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Mr. Speaker reads the daily prayer

Mr. Speaker: Madam Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Madam Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this House to order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on a point of privilege.

I think the last week or two that we have had somebody from the Yukon, the boys in particular that went out curling in the Brier, and I think they have done a pretty good job for the Yukon. I think they have also done a very, very good job in proving that in sports we do have something up here.

I think at this time that maybe it would be nice if there were congratulations from this House for the boys.

Some Members: Hear, hear. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker: I will proceed with the Order Paper under Daily Routine.

Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling today, Sessional Paper Number 3, the Electrical Protection Report, 1973-74 as pursuant to Section 15 of the Ordinance and the Yukon Housing Corporation Report, 1974-75 pursuant to Section 19 of the Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling today, Sessional Paper Number 3, The Regulations Report 1974 pursuant to Section 31 of the Interpretations Ordinance, and the Tote Trail Assistance Program Report 1973-74.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Mayo.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling today, Sessional Paper Number 5, the Establishment of Game Management Zones in the Yukon Territory.

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

Are there any Reports of Committees?

Are there any Introduction of Bills?

Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

We will proceed to Orders of the Day. Standing on the Order Paper under motions is Motion number 2, Yukon Water Board. Is the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre prepared to discuss this motion?

MOTION NO. 2

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I don't quite know how to go about prefacing remarks, something like here we go again, or perhaps the same game with a few different players.

The Motion reads, Mr. Speaker, Motion Number 2, moved by myself and seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, "That this House in Session assembled endorses the position of the Territorial Government before the Yukon Water Board." It was right up until the moment just before council sat, Mr. Speaker, it was not really known which way this Motion would read on the Order Paper, because the motion and the position that this Honourable Member took, went before the Executive Committee of the Yukon Territory to gain the approbation of that august body for support of the position that I would like to present before the Yukon Water Board tonight on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory.

I think it is very significant, Mr. Speaker, that I am able to rise in the House and say that that position was accepted by the Executive Committee of the Government of the Yukon Territory, and I don't think that that should be lost because I think that it is primarily a political decision and a political position that is being presented before the Yukon Water Board, and I was very happy to gain the acceptance of the total Executive Committee for the position that would be presented.

The reason why the Motion is before Council, because, I think that it would be a great position of strength to go before the Water Board knowing that the total Executive Committee and the total Council was behind the position as represented by the draught submission before the Water Board that all members have copies of.

I think, Mr. Speaker, we should go into the history -- as far as my involvement is concerned, at least, with the raising -- or with the destruction or with the changing of the Marsh Tagish chain of Lakes in any respect. I think there has been so many studies done on the area, I have just two of them here, one of them is the Baker Report on a Preliminary Evaluation of the Direction for Tourists and Recreation Development Planning of the Tagish, Bennett, Atlin and Marsh Lake areas of the Yukon. There is another one, Mr. Speaker, which is called the Multiple Use of Forest Lands of the Tagish Marsh Lakes area.

Anyway, Council can go through these reports at their leisure, but what they say, essentially, is that this is probably the prime recreational area in the Yukon in proximity to the

major population centre, that the greatest value and the greatest use of this land in dollars, in tourism, in the total economy of the Yukon will be from the use of this area for recreational and tourism uses, rather than any other resource development, whether it be Hydro, or whether it be timber or whether it be mining.

Mr. Speaker, about, almost close to half a dozen years ago, I was reading an edition of the Vancouver paper and found in that paper, the application, or that application permits would be accepted by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the cutting of timber on the Tagish Marsh chain of Lakes. This was completely undenounced, and completely unpublicized event in the Yukon Territory, and of course when it was raised before the Council in this House, certainly that was the intention of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to invite tenders for clear cutting right down to the lake level of the timber surrounding the Tagish Marsh chain of Lakes. So the public of the Yukon said "No way, there's already statistical evidence, there's already reports, that this is not the way of treating the Marsh Tagish Lakes, chain of Lakes, that it's recreational and its tourism potential is the one that we're primarily interested in, and the recreational purpose of the people of the Yukon. So there was a great hue and cry, we debated around the council; Council by unanimous motion appealed to the Minister, and the Minister withdrew the invitations for tender for the timber cutting of the forests along the Tagish Marsh chain of lakes. So we stopped private enterprise, at least, from moving in and destroying the area as a recreational area.

Well, the next thing that came along was we saw once again, at least this time it was advertised in the Whitehorse papers, that the Northern Canada Power Commission, a Crown corporation, was applying to the Yukon Water Board to be able to raise the level of the chain of lakes without any supporting data, without environmental impact studies, just that they found that it was their want for a greater reserve power and more Hydro potential to have a greater impoundment in the Tagish Marsh chain of lakes.

Through the intervention of this Council again, Mr. Speaker, through personal intervention on my own, by going to Ottawa and appealing to the Minister that this application should be withdrawn, it was withdrawn and of course the people of the Yukon had won another small victory.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we find that the N.C.P.C. are attempting to allow the same event to happen, the raising of the chain of lakes through the application to the Water Board of a new dam structure.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we all know that the dam, at the control dam at the head of the Marsh Lake chain of lakes needs replacing. There can be no doubt of that, but when we see the N.C.P.C. apply for a structure that would cause a greater impoundment of water on the chain of lakes, it doesn't take a genius to know that someone is trying to go through the back door, and of course the public of the Yukon are not going to be fooled by this approach of N.C.P.C. In fact, N.C.P.C. has already publicly stated that upon the building of the bigger structure, that they will then go to the Water Board to ask for the increased impoundment on the chain of lakes.

Mr. Speaker, I find it so unhealthy, the attitude that the people of the Yukon have towards the Northern Canada Power Commission, because of their unwillingness or their inability to come out and say exactly what they want in the level of increased storage, prior to asking, not only asking, but calling tenders for the restructure of the dam, even

before going to the Yukon Water Board hearing, or even before they are compelled to bring an environmental impact study down to the people of the Yukon as to what the effect of the raising of the level of the chain of lakes in the Tagish Marsh Lake area will have on that body of water.

Mr. Speaker, I think without labouring the facts of the matter, that all members of Council have the position that I will be presenting before the Yukon Water Board tonight. It is a position Mr. Speaker, that has been approved by the members of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Chairman, I would hope that it would be a position that would be approved by this Council also.

I think probably a resident of 20 years of the Yukon Territory, Mr. Speaker, and a cottage owner on the Marsh chain of lakes, Mrs. Joyce Hayden, says it better or as well as anybody can about the values that we're talking about, and this was on the instance, an article that appeared in the Whitehorse Star the last time that it was applied for by N.C.P.C. to raise the lake levels of the Tagish-Marsh chain. "Notice was recently given by the N.C.P.C. that it requested permission to raise the water level on Marsh, Bennett and Tagish to the historic high level of these lakes. It was with some feelings of amazement that I read of N.C.P.C.'s request. Surely they couldn't be serious, but it appears they are, and if the request is granted, I, along with thousands of other Yukoners, will be reduced to playing games of remember when and talking about the good old days when Marsh and Tagish Lakes were summer havens and Carcross was the Yukon's own summer resort town.

The question is, can ordinary citizens stop or even divert the bureaucratic wheels of a government corporation? The answer, we can only try."

"In the not too distant past, a private company was denied by the government, the right to use the area for a pulp mill and rightly so. The area was declared a necessary recreation area, as well as historically important. It was noted, at that time, it was potentially important to tourism, and that it could provide unspoiled recreation for a large number of North Americans."

"What kind of progress is this that totally ignores the past as well as the wishes of the children, women and men who live here now. It is incomprehensible that a government corporation can blithely destroy a whole way of life, simply because it is just that, a government corporation, and supposedly a servant of the people."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of Council.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, in seconding this motion, there is really very little to add to the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre. There can be very few Yukoners unaware of the objections raised a year ago when this unique recreational area was threatened by the same proposal, and it's incredible to me that the N.C.P.C. should be continuing on this same course, undaunted by overwhelming public opinion which they choose to ignore.

