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Speaker: The Honourable Sam Johnston

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SPEAKER — Honourable Sam Johnston, MLA, Campbell

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<sup>01</sup> **Whitehorse, Yukon**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 1986 — 1:30 p.m.**

**Speaker:** I will now call the House to order.  
 We will proceed at this time with prayers.

*Prayers*

#### DAILY ROUTINE

**Speaker:** We will proceed at this time with the Order Paper.  
 Are there any Introduction of Visitors?  
 Are there any Returns or Documents for Tabling?

#### TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I have a legislative return to a question asked by the Member for Porter Creek West.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I have a proposed amendment to Bill 61 to correct a typographical mistake.

**Speaker:** Are there any Reports of Committees?  
 Petitions?

#### PETITIONS

##### Petition No. 4

**Mr. McLachlan:** I rise today to present a petition on behalf of a number of concerned Yukoners and, indeed, a very large number, approximately 2,100, who are concerned with the actions of the Yukon Medical Council in removing the files of Dr. Don Branigan. Consequently, this petition calls upon the Assembly to recognize the delivery of alternate forms of health care with particular emphasis on the approach of preventive medicine.

Considering the fact that this petition represents eight to nine percent of the territory's population, I would consider its content to be indeed significant for this Assembly to consider.

**Speaker:** Are there any Introductions of Bills?  
 Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

<sup>02</sup> Notices of Motion?  
 Ministerial Statements?

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

##### Casual Employees

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I am very pleased to inform the Legislature today of the significant changes being made by this government for casual personnel. For many years, we have been urging casual reform in the territorial public service. We appreciate the opportunity to resolve the inequities pertaining to benefits for casuals, many of whom are seasonal workers in outlying communities, and today we are acting upon our long-stated desire.

Effective July 3, 1986, the Yukon government will implement significant changes to the benefits and terms and condition of service for casual personnel.

Casual jobs will be designated as either casual or auxiliary.

Casual jobs will include short term, non-recurring assignments of less than six months. Based upon past experience, we expect that between 500 and 700 individuals may be employed as casuals.

Auxiliary jobs will include recurring assignments, which are on call from year to year and seasonal assignments of three months work minimum each year. From previous years' experience, we anticipate that from 400 to 600 individuals may be employed as auxiliaries.

Under the present policy, casuals — including the group we will be calling auxiliaries — receive the hourly or the minimum rate for the job only, irrespective of how many assignments they work with us.

They are entitled to overtime pay, premium payments and receive

six percent cash in lieu of vacation leave. This is the sum total of their compensation package. They have no access to grievance procedures. They cannot apply on in-service competitions.

Under the new policy, the benefits for both casuals and auxiliaries will be adjusted as follows.

Pay in lieu of vacation leave will be adjusted from six percent of the total pay to eight percent of pay for regular hours worked. This is equivalent of the four weeks vacation leave that regular staff receive.

<sup>03</sup> Medicare premiums will be paid 75 percent by the employer pending elimination of medicare premiums. This is the same cost-sharing formula used with regular employees.

Individuals may be hired above minimum where unusual circumstances so warrant.

Auxiliaries will be able to apply on in-service competitions. Casuals will have the same right, provided they are on strength at the closing date of the competition.

For auxiliary staff, the following additional adjustments will be made.

Auxiliaries will have full rights to retroactive economic adjustments. Previously, they were eligible only if on strength at the time of the Management Board decision regarding pay increases.

They will receive a community allowance, pro-rated for regular hours worked, unless room and board is provided by the employer. They will receive 50 cents per hour for regular hours worked in lieu of insured benefits.

Pay in lieu of vacation will increase from eight percent to 10 percent on the fifth anniversary and thereafter.

Where there is a salary range, the rate of pay of the auxiliary will be adjusted by four percent at 24 months or 2,000 hours of satisfactory performance, whichever occurs sooner.

Auxiliaries will have access to grievance procedures.

Further, in the fall sitting of the Legislature, amendments to the *Public Service Commission Act* and the *Public Service Staff Relations Act* will be introduced to give auxiliaries the right to decide whether or not they wish to join a union.

**Mr. Phelps:** We are pleased to see that the policy has finally coming forward. We are sure that it will be welcomed by many people, particularly in the rural areas. I know many people in Carcross who have been looking forward to hearing about the new policy for quite some time.

We regret it did not come forward earlier, but we welcome it and feel that it will do a lot to reduce the injustice that many of the casuals have suffered to date.

**Mr. Coles:** The Leader of the Official Opposition says he is disappointed it did not come forward earlier, and so am I; like about six or seven years ago would have been a good time. We and our party applaud the direction that this government has taken. We are still not sure if it has gone far enough, but with the addition of benefits that casuals and auxiliaries will now be receiving — and I am glad to see that they will be receiving them this year — I am sure that it is going to go a long ways toward helping rectify the problem.

<sup>04</sup> We look forward to seeing the new legislation. The Minister is going to bring it forward in the fall. We are not too sure that the announcement that the Minister is making today is doing a lot for job security. Even though the grievance procedures are in place, I might suggest to the Minister that he look at some sort of seniority list for auxiliaries or casuals so that those people know they will definitely have a job in the next year.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I thank the Members of the Opposition for their comments. I understand the Member for Tatchun's observation about this being a matter of some urgency and a grievance of some many years' standing. I also understand his concern in wondering whether it goes far enough. Let me emphasize that we have done what we can for this season, within the limits of the act. The decision that the employees may make about joining a union or having a bargaining agent or not will be made by them following amendments to the act. Other issues that they may want to negotiate

or discuss with us will have to be faced following those amendments.

The legislation, as I said, will come in the fall sitting. The grievance procedure, as the Member will know, is different in this government. It does not require a shop steward. It is established in policy, and we are providing access for that, which is an important innovation. I do not think the question of seniority can be addressed in isolation for these workers, because seniority does not operate with this organization in the same way it does with many private sector organizations.

I will look forward to hearing Members further comments on the issue when we debate the legislation in the fall.

**Speaker:** This then brings us to the Question Period. Are there any questions?

## QUESTION PERIOD

### Question re: Federal conferences

**Mr. Phelps:** It is always fun to look back in *Hansard* to see questions asked in the past by the Members now on the side opposite — a pastime enjoyed particularly by my friend from Klwane. I did find an interesting question asked on November 13, 1984, at page 695. It reads: "Mr. Penikett: We understand from press reports that the Government Leader has not been invited to the First Ministers' Conference on the Economy. Has the Government Leader been provided with any explanation for not getting an invitation?"

I would like to ask that question, only, of course, about the First Ministers' Meeting on Free Trade.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** May I say, on the same score, it is a matter of considerable regret to me that the Mulroney government has chosen to be consistent with the stands of the Trudeau government on these matters. I would have thought, with our MP being so close to the seat of power, as it were, that we might have seen some progress on this score.

Let me say that we have not received an invitation. In the manner of these things, of course, they do not send you a notice saying that you have not been invited; they just do not invite you.

I have, however, communicated with the Prime Minister on the subject. I have communicated with him fairly directly and fairly forcefully. I have not yet had a response from him.

**Mr. Phelps:** May I ask when the Government Leader did communicate with the Prime Minister and whether he did so in writing?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I did not hear the second part of the question. I sent a letter by Dex, and I guess that is sort of writing. I did so this morning. Until that point, I had received two contradictory pieces of information or gossip from Ottawa sources as to whether we would be invited or not. It was only this morning, when I found that — I think we were told by the PMO — we would not be invited that we communicated directly with the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Phelps:** This is an important issue, and one can never, as a Yukoner, allow the federal government of whatever political stripe to get away with this kind of affrontery to our territory and our government. Why did the Government Leader not take steps much earlier than this morning to ensure that he would get this invitation?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** The Member opposite knows that in the course of intergovernmental negotiations there is a lot of communication that goes on between officials before the politicians get involved. Our desire to be at that conference was communicated to the federal government as soon as we knew that the conference was going to take place. We had hoped, as my preference is always to use honey before vinegar, that the sweetness and light of our representation would prevail. It has not, and I have communicated to the Prime Minister very strongly our expectation that we ought to be there; that we deserve to be there because the matters at stake are of vital importance to the people of the Yukon.

### Question re: Federal conferences

**Mr. Phelps:** I would certainly hope that, in future, the

Government Leader will act more promptly and more forcefully before a decision is made, particularly given the fact that many of the bureaucrats of the federal government seem set on not allowing Yukon a proper voice at these conferences, for whatever reason.

To carry on from November 13, 1984, page 65 of *Hansard*, let me quote Mr. Penikett. At that time, he said "given that there has been some suggestion that the Government Leader will be aware that he will not be invited, could I ask him what opportunities he is exploring to make sure Yukon's views are represented at the conference?". May I ask the same question to the Government Leader about this one coming up?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** These are such excellent questions, I feel sure that I should put in a claim for some share of the opposition's research budget. I think I will send a bill this afternoon. I think this session has certainly come full circle when Members opposite are quoting Members of the government from ancient history. Excellent question.

Our avenue for expressing our views has been, up to now, through the officials. We do have access to the officials' meetings on this question. I have, as well, been invited to the Trade Minister's conference, which is being held in Winnipeg during the third week of June. We will be represented at that conference.

For the meeting that will take place on Monday, we will have to communicate our views by letter in some way. The point is that the only province, so far, that has tabled a substantial position on the free trades talks is Ontario.

We are now discussing the role of the provinces, how the provinces are going to be consulted and how we will be involved. This meeting that is talking place on Monday is a product of a lot of discussion by officials. Our officials have been involved in those discussions.

The Leader of the Official Opposition is quite right. It does not matter whether or not a government changes in Ottawa. There is a certain kind of consistency, unfortunate or dreary consistency, in the bureaucratic attitude towards this region, this territory and this government, whatever its political stripe. It is the subject on which I intend to speak frankly to the Deputy Prime Minister when I meet with him next week, should the House be out.

**Mr. Phelps:** We would expect that of the Government Leader, and we support him in taking those steps, although it would be rather extraordinary if he did not take those simple steps.

I hope that the Government Leader is not trying to downplay the importance of this forthcoming meeting, because the issue of consultation with the provinces and with this territory, with its very special problems, while not unique, are shared more with the western provinces than with central Canada and the Maritimes.

I would hope that he is not downplaying this and will do everything in his power to ensure that our position is made very clear to, not only the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, but to each of the Premiers. Would the Government Leader do that?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** Let me make it perfectly clear to the Member opposite that I have already communicated our position on this question today, not only to the Prime Minister, but also to the Premiers.

Let me be perfectly clear about something else. We have never been given any standing at any First Ministers' Conference, excepting the one on aboriginal rights where we had nothing more than a right to come to the table to make a statement.

We understand we are talking about a dinner meeting on Monday. We have never been given access to any of those at a First Ministers' Conference. We are very effectively frozen out even from officials' meetings for most of those.

We have progressed a little with the Premiers' Conferences. At the last Premiers' Conference, even though we only went to the table to make a formal statement, our officials were involved in the last Premiers' Conference even though we only came to make a formal statement. Our officials were involved, and we were invited to discussions with the other provincial Premiers. I have had contact with a number of provincial Premiers, and I will do so again.

It is also my hope, in the next few days, as well as meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, to also be

meeting with a couple, at least two, of the provincial Premiers. I will be speaking to them very directly and very frankly about this and other topics.

**Mr. Phelps:** Again, in the course of my negotiating and going to the Aboriginal Conferences, both as Land Claims Negotiator and as Leader, the opportunity to make a statement is extremely important.

The opportunity to negotiate with Premiers and their officials in the back room is extremely important. I just cannot over-emphasize that.

Does the Government Leader recognize that fact? Will he take every step to ensure that in the future, on a timely basis, he will be invited to these First Ministers' meetings?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** As a man I once admired very much, David Lewis, used to say, with great respect, even though the Leader of the Official Opposition is older than I am, some years ago I spent a couple of years in Ottawa. I know something about the way the place works. I understand perfectly well what kind of hustling and pushing and shoving goes on in officials' meetings and in private meetings with the Premiers. I have been to some of them.

I understand that very well. I understand that as well as any leader of this government has ever understood it. We will be doing our pushing and shoving wherever we have an opportunity. I will be working very hard to increase our opportunities, notwithstanding the fact that, unfortunately, the new Conservative government in Ottawa has not seen fit to change its position on these questions over the previous Liberal government.

#### Question re: Federal conferences

**Mr. McLachlan:** On the same topic, I understand that he will be speaking to the Premiers on this subject. Has he attempted to enlist the support of the Premiers in getting a seat for the Yukon at the particular free trade poste haste, that is, after the fact? Has he made representation to them long before for their assistance in this matter?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** Yes, I am trying to elicit the support of the Premiers, but let me be perfectly clear what I understand to be the protocol in these questions. At Premiers' conferences, the Premiers can decide. It is the host Premier who really has the decisive voice in who comes. At First Ministers' Conferences, and especially at First Ministers' meetings on the Prime Minister's turf, it is his decision; it is the federal government's decision, and they alone will decide who can come.

I hope that if some friendly Premiers were to whisper in the ear of the Prime Minister, they might be persuaded, but I have no illusions as to who is responsible for the decision not to invite us. It is the senior mandarin, I expect, in the PMO.

**Mr. McLachlan:** It is fine for the federal government to attempt to devolve power commissions and health care services with the premise that we are mature enough to take those on, but would the Government Leader not agree that this is being two-faced and talking from the sides of their mouth to convey this position to us about devolvement and then to say that we are not mature enough to sit at the free trade talks?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** When you receive the kinds of snubs, as the Prime Minister did a few days ago from the President of the United States on a matter as important as trade, there is a terrible temptation to use the kind of rhetoric that I have sometimes been accused of using to excess in this House.

I am not ready, yet, to call the Prime Minister or the government two-faced on this question. I concede that there is an unfortunate inconsistency. There are some unfortunate contradictions between the statements by the political leadership on these questions and, if you like, the bureaucratic mass — or the inertial mass of the bureaucracy — on these matters.

It is the politicians who are accountable for these decisions. It is the politicians who are accountable for these snubs. I hope, in the next few days, to have an opportunity to speak very frankly and very directly to the politicians who are making these decisions.

**Mr. McLachlan:** I would like to submit for the Government Leader's consideration that it may have gone beyond the point of protocol if parts of our economic future are at stake in the Yukon

Territory.

Can the Government Leader answer if we at least got an invitation to dinner? Are we even making the cocktail list on this one, or is that gone now, too?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** We have not even been invited to be a waiter.

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#### Question re: Justice System Review

**Mr. Phillips:** I have a question for the Minister of Justice concerning the Justice System Review. The review panel is limiting the number of people admitted to its so-called public meetings in Whitehorse. Why is the review panel not going to have a real public meeting where everyone can participate and give their constructive criticism, or whatever?

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I understand the Member opposite's interest in a shouting match; however, I would answer the question this way: it has not been my practice in the past month or so, and it will not be my practice to direct the inquiry as to any particular method of receipt of public information. I am confident that the people who are looking into the public attitudes and public information will do that in a thorough and responsible way. I believe they are soliciting views from everyone who lives in the territory, and that is most appropriate.

**Mr. Phillips:** The point I am trying to make is that we are going to lose a lot of the constructive criticism that came out of the human rights hearing. Although the Minister thinks they were not the proper approach, I think there was some constructive criticism there. How can the process provide for meaningful constructive communication between the public and members if the panel limits who and when and where they meet with people?

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** It is my understanding that the panel is not limiting, at all, the input from either individuals or groups. They are managing the public meetings, perhaps, but they are doing that in an effort to solicit the maximum constructive criticism that is possible.

**Mr. Phillips:** My information is that the panel is limiting it. In fact, in Whitehorse, they are limiting the meetings to no more than 15 or 16 people. That is limiting a meeting to whom you will see and who has a more important point to make than someone else. Is it not true that this is another invitation only, a so-called public process that intentionally excludes the media and the public in general?

