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**OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #110)

THAT this House urges the Premier, in his capacity as Minister of the Executive Council Office, to establish an independent, non-partisan commission of Yukon citizens to conduct a review of MLA salaries and benefits in relation to those in other Canadian jurisdictions, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Yukon Legislative Assembly during the Fall, 2007 sitting.

**BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**(Second Reading)**

1. Bill #102 - Act to Amend the Yukon Human Rights Act  
-Mr. Inverarity

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #33)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a comprehensive Energy Policy in consultation with stakeholders which:

- (1) ensures affordable energy is available for all Yukon residents and businesses,
- (2) identifies the effectiveness and long-term practicality of existing subsidies within and outside the current electricity rate structure (i.e. the Rate Stabilization Fund),
- (3) ensures that energy development and management decisions support the high quality of the natural environment and biodiversity of ecosystems, recognizing the absolute importance of the long-term protection of these natural systems to economic, social and cultural well-being of Yukon residents,
- (4) identifies new policies (e.g. net metering) and related implementation plans;
- (5) promotes uses of renewable energy that contribute to a lasting legacy of affordable and sustainable energy for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (6) promotes and assists community energy management initiatives through local partnerships,
- (7) encourages First Nation equity positions in energy development projects and works in partnership with all stakeholders towards sustainable energy solutions for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (8) updates the Non-Utility Generator Policy to allow for private investors to participate in the expansion of the territory's electrical system,
- (9) incorporates all issues related to oil and gas development, and
- (10) provides for the discussion of any other issue important to stakeholders or the public.

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## **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

### 1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #69)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, all affected First Nations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and stakeholders, to develop a Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy that ensures to the greatest extent possible, the conservation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

### 2. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #70)

THAT the honourable Members Hon. Brad Cathers, Hon. Elaine Taylor, Steve Nordick, Don Inverarity and John Edzerza be appointed to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees established pursuant to Standing Order 45.

### 3. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #73)

THAT this House establish an all-party Select Committee on Anti-Smoking Legislation, with a mandate including touring the Yukon to consult with the public on legislative options for banning smoking in public places; and

THAT the motion establishing such a Committee be tabled and called for debate during the 2007 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, thus enabling consultation to be carried out in 2007.

**GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
**(Third Reading)**

- 1. Bill #4 - Third Appropriation Act, 2006-07  
- Hon. Mr. Fentie

**BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
**(Second Reading)**

- 1. Bill #101 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right  
- Mr. Nordick
- 2. Bill #103 - Apology Act  
-Mr. Inverarity

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**GOVERNMENT BILLS**

- 1. Bill #6 - First Appropriation Act 2007-08  
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #32 - An Act to Amend the Ombudsman Act and the Public Service Group  
Insurance Benefit Plan Act  
-Hon. Mr. Hart
- 3. Bill #33 - Act to Amend the Waters Act  
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 4. Bill #34 - Act to Amend the Liquor Act  
-Hon. Mr. Kenyon

**BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**

- 1. Bill #104 - Smoke-free Places Act  
-Mr. Hardy

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NOTICE PAPER

**NOTICES OF MOTION**  
**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #125)

THAT a Select Committee on Whistleblower Protection be established;

THAT the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Ted Staffen, be the Chair of the Committee;

THAT the honourable Members Hon. Jim Kenyon, Steve Nordick, Eric Fairclough and Steve Cardiff be appointed to the Committee;

THAT the Committee report to the House its findings and recommendations respecting the central issues that should be addressed in Whistleblower Protection legislation including:

- (1) whether all public institutions and private organizations performing "public" functions will be covered,
- (2) whether only employees or others (unions, advocacy groups, the media, citizens) can use the legislation,
- (3) what types of wrongdoing will be covered,
- (4) whether the same office will conduct investigation, mediation and the protection of whistleblowers,
- (5) whether employees will have to exhaust departmental procedures before approaching the whistleblowing protection office,
- (6) how retaliation against whistleblowers will be defined and how long protection will exist,
- (7) whether there will be a reverse onus on the employer to demonstrate that adverse decisions on a whistleblowing employee were not a reprisal,
- (8) what remedies for employees judged to be adversely affected will be specified in legislation, and
- (9) what sorts of consequences there will be for employees who engage in reckless or malicious accusations of wrongdoing and for managers who engage in reprisal against employees who act in good faith;

THAT the Committee report to the house its recommendation as to whether Whistleblower Protection legislation should include a sunset clause similar to that found in section 35 of the *Ombudsman Act*;

THAT the Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during inter-sessional periods;

THAT the Committee hold hearings for the purpose of receiving the views and opinions of Yukon citizens and interested groups on Whistleblower Protection legislation;

THAT the Committee have the power to seek background information from experts and to be able to call and hear these experts as witnesses;

THAT while all testimony provided to the Committee shall be in a matter of public record, the Committee have the power to hold in-camera meetings and to direct that the records of the Committee, in specific instances, not contain details that could lead to the identification of an individual, group, third party, or community;

THAT if the House is not sitting at such time as the Committee is prepared to present its report, the Committee transmit its report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and, then, not more than one day later, release the report to the public; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

#### **MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #126)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to ensure its House Leader will abide by the standing agreement between House Leaders that all parties should not misuse tributes presented in the Assembly by transforming them into political broadcasts, as exemplified on May 17, 2007.