Last week in Yellowknife, speaking before the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry, chaired by Mr. Justice Berger, a former appointed member of the N.W.T. Council who is no longer to be a member because of their election today, Professor Louis Edmond Hamelin, presented a paper entitled Political Development, Canadian Northern Territories, from which I would like permission to quote. He said:

"In this perspective, it is not surprising that Territorial resources are generously offered to all Canadians, i.e. to

indicate that they are 'in trust for all people of Canada'. Gas could be a specific example, according to the very realistic words of a prominent northerner in 1973, if the Canadian or other powers decide that the pipeline is going to be built, then it will be built, whether you or I or anyone else has any feelings about it. The harnessing of waterways for Hydro shows the same subordination of the north to southern interests. The Canadian or provincial need for hydroelectric power has created or planned the great projects at Churchill, James Bay, Nelson, Slave River, Peace River and Ajax. These involve redirecting the flow of water, biological threats and cultural upheavals detrimental to the north in the name of overriding objectives felt in fact, more by people from the interior. The south justifies its claims under the cover of the overriding common good. In the case of the north, this criterion of the common good cannot easily be invoked", and he goes on to add:

"The very application of the principle of the common good may well be jeopardized by these actions."

I have been told, Mr. Speaker, that there are plans in existence and have been in existence for about five years, for the relocating of the Alaska Highway, because when the high water level of the Marsh Lake Chain is raised, the road will be flooded.

Now, if these are facts, why have they not been produced? Why do we not know about it? Why is this Council the last to hear? I am sure that every member of this Council will support this motion.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: I would like to rise to support that motion. My constituents out there in that area, and I know one instance now where the government has relocated a lot for certain elderly couple out there and gave them a lot back in the boondocks in preparation for something. We are not sure, of course, just what it is. They were right on the lakeshore, within probably 7 to 8 feet of the water at the present time, so in high water, naturally they are right on the shore. So there must be, in other words, something, we feel in the wind.

And as our other people in Carcross, they are very interested because of the White Pass Railroad going through there, due to the narrows there and the fishing there, if it is raised even 6 or 7 feet, I think it will be back all the way to Carcross, because I think there's only 11 - I'm not sure of this, but 11 or 12 feet from the mouth of Marsh back to the Tagish lakes. And the highway is now within high water, I would say, four to five feet. So if there is any rise at all above the normal high water level, it will definitely change the highway, there is no question about that at all.

And the people are concerned, because there is many of them that live on the shores, and I myself am concerned because I don't think it will ever do any good. It is a small project, and if they would come up with a definite figure of say, four to five feet and nothing more, I think that people might be satisfied with this, but nobody seems to know what is in the wind. They are going to raise the water, but nobody knows how much they are going to raise the water. That is the big problem, or just what they are going to do.

Now they are proposing a new bridge across the Tagish River between Marsh and Tagish. Now, as you know, the old wooden bridge has been there for many years and it is getting old, and it possibly may stand a few more years, but I can understand their concern that it isn't the best in the world, it's just a one-way wooden structure and it will have to be repaired or done something to.

The only thing that concerns most of us out there is the fact that they are putting in, if they go ahead, and they have

already gone as far as cutting the roadway up to the site and surveying, of the new bridge, or proposed bridge, I should say, and we just can't understand why they would want to put in such a monstrous, long bridge and especially at a point where I feel, and many others out there feel, that they maybe have a little bit more than just the bridge in mind, possibly a dam at the mouth of Tagish Lake, to raise those lakes too again.

This is supposedly, you must remember, but I don't see the Yukon Territorial Government doing that size of bridge just to get a roadway across the Tagish River at one of the widest spots in it, and it could be done much cheaper somewhere else if they just wanted a bridge. There is the feeling that maybe N.C.P.C. and the government more or less have something in common and possibly there is going to be another dam. If there is, that would be bad again.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further discussion? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Phelps: Well, Mr. Speaker, I was raised on the Lakes that the bumbling bureaucrats from Ottawa now propose to play with, and I would like to make the point at this time, that to many people in Carcross and Tagish and around Marsh Lake, these lakes represent a part of their way of life. They were raised on these lakes.

I think that for the people from Carcross and Tagish especially, it is more important than just a place to go boating, they represent the reason, the very essence of why they reside in those two communities.

I would like to say that I have spent most of my life in the Yukon, a large part of it in the Carcross-Tagish area, and this is an issue on which all people in that area are united on, native and non-native, and I would simply like to say that when these bureaucrats start messing with those historic waters, they are walking on the fighting side of me and I hope on the fighting side of everybody in this Assembly.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further discussion?

It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West, that this House in Session assembled, endorses the position of the Territorial Government before the Yukon Water Board.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

Motion Carried

Mr. Speaker: There being no Notices of Motion, or I should say Motion for the Production of Papers, we will proceed now to the Question Period.

Madam Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner would be available for the Question Period?

Madam Clerk leaves room

Mr. Speaker: At this time we will just declare a very brief recess while we await the arrival of Mr. Commissioner.

Recess

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: At this time, we will call the House to order, and we have with us this morning, Mr. Commissioner, for the Question Period. Would you proceed with your questions please?

The Honourable Member from Ogilvie?

Question re Television reception at Old Crow

Question re CBC service to Old Crow

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I have two verbal questions to Mr. Commissioner, probably questions that have been asked in this House many times. The first one is, is television reception contemplated for Old Crow this year, and the second question is, has C.B.C. reception to Old Crow been investigated and if so, what were the results?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Speaker, with a reasonable amount of certainty, I can say that television reception in Old Crow is not planned for this year.

Now with regard to the second question, I believe the Honourable Member is asking, has radio reception via CBC been investigated into Old Crow, and the next part of it was what are the results?

Now, the first part I can answer in the affirmative, but the second part of it I would have to get the answer to that, Mr. Speaker, I don't have it, but this should be made available, and I will proceed to get it.

Ms. Millard: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

QUESTION RE TERRITORIAL CURLING TEAM

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question towards the Commissioner, if I may.

Has the Territorial Government planned any social function for the Territorial curling team that has represented us so well in the Macdonald Brier?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, it wouldn't be proper for me to say that we have actually planned any social function, but we are contacting the City of Whitehorse this morning to see if we could possibly cooperate with them in some type of a civic recognition of the honour, and the very good publicity that these fine group of people have brought to the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Question re Final Recommendations For N.C.P.C.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direction a question, one more question towards the Commissioner. In reference to the motion that was passed by Assembly this morning, I would like to ask, when will the final

recommendations be released by the consultant firm that's been hired by N.C.P.C., when will these recommendations be put forth so that we can begin planning for a major hydro development here in the Yukon?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could have notice on that. I believe that there's been some kind of a report has already been made available, but I would like to just refresh my memory on that and I would try to be prepared tomorrow morning to answer that.

Mr. Lang: This would be agreeable.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Question re Television Sites In Yukon Territories

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Commissioner a question as to -- not Old Crow, but the other sites in the Yukon. Is it contemplated that there will be some more sites picked for T.V. in the Yukon Territories this year, and do you think it is going to carry through?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am quite confident that there are two approaches being taken with regard to the extension of T.V. coverage in the Territory at the present time. I would ask that the Honourable Member would direct his question towards that which is being studied in conjunction with the Territorial Government. If he would be kind enough to direct his questions at the time that the item comes up in the budget, because there's a pretty full explanation that is required, and that Mr. Miller, who has been dealing on behalf of the Territorial Government with this, would be in a very good position to answer that question at that time.

Now, with regard to the CBC's continuing investigations, or the continued extension of their programs, I think that the proper thing to do, Mr. Speaker, would be to table the information that was made available I believe at the end of the last session of Council, you know, to bring new members of Council up-to-date as to what CBC's long range plans are and this we can proceed to do.

Is that satisfactory?

Mr. Fleming: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps that may be a way of resolving this question and Madam Clerk would so note.

Any further questions? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Question re Extension Of Services To Clinton Creek

Miss Millard: I have a written question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. I have been advised that it is a definite policy of the Welfare Branch to extend services to Clinton Creek, while reducing services to Old Crow. If this is so, would she correct the situation to one that is more consistent with other areas in the Yukon, and more in keeping with the population needs of each community?