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** Absolutely not. That is an irresponsible accusation.

#### Question re: Crestview gravel pit

**Mr. Nordling:** I have a question for the Minister of Transportation Services with respect to the Crestview gravel pit. I have driven by the proposed location of the Yukon-Alaska Transport Truck Terminal in the Crestview gravel pit several times in the past few weeks. I represent the people who live in that area, and many of them have expressed their concern about the safety of that location. I share their concern. My question is: did the Yukon government discuss other possible sites for a truck terminal, and does the Yukon government support the City of Whitehorse in its wish to locate the truck terminal in the Crestview gravel pit?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There were a number of sites that were proposed by Yukon-Alaska Transport, some of them outside of the City boundary, for possible use. One was on the straight stretch of the Mayo Road, near Acorn Lumber. That was their preferred location. Subsequently, they were requested by the City of Whitehorse to consider sites within the boundaries. At that stage in the discussions, they came to an agreement with senior City personnel that the site at Crestview would be a preferred site, from both the City's point of view and from Yukon-Alaska Transport's point of view.

We are prepared to assist Yukon-Alaska Transport in seeking a suitable site, as soon as practicable. With respect to whether or not we support the City of Whitehorse in the decision, which is essentially theirs, depends very much on the safety factor. We believe we have satisfied the issue of safety with respect to the site lines, and the entering and exiting of the gravel pit, itself.

Whether the City chooses to let Yukon Alaska Transport make use of that site, is largely a city planning situation. We will provide all the expertise upon request.

**Nordling:** On May 26, in response to my question on the safety aspects, the Minister said, "We have expressed our clear position on the matter, and both Yukon Alaska Transport and the City of Whitehorse know where we stand."

Could the Minister explain to us what their clear position is at this time?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** Our position is, and was, that the access on and off the highway to the gravel pit, or to any location that Yukon Alaska Transport or City of Whitehorse choose, will have to be safe. It would have to be safe whether the acceleration/deceleration lane was constructed, or whether the site lines were improved and the access to the gravel pit were changed. The highway safety access would have to be safe. That is and was our clear position.

**Mr. Nordling:** I am not an engineer, however, there is a hill and a corner, and we are going to have trucks hauling 65 tons of ore, winter and summer, and trucks that are 10 feet longer than any other vehicles on the road, stopping and starting from the location. In determining and instituting the safest method to use that location, how much, or will any, consideration be given to the cost involved to the Yukon government and/or to Yukon-Alaska Transport?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** The character of the operation, and the character of the vehicles that would be exiting and entering the highway at any location on the highway near the gravel pit was taken into consideration in making the technical decisions as to what the safest route would be for us to take.

With respect to who would bear the financial costs of, say, an acceleration/deceleration lane, we took the position that where there was a single user, namely Yukon-Alaska Transport, and that single user would pay the full cost in some manner or form.

If the acceleration/deceleration lanes were not required, and it is our understanding now that they are not required because other remedial actions can be taken, and any changes to the site are necessary to make it safe will be borne by Yukon Alaska Transport and will be undertaken under our direction.

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#### Question re: Predator control

**Mr. Brewster:** In studies of the causes of annual moose mortality in zones 7 and 9, it has been determined that grizzly bears take 52 percent, wolves 31 percent, resident hunters 10 percent, others 6 percent and non-resident hunters 1 percent.

In view of this statistic, can the Minister of Renewable Resources explain why his department is ignoring the major predators in zones 7 and 9, including the restrictions on hunters?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I think it is also advisable to have a wider view of zones 7 and 9, with respect to the cumulative pressures that have been exerted in that area of the Yukon over the years.

I would suggest that this area of the Yukon has been the most heavily hunted area for a long time. This is where the outfitting is held and simply because Whitehorse is a major population centre. People have dollars, and they have access to technology, so therefore we have seen incredible predation in the area by human beings as well. The cumulative impact over the years has been tremendous, both by natural and human predators.

In yesterday's Question Period, I outlined the steps that are being undertaken by the department to deal with it. The three major thrusts, if you remember, are that outfitters can get special permits, individuals can hunt a bear a year, and individuals can guide non-residents in the area.

**Mr. Brewster:** Can the Minister advise this House if the wildlife managers with Renewable Resources recommended that the restrictions be put on the hunters who only take 11 percent of the moose in game zones 7 and 9, rather than on the major predator? Did they make this recommendation to the Minister?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The changes that are brought about in the regulations normally emanate from the department. That has been the experience of the regulatory changes that have been brought about under the *Wildlife Act*, at least since I have been there. This has been one occasion with respect to last year's hunting season.

I did not initiate those changes. In the future, as I become more accustomed to the department, I will begin to exert the political direction of the government in the process. In short, yes, the recommendation and the eventual changes came about as a result of recommendations from the department.

**Mr. Brewster:** Can the Minister explain the discrepancy in the policy on the implementation of the Predator Control Program in relation to the Finlayson caribou herd and the cancellation of the program in zones 7 and 9? Was the former based on sound wildlife management practice and the latter purely political?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** As I have explained in the debates, there are people who see only in black and white; if there are animals and the science of biology tells you something, all you have to do is implement it. Unfortunately that is not the way of the world or the way of reality. There are a number of real concerns that have to be injected that relate to the overall concerns of the public at large. Those have to be taken into consideration, as well.

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#### Question re: Casual employees

**Mr. Coles:** I have a question for the Government Leader on the Ministerial Statement from today. In the last part of the statement, the Minister said that he will be bringing forward amendments to the *Public Service Commission Act* to give the auxiliaries the right to decide whether or not they wish to join a union. I take it that he is speaking of the Yukon Government Employees Union?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** It would not be much of a choice if I said that you could join any union you wanted as long as it was the Yukon Government Employees Union. Clearly, the right that the employees would exercise to join a union, the logical choice might be some other union, that would be their choice, not mine.

**Mr. Coles:** Is the access to the grievance procedure that the department is giving the auxiliaries now is the only measure of job security that is available to them at this time.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** No, it is not. There are a couple of things that I think have improved the job security. One is the right to apply for inservice competitions, which has been denied in the past. This is a very important new thing. More important is the recurring assignments; they are in an auxiliary position, and they will be able to come back year after year. That is a very important thing.

**Mr. Coles:** That is what we understood, and I want that on the record so that the casuals and auxiliaries are going to be able to understand that. The biggest concern of most casuals was the job security question: whether or not their job would be there the following spring. I take it now that that is exactly what this means. When they get laid off this fall, if the job is there in the spring, they will be working at that same job.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** Let me be perfectly clear about this. By definition "auxiliary jobs" will be recurring assignments, which are on call from year-to-year, and seasonal assignments of three months minimum duration. It will be quite clear that that is what that means, so they are not being lumped in with all the other casuals whom may be hired for a day or two. This is a distinct category of employees.

#### Question re: Predator control

**Mr. Phelps:** I am very concerned about the answers given to questions posed to the Minister of Renewable Resources by the Member for Kluane, particularly given the fact that it would appear very clear in the debates on this issue that the Minister did not remove the predator removal program in game zones 7 and 9 on the basis of what he heard from his biologists, or the department, because they had no preference, he says.

What he is saying, on the record, is that the reason for the decision in the southern Yukon was simply on the basis of letters received on a daily basis from Greenpeace and other groups. Will he not admit that he simply bowed to political pressure from outside Yukon to the detriment of local hunters?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** No, I will not admit that I stated that. I would suggest that the Member has totally misrepresented the facts.

**Mr. Phelps:** The answers are clear. I am submitting, and asking the Minister if he will just simply agree that he is making policy regarding moose and other animals in Yukon on the basis of politics

and outside pressure from groups such as Greenpeace? Is that not correct?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** If you remember this particular issue, we did a lot of work on this. This has been one of the most contentious issues in Renewable Resources. We manage it effectively. We cut a lot of the bad blood and the politics and the personalities out of the issue. I think that we have dealt with it successfully. We went out and consulted the public. We brought together an advisory group of all the people who are concerned about this issue. We had them in a meeting. They gave us direction on this question. We have considered all of those things: the Yukon public's interest, the biological interests and the broader community interests.

**Mr. Phelps:** How can the Minister say that they considered the biological interests, when he states that he was apparently aware of no preference given to him by his department biologists, or his department, between continuing with the program, suspending the removal of grizzly bears and wolves until this fall, at least, or cancelling it altogether? How can he make that statement, when he could not even tell me whether or not his department had a preference over those starkly different options?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** When we make decisions regarding wildlife in the Department of Renewable Resources, we always consider the biological aspects of the decisions that we are faced with.

#### Question re: Predator control

**Mr. Phelps:** Why did he not ask his department what their preference was with respect to the three options? Why?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** As I have stated, with respect to the information related to the Cabinet document and the alternatives that were given there, I am sorry, but until those rules governing government documents change, that will remain secret and not available to the public.

With respect to the question of the information of biology, that is the job of the biologists we have on staff. I can assure you that the biologists did their work, and there is a lot of evidence. If he wants us to make the evidence available to him, it has been available to the public, we can do that. I can assure the Member that the biologists did have their input into the decision.

**Mr. Phelps:** It is far too late for the Minister to try to sweep this under the rug and talk about Cabinet documents and stuff. He has already answered, time and time again, various aspects of what happened within his department. He tells this House that between cancelling the program, continuing with it or suspending it for at least a year, he was not aware of any preference by his department or his biologists. Why did he not try to find out what their preferred option was?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I do not see the use of the questioning. It is such a narrow issue that the Member tends to focus on, the personal views of the biologists on this question. I do not appreciate the relevance of the question.

I can very categorically state that the process in which the decision was made is a normal process of decision-making throughout the government. This was adhered to. The biologists were asked for their opinion. They gave their input. Eventually the department gave the recommendations to me. We took it on to Cabinet and made the decision.

**Mr. Phelps:** Did the Minister believe that the biologist did not have a preference among those three options?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** Most individuals have opinions and preferences.

#### Question re: Carmacks roads

**Mr. Coles:** A question to the Minister of Community and Transportation Services. The last three years the government has been bringing equipment into Carmacks to open the Freegold and Nansen Roads rather than using local contractors. I wonder if the Minister could give me some sort of an assurance, in fact, give the contractors in the smaller communities some assurance, that perhaps, next year they will look at using private contractors to do that work?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I undertook to discuss the matter in some detail with the Member at some time in the future after the

Member last asked the question. I believe I informed the Member, perhaps not on the floor of the House, that the methodology for opening the road was consistent with past practices, at least, and that, in fact, the equipment in question was on its way to Dawson and was used en route because it was felt to be very cost effective to do that to open those roads this year.

I indicated to him that I would like to review that particular policy, keeping in mind two basic principles: we would like to make use of local contractors and local truckers whenever we can and, perhaps, expand on that in the future, but, at the same time, we would like to maintain a resource level in the highways division which would allow us to undertake work on behalf of the Yukon public even in circumstances where the private sector is fully booked up and doing other work. We have to be sure that we have the resources and forces to do the work at almost any time. As a matter of principle, we would like to make use of local contractors, and I believe that the Department of Highways does that extensively throughout the year.

**Mr. Coles:** I can appreciate that the Minister is saying that he needs to keep a certain amount of resources and number of pieces of equipment on hand for such cases, but the reason I am asking the question today is that the contractors in Carmacks want to know what his position is, especially on the two issues that I am talking about. It seems, for the last four years, that there has been a Cat conveniently going by Carmacks every time that road needs to be opened. Will the Minister seriously consider using local equipment next year to do those jobs?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** Certainly we will consider it, and I have undertaken to sit down with the Member and discuss in detail the aspirations of the truckers in Carmacks. As a matter of general principle around the territory, we like to maintain a dual principle of ensuring that highways forces are on stream at any time irrespective of whether or not there are local people ready and available. It is not because we do not want to use local people, but because the local people are often doing other work and are not available for work on behalf of the public. They are not always ready and able to perform the work that we would like them to do. As a matter of general principle, I realize that it is a balancing act that we have to undertake. I believe that this year the Members will note that the Highways Capital Budget is extensive. I am sure there is plenty of work for everybody.

**Some Member:** Speech.

**Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. Member please conclude his answer.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There is plenty of work to go around. I am sure everybody will be satisfied.

**Mr. Coles:** Can the Minister make an undertaking that when he is discussing the Casino Trail with the Resource Roads Committee, could he ask, during the engineering and surveying, if they could dish out some smaller contracts so that smaller contractors will have an opportunity to bid on rather than doing five and ten miles stretches of road at once, in which only the big contractors can participate?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** We can undertake to consider that proposal. The one concern that has been expressed to me has been that the third party equipment rental has been wrongly used in acquiring access to equipment, in that large projects are broken up on a \$5,000 to \$10,000 basis in order to do the work.

That does not guarantee local work, but at the same time, there has to be some balancing act once again as to what the best methodology is. We will discuss the suggestion the Member made to see how applicable it can be.

**Speaker:** Time for Question Period has now lapsed. We will now proceed with the Orders of the Day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

**Speaker:** Are there any motions other than government motions?

#### MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

**Clerk:** Item No. 1, standing in the name of Mr. Lang.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 44?

**Mr. Lang:** Next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

**Clerk:** Item No. 2, standing in the name of Mr. Phillips.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 46?

**Mr. Phillips:** No, next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

**Clerk:** Item No. 3, standing in the name of Mr. Phelps.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 48?

**Mr. Phelps:** Next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

**Clerk:** Item No. 4, standing in the name of Mr. Nordling.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 49.

**Mr. Nordling:** Next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

**Clerk:** Item No. 5, standing in the name of Mr. Lang.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 51?

**Mr. Lang:** Next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

**Clerk:** Item No. 6, standing in the name of Mr. Nordling.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 52?

**Mr. Nordling:** Next sitting day.

**Speaker:** So ordered.

#### Motion No. 53

**Clerk:** Item No. 7, standing in the name of Mr. Phelps.

**Speaker:** Is the honourable Member prepared to proceed with Motion No. 53?

**Mr. Phelps:** Yes.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Leader of the Official Opposition:

THAT this House supports the initiative of the Yukon Stamp Club to have Canada Post adopt a block of stamps featuring Herschel Island and its unique history.

**Mr. Phelps:** I sense a certain consensus from the House. I am sure that I will get a lot of applause from the side opposite. It does not often happen this way, but I certainly look forward to it.

It was very timely that we read of the aspirations of the local stamp club with regard to having Canada Post adopt a block of stamps featuring Herschel Island and its unique history. It is timely because, in this House, we had a fair amount of debate about Yukon's north boundary.

Last week we put forward a motion with respect to the issue of that boundary and the issue of taking steps to preserve the sovereignty of Yukon. In the debate, we discussed Canada doing many things and the Yukon territorial government doing many things to make use of north Yukon and the offshore and Herschel Island, because the saying in international law is "use it or lose it".

Herschel Island has a unique history, as most Members know. Its history dates back before 1898. It goes back to the golden age of whaling. It goes back to the times when ships mainly from Europe and the United States sailed north and around into the Beaufort Sea and would spend one or two or three years there wintering at Herschel Island.

There was an important settlement there. A lot of Europeans visited the island during that time in our history. We even had hangings at that community. It was an important and early interface between the Inuit people of the area and European culture.

Tragedies occurred during those times with epidemics that were brought to those people. Smallpox wiped out most of the indigenous population that then resided in the Canadian portion of the Beaufort, particularly in the Mackenzie Valley region. Many of those people were replaced by Inuit people who migrated in from Alaska. Some very interesting studies have been done in that regard.

Herschel Island was a focal point of the negotiations of the battle this government entered into back in 1978, when it was discovered that, in effect, through prior negotiations in which the Government of Yukon had no role at all and no voice, that the federal government of the day — interestingly a Liberal government — had removed not only Yukon's north coast, the entire coastline of 5,000 square miles, including Herschel Island, from Yukon. It was purported to do this forever and to entrench that removal in the *Constitution*, to entrenching the land claims settlement to the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic, most of whom live in the Northwest Territories.

