Highways and Transportation

Hon. Mr. Lang: As you can see, we are spending a significant amount of money in this area for the forthcoming year. A number of them are ongoing projects that are a continuation from years past and for further improvements. Our major highway development, of course, is the Klondike highway. The new are that we are looking at is tourist look-outs, which I will be working closely with the Minister of Tourism on to designate, and various works will be done for the travelling public there. We have some set aside for both recreational road construction as well as the mineral access.

One area that you will notice is not here — I am sure the member for Faro will raise the question and I might as well answer it now — is the continuation of the Faro access road. As you know, we finished the first part of it. We are doing the slashing over the course of this winter, but it is our contention, until we find out whether or not Cyprus Anvil is going back to work and there is further traffic on the road, we will not be doing the reconstruction. It is in our long term plans. I can make the commitment; if the Cyprus Anvil mine goes back into operation and the traffic is similar to what it was prior their shut-down, then we will be going ahead with that project within probably not this budget but the following budget.

Mr. Byblow: I certainly did observe, in quickly looking through the budget, the absence of that line item. It brought to mind something the government leader said earlier, when he was talking about priority considerations of capital budget funding and that items that were in process, or in progress, were continuing. Certainly that was one that was in process and I questioned in my mind why it was not continued and I can accept and understand the minister's explanation.

However, I would remark that, should we have a mine reopening immediately, that is within the next few months, and full production through the course of next summer, nothing has really changed from the traffic volumes and hazardous conditions of that road. Certainly what opportunity does this government have then to expedite some reconstruction this coming year, recognizing some very dangerous and hazardous conditions of portions of the remaining section?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I would not be prepared to make a commitment. It is a hypothetical question. It is a question of whether or not Cyprus Anvil goes back into production. At that time, I would be prepared to look at the situation.

Mr. Byblow: I think I would like to say to the minister that we should all be with the firm resolve that the mine is going back.

On Sundry Equipment

Sundry Equipment in the amount of \$250,000 agreed to

On Miscellaneous and Minor Projects — Roads

Mr. McDonald: I wonder if the minister could just explain this item briefly and explain why there is decline reflected here? Is this a decline a result of reduced demand for such projects or is it not given as high a priority by the government?

Hon. Mr. Lang: This is strictly minor projects that would have to be undergone; if there has to be a passing lane or something of this nature. It is strictly a line item.

Miscellaneous and Minor Projects — Roads in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Pre-Engineering — Highways

Pre-Engineering — Highways in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Exhaust Systems — Maintenance Buildings and Workshops

Exhaust Systems — Maintenance Buildings and Workshops in the amount of \$448,000 agreed to

On Maintenance Camp Facilities

Maintenance Camp Facilities in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to

On VHF Radio System

VHF Radio System in the amount of \$60,000 agreed to

On South Canol Road Drainage Replacement

South Canol Road Drainage Replacement in the amount of \$530,000 agreed to

On Klondike Highway

Klondike Highway in the amount of \$3,080,000 agreed to

On Other Roads — Recreation and Mineral Access

Other Roads — Recreation and Mineral Access in the amount of \$500,000 agreed to

On Tourist Lookouts

Mr. Byblow: I would like to ask what we are considering here. Are we talking about just signs respecting historical places of interest? Are we talking about kiosks? What are we talking about?

Hon. Mr. Lang: We are just talking about pulloffs and scenic areas. There will be a sign, I imagine, erected that will probably be of historical interest or of some tourist scenic value.

Tourist Lookouts in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

Highways and Transportation in the amount of \$5,418,000 agreed to

On Yukon Housing Corporation

Mr. Chairman: We will now go to Housing, on page 70. Is there any general debate?

Hon. Mr. Lang: There are a number of projects getting under way here; waste heat recovery, which is cost-shared with the Government of Canada, and it is for a number of our houses within the area of Whitehorse and other communities. The idea is for the purposes of energy conservation and the same applies for the modernization and improvements, more or less.

Under senior citizens, there is some new reconstruction in the Dawson City area. The Bishop's residence, which I am sure the member for Whitehorse South Centre will be pleased to see, is in there. We have, over the course of this winter, some money for retrofitting the interior, which is already under way. We intend to do a fair amount of the work through the vocational school class, in some part, and we will be discussing with the residents exactly what the residence should be used for.

Under rural and native housing, it is a line item, and thermal upgrading is similar to the first two line items, and that is to basically do further energy conservation.

Mr. Byblow: I have much the same question as I had at the tail end of the Highways' budget. Again, referring to the government leader's information surrounding the capital assistance that they have put on the table respecting the housing in the community of Faro, we were talking about \$1,200,000 that this government was considering towards the purchase of certain units for staff quarters, as opposed to the construction of an apartment block. Where is it?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If we get to the point where Cyprus Anvil opens and, secondly, if we go into negotiations and they are successful, you will get the opportunity to vote the money.