Mr. Speaker: I would have some difficulty in accepting the question only as far as it may be issuing a direction. I would have to consider as to whether the latter portion of the

question could be admissible in the question period.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could change that to read then, would she investigate the situation?

Mr. Speaker: This would be a more proper form.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is a written question, I will certainly get you a written reply.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Have you any further questions?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse West.

Question re Effective Date Of N.C.P.C. Chairmanship

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if Mr. Commissioner could explain to us when the actual takeover process will take place as he assumes his new Chairmanship of the N.C.P.C. What is the effective date of that operation?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Speaker, when somebody puts something on a piece of paper that gets onto my desk that I can see it in writing; up until now, my total knowledge of this situation is the pronouncements by my Ministers to this effect, so I am sure that somewhere in the bureaucratic mill, why there's a formal notice coming along, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

I would like to thank Mr. Commissioner for assisting us with the Question Period this morning, and we will now proceed to Public Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure?

Bill No. 1, Third Reading

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo, that Bill Number 1, Sixth Appropriation Ordinance, 1974-75, be given third reading at this time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo, that Bill Number 1, namely the Sixth Appropriation Ordinance, 1974-75 be given third reading at this time. Is there any discussion? Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the Motion as carried.

Motion Carried

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

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo, that Bill Number 1 the title be adopted at this time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Mem-

ber from Kluane, seconded by the Honourable Member from Mayo, that the title to Bill Number 1, Sixth Appropriation Ordinance 1974-75 be adopted as written. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill -- that the Motion is carried and that the Bill is passed this House.

Motion Carried

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner, the legislature has at its present sitting, passed a number of Bills, in this case two bills, Bill Number 1 and Bill Number 22, to which in the name and on behalf of the said House I respectfully request your assent.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased at this time to give my assent to the Bills as enumerated by yourself, namely Bill Number 1 and Bill Number 22.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. McCall: I second it Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker leave chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I will call the meeting to order and declare a 5 minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee to Order at this time, and I would like to thank Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau for attending as witnesses, and I believe that the first Order of the Day, or the Committee, rather, will be to look at Bill Number 2.

Are there any comments before I go into the Sections of the Bill? That being the case, I will read Clause 1.

Reads Clause 1

Mr. Chairman: Clause 2, sub-section(1):

Reads Clause 2, sub-section (1)

Mr. Chairman: Clause 3 (1):

Reads Clause 3, sub-section (1)

Mr. Chairman: Are there any comments? It's clear then. I'll then proceed to Schedule A, Appropriation or Item. The first item is Administrative Services, \$1,407,731.00, and I would ask that you now turn to page 4 of the Main Estimates. Before proceeding, I would like to advise the members that we will be going through these items twice. There will be a second vote by vote review before it goes back before the House, in case somebody has missed something along the way and wants to comment.

Turning to page 4 then of the main estimate, Yukon Council, \$180,760.00. Are there any comments on that item?

Clear? Oh sorry, question from Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. chairman, this is the part of the budget where provision is made for the operation of the Yukon Council, which is now the Yukon Legislative Assembly. I did have a general question I would like to direct to Mr. Miller, Mr. Chairman, and that is in relation to the provisions for the involvement of this legislature in the new complex. Have funds been provided for, for instance, the development of the facility, the legislative facility, how is this being handled, and do we have adequate funds to develop a sound legislative facility in the new complex, this would probably be my general question.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have included in the building costs for the new building, what we think are adequate funds. Now at present time, the decision has not been taken as to the interior decor or this type of thing of the chamber itself. The architects are due up and they are working with an art committee of local people. They are due up, as I understand it, within the next couple of weeks with some artists' sketches, proposals, if you like, for the interior portion of the new -- or the Council Chambers, the new Legislative Assembly chambers. And it would be our intention at that time to get together with the Speaker and whoever else the Speaker deems necessary, to get your comments, your views prior to completing (a) the sketches and then the requirements for that Chamber.

The Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, -- yes, I thank Mr. Miller for his comments. Of course I will be bringing a suggestion or a motion to the House in a number of days which would, in effect, if agreeable to the House, establish a special committee or possibly a Standing Committee as the case might be, to deal with the Administration on this matter on behalf of the House. I just wish to satisfy myself, and for the benefit of all Members, that there are adequate funds to develop a substantial complex in our new Legislative complex.

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, until we get some idea I think of what this House would like in the way of decor, in the way of desks, we just don't know. We have funds in the building estimate to cover that, now, supposedly I guess, if there aren't funds, adequate funds, we are going to have to try and find them. That is really what it boils down to,

but until we get a little further down the road, we just won't know.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion? Is that clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Administrative Services, \$515,385.00. Is there any discussion on this item?

We will then move onto the next item, Land Claims Secretariat, \$108,720.00. I'm sure there must be some questions on this. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Miller. What does this Professional and Special Services cover in your expenditures here?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, basically this is to provide funds if required, to cover off contract people primarily. To my knowledge at the moment, the only individual that we are paying out of that would be David Elliott, who is a special advisor in this case. But we felt that we should provide adequate funding in case we needed to hire other experts to assist our Land Claims Secretariat in their work.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang again.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, in other words, this money could quite conceivably be not spent in this forthcoming year? Depending on what takes place in renegotiations or whatever is going on?

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. It is basically provisional funds to cover off a possible necessity rather than anything fixed at this point.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, out of interest, more curiosity than anything else, if the money is not spent, will this just go more or less back into Consolidated Revenue Fund or --

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, if any money lapses from what is voted here, it just goes back into the consolidated Revenue Fund.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, is this not a hundred percent recoverable from Ottawa? Under the Land Claims Secretariat?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, as of 1975-76, it is no longer an -- outside agreement recovery, it's now within the agreement, so it's in our base figure.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Then if it isn't expended, it does go right back into consolidated revenue. If it were outside the agreement, we just couldn't collect the amount of money from Ottawa, so it's to our benefit to have it within the agreement, and to make a generous estimate?

Mr. Miller: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, in this particular case.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or discussion? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move onto the next item, Intergovernmental Affairs, \$109,750.00 - 570 dollars, pardon me. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Miller once again.

Could you explain what this Intergovernmental Affairs actually does? I see that there's a raise from one year from \$34,980.00 to \$109,570.00, which is quite a major increase.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, what we embarked upon here a couple of years ago is we set up a small secretariat to try and keep track of what the Federal Government was doing in the Yukon, and basically at that time it was a secretariat to the F.I.C.C. or the Federal Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee.

We found that that was just one step in the process, and I think all members are aware there is a Federal committee called the A.C.N.D. which is supposedly coordinating all federal activities in the north.

Our Intergovernmental Affairs Director, we expect him, once he gets the proper staff, to keep our Executive Committee, our departments in the government, apprised of what is happening, what the Federal Departments are doing in the north, where we can develop coordination between ourselves and the Federal Departments, and also expect him to work with the Provinces in coordinating those things that we might benefit from, in connection with the Provinces.

As an example of one thing that's happened in 1974 as a result of this, you will be running into a VHF radio system here a little later on in the capital area. This was done through our F.I.C.C. and A.C.N.D. committees, and in effect saved the Government of Canada, or will save the Government of Canada well in excess of one million dollars.

So that's the type of thing that we are expecting from this Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as always as successive members of this house are always concerned about the proliferation of government, and I notice here that we have an increase in salaries and wages for this establishment, from \$17,985.00 to \$72,300.00. Would it appear that this time that we are developing a new Department which will annually proliferate in terms of the number of people employed here, or are we looking at some sort of a base that we can remain at for several years?

In other words, is this another open door for the Administration to start hiring more and more and more people?

The second question is, to what extent of this \$109,570.00, to what extent is this figure recoverable from the Federal Government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. chairman, I think there were two question there, whether this could be another department that will proliferate. I would hate to speak for the future, but I think our current planning, as I am aware of it, is that this is the basic complement of people that they will need for some

number of years into the future.