This government put a tremendous effort into negotiating and fighting to have the initial Agreement-in-Principle changed. One of the key points and goals that it strove for during those years was to ensure that Herschel Island would be transferred to the Yukon government and would be designated as a territorial park.

Those negotiations took a considerable period of time. It is interesting that victory for the Yukon was finally achieved when the federal negotiator was none other than Mr. Simon Reeseman, the same Simon Reeseman who is representing Canada in the free trade talks with the United States.

We have said that we urge this government to move as quickly as possible to ensure that Herschel Island will become a territorial park, in fact, the first one under our territorial laws.

So, I feel, we feel on this side of the House, and I am sure every Member here, feels that by supporting the initiative of this local stamp club we will not only be assisting them in their efforts and assisting them in ensuring that all Canadians are made aware of Herschel Island and its unique history, but we will, albeit in a small way, be furthering Yukon's claim to the Beaufort and furthering the issue of sovereignty with respect to Canada's claim to the Beaufort Sea, the Arctic islands and so forth.

I urge all Members to support this motion, and thank you.

*Applause*

**Mr. Webster:** I welcome this opportunity of debate a new subject, which is refreshing. In anticipation of an eager debate on this topic, I have prepared quite a lengthy text. But, in a spirit of cooperation to expedite the business of the House so that we can end this Sitting before June arrives, I will be prepared to waive this text and just speak briefly to the motion, which we are supporting for reasons different than the Leader of the Official Opposition.

My reason for supporting it is that I am the MLA for that riding. Herschel Island is in the riding of Klondike. As you know Canadian stamps are collected by collectors all over the world. Any measure that will bring new attention to any part of the Klondike riding, I am all in favour of it and will twist all the arms of my Caucus associates to help me support this motion and give it their unanimous consent.

*Applause*

**Mr. McLachlan:** We support the motion, as presented by the Leader of the Official Opposition. We agree with the Member for Hootalinqua that the colourful history of Herschel Island is very special to the territory and has been, at times, very stressful, when disease hit the population on that island.

It is not on very many frequent occasions that the Yukon Territory has the opportunity to have part of our history embossed on any national facade. Since we lost our imprint on the Canadian five dollar bill, we would certainly urge another Crown corporation to take up that initiative and proceed with the adoption of the stamps on Herschel Island and help settle the emerging dispute between Canada and the United States with respect to the western boundary of Canada in the Beaufort Sea, between Yukon and Alaskan waters.



<sup>17</sup> **Mrs. Firth:** I just want to be very brief. I detected some concern and difficulty with the microphone and the transcripts of the Member for Klondike's seat. In light of the constituents whom he does represent on Herschel Island, we may want to hear his speech again in case he wants to send transcripts of his presentation to the constituents on Herschel Island to indicate to them that he is indeed giving them effective representation. I would be very pleased to hear what he has to say all over again.

**Mr. Webster:** We have unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Speaker?

*Applause*

*Motion No. 53 agreed to unanimously*

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** With the agreement of the House, I move that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Government House Leader that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

*Motion agreed to*

*Speaker leaves the Chair*

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Chairman:** I will call Committee of the Whole to order. We will now recess for 15 minutes.

*Recess*

### <sup>18</sup> Bill No. 5 — Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87 — continued

**Chairman:** The Committee of the Whole will now come to order. General debate continued on Marketing, Department of Tourism.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I would like to explain the increases in this area. The main focus of this area should be the VCR staff. They were formerly under Information Services, and they have been transferred to Industry Liaison. Therefore, we have a situation where Industry Liaison shot up from \$46,000 to \$215,000.

With the transfer of the VCR staff from Information Services, Information Services went down from \$249,000 to \$114,000 under Personnel Costs. In Other, Information Services went from \$215,000 to \$173,000 as a result.

We found that there were greater demands being put on the VCRs to remain open longer. We have added another week on each end of the season for that reason. The other area of major importance is in the area of program dollars.

We have increased by \$212,000, and the breakdown is as follows. We have put aside \$100,000 from territorial Treasury for advertising programs. That is currently on the table for cooperative marketing, and we are reaching decisions on how to best spend that money for advertising in the Yukon.

There is also \$50,000 for the introduction and implementation of a Partners in Tourism Program. There is \$15,000, in addition to the Canada West Consortium, which has asked for an increase in our participation. We feel that is a good program, so we will continue with our participation. We were asked to also increase our participation with Alaska by \$20,000 dollars US for their program, which is also reflected in this area. We have also added a new person-year, a travel counsellor.

<sup>19</sup> **Mr. Phelps:** Is it the policy of the department, in order to improve the marketing techniques to get more tourists into the Yukon, to disconnect certain MLA's mikes when they are giving speeches?

**Mr. Lang:** The lights are not on.

Is it true that we ran out of tourism literature earlier this year for purposes of sending out information to those who had requested it through the results of the cooperative marketing? If so, what has been done since then?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The information is that the vacation guides,

because of the increase in demand for them, did run out. In future, we are going to provide a contingency so that we do not have a situation like that again in future, in the middle of the year.

**Mr. Lang:** What is being done this year? Has he ordered more vacation guides? If so, at what cost? Is it included in this budget?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** As I stated to the Member, it was brought up at a meeting among the Government Leader the YVA Board of Directors and me. My commitment is to ensure that we will not run into a situation like that again, and we are looking at putting in a contingency so that if we come to a situation like this we make sure that we have the necessary materials.

**Mr. Lang:** What do we do to remedy the situation? We are still getting requests; we do not have a vacation guide. Did we go and reprint more vacation guides? If so, at what cost?

<sup>20</sup> **Hon. Mr. Porter:** We did have a problem this past year. We were not able to solve that problem. We did not reprint. We are going to take steps to ensure that it does not happen again, and we are going to build in a contingency element for our planning purposes.

**Mr. Lang:** How much contingency has been built into this budget for that purpose?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** No specific amount has yet been identified, but it is my plan to work with the department to establish a specific dollar amount to make sure that we have the contingency amount to draw on so that we do not run out of printing materials.

**Mr. Lang:** Is the money in the budget, or are we talking money over and above the budget? If so, where are you going to take the money from?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** We have not made a decision as to where the money will be cut. We will try to find it initially within the budget. If things are tight and we are forced to go outside of our budget and go back to Management Board, we will have to do that. It is something that was raised at the meeting we had with the Government Leader and the YVA directors. As a government, we have made a commitment to ensure that we do not run into a situation like that. The way we saw to prevent that was to build a contingency into the budget in the future.

*On Administration*

*Administration in the amount \$962,000 agreed to*

*On Information Services*

*Information Services in the amount of \$287,000 agreed to*

*On Publicity*

*Publicity in the amount of \$450,000 agreed to*

*On Industry Liaison*

**Mr. Lang:** Could the Minister tell me exactly what this travel counsellor is going to do?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The position would be responsible for responding to unsolicited enquiries that we receive. It will deal with the walk-in visitor enquiries that come to the department; plan itineraries; arrange transportation, accommodation services with local suppliers; compile and update listings of services and facilities throughout the Yukon; assist in information distribution reducing the turn-around time in the use of casuals, which is something that apparently happens every year. At the peak demand, we had to go out and get extra casual help to handle the enquiries.

<sup>21</sup> **Mr. Lang:** Was there any thought of having such a person-year seconded with the Yukon Business Association as opposed to directing the department, who would work in conjunction with the private sector directly?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** That never came up in any of the discussions we had about establishing the position. It is an alternative to building government, and I would suggest that it would probably be a good item to discuss with the consultants who are doing the tourism strategy.

I will try to remember to bring that up as a point of discussion with the tourism strategy people since I think it is something that has merit.

**Mr. Lang:** The people whom you should probably take it up with are those at the Yukon Business Association. I would strongly recommend that it be considered, because I think that when one takes a look at the Alaskan model as opposed to ours, we seem to be continually adding slowly to the department during the past

couple of years.

If you look at the role in Alaksa that the AVA has played in terms of the dollars and the responsibility that they have taken and the size of their department, I think there is merit in seriously looking at it.

**Mr. Phillips:** Just before we move on, I would like to clarify a couple of questions on statistics on page 243. There is a minor increase under Auto from \$347,000 to \$362,000, as well as an increase under the line item, Bus.

The Skagway Road is going to be open year round, and the Auto figure, I think, is going to be way out. The Minister told us yesterday that there was a great increase in sailings to Skagway. Normally those people come here by bus. Are they not coming over here this year?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** When we were building the budget we were not aware of a lot of that. Events happened in the tourism community that made changes to the cruise ship sailings, and those kinds of things could not be anticipated. We do know that information now, but it is unfortunate that it is too late; the budget has already been built.

**Mr. Brewster:** In the statistics on Attendance at Attractions and Information Centres, Kluane National Park has been left out. Why is this? The Kluane area seems to draw more people than any place, and it always seems to be left out.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** An immediate response is that apparently Parks Canada does have a separate registry there. If I were to totally answer the question, I would go back and discuss this issue. I do not see any reason why we cannot include these numbers. If Parks Canada does have that information, it would be just a matter of getting it to us. I can give a commitment to the Member that next year we will make sure that the budget has those figures.

**Mr. Brewster:** I think that is rather a hollow excuse, in the first place, to say that Parks Canada have their own places and, yet, they are on here and the Parks Canada in Dawson City. I would just point out that he has people employed year-round, and the Parks Canada, which represent the territorial government, and they are sitting there. If he does not have the figures, how does he know he should have those information people working year-round in parks.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I have given the Member the undertaking that we will build those figures into the next budget.

*Marketing in the amount of \$1,962,000 agreed to*

*On Expo 86*

**Chairman:** General debate?

**Mrs. Firth:** The 3.2 person-years are identified as permanent person-years. Why would that be? I was of the impression that the Expo coordinator's job was a contract position and the other positions related to that, and after Expo is finished that the job is finished and there is no requirement for permanent person-years?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The reason is because the positions are for over a year. If they were within a year, we would call them term positions.

**Mrs. Firth:** What happens when the Expo project is completed? Is the Department of Tourism going to turn back 3.2 person-years?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** Yes, they will go back.

**Mr. Lang:** When he says they are going to go back, that means that they are no longer in the budget, is that correct? There would be 3.2 person-years less totally in the government?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** Yes. When we have completed our efforts at Expo, and it has wound down, those person-years will be taken out of Tourism.

**Mrs. Firth:** I have a concern as to why the government has identified it like that. I recognize because it is over a year, but I still think there would have been some way it could be identified as a term position, and that there were more guarantees that it would end after the term of Expo. I see the Government Leader has his hand up; I am sure he is going to give us a commitment that that is what will happen.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** The Member for Riverdale South should not anticipate me too much. We should understand that we are trying to get a handle on the person-years, the contract person-years and the term person-years. In future budgets, we will be making a

distinction between term person-years, and showing the date on which their term ends, and the indeterminate person-years, or the permanent positions. We will be trying to compare those term person-years and the positions that were previously contract positions.

We will not permit people to be held in contract any more for longer than a certain period. We will not permit it any more. They have to come to Management Board and get a term person-year approved, or they have to cancel the contract.

**Mrs. Firth:** I understand that, however, when we approve a budget and it says "permanent person-years" in it, I have very rarely — I do not know if I ever have — seen person-years that have been terminated or turned back. I recognize the Government Leader is pointing to the Minister of Government Services and that there were positions there. I just want to get the commitment from the government that they would not be ongoing person-years.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** This is not new. They were identified in the budget that the previous government built; 345 is permanent person-years.

**Mrs. Firth:** Just to clarify that point, the project was not going to be terminated in the previous budget, it was going to be terminated in this budget.

*On Development*

*Development in the amount of \$1,388,000 agreed to*

*Expo '86 in the amount of \$1,388,000 agreed to*

*Department of Tourism in the amount of \$4,359,000 agreed to*

**On Women's Directorate**

**Speaker:** Women's Directorate, general debate.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am pleased to present to the House the 1986-87 O&M Budget for the Women's Directorate. As was announced in the last session, government has reactivated and redesignated the Women's Directorate as a free-standing central agency, and I am proud to be presenting their first departmental budget to this House. I would like to begin by highlighting the major changes in the budget.

We have increased funding to the Women's Directorate by \$151,000. This increase reflects the high priority this government places on promoting gender equality. Although this is a 265 percent increase in funding, may I point out that the amount actually represents one-tenth of one percent of the total 1986-87 Budget. It is important to remember that the Directorate will be using these funds to address the issues and concerns of Yukon women who make up 50 percent of the population. The staff complement has increased from one person-year to three, a new director has been appointed, and a policy analyst and clerk-typist position have been added to the Directorate staff.

A Cabinet subcommittee on women's issues has been established to develop a government-wide plan of action for women. The plan of action will identify policies, programs and legislation having an impact on women and will formulate strategy options to foster equal opportunities for women. It must be understood that there needs to be research done, data gathered and consultation on women's issues in order to initiate effective change. For this reason, the budget contains \$36,000 for research and special short-term projects to promote gender equality. The budget also contains \$26,000 for the establishment of an advisory council on the status of women. This council will provide advice to the government, facilitate consultation with women from all parts of Yukon and provide expertise on a wide range of women's issues.

The Directorate has also created a talent bank of Yukon women to serve on the many boards and councils that provide advice to government, which has been received very positively by women. The Directorate has, in the past week, put ads in the two newspapers, the *Yukon News* and the *Whitehorse Star*. It will also go into the *Optimist* and the Yukon Indian Women's Association Newsletter. The response alone for this week has been very positive. This is an old statement, and that happened a few weeks ago.

As the government is committed to the principle of equitable representation on all boards, councils and committees, the Women's Directorate will be assisting the process by establishing

and regularly updating a roster of qualified women interested in sitting on boards, committees and councils.

<sup>24</sup> Already, in carrying out its mandate in identifying women's issues and priorities, the Directorate has consulted with the women's groups in Whitehorse, has organized a networking lunch attended by 22 women, and is now planning a community tour to inform the women in outlying communities of the mandate of the Women's Directorate but, more importantly, to hear their concerns and their priority issues.

With a new Directorate, a new mandate and adequate funding to carry out that mandate, I feel confident that women's concerns and issues will receive the high priority they deserve and, further, that this will reflect the government's goal of promoting economic, social and legal gender equality.

**Mrs. Firth:** On page 252 in the Women's Directorate budget, the second objective, when we are talking about women in selected areas and women in specific groups, can the Minister tell me exactly what she means by that?

**Mrs. Joe:** The first objective is pretty well self-explanatory. The second one, to develop and coordinate programs for women in selected areas to benefit women in general or specific groups, what we are saying at that point is that we would search out those areas where women are not represented, in terms of equality — as the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission was talking about the other day — and make sure that those specific areas and those specific positions do have a certain number of women in them.

We are looking at the job areas within the government where women are not equally represented and would look at trying to develop some kind of a plan to make sure that women have a say in certain decision-making and try to develop that kind of a working relationship within this government.

I cannot explain it any better than that. If the Member wants to know a little bit more about how the Women's Directorate is working towards that, then I could try to further explain that.

**Mrs. Firth:** I see it as a very specific objective that the Women's Directorate has. The Minister has mentioned an area similar to what the Government Leader, who is responsible for the Public Service Commission, has said. I imagine that would have to do with the Positive Employment Program and identifying areas where women are not adequately represented in the job market.

I wanted to know which specific groups the Minister wants to benefit. Does she have some particular areas targeted, and does she have specific groups targeted?

<sup>25</sup> **Hon. Mrs. Joe:** We are looking at women in general. If we are looking at trying to integrate Indian or handicapped women into some of those job areas, we would be looking at the same kind of program that is offered through the Public Service Commission, making sure that that type of process takes place. We want to make sure that there is equal representation by women in all areas of this government.