Mr. Byblow: As I said earlier, I hope the government is taking the position that the mine will open and that plans are being made in that context. We cannot take any other position.

Hon. Mr. Lang: We would like to be optimistic that the mine is going to open. If it opens, I have indicated to the member opposite that, if certain steps are taken, then you will get the opportunity to vote the money. We have made a commitment; we will fulfill that commitment.

On Capital Grant to Yukon Housing Corporation

Capital Grant to Yukon Housing Corporation, in the amount of \$199,000, agreed to

Yukon Housing Corporation in the amount of \$199,000 agreed to

On Yukon Liquor Corporation

Mr. Chairman: We will now go to page 74, Yukon Liquor Corporation. Is there any general debate?

On Liquor Store and Headquarters Equipment

Liquor Store and Headquarters Equipment in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to

On Forklifts and Pallet Trucks

Forklifts and Pallet Trucks in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to
Yukon Liquor Corporation in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to

²⁵ *On Department of Education**On Miscellaneous School Equipment*

Mr. Byblow: I recall from last year that in school equipment we had voted a line item for special education; that is, specific requirements in that category of programming. Can the minister assure me that, in this \$275,000, we are still meeting the needs in that area?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, we are.

Miscellaneous School Equipment in the amount of \$257,000 agreed to

On G.A. Jeckell School Windows and Skylights

G.A. Jeckell School Windows and Skylights in the amount of \$130,000 agreed to

On Grey Mountain Primary School Roof

Mr. Byblow: I remember some very interesting debates surrounding the Grey Mountain Primary School. Do you mean to say that it is not fixed yet?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: This is very high priority on the list of the Minister of Education. The Grey Mountain Primary roof has not been fixed satisfactorily so we have identified capital funds this year in order that the roof is fixed once and for all.

Grey Mountain Primary School Roof in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Pelly Crossing School

Pelly Crossing School in the amount of \$125,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Elementary School Renovations

Whitehorse Elementary School Renovations in the amount of \$865,000 agreed to

On Christ the King High School Expansion

Christ the King High School Expansion in the amount of \$1,700,000 agreed to

On Carcross School Expansion

Mr. Byblow: In these capital funds, is money included for installation of a holding tank for water?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: To relieve the member's anxieties about the water tank in Carcross, there is a tank presently being constructed. It had to be made of wood and fibreglass and it will be installed next week. Apparently they were just fibreglassing it this week. It will be installed in Carcross and ready for service. The water that the children are presently using has no arsenic in it so it is completely safe and we now have results of the hair samples that have come back from the children in Carcross and there was no evidence of an accumulation effect of the arsenic. Even though the water in the community well of Carcross was not at what the health officials call a desirable level or a level that you reach for, it is safe for a lifetime of consumption.

²⁶ **Mr. Byblow:** I appreciate the minister's information. It is very reassuring. On the subject of the line item, can the minister tell me whether or not the construction phase of the expansion, as it would not be necessarily a new one, will take place next year. Is this the intention under this line item?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes.

Mr. Byblow: Is the School Committee kept in full consultation respecting the design and phasing of that program?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Absolutely, we have just had a meeting with them.

Carcross School Expansion in the amount of \$500,000 agreed to

On F. H. Collins School Chimney

F. H. Collins School Chimney in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to

On Jack Hulland School Study and Design

Jack Hulland School Study and Design in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to

On J. V. Clark School Shop and Gymnasium

J. V. Clark School Shop and Gymnasium in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to

On School Ground Improvement

School Ground Improvement in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Watson Lake High School Flooring

Watson Lake High School Flooring in the amount of \$75,000 agreed to

On Robert Service School Electrical Upgrading

Robert Service School Electrical Upgrading in the amount of \$8,000 agreed to

On Porter Creek Junior Secondary School

Mr. Byblow: The minister told me yesterday that the school cost \$5,000,000. And the budget tells me it cost \$8,000,000!

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Porter Creek Junior Secondary School cost, to date, is 8,200,000.

Mr. Byblow: Recognizing the valuable school facility that it is, that wonderful school constructional edifice to education that it is, can the minister explain why we are running over budget to this magnitude on that school?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: My colleague advised me we do have a problem in the territory; it is called inflation. This figure includes all costs from 1980 when the plans started, so it includes architectural design, engineers, inspections, furniture, equipment, et cetera. It is the whole total cost.