The second question regarding recovery from the Federal Government, basically for 1975-76, there's \$25,000.00 of this recoverable outside of the agreement. The balance of it is included in the agreement.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Miller, I'm not quite clear on your point that outside the agreement, and then we go inside the agreement. Could you please explain what you just said?

Mr. Miller: Okay. Basically what happens when we take over any one of these functions, and the same applies to the Land Claims Secretariat, in the initial year that we start these, we normally arrange with Ottawa to have funding provided outside of our fiscal agreement, which means it's a special - we send the bills in, we pay the bills and then we send them - we claim on Ottawa, and they pay it separate and distinct from the deficit grant.

The second year of the program, we normally try to roll them into the deficit grant, and they recognize this as a base adjustment or a logical reason for an increase in that. So that's really the distinction between inside and outside the agreement.

Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is public inquiries, \$1.00. Any discussion on that?

Clear? The next, Plebiscites, \$1.00. Any discussion on that?

The next item is Personnel Office, \$493,294.00. Yes, there is a breakdown, Appendix A-14.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Under Transportation of Non-Government Employees, \$32,891.00 and then \$141,500.00, does this apply to people being brought in and out for employment interviews, or experts who come in to advise us on personnel, or what?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this would relate primarily to coming in for interviews or coming in to take a position. In other words, that includes when we hire somebody from outside, the full cost of bringing them into the Yukon is borne by this government, and that's where it would be charged.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson then.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that this also includes the transportation costs for teachers, does it not, Mr. Miller, not the public service. It includes teachers that are brought in with their household goods and their families?

Mrs. Whyard: Non-government employees.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: These are people that are being hired -

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it says "non-government employees".

Mr. Chairman: Yes. Mrs. Watson, would you like to comment further on that?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: No, that's fine.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, do you have a further comment to make?

Mrs. Whyard: Well, it's confusing, I think the terminology, it's a matter of -

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Well Mr. Chairman, what we are really talking about is a person coming to work for us. We make them an offer, let's say they live in Calgary or Vancouver, we make them an offer of employment. They really don't become an employee -- become an employee until they arrive in the Yukon. So that's why it's the non-government up until they arrive here and take up their employment.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have two concerns in this particular item. One is with insurance and the whole question of insurance in the Yukon Territory, and under Insurance, in this item, we deal with auto fleet blanket coverage, comprehensive liability, self-insurance sort of a thing, Workmen's Compensation Insurance, and as most people in the Yukon know, that are obtaining motor vehicle insurance, fire insurance and this type of thing, that annually rates are rising at an astonishing rate; as a matter of fact, at an alarming rate.

I'm wondering if the administration in terms of the insurance coverage contained in the budget, are experiencing this same problem, or do they have some other means of negotiating with insurance companies for coverage?

Mr. Chairman: Well Mr. --

Mr. Taylor: Well, that's all right, I'm sorry. Cross-referencing, Mr. Chairman, from May 14th and I do see that should be in establishment 201, in vote 2, and I'm sorry, but possibly we could have the answer.

Mr. Chairman: I think it would be in order to have an answer to that question now, although it is for an item following.

Mr. Taylor: Yes.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we're experiencing, I suppose, the normal rate increases that are being applied to the public. To my knowledge though, there haven't been any major increases in the last couple of years in any of the insurance, with the possible exception of the motor vehicle,

and that supposedly relates to the accident rates that are going on. So unless I'm getting the wrong information, I'm not aware of any major increases that have gone on in the insurance field in the last couple of years. Prior to that, there was some huge increases granted.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions on Personnel Office? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The total then for Administrative Services is \$1,407,731.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move on, turning back to Schedule A, Bill 2, to Department of Treasury, and that can be found at page 10 in the main.

The first item is Territorial Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and it's \$559,197.00. Is there any question or comment?

Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, yes, I have a general question I would direct to either of the witnesses with us today, that is now that we have evolved from the inkwell and crow quill pen era of the Government of the Yukon Territory and are obtaining experience in the computer field, I'm wondering if I could be informed as to just how effective this computer program is, and is it in fact, resulting in personal personnel savings within the Department of Treasury?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, maybe I can answer the last part of the question first.

I think that the computer has enabled us to hold the line on clerical people, and I believe prior to my coming here, there were some reductions as a result of the bringing in of the computer.

I hope that we can effect some more savings down the road that we have been involved in the past eight or nine months in a conversion from a card system to a disc system, which gives us greater efficiency in the use of the equipment, and you will begin to look at new applications in the coming year, somewhere before the end of '75, I hope we can have a look at the Y.H.C.I.P. application, which can result in some very substantial savings.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: I note in most of these items, an amount for rental of land and buildings, in this case 27,000. I presume that with the move into the new Territorial Government building, these items would no longer appear. We would be saving rental of office space in towns. I've got roughly a total of about 61,000 that would no longer appear for these departments, is that correct, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Huberdeau?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, the payment of rent to outside agencies will, in effect, disappear, but the cost of the

operation of the new building will still cost the Territorial Government some money. The practice, at the present time, is to charge rent out to all the departments. Whether or not this will continue when we move into the new building, hasn't really been decided, but it's probably that we will do that.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, could we know whether that rate will be more or less than we are currently paying?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Huberdeau?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, it should be less than we are currently paying to outside agencies.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any further comments or questions?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could just add to that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller: A decision has been made that we will continue to charge back to Departments, the rental amount when they are in the new building, and it will be considerably less than what we are now charging back.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Any further -- Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe at the present time we are charging back to each Department, \$6.00 a square foot for office space.

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, the rate has been adjusted, and is now \$6.70 a square foot and that will show up in the slight increases that you will see in this primary throughout the votes.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move on to the next item which is insurance, \$144,000.00, and once again, for verification one can turn to Appendix A-14. Are there any questions on this item?

Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, for a number of -- or I should say a number of years ago, in dealing with insurance, we found that on fire insurance in the Yukon Territory, that people were being charged a 25 percent surcharge for living in the Yukon, in order to obtain this insurance, and at several points in time, this House inquired of the administration as to why, what gave rise to this 25 percent surcharge over say, the people in the same type of insurance in British Columbia. And the last word we got on it was a reply which I thought very, very bad reply to the House, addressed to the House, which stated the matter is confidential, and that was the end of the matter.

I'm wondering if the administration have in recent times, endeavoured to determine what this charge is, what it consists of, and why indeed it's levied in the first place, upon

people who live in the Yukon Territory, in deference to those that live in Alberta or in one of the southern provinces, and I'm wondering if possibly Mr. Miller may have some background if at all on this question?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I reported to the house last year that the 25 percent surcharge that was commonly applied in the Yukon had been discontinued, and to my knowledge, this took place about 1972, possible '73. I may be out a year there, but there is no longer a 25 percent surcharge in the Yukon. We're just charged a normal rate, based on our loss experience.

Now, whether they have buried the 25 percent surcharge, we don't know, but we have undertaken over the last couple of years to deal with the insurance companies on this matter and we continue to do so. We're getting fairly good rapport with the Canadian Underwriters' Association. I'm trying to reduce rates but our fire insurance losses are still very high.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can only say that if the 25 percent surcharge as such, designated as such, was lifted by the joint insurance companies, it certainly did not reflect, to my knowledge, in anyone's premium in the Territory. The premium still exists at a level of 25 percent or higher, indeed, than that of the southern provinces, and apart from the fire loss factor, I'm still at a loss to understand this whole complicated business of how they arrive at this. Though they may not call it a surcharge any more, it would appear to me, and it would appear to others, that indeed in fact it still exists. But I would certainly like to know the reason why we are paying, on all forms of insurance, much higher premiums than those people in the south.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, part of that question really evolves around the old -- the overall amount of insurance that's written in the Yukon. Now, this has a major impact, if you're talking about, for example, the Province of British Columbia or the Province of Alberta, as an insurance base, the numbers, straight number game that has to go on in this thing, are substantially different.

Now, I don't know what the fire losses are in B.C., but let's say for sake of argument that they are 20 million dollars a year. If you're pro-rating that over an insurance risk of two billion, you can see the ramification of what happens if you've got a million dollar loss in the Yukon and you're only pro-rating that over a base of, you know, 100 million, so that's part of the reasoning. You've got a substantially lower base here, and a very high ratio of fire losses to that base.