**Mrs. Firth:** What is the coordination process between the Public Service Commission and the Women's Directorate so that we do not have two departments doing the same things?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** It is the job of the Women's Directorate to make sure that that does not happen. The Women's Directorate is represented on the Deputy Minister's Review Board, on the Policy Review Board, and they are also a part of the Sub-Cabinet Committee.

With that representation in all of those different groups, there would be no chance that there would be any kind of duplication between what the Public Service Commission is doing and what we are hoping to do to intergrate women into this government.

**Mrs. Firth:** That brings me to the committees that are being formed within this department. I recall asking the Minister responsible if the Cabinet Sub-Committee had met and the Government Leader responded that it had not, and that it would be meeting as soon as the session was finished. Could the government tell me if they have any plans for a meeting date?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** We hoped that we could have met a lot sooner than this. As the Member knows, we have all been tied up in what is happening here in the Legislature. The committee will be

meeting some time in June.

If the Member wants me to be a little more specific about the plan of action for women in the Yukon, I can give her a quick rundown. The intergration of women's issues is a goal of the Directorate, and a plan of action is our most important tool for achieving it.

The following is a list of what the Directorate hopes to accomplish through the development and the implementation of a plan of action. It will become a major source of education and increased awareness about women's concerns, particularly within a scope of each department.

The government will have a clearly stated list of priorities concerning gender equality. There will be a basis on which to measure progress toward gender equality. It will assist the Directorate in determining where to apply its time and resources. It will facilitate and hopefully increase the contact and fruitful communication between the Directorate and other government departments. It will produce concrete and measurable results for the improved status of Yukon women.

<sup>26</sup> **Mrs. Firth:** The Legislative Assembly sitting is really no reason for the subcommittee not meeting, particularly in view of the high priority this government has said they are giving the Women's Directorate, so I do not accept the Minister's excuse for them not meeting.

The Minister mentioned the Yukon Advisory Council on the Status of Women and talked about the advice and consultation and expertise that that committee was going to provide. Can the Minister tell me how many members are on the committee and who they are?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** We do not have the committee established as such. As the Member knows, we are just dealing with the budget at this point in time. There has to be a certain amount of money allotted for that expenditure. The reason it was dropped from the last government's agenda was that the money was not available. We would hope that by the end of this summer or early fall, we will have an advisory committee in place. We will definitely seek out advice on how we would determine who would be on that committee.

We would certainly be making representation to other women's groups, to individuals on the other side of the House and to other people whom we feel would give us good advice as to who should be on that committee. So, by the end of summer or early fall, we would hope to have that advisory committee in place.

**Mrs. Firth:** The Minister talked about the Directorate consulting with women's groups. Can she tell me which women's groups they consulted with?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The Women's Directorate has continued to have ongoing meetings with the Status of Women, with women from the Women's Centre, with the Yukon Indian Women's Association, the Canadian Council on Learning Opportunities for Women and as many women's groups as they are able to meet with. There is no question in my mind that if there is women's group in the Yukon, that group will not be left out.

**Mrs. Firth:** Can the Minister tell me how many women are on these groups in the Yukon, and what percentage of women in Yukon are represented?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** Being a member of the Yukon Indian Women's Association, I can tell you that any Yukon Indian woman is a representative of that group if she wants to be. I do not have a specific number for the Status of Women. I am also a member of that group. I had a list of their membership at one point in time. I do not have that information, but that kind of information would be very easy to get.

**Mrs. Firth:** I am talking about the percentage of women who do not belong to any groups. I know there are Indian women who do not belong to the Yukon Indian Women's Association, and there are many women who do not belong to any of the other groups, Status of Women, Canadian Council on Learning Opportunities and so on. What effort is the Women's Directorate making to hear representation on behalf of those women?

<sup>27</sup> **Hon. Mrs. Joe:** In this budget, we have provision for a tour of communities. It is the intention of the personnel from the Women's Directorate to do exactly that. They are now putting together a plan

whereby they can start doing that. That would be a good way of finding out from the communities where we find that we have the least representation, where we have those women out there who are having a difficult time trying to get information. They will be able to find out from them their concerns or issues, whether or not they are interested in participating in this kind of a program.

With respect to the women in Whitehorse, there are ongoing meetings and there are ongoing functions that happen. I am sure that, as time goes by, any plan that is being thought about right now will be put into place and that there will be a definite plan to have women actively participate in the Women's Directorate.

The Member has to realize that the Women's Directorate is not that old. It is something that is almost entirely new from what the Women's Bureau used to be, and it has concerned itself with trying to develop the program and trying to get input from the general public.

**Mrs. Firth:** However, the Minister cannot deny that this has been a longstanding concern of hers, as a politician. The Minister has been responsible for one year now, which is sufficient time to get in place plans and structures to achieve her goals that she feels is a very high priority within this government, and has been reinforced by the Government Leader.

The Minister talked about a working luncheon that had been held, where 22 women had been invited and had had some discussions. Can she tell me who the 22 women were?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** We do not have a list of all those women who were there. I am sure that, within minutes, we could get a list of those women. That would not be too hard to do.

With respect to the Member's statements about my interest in the Women's Directorate, I do not apologize for that interest, and I am very proud of what the Directorate has been able to achieve in the short time that it has been established.

**Mrs. Firth:** I was not asking for an apology. I was criticizing the Minister for not moving quickly enough.

I would like the list of the people who attended the luncheon. Particularly, I would like to know on what basis they were invited and what the objectives were for holding the lunch.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The luncheon was well advertised in the papers. It was a chance for women to get together who could talk about their common concerns. The luncheon was dutch treat; everybody paid for her own meal. It was a chance for women who were involved in women's issues or who were involved in women's groups in the Yukon, to get together. Anybody who wanted to come could have been there.

<sup>28</sup> **Mrs. Firth:** Is this going to be an ongoing practice of the Women's Directorate: to organize such functions?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** It is part of an ongoing lunchtime activity that was very popular at the time that it happened. Everyone who was there was given the opportunity to let us know what she felt about that luncheon. Everybody agreed that it should happen again, and the Women's Directorate was in favour of that. Consequently, I think there will be another one very shortly.

**Mrs. Firth:** So, this is a function that will be coordinated out of the Women's Directorate? Since the Minister says that the individuals pay for their own lunch, I do not imagine that any money is identified in the budget for that, other than the coordinating activities that the personnel within the Directorate provide. Is that correct?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am not sure what the Member said. If she is asking if there was money in the budget to organize that, that would just be one part of its activities. It is not identified as such.

**Mrs. Firth:** The point I am making is this: as an MLA, and particularly as a woman MLA, I quite often organize luncheons to solicit opinions from women, from homemakers, from career women, from professional women and from trades women. I would do that myself, and I see it as a very valuable aid to me as an MLA.

I have some concerns that the availability of that kind of service is there for the Women's Directorate. As an MLA, could I have the Women's Directorate perform that kind of service for me?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** They did not do it specifically for this woman MLA; they do it to have women there so that they could inform them of issues to get their input. It is all part of the planning

process where you get ideas from the public.

**Mrs. Firth:** I realize that. I have the same planning process and the same consultative process as an MLA, and I do it myself. I gather that what the Minister is saying is that that kind of service would not be available to me or to my other colleagues who are MLAs and who might want such a service also.

I recognize from the Minister's comments what the Program Development involves. Could she be a little more specific on the Public Information part? How much money has been identified for Public Information? What kind of information are we talking about getting out to the public?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** Public Information and Program Development consists of the three people in the group. The budget includes salary and benefits for the positions, and also money for the operation and maintenance such as telephone and travel. It includes funds for contracts for research on issues and to focus advice to government.

The budget includes funds for the establishment of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women. It includes transfer payments to non-profit organizations to support opportunities for women to help them advance in Yukon society.

The amount of \$120,000 out of the \$208,000 is identified for Personnel to pay for salaries and the expenditures that go along with the salaries. The \$84,000 includes such things as travel.

**Mrs. Firth:** Could the Minister give me the amounts in the breakdown?

<sup>29</sup> **Hon. Mrs. Joe:** They are in the budget book. The \$120,000 is for the personnel.

**Mrs. Firth:** I am talking about the Other, the \$84,000. When the Minister talks about travel, could she give me the specific amount, and the specific amounts on contracts?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I can give her some of the figures of what is being spent under that \$84,000. They include in-territory travel, \$1,000; — I am not sure if it is going to add up to the \$84,000, but it will be pretty close — the out-of-territory travel is \$7,316; telephone, \$3,320; advertising, \$3,520; advisory council, \$25,966; contract services, \$36,000; public resource centre, \$2,500; office supplies, \$1,800; reports and publications, \$1,650. There is transfer payments of \$4,000, but that is not identified in Other.

**Mrs. Firth:** The advisory council, \$25,966 approximately: what is that large amount of money for?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I do not have a breakdown, but the amount includes per diems for members, travel costs for members travelling to meetings from the communities, as well as funds for a representative of the advisory council to attend provincial-territorial advisory council meetings outside of the territory.

The Directorate will be bringing forth its recommendations by the end of the summer or early fall.

**Mrs. Firth:** The Minister did not tell me how many members were going to be on the council.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** That is all in the planning process, as I mentioned before. We would hope to develop some kind of plan for the advisory committee, which includes how many people are going to be on it.

**Mrs. Firth:** Where does the figure \$25,000 — almost \$26,000 — come from then? How did they arrive at that figure? Did it just come out of the air? So far, the Minister has said they do not know how many are going to be on the council. They have a basic mandate of what the council's function is going to be. They are going to attend some provincial meetings. I can understand identifying some costs for that. We do not know how many are going to be from the communities, or whatever, and I could see where an approximation could be made for a per diem. I would like to know how the budget was made up. What was it based on?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I know that we do have a breakdown. I have it somewhere, but we do not have it in front of us. I remember very distinctly going over it and coming up with that kind of a figure, but we just do not have it here right now.

**Mrs. Firth:** I would like to know basically how they arrived at that figure, so I would like to have a breakdown of it. What does the Minister have in mind for the contract and professional services for \$36,000, and how did they arrive at that figure?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The figure of \$36,000 was established to include some of those individuals they would have to hire to do certain kinds of research, certain kinds of studies, in order to help them in their plans to develop their plan of action, among other things. I think that over the last little while they have been able to establish the kind of research, the kind of information, that the Director is going to need in order to live up to the mandate of the Directorate.

I think that if we are going to be able to come up with a good plan of action we are certainly going to have to spend that kind of money to do it. We do not have a list of how many people we are going to contract to do these services. Over a period of one year, the figure of \$36,000 should even out to possibly, if you are going to get some good work done, maybe six different people to do six different things. It is all part of the plan that is being put in place.

**Mrs. Firth:** Can the Minister tell me how the plight of the average woman is going to improve? This is more a philosophical question. And, how has it improved over the last year because of the Women's Directorate being here? I would like to know how women have benefited over the last year because of the establishment of this department?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I think that the women in the Yukon have dealt with a lot of issues over the years that government, in the past, has not really taken advantage of. Those individuals who have worked with women's groups, who have done research on women's issues, are now being able to come to the government, to the Women's Directorate, to voice their opinions, to come to them with research that has been done in the past. Those areas of research, which were done in the past, include the problems that women face. The Member for Riverdale South mentioned the average woman. I think that every woman in the Yukon, whether they are average or not — I am not sure what the average woman really is — any woman has been able to benefit from the fact that the Women's Directorate is here to listen to their views, to be able to take advantage of special issues that have not been dealt with in the past with regard to child care, equal pay for work of equal value and affirmative action. We are now able to say that we do have a Directorate that does listen to those concerns from those individual women, by those individual groups who have not been able to voice their concerns before in an effective way.

<sup>31</sup> **Mrs. Firth:** I am going to keep an eye on the progress of this department. I have some ideas and interests of my own about the Women's Directorate. I will be watching its progress with great interest. I am prepared to clear the total line item now.

**Mr. McLachlan:** I had only one question. Despite the Minister's comments from yesterday, is this a time we could perhaps hear what was said over bacon and eggs yesterday at the mysterious morning meeting of May 27 in regard to day care. Are there funds identified in Other that went into the preparation of the document that day? Was it just the breakfast tab that was picked up? It was under the direction of the Women's Directorate.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** It was not only under the direction of the Women's Directorate. Health and Human Resources, along with the Women's Directorate, were involved in that meeting. The meeting included information as to how our government is involved with child care in the Yukon. It included a chance for them to ask us questions at the same time. It was not a secret meeting.

The meeting was planned, and we were talking about a submission. I was not going to be in town. I was planning to be at a Ministerial conference this week, and the personnel from the Women's Directorate and Health and Human Resources were going to attend this breakfast. When I realized that I was not going to be able to go anywhere, I was able to take part in the meeting.

I have nothing to hide. It was not a secret meeting as has been professed by Members opposite. I am quite willing to talk about anything that we talked about there. We did not give them a submission of any kind. It was an informal meeting. We have given them government information in regard to regulations and anything that they asked us about. That would be all part of what was included in the budget. There is nothing specifically budgeted for preparation for a meeting with the Task Force on Child Care.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Can the Minister advise if the request for doing it at the time and in the manner in which it was done was

asked for by the federal committee, or was it asked for by this government? Who requested a morning meeting?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** Apparently it was requested by the person who was organizing the task force hearings.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Do you mean the chairperson of the committee, or the local person?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I do not have a name, but it was the person who contacted the Directorate who made that suggestion.

**Mr. McLachlan:** I am asking questions because there are a lot of people in the Day Care Association and the day care movement who are more than just a little bit concerned about having the government on record as to what their feelings are, or what there next planned moves are on the whole issue of day care. As we saw yesterday, it is a fairly fundamental issue here in the territory, both within Whitehorse and outside of the city. We are rather surprised at the method the government chose to present their views, since they have the budgetary power. We are a little bit surprised about the manner in which the Government of Yukon's meetings were held with the committee.

<sup>32</sup> **Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am a little bit surprised at the thoughts that are running across the people on the other side of the House. Mr. Phillips sat there and shook his head and said, "Margaret", as if I was lying. I am not lying. The information that I am getting is the information that is given to me by the Women's Directorate. If a suggestion was made to them that we meet at a breakfast meeting, then that is what happened.

As I mentioned yesterday, there is no secret what this government's position is on child care. It is very evident in the enhancement of the child care services offered by this government in the last 12 months. There is no question about what our position is. We intend to look at daycare in a positive light. There was a subsidy that was given to those recipients of daycare in 1980 and there was no increase until 1985. That was done as a result of the initiatives of this government.

There is no secret. The people who are involved with daycare in the Yukon, the people who run the daycare centres, the people who run the daycare homes, know what our position is on daycare. If there is some way that we can improve it that is within our power, we will do it. I think we have done a lot in a year.

**Mr. McLachlan:** I was just waiting for the opportunity to be able to state it at the point we were doing the Women's Directorate, because we were unaware that the submission to the committee would be made with the Women's Directorate. We passed the Health and Human Resources portion of the budget, and that is what I was waiting for.

Can the Minister advise why the particular announcement on the increased grants to O&M were made in the manner in which they were made, that is, in the context of a budgetary debate, rather than as a ministerial statement or as a press release? It just seemed surprising to make it in that manner. I think it has caught a few people who were hoping for it, and finally saw it only in that manner, and some to this stage are not totally aware of that. Why was it made in that way?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The direct subsidies to daycare are included in this budget that we are dealing with right now. In some cases, as has happened in the past, budgets have been dealt with and then nothing has happened. That happened last year when we had to deal with the budget that was put out by the previous government, and it has happened in the past where a budget has not been finished and has to be dealt with again in a new session.

We budgeted for that increase in this budget that we are dealing with right now. There was no way that I felt that we could make any kind of a ministerial statement until this House voted for that increase, and they have done it, but we have not passed the whole budget yet.

I have the information on the advisory committee. It has been broken down to air fare to Old Crow, to include meals, to include honorariums. This is not a definite plan, but it sort of gives us an idea of the money it is going to cost.