Mr. Byblow: Is this \$150,000 that we are voting now going to complete the total cost of construction to that school? Another part to that question: is the \$150,000 over and above the \$8,200,000?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, it is over and above the \$8,200,000 and it will complete the groundwork of the school; the paving, the parking area, the grounds for the students.

²⁷ **Mr. Byblow:** Was the hon. member for Porter Creek East present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Certainly.

Porter Creek Junior Secondary School in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On F.H. Collins School Gymnasium Renovations

F.H. Collins School Gymnasium Renovations in the amount of \$25,000 agreed to

On F.H. Collins School Fire Alarm System

F.H. Collins School Fire Alarm System in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Domestic Hot Water Supply — Yukon Schools

Mr. Byblow: That is a peculiar line item. Installation of electric water heaters?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: This is an energy conservation program. Apparently the heating system for the hot water is on the general heating system and they have to run it all summer long to ensure that there is hot water. With this new hot water supply system, we will be able to shut off the heating system for the summer months. It is mainly for the months of July and August when the students are not in school.

Domestic Hot Water Supply — Yukon Schools in the amount of \$15,000 agreed to

On Vocational Centre Equipment

Mr. Byblow: I would like some indication of the majority items being considered for purchase under this line item.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I have pages and pages of items. Business education: some electric typewriters, calculators, computer complete with monitor and printer; Business Administration: desks; Basic Skill Development Program, which is the upgrading program: a primary typewriter, trapezoidal tables, filing cabinets; Automotive: sunbolt amp testers, wheel alignment sets, cooling fans and engine stand; Apprenticeship Training Administration: data analysis system, optical reader, one Micom 2000 microcomputer; Resource Centre: one EDL combo and reader, a transparency maker... Does the member wish me to continue?

Mr. Byblow: Is any of this equipment being located in the resources centres being set up in several of the communities? In other words, is any of this equipment being purchased for vocational upgrading outside Whitehorse?

²⁸ **Hon. Mrs. Firth:** I am not positive whether it is or not. I am inclined to think that it is not. So far, in the resource centres in the outlying areas we have just installed the apple to the computers for the choices program.

*Vocational Centre Equipment in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to
On Vocational Centre Renovations*

Mr. Byblow: Is this primarily geared to locating more classroom space

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, the building renovations are required to give additional storage space as well as classroom space and to upgrade the insulation on the floor of one of the garages.

Vocational Centre Renovations in the amount of \$60,000 agreed to

On Vocational Centre Mobile Training Unit

Mr. McDonald: Before we left the legislature last night I was given to understand by various ministers that they might support a vocational school in Elsa.

Laughter

... and all we hear in this House is Faro, Faro, Faro — everything is going to Faro. I would like to put the plug in for the good community of Elsa and to remind members that there has been an ongoing desire for a vocational school. It is a beautiful location, extensive underground workings, shops, housing facilities, good people and an excellent MLA.

Laughter

And so at this time, I would hope that the minister would consider, when determining locations of future vocational schools, very strongly the Elsa location. I am sure that people would love to entertain such a school in their community.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Mr. McDonald, your concept is very interesting also. I am sure you would love a mining technological institute in Elsa and perhaps we will have to get together and discuss that.

Mr. Byblow: I do honestly believe that both the minister and the hon. member for Mayo have made very valid points. However, the points should not be taken to the exclusion of the original concept and far superior concept that has been promoted by my community and myself in this House over the past several years, and will continue for the next year or two until it is instituted.

Vocational Centre Mobile Training Unit in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to

Department of Education in the amount of \$4,618,000 agreed to

On Consumer and Corporate Affairs

On Stewart Highway Junction Weigh Scale

Stewart Highway Junction Weigh Scale in the amount of \$300,000 agreed to

On Weigh Scale System Signs

Weigh Scale System Signs in the amount of \$5,000 agreed to

On Portable Weigh Scale

Mr. Byblow: Just before we clear out of this item, there must be some intended thrust in spending all the money on weigh scale equipment. Could we have an explanation?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: There is the Cassiar-Stewart highway, which does not presently have a weigh scale on it, anywhere, so trucks can go from there right up to Inuvik, if they take the back routes. It is the Yukon transport industry that has lobbied to get something done on this: the highways are being abused and they feel that it should be all the same. The same thing goes for the portable weigh scales, so that they can be set along different highways, like up on the Klondike highway.

It is also for enforcement personnel who go out in the field: they can take that portable system with them.