Insurance companies have to recover their loss.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions or discussion? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to just take auto fleet blanket insurance. I take it this is for all your government vehicles, this is just strictly car insurance and so forth and so on, and that is the one price for the total, and I'm presuming that you, the Territorial Government does get their insurance from a private insurance company, or do you handle your own insurance?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, with automobile insurance, all we cover is third party liability. We self-insure for

collision, fire and theft losses, and all we cover is third party liability on our government vehicles.

We self-insure through the Federal Government Fire Losses Replacement Account for all our fire insurance, and we self-insure for all of our Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like also to ask if -- as you know now, dealing with insurance companies, younger people under 25 years old, they are charged an exorbitant fee, there is no question whether they are good, bad drivers, bad drivers or otherwise, the price seems to be completely out of sight.

Now, does this age group have any effect on our -- or the Territorial Government's insurance in any way, if you had younger people working for you, or you had older people working for the Territory?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: No, not really, Mr. Chairman, because again as I say, we are only covering our general liability. Now, if we were covering collision, and that's normally where the younger group gets hit because they are a high accident rate as a whole, they are normally -- it's the collision aspect of it rather than the general liability, so we insure on a blanket basis, all of our vehicles, regardless of who is driving them.

The Chairman: Any further questions or discussion?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: I would like to direct a question once again to Mr. Miller. You say that there was no substantial raise in the insurance for this coming year, and I see a raise in the insurance for this coming year, and I see a raise of \$13,000.00. Does this go in stages or is that allocation being put forth--

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, the reason for the increase is in Workmen's Compensation fund supplementary pensions to people who were on Workmen's Compensation before we developed our own fund, and some conversion of pensions to paid-out insurance.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item then is Electric Rate Equalization, \$383,616.00, and I expect some comment on this.

Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, to start discussion on this question, I would like to know how great the response was to the program this year. I know that the administration undertook to do their very best to get the forms around, the necessary forms around and get the -- or pardon me, I was thinking of the fuel, but to -- that's right, I'm sorry. I'm confusing the two, I'm confusing the fuel equalization with the electric rate equalization.

My question should be on the electric rate equalization, as we get our money, and I believe it's three years behind, how solid is the fund at this time, in terms of these returns of corporate taxes from the Yukon Electric?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, the balance of the fund is around a million three as at the end of this year. The rebate from Ottawa is estimated, and is in hand for last year, but will be subject to adjustment, depending on profits of the utilities in the Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, then my next question would be, is it anticipated that a further increase in the benefits offered under the Electric Rate Equalization can be given? For instance, last year we included some commercial operations, I believe, in the plan. Is it anticipated that any changes will be made into the method of distribution or the qualification of distribution during the course of this forthcoming fiscal year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we're continuing to monitor this thing, as you probably realize, we've only got at the moment, about eight months' experience on the commercial plan.

We would rather not entertain any changes to the plan at this particular moment, until we've had a little more experience with (a) the commercial plan, and (b) the sum knowledge of what the rate -- the proposed rate increases, currently up by both N.C.P.C. and Yukon Electric will have on this plan. We just don't know what impact those will have. We would rather wait at least another year before we go any further with it.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Any further comments or questions? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Central Purchasing and Stores, \$250,710.00.

The next item is Heating Fuel Equalization, \$25,000.00.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is the other area on which I wish to inquire, what was the response, as I started to say earlier, that I know the administration did their very best to get forms and information about the program through advertising to the people of the Territory, in the hinterland, and I would be very interested in knowing whether we got, what may be considered an overwhelming response to the program.

I would also be interested in knowing as to how this fund is doing at the moment?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, I'm not too sure how you equate the response. We made a great deal of effort in trying to get people to make applications for heating fuel equalization, and our last effort seemed to inspire people to send the forms in and we got a great flurry towards the end of the season.

The total amount paid out last year was \$17,000.00 approximately that amount, and there seems to be a number of reasons for this, part of them may be that people did not apply for the rebate. But we haven't had the program in existence long enough to develop sufficient statistics to determine the actual reasons that we are below the estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know the concept of the Heating Fuel Equalization as it stands today, whereas I think that the -- this tax that you charge now, which is one cent a gallon in the outlying districts, I know we pay that tax now, but in Whitehorse I don't think they do pay that tax, am I not right?

And as I understand it, I would--what I would like to know is why, more or less, that we are charged the one cent tax, and then in a sense, you borrow -- the Territorial Government borrows our money, and turns around and gives it back to us at the end of the year, which in effect, is exactly what happens.

We pay on one thousand gallons of gas, or not gas but fuel, we pay \$10.00 to them say now, and then a year later we are putting in for a rebate of 3 cents and getting that one cent back again, and so in effect, they are just borrowing that money and giving it back to us. I would like to know why this concept, why give it at all if you are going to have to give it back to us?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, the basis of the equalization was to equalize fuel costs throughout the Territory with Whitehorse, or those areas where the fuel costs are the same as in Whitehorse, and that is fuel oil for heating, and the one cent tax was imposed across the Territory as a means of funding the rebate.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Members from outside of the Whitehorse area, it should be perfectly clear that every person who is using oil as heating in the Whitehorse area, has a one cent per gallon tax attached to it, and that money, the majority of which comes from the Whitehorse area, is used for equalization throughout the Territory, so Whitehorse people pay, but they don't receive any benefits from their payment, which is spread around the other areas of the Yukon Territory, and at this table I fought very strongly (1) that it shouldn't be heating tax on fuel, because I don't believe in the principle of taxing an absolute necessity to anybody in the Yukon, if there is going to be an equalization plan, which I agree with fully, it should come out of general revenue, but not a specific tax on something which is in no way, shape or form a luxury in the Yukon Territory, but an absolute necessity, and the only way that it was sold was that there was going to be an equalization plan that Whitehorse was going to be paying for primarily, and the benefit coming to other areas of the Yukon.

But don't labour under the mis-apprehension that I'm not helping the -- to subsidize heating fuel throughout the rest of the Yukon Territory, because every person who is using fuel oil for heating in Whitehorse is.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I have to agree with Mr. McKinnon, and I did understand part of that before I asked that question. I merely want to clear up the question. I feel, myself, as Mr. McKinnon does, that on this particular instance that Whitehorse more or less is helping the other communities, I do agree with this, and I also agree with him, I don't think that the tax situation as it stands, I don't really care for it too much.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Fleming? Any other -- Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think that that's just possibly just a little bit wrong slant to this whole situation that Whitehorse is subsidizing all the rest of us, because I feel that the residents in Teslin and Haines Junction, Carmack, will be subsidizing more -- are subsidizing the residents in Dawson City, and the residents in Mayo, because they are the people who are paying higher fuel costs.

So this type of thing could go on and on, but the basic principle of equalizing fuel costs to residential owners in the Yukon I think was a good one, and if you also look at it, every commercial enterprise in the outlying area is helping to subsidize this equalization scheme throughout the Territory, and this is the basis for an equalization scheme.

You can't just say that one group is subsidizing another group, because the one cents revenue that is derived from this one cent -- the revenue that's derived from this one cent imposition on fuel oil, is much more than 17,000, and it goes into general revenue and helps fund our educational system, our local government programs, our welfare programs, our health programs, so there's only 17,000 of that is being used for equalization. The rest of it, everybody is benefitting from it.

Mr. Chairman: Any further comments?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: --take up from where Mr. McKinnon left off. I hope that the members of this House are not feeling the position that Whitehorse is being benevolent once again for the other people in the Yukon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I'm just trying to make a point.

Mr. Chairman: I know that we are bad, but I'm just trying to say we are not all bad. There is a little bit of good in us.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Miller, if I may.

For my own clarification, I would like to know what is the total Territorial tax per gallon of heating fuel in the Yukon?

Mr. Miller: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, am I correct that you want to know the amount of the tax, or the amount the tax raises?

Mr. Lang: No, amount per gallon.

Mr. Miller: It's a one cent per gallon tax on all heating fuel.

Mr. Lang: Is there any more Territorial taxes put on heating fuel, or is it just the one cent?