<sup>33</sup> **Mrs. Firth:** Could the Minister table the document please?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am not prepared to table this document at this point in time because, if I do, people may get the impression that

this is exactly what we are going to do. It is just a guideline that we used to come up with some kind of a figure on how we are going to be spending this money.

There are certain things in here, that if it was tabled and became public, people would think it was a definite plan. We have budgeted for a certain amount of travel from communities, so we are looking at having representation from some communities. We are budgeting for honouraria and for travel, and I am not prepared to table this document right now.

**Mr. Nordling:** We tried to assist the Minister by having it tabled. I believe she was prepared to read the figures. Perhaps, she could do that quickly so that we have a vague idea of where the money is going to go. That is what we are voting on.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The figure of \$2,966 includes an honorarium amount of \$18,000 to pay those individuals who will either be from this community or from another community from outside of Whithorse. We budgeted for \$18,676 for that. We are budgeting \$2,000 for the publication of reports and newsletters from the Advisory Committee. For travel, we are budgeting \$5,489.

*Public Information and Program Development in the amount of \$208,000 agreed to*

*Women's Directorate in the amount of \$208,000 agreed to*

*On Loan and Capital Amortization*

*On Loan Capital*

*Loan Capital in the amount of \$1,000 agreed to*

*On Loan Amortization*

*Loan Amortization in the amount of \$1,875 agreed to*

*On Schedule A*

*Schedule A agreed to*

*On Clause 2*

*Clause 2 agreed to*

*Clause 1 agreed to*

*Amendment proposed*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I move that Bill No. 5, entitled *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be amended in Clause 2 at page 1 by adding the expression "and the sum of \$34,512,000 be provided for in the *Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 1986-87 (No. 2)*", immediately after the expression "the *Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 1986-87*".

**Chairman:** I will read it so that everyone knows where we are. It has been moved by Mr. Penikett that Bill No. 5, entitled *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be amended in clause 2 at page 1 by adding the expression "in the sum of \$34,512,000 provided for in the *Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 1986-87 (No. 2)*", immediately after the expression "the *Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 1986-87*".

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** The Members will recall that when we introduced the budget, we also introduced an interim supply appropriation act. Because of the length of the session, we had to bring in another interim supply appropriation act, which requires us to amend the amounts to take into account the fact that we had two interim supply bills. That is necessary to amend clause 2, in order to bring Bill No. 5, which subsumes those two interim supply acts, into conformity.

*Amendment agreed to*

*On Clause 3*

*Clause 3 agreed to*

*Clause 1 agreed to*

*On Title*

*Title agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I move that you report Bill No. 5, *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, with amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Chairman:** Before we move to Bill No. 13, *Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, we will recess for 15 minutes.

*Recess*

**Chairman:** There has been a change in the order. We will deal with the bills in order as they appear on the Order Paper, beginning

with Bill No. 34, *An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act*.

**Bill No. 34 — An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act**

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I, of course, am a servant of the House and would be happy to deal with bills in whatever order is decided.

If the Members want to go through this bill in detail, that is their pleasure. It is to provide basically for inspection and the amendments to the *Fuel Oil Tax Act*.

I have an answer to a question asked by Mr. Lang, which I could go into great detail in explaining, or I could just simply table the information even though it is not in the proper form.

There were some questions asked by Mr. Lang about estimated changes in the *Fuel Oil Tax Act*. It does not really affect this bill, but it is a related question. I would also be pleased if Members opposite would be happy to have it deemed to have been read in Committee. What is the wish of the Committee?

**Mr. Lang:** I will take it that the Minister will file the information with the Clerk. I noticed that there were a number of times that things were said to have been tabled. If they are filed with the Clerk as public documents, that would follow the procedures of the House.

There was one document that I was looking for, and I could not find it because I do not think it was formally filed. It was, at the same time, presented to the Committee. If they are filed, though, that would be fine.

I do not think we have a problem on this side deeming it to be read, since we recognize the bill and its intent.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I am quite happy to accede to that request and to agree to it being deemed to have been read.

**Chairman:** Is it the unanimous agreement of the House to have the bill deemed to have been read?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I would like to move that the bill be deemed to have been read in Committee.

*Clauses 1 to 7 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I move that you report Bill No. 34, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 32 — Foreign Arbitral Awards Act**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** This, again, has been well explained in principle to Second Reading. It is a uniform law adopted from the Uniform Law Conference. Since the tabling of the bill and the second reading, the federal government has changed its position about contracting states. The federal government signed an international accord at a ceremony in Vancouver on May 12. The federal government wrote the provinces and asked us to delete the sections concerning the reciprocal arrangements with contracting states.

The act has been passed in Nova Scotia and is in the process of being passed, or is passed, in all of the Canadian jurisdictions, without exception.

There are two amendments that I will propose at the appropriate time. They are solely to delete the requirement for contracting states.

**Chairman:** Any question on the Interpretation, clauses 1 to 8?

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I have an amendment to propose to Clause 3 on page 1.

**Chairman:** Okay, I will go through them one clause at a time.

*On Clause 1*

*Clause 1 agreed to*

*On Clause 2*

*Clause 2 agreed to*

*On Clause 3*

*Amendment proposed*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 32, entitled *Foreign Arbitral Awards Act*, be amended in clause 3 at page 1 by striking out the word "contracting".

*Amendment agreed to*

*Clause 3 agreed to as amended*

*On Clause 4*

*Clause 4 agreed to*

*On Clause 5*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I gave notice of an amendment here. The

proper procedure is to defeat the clause as opposed to moving an amendment. For the Chair's information, it is the intention of the government to vote against clause 5.

<sup>38</sup> **Chairman:** I will call it motion defeated.

*Clause 5 negatived*

*On Clause 6*

*Clause 6 agreed to*

*On Clause 7*

*Clause 7 agreed to*

*On Clause 8*

*Clause 8 agreed to*

*On Schedule A*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that the remainder of the Bill be deemed to be read and carried.

*Motion agreed to*

*Articles 1 to 16 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I move that you report Bill No. 32, as amended.

*Motion agreed to*

**Chairman:** Bill No. 61, *Maintenance and Custody Enforcement Act*.

**Bill No. 61 — Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I have explained this again. There are some interesting principles here, but they are well explained. I believe I gave notice today of an error in the drafting, and I will move an amendment in Clause 6. The word "claimant" appears and it should be "respondent".

*On Clause 1*

*Clause 1 agreed to*

*On Clause 2*

*Clause 2 agreed to*

*On Clause 3*

*Clause 3 agreed to*

*On Clause 4*

*Clause 4 agreed to*

*On Clause 5*

*Clause 5 agreed to*

*On Clause 6*

*Amendment proposed*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** On Clause 6, I move that Bill No. 61, entitled *Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act*, be amended in Clause 6(1)(a), at page 5, by substituting the word "respondent" for the word "claimant".

*Motion agreed to*

*Clause 6 agreed to with amendment*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that the remainder of the Bill be deemed to be read.

**Chairman:** We need unanimous consent for that.

*Motion agreed to*

*Clauses 7 to 34 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that you report Bill No. 61, as amended.

*Motion agreed to*

<sup>39</sup> **Bill No. 44 — An Act to Amend the Coroner's Act.**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that the bill be deemed to be read.

*Clauses 1 and 2 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move you report Bill No. 44 without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 70 — An Act to Amend the Liquor Act**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 70 be deemed to be read.

*Clauses 1 and 2 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move you report Bill No. 70, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 85 — Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 85, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act*, be deemed to have been read.

*Clauses 1 to 16 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move you report Bill No. 85, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment*, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 25 — An Act to Appeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act**

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that Bill No. 25, *An Act to Appeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act*, be deemed to be read.

*Clauses 1 and 2 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move you report Bill No. 25, *An Act to Appeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act*, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 38 — Municipal General Purposes Loan Act, 1986**

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** This is a very straightforward piece of legislation. I believe that I explained it as fully as I could in the second reading with the impact it would have. If there are any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them.

I move that Bill No. 38, *Municipal General Purposes Act*, be deemed to have been read and carried.

*Clauses 1 to 3 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

*Motion agreed to*

<sup>40</sup> **Bill No. 88 — An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship Training Act**

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** This, too, is a very, very simple amendment of no practical consequence other than it regularizes what currently exists.

I move that Bill No. 88 be deemed to be read and carried.

*Clauses 1 to 3 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I move that you report Bill No. 88 out of Committee without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

**Bill No. 50 — Vital Statistics Act**

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** There are some changes in this act. There are quite a few sections that are still the same, but there are some sections that have been changed in order to allow for children to use hyphenated names, which was not allowed before. There are certain sections in here to deal with foundlings. There are certain sections in here that are new to deal with change of sex.

The changes in here are in line with all of the other jurisdictions where all of the laws have been brought into line with the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* in the Uniform Law Conference. That is all I can say, if there is no opposition from the other side on the changes.

**Mrs. Firth:** I just have one question. The Minister made a comment in the newspaper some time ago, back around May 9, about the act having to be amended because it did not recognize the concept of brain death. I did not see that in this. Is that a further amendment that has to come forward for the *Vital Statistics Act*?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am not sure which bill it would come under, or which act it would come under, but it is not under the *Vital Statistics Act*. It could possibly be under the *Coroners Act* or under the *Change of Name Act*. I cannot remember making that statement.

**Mrs. Firth:** I will just refresh the Minister's memory. It was with regard to the transplant bills, and the Minister was being asked some questions about transplants — kidney, that kind of thing. The Minister was asked about shipping patients who were being kept alive, but have no hope of survival because of brain damage, to southern centres where organs could be removed and that there were no set methods to take brain dead patients to the south and that the *Vital Statistics Act*, which defines death, would have to be amended because it does not recognize the concept of brain death. I did not see that amendment in this new series, and is that a further amendment?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** Yes, I understand now what the Member is talking about. That is not included in here at this time. Probably



some time down the road, when we will decide what we are going to do with regard to organs, then we would have to amend it at that time.

**Mr. McLachlan:** If the Minister could clarify it — it may be here, but I cannot see it quickly enough — must a stillbirth be named to be legally recorded?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** There is a section in here on stillbirths. I would have to go right through the Bill to find it, but it is part of a new thing that has been added.

I move that Bill No. 50 be deemed to be read.

**Chairman:** There are two amendments.

*Amendment proposed*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am sorry.

On page 17 is the first amendment. I move that Bill No. 50, entitled *Vital Statistics Act*, be amended in Clause 21(10), on page 17, by substituting the word "permit" for the word "certificate".

*Motion agreed to*

**Chairman:** And the second amendment?

*Amendment proposed*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that Bill No. 50, entitled *Vital Statistics Act*, be amended in Clause 30(7)(a), at page 22, by substituting the word "that" for the word "than".

*Motion agreed to*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that Bill No. 50 be deemed to be read with amendments and carried.

*Clauses 1 to 43 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that you report Bill No. 50, with amendments. *Motion agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I neglected to request that the Committee report Bills No. 38 and 88, without amendment. I hereby move that the Committee report Bills No. 38 and 88 out of Committee, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

#### **Bill No. 92 — Small Claims Court Act**

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 92 be deemed to be read.

*Clauses 1 to 17 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that you report Bill No. 92, *Small Claims Court Act*, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

#### **Bill No. 4 — An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act**

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** In Second Reading, I indicated what the effect of the proposed act would be and stated that there were a number of changes that would be imposed, of which there will be no significant or even minor cost implications.

The proposed act speaks of dispensing with the Students' Financial Assistance Committee and replacing that committee with an appeals and adjudication committee.

There also was the provision to no longer require students to return to Yukon during summer recess, and also to allow students to take 12 months off their studies outside the territory, at the students' discretion.

There are a few minor amendments, as well, that are of no real significant consequence. Mention was made that more could have been done to assist long term Yukon students. The Member for Faro has mentioned that efforts could be made to increase the eligibility levels for those persons engaged in longer courses of study.

We would be interested in investigating all of these, but they all have financial consequences. In some cases, the financial consequences are significant. This is the most we can do at the present time to upgrade the act. I believe there is overwhelming public response for changes.

I have discussed with the Member for Riverdale North some changes that should allow for an appeals committee to review special cases. Generally, in determining eligibilities for student financial assistance, there are numerous occasions where people who fall between the cracks are not permitted access to the system. There has to be some discretion injected into the system. Perhaps

we could open the doors wider in the future, but there are limitations as to what we can do if we do not have the funding to support major new initiatives.

The changes proposed are largely a result of public demand. I am happy to see that the Legislature has an opportunity to fine tune that to some degree.

**Mrs. Firth:** When we were participating in the Education debate, I asked the Minister about the amendments to the *Student Financial Assistance Act*. When the decision was made to make the amendments, was consideration given to what effect the students who used to come back every year to meet the requirements of the *Student Financial Assistance Act* would have on the workforce.

He gave me a commitment that he would come back with some information as to whether or not they had considered that. Could the Minister give me that information now?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There is a very strong suspicion that many students do not return to the territory, or if they do, they do so for only a very short time and do not adhere to the intent of the act. This is a suspicion, but not a verifiable truth.

There is the hope that we will be releasing some pressure off the job market by not forcing those people living in another city, who have accommodation elsewhere and who may have some knowledge of the neighbourhood in which they live and can get a job easily, to come back to compete with people in the territory who need jobs.

That is one of the major intents that we all agree is something that is worthwhile to promote. It is extremely expensive for many students outside the territory to give up an apartment and return to Yukon, at some expense, in order to get a job so that they can acquire the assistance. So it is a hardship on both the student and on the Yukon community, in terms of the job market and the availability of work.

In terms of quantifying this thing within a degree of precision, it is not an easy task, and it has not been done. There is definitely the workaday knowledge and experience by the committee and by the staff involved, who do feel strongly that many students will take advantage, hopefully this summer, but there are doubts because people make their plans well ahead of time. There is the impression that students will remain outside, if they can find work outside and, hopefully, find work in their field of study.

**Mrs. Firth:** Could the Minister just tell me what the department is doing to ensure that all the students who are taking advantage of the financial assistance are being made aware of it?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There is the intention to inform all high school students that the Legislature has passed the act that will allow them to make their plans in the future on that basis.

There is also the intention to inform all those persons who are registering with the department that the change is in place, and those people, as well, who have been registered and have had their application reviewed, to inform them, if they have not already returned to the Yukon, that the requirement is not a necessity.

**Chairman:** Any further general debate?

*On Clause 1*

*On Clause 2*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** If the Members do not object, I would move that Bill No. 4 be deemed to have been read and carried.

**Chairman:** Do we have unanimous confusion?

**Mr. Phelps:** I would move that the Legislature can honestly agree that the Minister has moved that.

**Chairman:** Unanimous consent and agreement?

*Motion agreed to*

*Clauses 2 to 9 deemed to have been read and agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I move that you report Bill No. 4, entitled *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act*, out of Committee without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

#### **Bill No. 13 — Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87**

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I will not presume any deeming here. I will briefly summarize again the information I gave Members during the second reading, so that we can move expeditiously into the key lines about which I am sure there will be questions.

The bill requests an additional gross capital spending authority of



\$21,359,000. Of this total, \$8,829,000 consists of revote monies, and \$12,530,000 consists of revised 1986-87 capital spending.

Of the revote total, of the \$8,829,000 being requested in the current supplementary, approximately \$5,990,000 was previously identified as lapsing in the 1985-86 Supplementary No. 2. The difference between the two figures represents the revised lapsed information available at the time that the current supplementary was prepared.

Of the new funding in the amount of \$12,530,000 for 1986-87 being requested, \$11,398,000 will be recoverable, leaving a net cost to the Yukon of this bill of \$1,132,000. The recoverable monies consist largely of two items, the Engineering Services Agreement for \$7,618,000, which was voted at one dollar in the Mains, and the Economic Development Agreement for \$3,000,000 for the Yukon Mine Recovery Program, of which Faro is the beneficiary.