Portable weigh scale in the amount of \$25,000 agreed to

On Impounded Vehicle Compound

Impounded Vehicle Compound in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to

Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in the amount of \$340,000 agreed to

On Department of Health and Human Resources

Mr. Chairman: We will go to Health and Human Resources, on page 20. Is there any general debate?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: As you will see, the big one here is Macaulay Lodge. We have to make some renovations to Macaulay Lodge, in order to bring it up to safety standards for the people who

reside in it now. We have citizens in there who require more care than the original building was designed for, so we have to make some provisions for wider exit doors and whatnot. We also want to provide a new kitchen facility, so that we can expand our meals-on-wheels program for the seniors who live in their own homes. This is the big expenditure and the other is furniture and equipment, and that is just small replacements in various group homes and the renovations of same.

The northern health services and the northern health services equipment is something that we have no control over: it is a budget that was passed onto us and is one that we have to vote.

On Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and Equipment in the amount of \$80,000 agreed to

On Renovations

Renovations in the amount of \$65,000 agreed to

On Macaulay Lodge Renovations

Mr. Kimmerly: Is the bed capacity going to be increased in any way in the renovation?

Hon. Mr. Tracey: No. At this time it is not the concept to increase the capacity. It is to take the breezeway off the front of Macaulay Lodge as you see it there now and put a building there, attached to the lodge. The kitchen area and the lobby area would be out in that new expansion. It would allow us to put a nurses' facility where the kitchen is now and utilize that area as well for other things.

Macaulay Lodge Renovations in the amount of \$600,000 agreed to

On Northern Health Services — Construction

Northern Health Services — Construction in the amount of \$46,000 agreed to

On Northern Health Services — Equipment

Northern Health Services — Equipment in the amount of \$244,000 agreed to

Department of Health and Human Resources in the amount of \$1,035,000 agreed to

On Department of Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations

Hon. Mr. Pearson: With respect to the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Agreement, the \$1,050,000 is for the funding that represents two cost-shared agreements, both of which expire on March 31, 1984. The one is the Conservation Renewable Energy Demonstration Program which is 75 percent recoverable and the other is the Energy Conservation Incentive Agreement which also is 75 percent recoverable.

We then have two line items: Yukon Hydro Company Limited and the Economic Development Agreement, both in at \$1,000, because both of them are under active negotiation and the present time and we will not know for some time in the future yet exactly what the costs will be. This gives us the authority to continue negotiations and to enter into those agreements: Special ARDA is a continuation of the Special ARDA Agreement and it is funded primarily on a 50 percent or greater basis. This government spent about \$300,000 last year on its share of ARDA.

Statistical Data: there is \$23,000 here to upgrade our hard copy of statistics from Statistics Canada and we require that upgrading back to 1979. The \$3,000 is for a microfiche printer and, below, we show the anticipated recoveries that we should have as a result of these negotiated agreements with the Government of Canada.

On Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Agreement
Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Agreement in the amount of \$1,050,000 agreed to

On Yukon Hydro Company Limited

Yukon Hydro Company Limited in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

On Economic Development Agreement

Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

On Special ARDA Agreement

Special ARDA Agreement in the amount of \$650,000 agreed to

Mr. Porter: At \$650,000, I wonder if the minister can explain as to the expenditure in that area?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: What happens is the funding is up to 50

percent or more recoverable and it depends on the type of programs that are being entered into. What has happened is that the existing agreement that was in force for two years was extended to March 31st, 1984.

The objective of the agreement was to provide an avenue of financial assistance designed to improve the standard of living and create opportunities for increased income and employment for people in rural areas, particularly those of Indian ancestry. Some of the programs funded are the organization grants for the Yukon Indian Development Corporation, the revolving loan fund to the Yukon Trapping Association and assistance to establish local fur councils throughout the territory.

Mr. Porter: Under the re-negotiated ARDA agreement, does the Yukon government still hold responsibility as it did in the old agreement for primary producing, commercial and training elements under the ARDA agreement?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: The new agreement is just a continuation of the old agreement. We still have the same responsibilities.

Mr. Porter: The minister stated that there is a recoverable cost of 50 percent of the agreement depending on which areas the funds were spent on. I wonder if he could explain a little further; I mean, is there a percentage attached to the commercial undertakings of particular projects?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: With respect to commercial undertakings for Indian people, specifically, there is no cost to this government. Those projects are carried completely by the Government of Canada. They are cleared by the same committee. In respect to the programs that are called Social Development Programs, it will depend upon what the recommendations are. But as much as 50 percent of the cost can be attributable to the Government of Yukon or as little as zero. It can go anywhere from 50 percent to zero of the cost that is attributable to this government.

Mr. Porter: So, is the minister stating that there is no fixed formula of cost-sharing as it relates to projects under the agreement, that it is a totally a discretionary item that is decided by the committee members?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: No, there is a formula that is in place. I am sorry, I do not have it with me.