Mr. Miller: Strictly the one cent per gallon on heating fuel.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, that was my question, is how much -- or

is it anticipated that this tax would raise in this current fiscal year?

Mr. Miller: \$73,000.00, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any further comment or question? Is it clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The total then for that item, is \$1,362,523.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We then move on to the next item, which is Department of Education, and I would ask you to turn to page 14 in the Main.

The first item -- I'm sorry. There is some discussion that possibly the next step ought to be to move to capital, is that agreed?

Some Members: Agreed?

Mr. Chairman: We will then turn to Project Capital which is found on page 64 of the main, and the first item there is Staff Housing, \$1,110,000.00. Is there any questions or comments? Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: I would like to ask Mr. Miller, who is the Executive Committee member responsible for the Housing Corporation, to explain how priorities are set, and who determines where the staff housing is allocated within the Territory, and also who determines where the public housing is allocated, that's establishment 2182, they're both under the authority of the Housing Corporation.

I think there have been some very misleading insinuations propogated by the editor of one of our newspapers, that this may be an area where there is a little bit of political pork barreling, and I would like it to be corrected for the record by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, can you correct that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, in the Accommodation Services area, the staff housing, if you like, our general policy that we adopted three years ago was that staff housing -- upgrading of staff housing should take place following the provision of the normal municipal services, such as water and sewer systems, and we undertook this last year to replace what we call the compound, the highway compound and some of the other inadequate housing in Watson Lake.

The next move would be to look at Haines Junction, which will have a water and sewer system and at Mayo during the current fiscal year, and also at Carmacks with five units because again they have a water and sewer system, and that will be the general philosophy. The replacement of housing will follow the provision of Municipal services in these communities.

In addition to that, we still have to look at those areas in the Yukon where we are hiring or possibly hiring, intending to hire new people and we don't have any housing at all. We have got to provide something for them, and that's why we have the one housing unit at Old Crow and two at Ross River, we intend to have people in Ross River for example, and we don't have adequate staff housing.

So that's the general philosophy on the staff housing.

On the rental purchase housing, or any of the low cost housing programs, the decisions as to where these houses are going to be made, and what style the house is going to be, they are made by the Directors of the Yukon Housing Corporation and not by the Administration of this government, so it's strictly the Directors of the Yukon Housing Corporation.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller. I would point out that Appendix 40 details the staff housing, and I would now recognize Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Yes, I would like to go back to what Mrs. Watson was saying. I don't think you clearly answered the questions that Mrs. Watson was actually asking. I would further like to ask other questions pertaining to this housing situation.

First of all, to go back to the '72-73 budgets, funds were passed in this House concerning allocation to build houses in Faro, which have still not been built. I am curious as to where these funds went to, or where it was allocated to.

I also wish to ask Mr. Miller, if I may, would it be appropriate to ask at this time, if he would discuss the priorities with the Yukon Housing Association before this goes any further in this House, and --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, possibly we could take these questions one at a time.

Mr. McCall: I am sort of confused about it--

Mr. Chairman: I will certainly give you priority. Perhaps he could answer those two questions first.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there's been provision in two budgets that I'm aware of to build housing in Faro and in both cases when we went to tender, the price that came in was just unpalatable, we just couldn't live with it, like in the neighbourhood of \$53,000.00 per unit for housing.

The funds just go back into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Now in this last year, we did undertake to try and provide, in Faro, through the use of a private entrepreneur an apartment, that again has fallen through, mainly because we couldn't get a price, the entrepreneur couldn't get a price that was livable with him and subsequently the rents were just completely out of line.

The Manager of the Yukon Housing Corporation has just recently been to Faro and met with the Town Council in Faro and we are back at the drawing board trying to find some way of providing staff housing in Faro.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: The question I would like to ask Mr. Miller, if I may is, just when is Faro going to be considered as far as the responsibilities of this government to the responsibilities of the people they employ that live in Faro and have been living there since 1968?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think as I indicated we are attempting to find a solution to the housing problem in Faro by again, we are back as I indicate, we are now dealing with the town of Faro and the staff of Faro and we are back to trying to find a solution that we hope that we might be able to put together during the course of this year, at least, if not this

year, certainly in the next.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. McCall do you have further?

Mr. McCall: You say that there will be in the next years budget, that would be approximately about 7 years before they are being considered. I think that is a very heavy burden to carry to the constituents that they are being reviewed or reconsidered in the next budget. I am curious as to why it was not included into this budget.

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, as I have indicated we have now looked at the Faro situation at least three times to my knowledge, and I think it is in fact four. Every year we come up with a proposal we seem to lose, mainly, because of dollars and cents. As I have indicated, we are currently working with the town people, the Town Council and the staff, and incidently, Anvil, who are we understand, possibly going into a housing program this year. We may be able to work out something that will allow us to alleviate the situation, or partially alleviate the situation, in this current fiscal year. If we can't do it, we will be back at it again next year.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Could I take it from your remarks that you do consider the staff housing and the Yukon Corporation low cost housing in a small town, for instance, as more or less one group or does the Yukon Housing Corporation go build five houses where there is five needed in a small community and then the Yukon Territory will come along and put in five more staff houses, while the other fellow doesn't know what is going on. Are you working in conjunction with them on this or are they your consultants, as it were.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as of about four years ago we transferred our accommodation services staff to the housing, to the same facilities as the Housing Corporation were using, and in fact we asked the Manager of the Housing Corporation to take on both functions. He has done that, he has really worn two hats, one on behalf of the Yukon Housing Corporation Board of Directors and one on behalf of this government in terms of staff accommodation.

We have gone one step further for 1975-76, we are turning over to the Yukon Housing Corporation Board of Directors all of our staff accommodation with some minor exceptions, and they will administer the total housing stock, that at one time was administered by the Government of the Yukon Territory or by the Administration.

So the Board of Directors of the Housing Corporation will have two functions from here on, both low income housing and staff accomodation.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I take it then that the Board of the Yukon Housing Corporation, they are responsible for the allocation of these homes then throughout the Territory.

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Basically what we are hoping will develop out of this is where YTG doesn't have staff and needing accommodation we are hoping that they will be able to rent to private people, use, what historically has been a staff accomodation to put low income people in if there is a need for it and this type of thing.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I note that there is one unit to be put in at Old Crow, I wonder if you can tell me who that is to be assigned to?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is a need for a Game Officer in Old Crow, whether in fact this house will be built this year we are not quite sure because it will depend upon who they hire as a Game Officer. If they hire a local person from Old Crow, which they are hoping to do, there won't be a need for a house. If they have to send somebody in from outside because they can't hire local people, then we possibly will need a house.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I understand there is a forestry house at Old Crow that isn't being used, is this not being considered?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have looked at the forestry house, we have also looked at the R.C.M.P. house, we are also looking at the apartments at the Teacherage, and so much will depend upon the individual that is hired for that particular position as to what type of accomodation we have to have.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, afterdiscussing this particular situation with Mr. Schneider on the Board of Directors on Friday last, I asked Mr. Schneider, "is the Board in a position where they could review the priorities that are set and established in this budget?" He said, "yes." What I am asking you, Mr. Miller, is this, the Government Administration, are they taking the priorities set now as conclusive?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, this is one of the things that again we hope we will be abl eto make a little more flexible by having the Housing Corporation take over the staff accomodation function.

I think all members are aware that over the past couple of years we have attempted to build houses in various areas. When prices were out of line in one area we didn't proceed in that area and we shifted to another area. That is one of the flexibilities that we hope the Yukon Housing Corporation will continue to exercise. For example, our proposals right now in staff accomodation are for Haines Junction and Mayo. If we can't build there at a reasonable price, and conversely we could get a good price at Faro, that is one of the things that we would attempt to do.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman there is one thing that I would like to draw the attention to the members in the House.

The fact that that staff housing is staff housing. It isn't housing for game, it isn't housing for welfare, it isn't housing for education, this has been the problem in the past, before it was under one umbrella, such as the Housing Corporation. You would see a teacherage, as we call them empty in a community because you had single personnel, and you wouldn't require it and yet there would be someone from the Game Branch unable to get housing. It was just a ludicrous situation. Now that it is under the Housing Corporation and under the Board of Directors it will be staff housing

regardless of what department. If housing is required these people will be able to use it.