Members should keep in mind that there is no net cost to the Yukon for these revote funds, since their effect is simply to increase the accumulated year end surplus for the 1985-86 fiscal year and reduce it for the 1986-87 fiscal year by a like amount.

The purpose of the Supplementary, as with the Main Estimates, is to lay out our expenditure plan for the coming year, and, hopefully, it will fulfill our objectives. This is to create employment, develop the infrastructure of the territory and to advance the well being of those most in need of protection and support.

Having given that overview of the bill, I think it would be most useful to look at the most significant items in the departmental lines.

**Mr. Phelps:** In general, we are agreeing with the Government Leader as to the approach. However, I think it is important to very briefly state a couple of principles that are of concern to this side. Much of this has been said before, so I will not be very long.

The Capital Budget is huge, largely because of the money that we negotiated with Ottawa. There is a huge amount of money that is suddenly available to be spent on capital projects.

<sup>45</sup> We are concerned about just how careful the government is and can be with regard to its decision-making and looking at capital projects for all parts of Yukon and, particularly, the smaller rural towns. We are concerned that there be a clear understanding of the ultimate O&M costs of many facilities that will be borne by local residents in local communities through their taxes or through a lower level of services as a result of O&M costs that may not be appropriate.

We are concerned, too, with regard to a problem of the orderly and timely letting of tenders. We have raised, in Question Period, our concern that it appears that many of the tenders are very late. I note that shortly after this was raised in Question Period, a batch of tenders appeared almost magically in the next night's paper. Because of the huge amount of money that this government is scrambling to spend on capital projects, we are very concerned about the issue of whether or not the taxpayer is getting good value for his or her dollar.

The Government Leader has said many times, and there is no point in debating this at length, that the government is spending as much it can right now on capital works and capital projects. This, of course, may be cut off rather suddenly at the end of the formula financing arrangement. There is a dependency that builds, in terms of the private sector working on huge capital works, especially when the money is of the magnitude that we have been looking at. We are concerned about what is going to happen at the end of the formula financing agreement and the kind of impact that may be felt in the private sector. Government is growing. Government is doing more and more. All of a sudden the private sector may be faced with doing much less unless there is some kind of economic boom because of new mines or other kinds of industries that might be built up in the interim.

We have expressed our concern about the issue of a deficit, of the government getting into a spending mode that will, and is designed to, reduce the surplus that has been accumulated over the many years previous. To some extent, we agree with the principle that it makes sense to use some of these monies; however, we reiterate our primary concerns: we wonder and question whether enough care is

being taken. We question whether or not those people who are so happy in the small towns to receive the largesse of government fully appreciate, in all cases, the penalty they may face in terms of huge O&M costs.

<sup>46</sup> We worry about the orderly letting of contracts. We state as evidence of this that it would appear to us to be the very late tendering procedures just recently put out in the newspapers of Yukon.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I have no wish to prolong or provoke a debate at this stage of the bill. Let me say, and I will try to do it in a constructive way, the concerns expressed by the Leader of the Official Opposition are legitimate concerns and proper.

The Capital Budget is high and is high for the reasons that I think he was not unfairly presenting to the House. We, too, are concerned. We do wish to be careful, we do wish to be conscious of the impact on the Yukon as a whole, and rural Yukon especially, of the Capital Budget.

The impact, we believe, on rural Yukon will be overwhelmingly positive. Let me state quite clearly, again, that the O&M cost, not only for small communities, but for this government itself, is a concern of the government, and the government has, until recently, not had the capacity to do a really clear evaluation of some of those implications. We are improving our capacity in that area.

Let me also say to the Leader of the Official Opposition, with respect to the tendering of the work — he used the words orderly and timely — that that is a proper concern. It is an issue of the way in which the capital program of the government is managed. I, personally, have the onerous responsibility of evaluating the performance of the deputy ministers, of the most senior managers of the government, and am going to be keenly interested and keenly attentive in the coming months with the way the capital program of the government is managed by those people. Since the Ministers are accountable, the Ministers of key spending departments, especially, will be interested in that question as well.

I do not want to repeat the debates in the House about deficits. I only want to remind the Member that, because of the lapses and the cash position of the government, the surplus position of the government to the year end is probably close to \$60 million. As a result of these expenditures, it will be close to \$40 million at the end of the 1986-87 fiscal year.

This information was not previously contained in the supplementary estimates. I have asked that it be put in this time to provide information to Members, although I do so — and I should emphasize this — with the understanding that I have no reasonable expectation that this number can be precise to a tiny fraction at all.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Is it possible, the way he has specified it after the recoveries of some \$10 million are removed, to identify the \$1,132,000 that is not cost recoverable to this government, as we move through it? Is it possible the way the estimates are made to see what it is spent on?

<sup>47</sup> **Hon. Mr. Penikett:** There are two ways of doing it. We could either go through the items, or if the Member gives me a few minutes, I will pull out those items that are not revotes and are not 100 percent recoverable.

I will come back with that information in a few minutes. If we could proceed with the lines, I would be happy to do those.

**Mr. Lang:** I would like to put the Minister of Community and Transportation Services on alert. Could he provide us with a breakdown of the Engineering Services Agreement? I think we deserve that information.

*Community and Transportation Services*

**Chairman:** At this time, we will proceed with general debate for Community and Transportation Services.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** Apart from the Engineering Services Agreement, there are three items that have requested new funding; the balance are revotes.

There is a code that indicates where those items can be found adjacent to the Supplementary No. 1 column.

They include \$30,000 for Stewart Crossing earth station for the receipt of satellite signals, \$150,000 in Public Health and Safety, \$100,000 for Old Crow riverbank stabilization, and \$50,000 for Dawson diking programs.

The funding is exclusively revotes, other than those. When I get to the Engineering Services Agreement, I will deliver whatever information I can. If I am short of some information, I will provide it as soon as I can.

I would like to remind Members that the major portion of the Engineering Services Agreement is pending approval from the Department of Indian and Northern Development. I can identify the exact projects in the revotes project by project, if Members wish.

**Mr. Lang:** If the Minister does not have the information here, I would like to see it provided to all the Members. Surely, he must have that information in order to derive that figure.

I understand that if the federal money does not come through, obviously you are not going to proceed with the project, but I think we should know what is being done.

The Minister outlined Stewart Crossing under Facilities and Equipment as a recipient of \$30,000, and that there is \$100,000 for stabilization of riverbanks in Old Crow, and \$58,000 in Dawson City for dikes. He then said that the balance was revotes.

Does that mean that is the total amount over and above what was explained to us in the Capital Mains prior to this? Have any new projects gone ahead? If they are hidden, I would like to have them brought up front.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There are three additional projects, and no other projects, being funded under this capital program. They include Dawson dike, the Old Crow Riverbank stabilization and the Stewart Crossing radio, which is an enhancement of the new project.

Apart from that, everything is a revote project, apart from the Engineering Services Agreement, which is something you vote, but there are new projects every year.

**Mr. Lang:** Is he saying recreation? He is asking us to vote \$586,000 additional. I would like to know why?

**Chairman:** I am sorry. We will proceed line by line in this.

*On Facilities and Equipment*

*Facilities and Equipment in the amount of \$163,000 agreed to On Recreation*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** These are all revotes. Carcross pool for \$215,000, construction of a new facility. There was a late start-up on that particular project. It was impossible for the contractor to complete it before the winter.

The Members know that there was a provision in the budget last time around titled Recreation Planning for Communities, and various communities were given votes for recreation plans.

A large part of that funding was voted in the supplementaries, and communities have been slow to develop proposals under this line item. They have indicated to us that they are still eager to proceed, and \$110,000 is accounted there.

There was the Elsa Recreational Facility Study, which had been allocated \$15,000 and could not be done in the last fiscal year. The Beaver Creek pool is \$10,000 and was not done. There was a late start-up for that particular project.

Carcross curling rink renovations, \$27,000. It has been delayed with the consultation of the community until this coming year. Teslin curling rink design for \$30,000. The community's proposal for a new design came in late for 1985-86, so the actual technical design work could not be undertaken in the last fiscal year.

Watson Lake pool construction, \$114,000. The construction work could not be entirely completed in 1986-87, but it will be completed in this fiscal year. The pool will be opening very soon.

Ross River arena design - work has been started on the design, but it is not complete. That is \$40,000. The Whitehorse curling rink and ski chalet construction shows \$25,000 not spent. There was a provision for deficiencies that will be required. That \$25,000 was not spent so we are budgeting to complete our obligations on the curling rink and ski chalet. The total is \$586,000. They are all revotes.

*Recreation in the amount of \$586,000 agreed to*

*On Public Health and Safety*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There is a long list of projects. Only the two items I mentioned are over \$100,000. I can read out the list very, very quickly if Members wish.

**Mr. Lang:** Other than outlining the major projects, that is fine

verbally, but if you could file the whole document in its entirety, then it would be a public document of what the proposals are. If that would be amenable to the Minister I think that would expedite the business.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I will read out the major projects, say over \$50,000. There was one other project that was over \$100,000: the Haines Junction Lagoon construction, \$115,000. The contractor was unable to complete the construction work due to cold weather, primarily. There was also the Dawson Fire Alarm for \$90,000. There have been negotiations with the federal authorities who have an interest in having their buildings covered in the fire alarm system. That has held up the expenditure of this particular fund. It could not be spent in the last fiscal year. Those are the only two over \$50,000. There was the Dawson Deck Design, as I mentioned, for \$50,000 and the Old Crow Riverbank Stabilization for \$100,000. I can provide a list of all the projects that will require revotes in written form.

*Public Health and Safety in the amount of \$632,000 agreed to On Land Development*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** There are a few projects here to be counted. Under land development, Porter Creek C repaving, there is still to be spent \$140,500. The major portion is payable to the contractor, who has not, as I mentioned in the House, quite completed the project. The funding will not be paid out, of course, until the deficiency list is completed.

Dawson-Callison phase 2; there is \$80,000 for this particular development. There have been problems negotiating with the placer interests in the area to ensure that the expansion of this industrial subdivision will not overlap with placer claims. We hope that we can resolve this situation this summer and develop 20 lots at Callison. There is in Hillcrest, phase 1 first year, \$160,000, which was anticipated would be spent last year had the Kwanlin Dun relocation agreement gone forward. This is recoverable funds, as Members will know, and this is to essentially start up the system and to make it serviceable and ready.

Whitehorse Mary Lake phase II - there is additional work to be done, and \$100,000 has been allotted for additional design and construction work, especially on the cul-de-sac designs in the subdivision. We would anticipate that this project should go ahead. The uptake on lots on Mary Lake phase I have been proceeding smoothly. There are still lots available in phase I, but we anticipate that the demand will be there in the future in phase II.

Haines Junction Willow Acres - there is a desire to lay crush on the subdivision roads. It was part of the original project, but it could not be done last year because the actual laying of the crush was planned and undertaken too late.

There was a desire in Whitehorse for \$250,000 to purchase a site for senior citizens homes, a subject of some discussion in the House. There is no guarantee that this particular structure will be necessary. We will try, in our negotiations, to get the purchase of the site down to as low as \$1.00 if we can swing it, depending on the federal department's view of the matter. DPW is the owner and manager of the site. This is the First Avenue senior citizen site.

McLean Lake quarry access road - Members may remember that work was planned on this particular road, but the redesign of part of the access road to the McLean Lake quarry was not completed in time. We would hope that it can be done very soon.

There was a desire to undertake the development of dry industrial lots in Ross River. Tenders were let last year for this work. For one reason or another, they came in much higher than expected. We did not proceed with the project because we felt that a retendering will bring prices down to a more reasonable level.

The Klondike Valley subdivisional plan had been promoted as a winter works project, but due to pressures on the department for many things, the Klondike Valley subdivisional plan could not be undertaken. We anticipate that we can do it this summer and fall. We are revoting the entire \$50,000 there, for a total of \$925,500.

**Chairman:** Is there anything further on Land Development?

**Mr. Lang:** What is the status of the Willow subdivision in Haines Junction? It seems to be the intention of the Minister to do away with septic tanks and various things. Is the intention to release those lots this year, or are we going to get the roads up to standard

so that we can use that route?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** We anticipate leasing the lots, but we do not know when. We have released a detailed pamphlet on the condition of the lots. This outlines the difficulty of settling wastes in the subdivision. We have undertaken upgrading and have discussed with other jurisdictions what can be done in situations like this, such as the permafrost and heavy clay soil conditions in Willow Acres.

We do feel that new methods of settling wastes can prove very effective. One of those is the mound style of waste disposal. The results of those tests should be known soon, and the release of the lots with all the technical information will go ahead, with the consent of the community, this summer.

The community wished to, at some stages, disassociate itself, for good reasons, from this project. Because of the problems that we have experienced in developing this subdivision, we feel that the kind of remedial action that we have taken and the testing that we have done can provide a northern specific response to very unique conditions.

If we use those innovative tactics for disposing wastes, I think we can resolve the problem to the public's satisfaction.

*Land Development in the amount of \$926,000 agreed to  
On Highway Construction*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** The revote is actually \$192,000. Apart from one revote project for \$161,000, they are all very minor.

Crushing for kilometres 620 to 661 on the Klondike Highway was delayed due to the fact that the contractor mobilized late in the season. The cold weather delayed the project.

We do not anticipate that the delay in the project will infringe on the construction schedule for the year. That includes resurfacing of this road.

**Mr. Lang:** If there is only another \$30,000 there, where is that being spent?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** The amount of \$12,000 is for the guardrail installation at kilometres 196 to 276 on the Klondike Highway. The contractor did not have sufficient workers on the job to complete the work in time, and it has to be completed before it is paid for.

<sup>52</sup> Reconstruction of kilometre 360 to 370 on the Klondike Highway for \$4,000: these are very minor repairs, and that work could not be done due to cold weather.

There is a need for some work on the guardrail at the Takhini River Bridge for \$1,000. It is inspection work for warranty purposes.

There is \$2,000 worth of reconstruction on kilometre 2.5 to 5.5 on the Miles Canyon Road. These are revotes. We are just completing projects that had been undertaken. There is reconstruction on the Annie Lake Road for \$2,000. That was the work between the highway and the Wheaton River Bridge. That is \$2,000 worth of work that could not be done due to the onset of cold weather.

Reconstruction for \$10,000 on kilometre 0 to 2 on the Judas Creek Road. This is also work that could not be done due to cold weather. I believe that all adds up to \$192,000.

*Highway Construction in the amount of \$192,000 agreed to  
On Engineering Services Agreement*

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** The information I have in front of me is almost exclusively for the revote items. We anticipate receiving funding for the Engineering Services Agreement in the neighbourhood of \$7,400,000.

We are almost at recess, in any case. I will bring the information back, if I can, on the major projects that we anticipate going ahead on. I presume that DIAND has given clear indication of what sorts of projects they would like undertaken. We have already given an indication that \$3,400,000 for work on the Dempster Highway has been undertaken. I believe Lobe Enterprises were the successful bidders, if I am not mistaken.

**Mr. Lang:** If he just agrees that he will file that information here this evening, I would be prepared to clear the item with just the understanding. I think it should be a public document.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I will do that. For the Member's information, the only major item on the revotes, \$172,000, was a

crushing on the Dempster Highway. That work could not be done due to a late startup. There, too, we do not believe that the construction schedule for completion of the Dempster Highway work which, I believe, is going to be next year, will be delayed as a result of this project being delayed until the spring.

*Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$7,618,000 agreed to*

*On Local Employment Opportunities Program*

*Local Employment Opportunities Program in the amount of \$1,703,000 agreed to*

*Community and Transportation Services in the amount of \$11,820,000 agreed to*

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**Economic Development: Mines and Small Business**

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** In the first two lines, in the increased amounts, there is an amount for revote and the \$250,000 in each case is for increased demand for the programs. The \$3 million is for the Yukon Mining Recovery Program for the Faro mine, which is under EDA.