If the member is interested in seeing the agreement, it is in the Economic Development Branch and I am confident, if he wanted to contact the department, there would be no problem at all. They would be able to get the agreement out for him and let him see it.

Mr. Porter: I will review the agreement and any further questions I will bring to the minister's attention.

Special ARDA Agreement in the amount of \$650,000 agreed to On Statistical Data

Statistical Data in the amount of \$23,000 agreed to On Microfiche Printer

Microfiche Printer in the amount of \$3,000 agreed to Department of Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs in the amount of \$1,728,000 agreed to

On Department of Justice

Mrs. Joe: I just have a couple of questions before we go into the estimates. I would like to know how far into the horizon we have to wait for a court-house? I know that we are not looking at one for the next year or so, but I would like to have a general idea of how long it is going to be. Also, I would like to know what is happening with the youth centre out at Wolf Creek.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: First off, the Wolf Creek is another minister's responsibility. As far as a justice centre goes, I will be pushing and working extremely hard towards getting one but, as far as a date goes, I cannot tell you that. It is extremely expensive, but I am working towards that end.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: If Mrs. Joe asks about the plans for the youth centre in Government Services, I will tell her. I think it should be left until then.

On Corrections Equipment

Mrs. Joe: I would just like to have a general run-down from the minister about what those renovations are going to include and why some of them are a little bit more expensive. For instance, the Whitehorse Correctional Centre roof has quite an amount there.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Corrections equipment is a regular yearly expenditure for replacing such things as TV sets as they wear out; they run almost 24 hours a day out there. There is a staff training program for which they use video cassettes and that is part of the cost; bus carts, food bins, meat slicer, that sort of thing...

Mr. Kimmerly: It strikes me that the correctional centre is a marvelous place for wood heat. There is lots of labour there and I would ask the minister if any consideration is given to a change in the furnace and transformation to wood heat?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I must relay a little story to the member. I happened to be the Clerk of this legislature when this August building that we have up the hill called the Whitehorse Correctional Centre was first proposed by the federal government. They were going to build one in Whitehorse and one in Yellowknife. In those days the federal government made these kind of arbitrary decisions in Ottawa and literally said, "put the money in your budget and vote it, because this what we are going to do". And of course if you go over to Yellowknife now you will see that there is one there exactly the same as the one here.

George Shaw was the member for Dawson in those days and he felt very strongly that, number one, the correctional institute should be built at Haines Junction, and I do not think it was because he did not like Haines Junction. I just think he thought that was the right place to build it; it should not be in Whitehorse. And, number two, it should have wood heat.

We had a debate and it is recorded in *Hansard*, and went for, I believe, three days. It was a real true filibuster by George Shaw from Dawson City in respect to wood heat in the Whitehorse Correctional Centre. He was finally defeated on the thing. It was a very interesting debate and I think there are a lot of pluses to that. I respectfully suggest that once this CHIP project at Pelly Crossing gets going and if it is proven to be successful then it is highly likely that we would be looking at conversion of major facilities throughout the territory. It is, I think, a viable alternative.

Corrections Equipment in the amount of \$35,000 agreed to On Whitehorse Correctional Centre Fence

Hon. Mr. Ashley: Just for an explanation to the members opposite, this item is for a perimeter security fence and monitoring system. The fencing is for the complete perimeter of the vocational ground up there, to make it into a more maximum security area rather than just a minimum security area that it is now, or medium. The fencing will cost in the neighbourhood of \$72,000; with concrete \$21,000, video camera monitors will cost another \$8,000, labour will be \$10,000, electric wiring about \$2,000, and miscellaneous costs about \$2,000.

Mr. Joe: That sounds a little bit crazy to me. I suppose, I am wondering why they are going to take all these extra measures to make sure that the people do not get out and I just wondered if you might give me an explanation. I did not think that our inmates up there were that dangerous.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: This is mainly for the inmates in maximum security. Right at the present they are restricted to the building itself, as you know from the tour up there. It could be for as long as six to eight months that they are stuck in that little box cell that we have. This can place an extreme strain on both the inmates and the staff. It could be, and quite often is, a source of internal dissension. The use of the video monitoring system is to carry out surveillance with a minimum of manpower.

Whitehorse Correctional Centre Fence in the amount of \$115,000 agreed to

On Tools and Equipment for Whitehorse Correctional Centre Trailers

Mrs. Joe: I just wanted to know what kind of work would be performed in rural communities that the tools and equipment are needed for.

Hon. Mr. Ashley: This is equipment for trailer camps that we are having built. There are three units that we are having built at present — three mobile camps. This is for the tools that will be needed for them; for chainsaws and the different tools that the crews who are out at the camps would be using for clearing brush or whatever the community needs.