One question that I would like to direct to Mr. Miller, is, have the Corporation done an inventory stock of all staff housing in the Yukon, and did they use that inventory to assist them in establishing priorities for their building program for this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, we have an inventory, we've had it for a number of years, and it shows all the communities and those units which are deficient in some manner. That was part of the criteria that was used in assigning priorities for this year, but the major criteria that was used was the question of whether there were municipal services in these communities.

That's the major point.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I think we should define here what Mrs. Watson was actually saying as far as inventories on housing, we have such a thing as housing and mobile home trailers. There is a variation there or a difference.

I think Mr. Miller should consider, if he would if I may put it, that there could be a gross error here by ignoring the residents in Faro once again, when you consider that Faro and Cypress Anvil Mines is one of the substantially large tax revenue areas for the people in the Yukon to benefit by, but I don't think we should keep going along the concept of ignorance on this particular point which is housing.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further questions or comments? Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I see here, to take for an example, we have nine new housing units which to me is going to cost approximately \$44,000.00 to build it. We could refer to them as homes. Does this mean that we are to have an increase of Territorial employees, or is this people that are renting in that area?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, just looking down the list here, in Haines Junction the nine new units, what we are proposing to do is to replace the houses in the highway compound in Haines Junction, and also to replace the teacherage or the old teacherage, I guess you would call it in Haines Junction, with new houses located in the subdivision, the residential subdivision.

At Mayo, we are intending to replace if my memory serves me correct, four rented trailers, and again, some -- the teacherage which is currently on the school site and doesn't leave them any playground at Mayo, so that will be replaced.

Carmacks, we are talking about replacing five trailers essentially, totally inadequate trailers. At Ross River these would be additional units.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Would you tell us at this time what becomes of the housing that is now occupied as what may be trailers or the trailer homes that were built, are possibly 9, 10, 12 years old and are still reasonable homes and I might even say they are better homes than we -- what we are getting in the low cost housing field today, some houses. What becomes of these---

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our general policy, and this is one that the Federal Government has adopted at our insistence as well, is that if the houses don't meet the current national building code, or can't be brought up to that standard at some reasonable price, we insist that (a) they be demolished, or that they not be allowed to be moved into residential subdivisions. They could possibly be moved for recreational cabins, but certainly not into residential subdivisions.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Is there any further question or comment?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I see it's now 12 o'clock, so I will declare a recess until two.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I'll call the Committee of the Whole back to Order, and before we go on to the next item on page 64 which is a continuation of our discussion of Schedule A, Project Capital, before we go onto the next item, I would like to say that Mr. McCall has asked if he could ask for some clarification on one of the points that was raised on the last item staff housing, so I am going to allow him to ask one supplementary question for clarification.

Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to clarify one particular part of the item we discussed this morning, pertaining to staff housing. I would like to say that the figures that are put down in the budget, I am not against, this is not my bone of contention here. My strong objection is to the particular priorities that are set for this particular budget, and I'm hoping--it may not be more like a question, it may be taken as a directive which I hope it isn't, that Mr. Miller could maybe put himself in the position to discuss the priorities with the Yukon Housing Corporation, in order that they could be considered for review.

Like I say, I hope this is not taken as a directive, just as a request for my own personal peace of mind, because as I stated this morning, I find it very difficult to believe that once again the people in Faro that work for the government in various aspects, again I feel, are being ignored. So I will reiterate what I said, I am not against the actual budget figures; what I do strongly object to is to the priorities set, and I'm hoping that yourself could discuss this with the Yukon Housing for further review.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McCall. Now, I would like to move directly into the next item, Territorial Administration Building, \$4,500,000.00. Are there any questions or comments?

Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Miller, if I may. What is going to be the total cost of the new Territorial Administration Building?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, on page A-40 of the estimate you will find a breakdown showing the total project costs at \$10,100,000.00, and the year to year funding and spending that we anticipate with this project.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will then move onto the next item which is furniture and office equipment, \$70,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Liquor Control equipment, \$56,000.00, and there is an Appendix 41 on that. The next item--I'm sorry, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. Watson Lake, to purchase and install a freight elevator in a store, \$35,000.00. Has this not now been installed?

Mr. Miller: No, Mr. Chairman, this is essentially a revote of monies, the elevator has now been on order, to my knowledge, for about 18 months, and the last word we had on it is that it won't arrive until about August or September of 1975, at the earliest.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: So it's a revote?

Mr. Miller: Essentially a revote.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Not a second elevator...

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: I hope we don't have to revote it again next year. This is the second, third time around now.

Mr. Miller: Don't be too confident about that.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear?

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Central Purchasing Equipment, \$55,000.00 and again, Appendix 41 gives details. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just one question if I may. You say to provide funds for the replacement of a forklift for inside use, what happens to this old equipment, this equipment we are replacing? Is that assetted and possibly you can inform us how it is disposed of, or is it to be used in some other department of government?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the present fork lift is a 1946 York and Town, and it's going to cost us a fortune to rehabilitate it, so it will probably surplused and disposed of, sold by auction.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions? The next item is Public Housing, \$2,830,000.00, and again Appendix 41.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: There's a bunch of feedback on the mikes, I think, for one thing, it's confusing--is that relevant? And is it possible at this time to know where the 80 units will be put, or are we still awaiting the Housing Corporation information?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the tentative plans, or preliminary plans for 1975-76 are detailed on Appendix Page 8, 42.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Here again, Mr. Miller, that once again Faro is ignored.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, there is--I shouldn't say that there isn't any need, but there is very limited need for low cost housing in the Faro area. These houses are intended to benefit those people who are essentially making less than \$9,000.00 per annum.

I don't know of too many people in Faro who aren't making \$9,000.00 per annum.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, is that necessary?

A Member: Do you need a low cost house...

Mr. Chairman: Order. Is there any other--Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Last year when budget time rolled around, there were some inquiries from some members as to the annual activities of the Housing Corporation as a quasi-Crown Corporation of this august body, and finally they tabled a report of their activities and it was a two page effort, all capsulized in two pages, and I'm wondering if at this Session that we will be blessed with a copy, outlining the general activities of the Corporation and possibly if would be well to have the terms of reference included in this report for the newer members, so that they might have a greater understanding of what, just what the Corporation's terms of referenc are and how they are getting along.

And might I ask if anyone can tell me if we are going to get such a report on the year's activities of the Housing Corporation?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I might reply that it was tabled this morning, and it has tripled in size from two pages to six pages.

But fortunately, five of those pages are pictures, so it's lying on the table, Mr. Chairman, over beside the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I don't think I have too many -- Mr. Chairman, I don't think I have too many questions, but I would like to comment on this little bit of news here. Haines Junction, Mayo, Carmacks, Whitehorse, Watson Lake, I see no reference to Teslin whatsoever, and as I think I asked once before, I guess the Yukon Housing Corporation as a Board to have the allotment of these homes. I just can't quite understand it myself.

I haven't had time to go through the district after finding this out, to see who does need homes, but I am quite aware that in my district and Teslin, that there are more needs there than what they are supplying at the moment. I know families now that have put in for a house, and it's been two

years and they still haven't got their house.

Now, there are five that are not finished that supposedly were meant to be finished, but they are not finished now, but at one time I myself put in for one, at one time, and therefore I read the regulations and so forth and so on, and in there it did state that the people that were going to be supplied with these houses would have the more or less the administration over the houses and over the labour or work that was to be done, repair work and so forth and so on, and the hiring of repair maintenance men and this thing through more or less through a board developed there of the people that were in the homes.