The other is a combined line, Yukon Energy Alternatives. This combines the lines previously voted under the two other programs. We decided to combine those into one line to give a better statement of the program and to give approval for the Grants and Loans Programs that we will be activating in June.

There is a legal nicety here, because the act we passed last fall did not give us the full authority to spend in the one area.

**Mr. McLachlan:** There are some significant expenditures outside of the Municipal Recovery Program in relation to the money given in the loan to Curragh. For example, I was expecting the Minister of Community and Transportation Services to say, under Land Development, that part of that \$926,000 was for acquisition of land in Faro that was not developed by the government, but which was acquired by them and has a cost factor.

Is all of the money under loan capital to Curragh?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** It was in last year's Capital Budget and a part of the Capital Supplementaries brought before the House at the beginning of the session.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Is the \$3 million the only money given to Curragh over and above what we voted last October? Is that the only entry for the whole master program?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** The supplementary that we had with a couple of months dealt with some money for Curragh for the land and the housing. This \$3 million is the only money in the 1986-87 fiscal year.

**Chairman:** We will now recess until 7:30 p.m.

*Recess*

**Chairman:** I will now call Committee of the Whole back to order.

**Motion to extend sitting hours**

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I move that the Committee of the Whole and the Assembly be empowered to continue to sit from 9:30 p.m. until such time as we agree to adjourn for the purpose of continuing consideration of bills before the Committee of the Whole and to permit the House to consider motions for third reading.

*Motion agreed to*

**Chairman:** We will continue with the general debate, Department of Economic Development.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** At adjournment, I believe I had just answered a question from the Member for Faro. I have said all I have to say for general debate on Economic Development.

**Mr. Phelps:** The Minister tabled his answer to the question on fuel oil tax this afternoon. I just wanted an explanation of the calculations regarding the Faro mine. Does the Minister have that?

It is the right department, the wrong bill, but I wonder if he would just mind explaining that because we did not get a chance before the bill was passed through Committee of the Whole.

The calculation is nine months times \$900,000 times 45.5 percent.

Is the 45.5 percent because the trucks are going to be buying more than half of their fuel oil in Skagway?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I do not know the answer to that question, but the treasurer happens to be here, and I think I can get an answer for the Leader of the Official Opposition before we adjourn tonight.

**Mr. Lang:** Maybe the Government Leader has an idea, because there has been a statement made that, in good part, the trucks will be fueling in Skagway. If that is the case, the ability of this government to recoup taxation on the fuel is going to be very limited. Is that not correct?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I did not know the assertion that the Member just made about where they were going to be fueling, and I do not know the answer to the previous question from the Leader of the Official Opposition about the basis for the calculation. I will take both question on notice, if I may.

**Mr. McLachlan:** It is my understanding that the eventual supplier of the fuel is still the White Pass and Yukon Route. The only difference with them buying it in Skagway is that they are paying their own freight when they return to Faro for the concentrate.

I am not sure of the ramifications of purchasing in one country and another, but the deal is that the White Pass and Yukon Route is still the supplier of the fuel oil. It is only picked up at that point, because they would have to pay White Pass to haul it to Whitehorse when they are coming this way anyway.

I do not know how we are going to justify the distinction between countries.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I will find out and get back to the Members.

**Mr. Lang:** I believe we do charge a tax at the border regardless of whether or not the fuel is purchased in Yukon. Maybe the Government Leader could follow up on that as well.

*On Loan Assistance Program*

**Mr. Nordling:** Can the Minister explain what happened that the \$380,000 was not spent? I accepted that the required funding of \$250,000 is due to increased demand. I wonder why we did not get the \$380,000 spent?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** If the Member will bear with me, and if he has his pencil out, I will give him basis for the calculation.

There was a balance forward from 1984-85 of \$3,750. In 1985-86, there were 21 loans approved for a total of \$807,682, which meant that we had 22 loans committed at the end of that period for \$811,432. Less the expenditures in 1985-86, which were \$365,461, the committed but unexpended money was \$445,971 less the five projects that were complete for \$6,455, less an amount that was under-estimated — or there was a correction for the estimate there — of \$59,516. Therefore, the estimate of the revote money that we are requiring here — the revote from previous year — is \$380,000.

*On Loan Assistance Program in the amount of \$630,000 agreed to On Special ARDA*

**Mr. Nordling:** The same question to the Minister: there is a revote of \$320,000. What happened here that it was not spent?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** Does the Member have his pencil ready? In 1984-85, we had five projects. Committed balance forward there was \$372,206. In 1985-86, there were 12 projects, and the funding approved was \$330,609, for a total of 17 projects with a value of \$702,815, less 1985-86 expenditures of \$420,812. Committed but unexpended was \$282,003, less nine completed projects of \$158,954. This left us with eight for \$423,049, plus commitments made for \$285,680, less the amount that was estimated incorrectly there of \$61,729. So, the revote, which was when we put this budget together, was \$320,000.

**Mr. Lang:** I am wondering if he would table who are the recipients of these dollars? Could that information being made available to Members become a practice in the House?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I can do that. I believe it is public information anyway, and I have no problem with just providing a report.

*On Special ARDA in the amount of \$570,000 agreed to On Economic Development Agreement*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** This is the Yukon Revenue Recovery

Program, the \$3 million for Faro. We have talked about it quite a bit before. This is what this item is; it is 100 percent recoverable from the federal government.

*Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$3,000,000 agreed to*

*On Yukon Development Corporation*

*Yukon Development Corporation in the amount of \$1.00 agreed to*

*On Yukon Energy Alternatives*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** We just look at these three lines here as a single line because it nets out to zero.

*Yukon Energy Alternatives in the amount of a reduction of \$213,000 agreed to*

*On Energy Development Program*

*Energy Development Program in the amount of a reduction of \$300,000 agreed to*

*On Yukon Energy Alternatives*

*Yukon Energy Alternatives in the amount of \$513,000 agreed to Economic Development: Mines and Small Business in the amount of \$4,200,000 agreed to*

**On Department of Education**

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** First I would like to table some information on the Engineering Services Agreement, as I was able to secure it over the dinner hour.

As Members can see from the budget book on Vote 03, there are four items of note that are not revotes. The first is the Carcross School Upgrading, which I will explain in a minute. The second is the reduction in Haines Junction for the student residence, which is \$200,000, which I will explain in a minute. The third is Robert Service School Upgrading, which we have discussed before, and I will explain further if the Members wish. The fourth is the Del Van Gorder School Rebuilding. It is not the school rebuilding, specifically; it is the community centre rebuilding to house school-related activities, in the main part.

The balance are all revote items. I believe we have discussed all of them in some detail in Capital Supplementaries.

With respect to the first item, the Carcross School Upgrading, there was some additional work done recently in Carcross. There was a plan in the Capital Budget to upgrade the existing school to include an industrial arts room, home economics room and a primary classroom, and to do some work on the washroom facilities.

It was determined, over the course of this past winter, in close consultation with the school committee and school staff, that if there was a long-term plan for the school, it would be wiser to undertake project work all at one go. That would be to include in that project summary some changes to the washrooms, the industrial area, the home economics area, the primary classroom, an increase of storage space, some more work on the washrooms than had been anticipated and the construction of a new gym.

It was felt that the school that houses students up to grade 7 is at a stage where the age of the students almost requires them to have a full sized gymnasium. We are very sympathetic to that; largely because we realize that to deny the full facilities for what will be a junior high would force parents to consider sending their children to Whitehorse.

That is the preferred option for primary and junior high aged students. That is the opinion expressed by the School Committee and by the school staff.

The project, in total, would cost \$1,670,000. The proposal that we have is that we complete that project to the satisfaction of the community in one go.

There have been discussions with the school staff, with respect to the construction that will take place during the school year. That cannot be helped. The School Committee has indicated that they are prepared to bear that in the interest of seeing their school upgraded once and for all.

We were considering the residence in Haines Junction very seriously at one time, when the school staff at St. Elias and the department were at a stage where they were at wits end as to how to house students in Haines Junction on an ongoing basis.

It was clear last year that the private sector was no longer willing to house students on an ongoing basis. We felt that in the interest of providing accommodation we would construct a residence. It was late in the season. There was the option of using a Yukon housing unit for three or four students who may wish to reside in Haines Junction. That would give them a good group home atmosphere and give them the kind of supervision that we felt was advisable.

We operated this past year with this unit. We had full cooperation from the Haines Junction Village Council. We do have indication that that may be a solution in the future and would make good use of the Yukon Housing units in Haines Junction. We have support for that from the Haines Junction Village Council.

Unfortunately, this year, we do not project very many students. I think there will be a maximum of two students who will use the housing. Certainly, it would not make sense to construct a \$200,000 residence to house two students.

We have to recognize that the long term may require more of an innovative approach to housing students rather than a big institution. That is essentially the position we have taken. If Members want to discuss that for a few moments, I am prepared to do that.

**Mr. Brewster:** I agree with the Minister. The area of Hootalinqua is having a pretty tough time down there, and we would gladly help out the poor Member for Hootalinqua.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** The whole House is very appreciative of the generosity shown by the Member for Kluane. The third item is the Robert Service School upgrading. This item has been discussed in the Legislature a number of times, but we feel that the existing structure is not energy efficient, and it compares very poorly with other schools around the territory. It has a sprinkler system that is inoperable. The boiler room is sinking badly. The old section of the school is in a general state of dilapidation.

We have taken the matter in hand. We are anticipating that the funds will be necessary for at least the design stages and some development work, if we can undertake that work in this fiscal year.

**Mr. Nordling:** Do I understand that this money is going to be used to fix up the old portion of the school? I know that there was some talk of tearing down and rebuilding. Perhaps the Minister can briefly explain that?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** We have no intention of trying to rebuild or repair the old section of the school. We have been told that that would be highly inadvisable, because the sinking problems that exist will continue to exist. The boiler room is the hot spot in the school, and it melts permafrost. The footings were not sufficient to uphold the school. For that reason alone, it is advisable to consider an alternative.

I do not know if the Member went to this school and is familiar with it. He did. We are planning to, in future, level the old portion of the school and take the new addition, the industrial arts room, and attach it to the existing school and build a new school on the site where the existing playground is located. A lot of community discussion must take place before the final design stage, because it is a fairly major project for a community of that size. We want to make sure that it is satisfactory to the community. They have already indicated to us that it should conform to the historical facades in the community. We have every intention of meeting their requests.

**Mr. Nordling:** As a matter of interest for the Minister, if they do rebuild on the present playground, they will be rebuilding where the original school was that burned down. The school that is existing was built on the playground, so we are going back to where we were pre-1957.

*On Carcross School Upgrading*

*Carcross School Upgrading in the amount of \$922,000 agreed to*

*On Haines Junction Student Residence*

*Haines Junction Student Residence in the amount of a reduction of \$200,000 agreed to*

*On Robert Service School - Upgrading*

*Robert Service School Upgrading in the amount of \$620,000 agreed to*

*On Del Van Gorder School - Rebuilding*

*Del Van Gorder School - Rebuilding in the amount of \$900,000*

*agreed to*

**Mrs. Firth:** I have no questions about the next items. I will save the Minister his breath giving us an explanation about all of them. We have covered them quite thoroughly, and I have my notes from the Capital Budget debate in the fall. There is just one line missing in this budget that I feel very strongly about, and I am sure the Minister can guess already what it is.

There is nothing in here about the Grey Mountain Primary activity room. Is that for some special reason?

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** These are only enhancements to the existing budget. All the other planned projects in Education will be going ahead.

**Mrs. Firth:** I just wanted that reassurance. I thought maybe we should be revoting some funds for Grey Mountain Primary, but it is going ahead.

*On G.A. Jeckell Gym*

*G.A. Jeckell Gym in the amount of \$143,000 agreed to*

*On Watson Lake High - Upgrade*

*Watson Lake High - Upgrade in the amount of \$48,000 agreed to*

*On Whitehorse Elementary - Renovations*

*Whitehorse Elementary - Renovations in the amount of \$240,000 agreed to*

*On F.H. Collins - Retrofit/Renovations*

*F.H. Collins - Retrofit/Renovations in the amount of \$133,000 agreed to*

*On French First Language - Renovations*

*French First Language - Renovations in the amount of \$43,000 agreed to*

*On Yukon College Renovations*

*Yukon College Renovations in the amount of \$116,000 agreed to*

*On Display Preparation/Maintenance*

*Display Preparation/Maintenance in the amount of \$20,000 agreed to*

*On Carcross Library Development*

*Carcross Library Development in the amount of \$45,000 agreed to*

*On Library Development*

*Library Development in the amount of \$47,000 agreed to*

*On Storage Equipment Facilities*

*Storage Equipment Facilities in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to*

*On Reference Room*

*Reference Room in the amount of \$40,000 agreed to*

*On Conservation Laboratory Equipment*

*Conservation Laboratory Equipment in the amount of \$10,000 agreed to*

*Education in the amount of \$3,167,000 agreed to*

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#### Department of Health and Human Resources

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** The first item is an under-expenditure for the Northern Health Services. I have an explanation here if the Members would like to hear it. The others are all revotes, except for the Macaulay Lodge Renovations. It is a revote and an addition to the revote. If the Member wants an explanation, I can certainly give it to her.

**Mrs. Firth:** Yes, I would like an explanation, as well as for the Macaulay Lodge addition.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** For the Equipment and Construction for Northern Health Services, there is a reduction of \$2,053,000, leaving a sum of \$1,050,000 for Yukon cost-sharing of federal capital projects in 1986. Members are aware that the Government of Yukon is obligated to cost share 70 percent of certain capital expenditures made in the territory for National Health and Welfare. These include construction renovations and equipment for health centres.

It also includes health stations, nursing stations, hospitals, except for Whitehorse General Hospital, equipment acquisition and a replacement relating to the community health and environment, health, mental health, school dental and health education programs.

The reduction in capital expenditures is due to the following changes in the federal capital plan for 1986-87, which have been confirmed since consideration of the 1986-87 Capital Estimates by the Legislature last fall.

Those changes are: the construction of the health centre and residence in Pelly Crossing has been moved from 1986-87 to 1987-88 with facility planning only scheduled for 1986-87; and, the proposed staff residence in Faro has been formally put on hold by the federal government resulting in a further reduction in capital expenditures.

The remaining facility projects and equipment acquisition will proceed, including renovations and additions to the health station in Old Crow, major and minor equipment replacements and minor building renovations.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Even though the staff housing for Faro has been put on hold, the Northern Health Service employees who work there require somewhere to live. If we have a cost-sharing agreement with the federal government, 70/30, will we still not have to share some portion of the accommodation costs for the Northern Health Services employees in Faro?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I am not sure whether or not there are existing facilities there right now that can be used. If there are, we would look at that. There would not still cost-sharing with the federal government if we had to do that.

**Mr. McLachlan:** The Government of Yukon owns a lot of property including houses there now. I thought that perhaps if we were not in on a cost-sharing agreement with the federal government, we may be in a position to use some of those as part of our agreement for one or two of the required six staffing. I was not sure why we were voting back everything when there was still a partial commitment by the Government of Yukon.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** That is an alternative to what exists now, and I am certain that we can look at the possibilities.

*Northern Health Services — Equipment and Construction in the amount of a reduction of \$2,053,000 agreed to  
Macaulay Lodge Renovations — Phase III*

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** That is a revote of \$235,00 from 1985-86 and additional funding of \$175,000. That was requested to complete the project.

**Mr. Nordling:** Could the Minister tell us why the extra money was needed? What happened that we were \$175,000 short?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** There are a number of changes being made there, and we are doing a lot more than were anticipated in order to make the lodge more serviceable for the needs that they have now.

We have done quite a lot of renovation to the health centres, and we are renovating more rooms as well. We are still in the process of doing some of those rooms, and the money that was budgeted for that was not as much as we needed.

**Mr. Nordling:** I take it from the Minister's answers that there was not anything special done for the \$175,000; it was just a general upgrading on what was being done?