Mrs. Joe: In what communities are they going to be moving

around for those work projects?

Hon. Mr. Ashley: This gives us the ability to move to the different communities. We do not have that ability now.

Tools and Equipment for Whitehorse Correctional Centre Trailers in the amount of \$26,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Correctional Centre Roof

Hon. Mr. Ashley: This building was constructed in 1965 and the roof is leaking. The leaks have been patched every year and it is getting exceedingly expensive and is just not going to work any longer. We have to do a complete re-roofing of the centre this year. That is what these funds are for.

Whitehorse Correctional Centre Roof in the amount of \$225,000 agreed to

On Territorial Court — Replacement of Recording Equipment
Territorial Court — Replacement of Recording Equipment in the amount of \$5,000 agreed to

Department of Justice in the amount of \$406,000 agreed to

On Department of Finance

On Microfiche Reader

Microfiche Reader in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

Department of Finance in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

On Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I just want to indicate to the hon. member from Faro that a line item has been included for \$1,000 for the tourism development projects and that is to provide for the tourism subsidiary agreement which we are still in the process of negotiating. I cannot give him an amount that we are asking for or what we are anticipating getting because the negotiations are still in progress.

Mr. Byblow: I was hoping the minister could provide me with some status of that particular agreement and particularly whether it would address the thrust being promoted by this government. I raised the concern in the past of the need for a new tourism agreement addressing the entire Yukon as opposed to several locations, which was the choice of the decision in the last agreement.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe that after the tourism conference we did get a lot of good ideas and we will be addressing the whole of the Yukon Territory. But we still have to identify certain amounts of funds in particular areas. In regards to the agreement, the Canada-Yukon Tourism Agreement, it is presently in the draft stages and we are re-working and strengthening the draft of the agreement, such as some of the technical terminology.

Once the draft is completed, we will be submitting a paper to Cabinet for an agreement on the general principle of the agreement, and then hopefully we will be signing it.

Mr. Byblow: Who is conducting the negotiations surrounding it?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources; the Deputy Minister and the federal representatives from DREE that we have in the territory and the Canadian Government Office of Tourism officials in Vancouver.

Mr. Byblow: The minister has indicated already that the thrusts of the new agreement are going to address the entire territory. In the programming that is going to come out in that agreement, has the department addressed the various suggestions that came out of the last conference?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: Yes, we have. We used several of the suggestions when we were in the negotiation process for the draft of the agreement and when we did draft our portion of the agreement.

Regarding the point of addressing the whole of the territory, we have tried, without revealing certain aspects of the agreement, to make the terms of the agreement more flexible so that all of the territory has the ability to apply for certain funding under the agreement.

Mr. Byblow: I am sure that the model presentation, made by the NDP at the conference, was taken verbatim into the agreement?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The NDP gave an excellent political speech and I believe I thanked him appropriately at the tourism conference.

On Tourism Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement

Tourism Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement in the amount of \$120,000 agreed to

On Whitehorse Business Improvements

Mr. Kimmerly: Is there an estimate as to where the funds are going to go in 1983-84?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: It is going towards the implementation of tourism plans, both regional and local, and the continuation of existing development in centres projects, such as the Whitehorse Downtown Improvement Program; and there are similar projects for other areas. I think they are mostly for implementation of tourism plan aspects for both regional and local tourism incentive projects in the Whitehorse downtown area: nothing specific.

Mr. Kimmerly: The line item is clearly about Whitehorse: is the minister saying that some of the funds are going to go outside of Whitehorse?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: No, it will be strictly for Whitehorse.

Mr. Kimmerly: I wonder if we could get a progress report on the application to extend the downtown core area a block or two, on all the boundaries, I believe?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We discussed this with the City of Whitehorse. I believe, when the Ben Elle Motel wanted to apply for some assistance. They had to, at that time, extend the downtown core area and they did that very co-operatively. Now, I am not sure what the City of Whitehorse has in its plans for this amount of money; we just felt that, because they had found a use for it last time, that we should identify this in our capital budget for their use again.

Whitehorse Business Improvements in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to

On Tourism Development Projects

Tourism Development Projects in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

On Dawson Facades

Mr. Kimmerly: Is there an estimate as to which specific buildings are going to be improved or is that entirely speculative to this point?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe they apply for funding. They are assessed on an individual basis and the funding is awarded on the basis of the merit of the project.

Dawson Facades in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to

On Tourism Incentives

Mr. Byblow: This appears to be the creation of a new program; new in the sense as being funded directly by government because, under the Tourism Subsidiary Agreement, it was an incentive's program. Could the minister clarify what the intent is behind this program as perhaps different from the one under the Subsidiary Agreement?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: The department's current capital program is limited to minor development incentives. Specifically, for some municipal downtown improvements and continued development of the highway sign rest stop program. All of the capital dollars from the existing Yukon-Canada Tourism Agreement have been used now. We just like to identify these fundings in the budget in the event that we have to develop our own capital program under the Tourism Planning and Development Branch.