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** That is correct.

*Macaulay Lodge Renovations - Phase III in the amount of \$410,000 agreed to*

*On Extended Care Facility*

*Extended Care Facility in the amount of \$75,000 agreed to*

*On Construction/Renovations - Child Welfare*

*Construction/Renovations - Child Welfare in the amount of \$136,000 agreed to*

*On Dawson Senior Citizens Facilities Upgrade*

*Dawson Senior Citizens Facilities Upgrade in the amount of \$50,000 agreed to*

*Health and Human Resources in the amount of a reduction of \$1,382,000 agreed to*

**On Department of Justice**

*On Yukon Law Centre*

**Mr. Phillips:** Does that complete the project?

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** Yes. This is entirely a revote. It is, in essence, an adjustment taking it away from the previous year, and the territorial accounts will reflect exactly this lapsed figure and add it on. It is on budget and on time. We will finish with actually a very, very minor amount under budget. I should announce that the space has been allocated in the general sense, and in the month of July the Department of Justice and the Department of Economic Development will move in to the Philipsen Building.

*Yukon Law Centre in the amount of \$1,172,000 agreed to  
Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,172,000 agreed to*

**On Department of Renewable Resources**

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The funding we see here is to complete the construction of the Dempster Campground and some work at the biology workshop. The reason why we have to do that work is that it has been brought to our attention by the health and safety officer of the government. There is also additional money for recreational trails throughout the territory.

**Mr. Brewster:** The only question that I have is that I would like to have a breakdown of where the recreational trails are.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I will highlight the trails that we are looking at this summer. We are looking at Five Finger Rapids. We will be doing a site inspection tomorrow on that. That is going to be done by parks planning staff and the highway engineer to determine the best location for a trail and the depth of piling for a staircase.

We want to take a trail from the top of the viewing site that is there now and bring it right down over the rapids so that people can walk down, sit and look out over the rapids. We are talking about a trail at Moose Creek near the campground to go up on the ridge and look back through. On the Klondike River, an inspection is slated for this to ensure that boardwalks planned will be above the new highwater mark.

<sup>10</sup> There is the construction of a trail and boardwalk there.

We are into gravelling the trail from the campground at Wolf Creek all the way down to the river and back around again. As well, Fisheries have approached us to put up some signs there. They have been involved with the Fish and Game Association in a program to release salmon fry into the creek, so they would like some signage. We are going to accommodate them.

Rancheria Falls: we would like access there from the Alaska Highway at about mile 7.10 to go into the falls. We would build a trail in there.

Squanga River Falls: again, we are investigating access to those falls. The trader trail that goes from Watson Lake to Frances Lake, we are looking at no major expenditure in this area, but we want to do some mapping and clearing on the trail and other development. The big target item is the Ridge Road Trail. This runs from Bonanza Creek, and it is about 26 kilometres long. We are going to be doing layout of the trail this summer. Actual construction will take place on that trail on that trail. We have been doing this in conjunction with Parks Canada. Our discussions are now centred around Parks Canada picking up the maintenance of the trail afterwards. We have not reached an agreement, but that is the intention. We will do the construction. It is part of a joint program. They will look at maintaining it on our behalf.

**Mr. Brewster:** Will this be put out to public tender?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** No, a lot of the trail developments have, historically, never been tendered, because we have staff in Renewable Resources. We hire within the communities to have the people assist with the construction work.

**Mr. Brewster:** I understand that this will all be internal work within the department.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** That is my understanding. If we do intend to contract any particular area, I will ask the department, and I will make sure that the Member knows about that information.

*On Dempster Campground Planning/Construction*

*Dempster Campground Planning/Construction in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to*

*On Recreation Trails*

*Recreation Trails in the amount of \$112,000 agreed to*

*On Biology Workshop and Lab*

*Biology Workshop and Lab in the amount of \$16,000 agreed to*

*Renewable Resources in the amount of \$198,000 agreed to*

**Department of Tourism**

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** Our intention is to complete construction on the Old Territorial Administration Building. As you can see under the Streetscape Development, we are bringing back the \$100,000. It has not been spent. That is going to be to assist the communities of Haines Junction, Carcross and Watson Lake in planning their



streetscape development. The visual arts acquisition - that is to purchase artworks for the new justice centre.

The museum development plan is to finish off our commitment to the contracted museum study that is being done by Lords and Associates.

The Wilderness Development is something we initiated last year, but we lost our director of development for the Department of Tourism who was handling that, so things slowed to a crawl. We intend to pick that up this year. One of the main features of that area is that we are looking at holding a major workshop in the fall.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** If I may just point out that I have been advised by the Department of Finance of something I have not noticed before, but there is a typographical error on page 16, under the Notes. Note 3 should be deleted entirely as a typographical error. It obviously does not reference anything above.

**Mr. Brewster:** As this is general debate I will bring this up. You might put me out of order. I hope that the Minister saw tonight's paper, a picture of poor old Silver City, a community that probably has more tourists go into it than any other place in the Yukon. For four years I have been screaming to save this. For four years they have been tearing it down. I took a look at that picture tonight. This is very disgraceful to have one of the oldest communities there is, and visited by more tourists than any place, just being completely wrecked because we cannot get a government of any type to do anything about it.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** The Member has brought this point forward in previous debates. What I stated to him is that we are doing a heritage resources inventory. I have told him that that particular site will receive representation from me as being one of the sites that has to be looked at, as well as the Montague House site on the road to Carmacks.

As to whether or not we have any immediate plans, no. Under this Capital Budget we have no immediate plans, but the historical inventory will give us the necessary guidelines to be put in place so that we can then have authority by which we spend our capital money according to those plans.

**Mr. McLachlan:** Under the Old Territorial Administration Building, the Minister may have said it, but will \$1.8 million finish that project off? Is that the end?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** Yes.

**Mr. Lang:** Is the final decision not to put in any sprinkler system in that building?

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** We have not made a decision to proceed with sprinklers. The reports that I have received are that I would suggest that it is heading that way; the government probably will not be proceeding with the implementation of sprinklers.

**Mr. Lang:** I just want to put on record that I find it kind of foolish when we are putting \$2 million into a building and an historic site, and it is going to have artifacts. If there was a fire, at least it would have the capability of fighting it. In the situation the way I understand it now, he does not have the PSI — I think those are the initials for the water pressure — to be able to cope with a major conflagration in that particular area anyway. I think it is a foolish decision.

*On Old Territorial Administration Building*

*Old Territorial Administration Building in the amount of \$1,857,000 agreed to*

*On Streetscape Development*

*Streetscape Development in the amount of \$100,000 agreed to*

*On Visual Arts Acquisition*

*Visual Arts Acquisition in the amount of \$130,000 agreed to*

*On Yukon Museum Development Plan*

*Yukon Museum Development Plan in the amount of \$27,000 agreed to*

*On Wilderness Development*

*Wilderness Development in the amount of \$70,000 agreed to*

*Tourism in the amount of \$2,184,000 agreed to*

<sup>12</sup> *On Schedule A*

*Schedule A agreed to*

*On Clause 2*

*Clause 2 agreed to*

*On Clause 1*

*Clause 1 agreed to*

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I seem to be deeming today. I move that you report Bill No. 13, *Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, without amendment.

*Motion agreed to*

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

*Motion agreed to*

*Speaker resumes the Chair*

**Speaker:** I now call the House to order.

May the House have a report from the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole?

**Mr. Webster:** The Committee of the Whole at 7:30 p.m. passed the following motion: I move that the Committee of the Whole and the Assembly be empowered to continue to sit from 9:30 p.m. until such time that it is agreed to adjourn for the purpose of continuing consideration of the bills before Committee of the Whole and to permit the House to consider motions for the third reading of bills.

Further, it gives me immense pleasure to report that Committee of the Whole has considered the following bills and directed me to report the same with amendment: Bill No. 5, *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*; Bill No. 32, *Foreign Arbitral Awards Act*; Bill No. 61, *Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act*; and, Bill No. 50, *Vital Statistics Act*.

Further, the Committee has considered the following bills and directed me to report same without amendment: Bill No. 34, *An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act*; Bill No. 44, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*; Bill No. 70, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*; Bill No. 85, *Miscellaneous Statutes Law Amendment Act, 1986 (No. 1)*; Bill No. 25, *An Act to Repeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act*; Bill No. 38, *Municipal General Purposes Loan Act, 1986*; Bill No. 88, *An Act to Amend the Apprentice Training Act*; Bill No. 92, *Small Claims Court Act*; Bill No. 4, *An Act to Amend the Students Financial Assistance Act*; and, Bill No. 13, *Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87*.

**Speaker:** You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committee of the Whole. Are you agreed?

**All Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker:** I declare the report has carried.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I would like to inform the House that it is now our intention to proceed with third reading of the bills on the Order Paper. I would ask unanimous consent of the House to waive the provisions of Standing Order 59(3) in order to give third reading to those bills that have been amended in Committee of the Whole.

<sup>13</sup> **Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker:** There is unanimous consent.

We will proceed with Government Bills.

## GOVERNMENT BILLS

### Bill No. 5: Third Reading

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 5, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Penikett.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I move that Bill No. 5, entitled *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader that Bill No. 5, entitled *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Mr. Phelps:** We debated this bill at some length in second reading. We have not changed our position one iota. We have gone through a fairly lengthy procedure of scrutinizing the budget, and we still take the position that we will be opposing this bill.

**Mr. McLachlan:** We have just gone through one of the longest budget debates in the history of this House. It is incumbent on all of us as Members in the House to debate in seriousness where the spending of the public purse is concerned.

We take our responsibility here in a serious manner and we believe that Yukoners do want to see a dramatic change in the way this government manages its money. They want a more even-handed and fair approach to the distribution of monies that are spent on behalf of all the regions. This was not always done previously.

The budget is our statement of intention, or our plan of action, for a given period. It is a statement of the amount of money needed during a specific period or timeframe. We must not forget that public money is not entrusted to politicians for purposes of ensuring their own political futures. Yukoners often do not appreciate the self-serving use of the money that their hard labour has often provided.

In closing, I just want to say that the real test of this budget will come in the future, when we can measure the impact that the new policies and the programs the government has put forward have had on all Yukoners.

**Speaker:** The hon. Member will close debate if he speaks now. Does any other Member wish to be heard?

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** This is not a time for lengthy speeches. We have spent a record amount of time on this budget, close to three months. The Leader of the Official Opposition indicated that he had not changed his position one iota. That does give us a certain sense of futility, having spent our persuasive energies so tirelessly over the last few months, and not to have been able to persuade him of the wisdom of our ways; it is slightly depressing.

Nonetheless, we are cheered by the comfort from the Leader of the Liberal Party on that score.

This budget represents an expression of the many new initiatives of this government that will create jobs, build the economy, strengthen our society throughout most of the rural communities, and derives many new programs of benefit not only for the unemployed, but for the many disadvantaged and dispossessed people in the territory. We believe that, already, the effects of this budget are being felt in the economy in a beneficial way throughout the territory.

We unhesitatingly recommend it to the Legislature.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 5 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 34: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 34, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Penikett.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** In a sense, the anticlimatic, I move that Bill No. 34, entitled *An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader that Bill No. 34, entitled *An Act to Amend the Fuel Oil Tax Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 34 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 32: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 32, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 32, entitled *Foreign Arbitral Awards Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 32, entitled *Foreign Arbitral Awards Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 32 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 61: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 61, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 61, entitled *Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 61, entitled *Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I am motivated to speak briefly. This act

will bring to an end the very, very frustrating experience of many women who are simply unable to collect awards awarded to them by the Courts. It is long overdue, and I am proud to be the sponsoring Minister.

*Applause*

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 61 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 44: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 44, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 44, entitled *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 44, entitled *An Act to Amend the Coroner's Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Chairman:** I declare that Bill No. 44 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 70: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 70, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 70, entitled *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 70, entitled *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 70 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 85: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 85, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 85, entitled *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 1986 (No. 1)*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 85, entitled *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 1986, No. 1*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 85 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 25: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 25, standing in the name of the hon. Mrs. Joe.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that Bill No. 25, entitled *An Act to Repeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources that Bill No. 25, entitled *An Act to Repeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 25 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 38: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Bill No. 38, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. McDonald.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I move that Bill No. 30, entitled *Municipal General Purposes Loan Act, 1986*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Minister of Community and Transportation Services that Bill No. 38, entitled *Municipal General Purposes Loan Act, 1986*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 38 has passed this House.

#### **Bill No. 88: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 88, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. McDonald.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I move that Bill No. 88, entitled *An Act to Amend the Apprentice Training Act*, be now read a third time and



do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Minister of Education that Bill No. 88, entitled *An Act to Amend the Apprentice Training Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 88 has passed this House.

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**Bill No. 50: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 50, standing in the name of the hon. Mrs. Joe.

**Hon. Mrs. Joe:** I move that Bill No. 50, entitled *Vital Statistics Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Health and Human Resources that Bill No. 50, entitled *Vital Statistics Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 50 has passed this House.

**Bill No. 92: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 92, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Kimmerly.

**Hon. Mr. Kimmerly:** I move that Bill No. 92, entitled *Small Claims Court Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Justice that Bill No. 92, entitled *Small Claims Court Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 92 has passed this House.

**Bill No. 4: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 4, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. McDonald.

**Hon. Mr. McDonald:** I move that Bill No. 4, entitled *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Minister of Education that Bill No. 4, entitled *An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 4 has passed this House.

**Bill No. 13: Third Reading**

**Clerk:** Third reading, Bill No. 13, standing in the name of the hon. Mr. Penikett.

**Hon. Mr. Penikett:** I move that Bill No. 13, entitled *Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be now read a third time and do pass.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Government Leader that Bill No. 13, entitled *Third Appropriation Act, 1986-87*, be now read a third time and do pass.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** I declare that Bill No. 13 has passed this House.

I wish to inform the Assembly that we will now receive the Commissioner to grant assent to the bills that have passed this House.

*Commissioner enters the Chamber announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms*

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**Speaker:** Mr. Commissioner, the Assembly at the present sitting passed a number of bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, I humbly request your assent.

**Clerk:** *Second Appropriation Act, 1986-87; An Act to Amend the Fuel Tax Act; Foreign Arbitral Act; Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act; An Act to Amend the Coroners Act; An Act to Amend the Liquor Act; Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 1986 (No. 1); An Act to Repeal the Cancer Diagnosis Act; Municipal General Purposes Loans Act, 1986; An Act to Amend the Apprentice Training Act; Vital Statistics Act; Small Claims Court Act; An Act to Amend the Students' Financial Assistance Act; Third*

*Appropriation Act, 1986-87.*

**Commissioner McKinnon:** It is my pleasure to give assent to the bills as enumerated by the Clerk of the Assembly.

I would also like to say that this is one speaker who certainly knows how happy all Members of the Assembly are this evening. It has been a grueling session, and I have asked the Klondike Visitors Association to invite all of you to my inaugural ball in Dawson City on June 13 so that you can wind down and relax, and you all deserve that. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, and I just wish all of you a very pleasant summer.

*Mr. Commissioner leaves the Chamber*

18 **Speaker:** I will now call the House to order.

**Hon. Mr. Porter:** I move that the House at its rising do 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 at 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 purpose of this order.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the hon. Government House Leader that the the House at its rising do 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 at 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 purpose of this order.

*Motion agreed to*

**Ms. Kassi:** I move that the House do now adjourn.

**Speaker:** It has been moved by the Member for Old Crow that the House do now adjourn.

*Motion agreed to*

**Speaker:** This House now stands adjourned.

*The House adjourned at 8:40 p.m.*

**The following Legislative Return was tabled on May 28, 1986:**

86-3-16

Public Service Commission — Recruitment and Training Estimates (Penikett) Oral - Hansard p. 378

**The following Sessional Paper was tabled May 28, 1986:**

86-3-46

Proposed amendment to Bill No. 61 entitled *Maintenance and Custody Orders Enforcement Act* (Kimmerly)