Tourism Incentives in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to

On Travel Film

Mr. Kimmerly: Is there a vehicle, organization or a contract already established for this film?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: No, there is not.

Mr. Kimmerly: Is there any plan as to what way the film is going to be made? Is it going to be made by the government or by contract of some sort?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: We have not made a decision about that. My immediate reaction would be that it would go out to contract.

Travel Film in the amount of \$75,000 agreed to

On Yukon River Historic Site Stabilization

Mr. Kimmerly: Which of the buildings or communities are going to be addressed first and what is going to be the approach of the stabilization? Is it simply to stabilize the sites or restore some buildings, or all buildings?

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I believe the majority of the funding is for stabilization as opposed to total restoration. I have quite a lengthy

answer, but I can try to make it briefer for the member. On Fort Selkirk, we will be continuing work on that project; Thirty-Mile River, the S.S. Evelyn and reconstruction of a portion of the slips and caps — the Evelyn is in immediate danger of total collapse of the super structure. On Forty-Mile, based on previous historic and archaeological reports, we would concentrate on bracing the structures up in the most immediate areas that are in danger of collapse.

Yukon River Historic Site Stabilization in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to

On Ladue Mill — Dawson City

Mr. Kimmerly: I would like to make a comment that for all the buildings along the river there is a stabilization project for \$100,000, and for one building in an area with lots of existing sites there is \$70,000 for only the foundation sills and floor. I would like to make a comment that, in my opinion, the priorities are a little backwards. The stabilization outside of Dawson is more important.

Hon. Mrs. Firth: I appreciate the member's comments. However, the Ladue Mill in Dawson City is presently owned by the Yukon government and if we do this work on the foundation the general building is in relatively sound condition. The foundation does require extensive work, but if we do the work on the foundation and rescue the building we will be able to keep it in such a condition that it would be able to be utilized.

Ladue Mill — Dawson City in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to

On S.S. Tutshi — Carcross

S.S. Tutshi — Carcross in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to

On Highway Signs

Highway Signs in the amount of \$65,000 agreed to

On Library and Archives Equipment

Library and Archives Equipment in the amount of \$45,000 agreed to

On Conservation Program

Conservation Program in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to

On Museum Grants

Museum Grants in the amount of \$30,000 agreed to

Department of Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources in the amount of \$796,000 agreed to

On Department of Renewable Resources

Hon. Mr. Tracey: As all members can see, the big expenditure here is for campground development: Million Dollar Falls, Carcross, Pine Creek, the North Klondike, just south of Dawson, and also Tatchun/Frenchman Lake campgrounds park concept that we are going to start building there. We have pretty well blanketed the rest of the highways in the Yukon, except for the Campbell highway. On the Alaska highway we have good campsites up and down the highway. We are now starting on the Klondike highway so that we can upgrade, especially from Whitehorse to Dawson City. We have to get some good campgrounds in that area now, so that is the reason that you will see Tatchun/Frenchman Lake park in there.

Mr. Kimmerly: I realize that it is impossible to put a campground into my riding and I am not asking for that but would the minister break down the amounts of dollars allocated for each of the campgrounds mentioned.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: No problem: \$125,000 for Carcross; \$75,000 for Million Dollar Falls; \$120,000 for Pine Creek; \$120,000 for the North Klondike; \$100,000 for territorial campground rehabilitation and \$190,000 for the Tatchun/Frenchman Lake park.

On Campground and Parks Development

Campground and Parks Development in the amount of \$730,000 agreed to

On Resource Planning and Wildlife Equipment

Resource Planning and Wildlife Equipment in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to

Department of Renewable Resources in the amount of \$750,000 agreed to

On Department of Government Services

Hon. Mr. Tracey: I do not know if it is beneficial to have any

general debate. This covers a very wide range of equipment and materials. I think we would probably be just as well off to go through it section by section.

On Furniture and Office Equipment

Furniture and Office Equipment in the amount of \$164,000 agreed to

On Pooled Road Equipment

Pooled Road Equipment in the amount of \$125,000 agreed to

On Computer Equipment

Computer Equipment in the amount of \$377,000 agreed to

On Word Processing and Printing Equipment

Word Processing and Printing Equipment in the amount of \$200,000 agreed to

On Queen's Printer Equipment

Queen's Printer Equipment in the amount of \$29,000 agreed to

On Pre-Engineering Public Works

Pre-Engineering Public Works in the amount of \$120,000 agreed to

On Miscellaneous and Minor Projects — Buildings

Miscellaneous and Minor Projects — Buildings in the amount of \$150,000 agreed to

On Emergency Communication Equipment

Emergency Communication Equipment in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to

On Emergency Project

Emergency Project in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to

Mrs. Joe: I would just like to know now about the former youth centre.

Hon. Mr. Tracey: As all members know, we have what was the Yukon Youth Centre closed up at this time. It is not efficient for us to maintain it and we are presently trying to sell it; in fact, we have the Department of National Defense very interested in taking this facility over. I am hopeful, within the next few months, that we will dispose of it to the Department of National Defense.

Department of Government Services in the amount of \$1,206,000 agreed to

Schedule A in the amount of \$24,412,000 agreed to

On Clause 2

Clause 2 agreed to

On Clause 3

Clause 3 agreed to

On Title

Title agreed to

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move that you report Bill Number 19, *First Appropriation Act, 1983-84*, without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Bill Number 17

Mr. Chairman: We will now go on to Bill Number 17, *Public Sector Compensation Restraint (Yukon) Act*.

On Clause 9

Amendment proposed

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move that Bill Number 17, entitled *Public Sector Compensation Restraint (Yukon) Act*, be amended in clause 9, at page 4, by deleting paragraphs 9(1)(a) and 9(1)(b) and by substituting therefor the following:

“(a) exceed before December 31st, 1983 the amount that is six percent greater than the rates that are charged when this act comes into force; and

(b) exceed before December 31st, 1984 the amount that is five percent greater than the rates that are permitted under paragraph (a).”

The reason for the amendment must be obvious to all members. The amendment substitutes 1983 for 1984 in paragraph (a), and 1984 for 1985 in paragraph (b).

Mr. McDonald: I would just like to ask if there is any chance perhaps that we could retain the old clause 9(1) (b)?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: In one way that might be highly desirable, but I would respectfully submit that it would be unfair.

Amendment agreed to

Clause 9 agreed to as amended

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move that you report Bill Number 17, *Public Sector Compensation Restraint (Yukon) Act* with amendment.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will now take a short break.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I now call Committee of the Whole to order.

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order. May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees?

Mr. Philipsen: The Committee of the Whole has considered Bill No. 19, *First Appropriation Act, 1983-84*, and directed me to report the same without amendment.

Further, the committee has reconsidered Bill No. 17, *Public Sector Compensation Restraint Yukon Act*, and directed me to report the same with amendment.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I would ask for unanimous consent of the House to set aside the provisions of Standing Order 58.1 so that we can immediately proceed with the third reading of Bill No. 17 and Bill No. 19.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member have unanimous consent?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill Number 17: Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Bill No. 17, *Public Sector Compensation Restraint Yukon Act* be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill No. 17 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the bill?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Education, that Bill No. 17 do now pass and the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that Bill No. 17 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion has carried and that Bill No. 17 has passed this House.

Bill Number 19: Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 19 *First Appropriation Act 1983-84*, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 19 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the bill?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 19 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources, that Bill No. 19 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the motion has carried and that Bill No. 19 has passed this House.

Mr. Speaker: I would at this time advise the House that we are now prepared to receive the Commissioner in his role as Lieutenant-Governor to give assent to bills as passed by this House.

Commissioner Bell enters the Chambers

Mr. Commissioner: Please be seated.

Mr. Speaker: Your Excellency, the Assembly has at its current sitting passed a number of bills to which I would respectfully, on their behalf, request your assent.

Mr. Clerk: *An Act to Amend the Wildlife Act, An Act to Amend the Optometry Act, An Act to Amend the Insurance Act, An Act to Amend the Personal Properties Security Act, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, Agriculture Development Act, Land Planning Act, An Act to Amend the Municipal Finance Act, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act, An Act to Amend the Companies Act, Third Appropriation Act, 1982-83, First Appropriation Act, 1983-84, Public Sector Compensation Restraint (Yukon) Act.*

Commissioner Bell: I hereby assent to the bills as enumerated by the Clerk.

Commissioner Bell leaves the Chambers

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: I move, seconded by the hon. Minister of Education, that the House do now stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the government leader, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet; that the Speaker give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time and that, if the Speaker is unable to act owing to illness or other causes, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purposes of this order.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the hon. government leader, seconded by the hon. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, that the House do now stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the government leader, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet; that the Speaker give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time and that, if the Speaker is unable to act owing to illness or other causes, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purposes of this order.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned.

The House adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The following Sessional Paper was tabled December 9, 1982:

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Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan and Yukon Hospital Insurance Plan Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1982 (Lang)