Now, I can understand this being a problem now, because they didn't give the homes to people that were quite capable possibly of doing this, but I, on the other hand, don't think they are doing their job of looking after them in the communities, not in our community, I should say. I won't say anything about other communities, I don't know, but in the Teslin community they are not looking after that job, they are merely hiring somebody from in here, from here they are doing the hiring, I should say, the operation of looking after the homes and who should be in them and who shouldn't and so forth, out there, is more or less just done by one person that they have out there, and this is very good. One person may be quite capable; on the other hand, I don't think this -- just one decision out there is quite enough to be going on as to who should have and who shouldn't have more or less -- in other words, all the Board, that I can see that the Board is getting, the only advice is from one person out there, and from myself once in a while that had to phone in now and again and have one or two removed from the houses because they were wrecking and busting them ups, which I am quite willing to stand up here and say that I did this on two occasions, and I would again, when I see the people's money being thrown away and nobody looking after it.

That is the comment I would like to make, that's all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Fleming. Would you care to comment on that at all, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I just -- maybe a comment as to why Teslin isn't on this list this year, and it's mainly because they got some houses last year. That's part of the reason.

The other thing that you will notice, if you compare the staff housing and the public housing, we're talking about essentially the same community, and what we're hoping to do by using the same communities on a year to year basis, is to get some reasonable prices. That's the biggest single problem we got is getting housing units at a reasonable price.

So, I don't know when Teslin would be due again. Basically, what they do to determine which communities, they look at the number of applications on hand that haven't been filled. I can assure you that some of these communities are very large, including the one you're sitting in, Whitehorse.

As far as the operation of these houses are concerned, we try to get the local people involved through the Housing Association, and we've had varying successes, depending upon which community we -- you know, you look at. They are gradually all coming around. The indications that we get, all the communities are gradually getting hold of this and they're learning as they go along. We appreciate this, maybe it's going to cost us a little money for them to learn, but we feel that that's a necessary part of it, the community must run their own.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

Mr. Taylor, did you wish to ask a question? I have you marked down?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just had an opportunity of viewing this splendid document. I would assume they must have been mass produced so that copies could no doubt be given to individual members, but I have had some query about the committee itself have had many meetings, I know the Board of Directors of the Corporation, I'm just wondering if at some point in time, I could find out the attendance rate of the members of the Board of Directors to the meetings, and get that information, because if some people are not able to meet nor make all these meetings, maybe we should have a talk about the Board of Directors themselves and review those positions.

Now there are other questions I would have on housing, the Housing Corporation, but I will leave them 'til another moment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I would like to ask Mr. Miller. You stated a moment ago that in this allocating public housing, or all low cost housing? Is this true?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, they are intended for people with low incomes, that's right.

Mr. McCall: I see, all those that are stated down in Public Housing, is this correct?

The second question I would like to ask Mr. Miller, if I may, who selects the Board of Directors for the Yukon Housing Association?

Mr. Miller: The Board of Directors of the Yukon Housing Corporation have been appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to support the Board of Directors on the Housing Corporation. I think they are doing a tremendous service for this government.

They have to make decisions, they have to make decisions that are unpopular in some areas politically, and they are making decisions based on facts, and I think our Chairman here who used to be a member of the Board of Directors, realizes what a great deal of work and time and effort these people put in, and they are not -- certainly not being paid for the time that they are putting into this work, and that I would -- I, as an elected person, would certainly not criticize the actions of any Board of Directors that we have appointed, this Council has appointed to do a service on our behalf.

I think we have very good people there. Some of them haven't been that regular in attendance but often it's because they haven't been able to get there, but all in all, I think, this Housing Corporation is only three years old, I think we have come a long way with it, I think the Board of Directors has come a long way, and I think we really are beginning to have some results from this Corporation. I would hate to, in any way, criticize the people that we do have on that Board who are doing a service on our behalf.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would -- for my own clarification, I would like to ask Mr. Miller, what's the number of low cost homes in the Yukon at the present moment?

Is there any projected when this is going to come to an end, or is it going to keep on going every year after year? I mean, there -- is there any projected end to the amount, number of homes that are going to be built?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the first question, as at March 31st, '74, there was a total of 174 units. During 1974-75 fiscal year if my memory serves me correct, we got 60 units under construction, so that would be 234 essentially complete as of now.

As to the end of this type of housing, as long as there's a demand and we can get the money, I guess we will be building it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am again confused on dates here, that this report is as of and up to March 31st, 1974. In terms of the content of the Board of Directors, that is the appointments, are there new people are does this Board of Directors still exist, and if it does not, could we know or be advised as to what changes have been made in the Board?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as at the moment, the Chairman is Everett Ball from Whitehorse who was there as at March 31st, '74. The assistant Chairman is John Owens of Whitehorse. Members are L. Tomlin from Haines Junction, and Al McDermott from Mayo, Jean Gilchrist from Watson Lake, Brian Walker from Dawson, and Frank Bachmier from Whitehorse.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The director has changed too.

Mr. Miller: The manager, you mean?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The managing director has changed, the manager has changed.

Mr. Miller: That's right, the manager has also changed from the time of this report. I think you are all familiar, the manager is Keith Schneider who we managed to beg, borrow or steal, coerce from C.M.H.C. in Prince George.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further comments or questions?

Mr. Lang:

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Local Government.

Has there been any progress made in arranging a program for building homes for people in the areas of between 13 -- well say 12,000 to -- well 9,000 to say, 16,000, \$17,000.00 a year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there's been some progress. The houses that are presently under construction in Riverdale and Hillcrest fall into this category, but this is the price range that people will be eligible to apply under this type of housing.

From what I understand from talking to the Manager of the Yukon Housing Corporation, the big difficulty is getting

the C.M.H.C. requirements changed so that the type of housing that both the Honourable Member and I have spoken about is available, and the type of housing that we are talking about is where it's been proven now in the Yukon if you're not in the the neighbourhood of 20 to \$25,000.00 or 17 to \$25,000.00, that it's impossible to build a home.

This means that the person who has made the decision with a young family, that rather than having both parents working, that they would like one of the parents one, either the male or the female, to stay at home and raise the children, that this option is open to them. It's not an option that is open any longer in the Yukon, or under any type of C.M.H.C. program, which means that the people, that the person earning a salary in the 15 to \$20,000.00 a year in this area of salary income, does not have the ability of owning a home under any type of program now available in the Yukon.

I find that an absolute disgrace, that the person who really wants and really desires the ability of having a home of his own, and I think that this is one of the things that everybody should have--has the right to it, should have the availability of owning, does not have this opportunity, and we make so many programs available for people who unfortunately are of a low income, who unfortunately find themselves as a single parent or any of these circumstances, but when are we going to start doing something for this other segment of society who really do represent the majority of thinking still prevalent in the Yukon Territory, and that seems the person, all government agencies, whether they be Territorial Government or whether they be a Federal Government agency under C.M.H.C. programming, just hasn't got the time of day for.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it's getting bloody difficult to be a WASP in this day and age, which it seems to be. I don't think it really should be that hard to be one.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes. I take it these houses from all I've heard is 25 percent of your gross earnings, that is the rental, is it not, up to approximately 200, and I think 70 a month or somewhere in that neighbourhood.

Now, I can see this fine and dandy you go to work, the husband is working, the wife is at home, what happens in the case where they rent the home, the husband is now working and the total is approximately 250 or 260, almost the limit to where you either have to move out or change status, as far as the home is concerned.

What happens now if the wife also is working? Has there been any provision made in there as to what they charge, they consider the gross earning of both the husband and the wife, or just one?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the rent is based on the assessment of family income, not husband or wife, but total family income.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I would like to readdress the question to the Minister of Local Government. I am not sure from your previous reply whether there is any projected programs for further building along the lines that you have projected?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Not in the next year, Mr. Chairman. As far as I know, the only units that are available for the type

of program that I mentioned in the Whitehorse area—I think there are some being built outside of the Whitehorse area in the next year's program, are—I forget how many units there are, but they are three bedroom houses, detached houses in Riverdale, there are some of them and in the Hillcrest area there are some.

I think that the range is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 12 to \$18,000.00 of income, but they will not be a low rental program, but a rental purchase option where people have the ability, without a large down payment, of having their rent attributed to the eventual purchase of the scheme, so that when they move in, from day one, they start considering the house as their own, which is the type of program, that I personally would like to see more of.

I think that the real need, and it was proven through studies, originally was for the low rental accommodation. There are just a large element of society in many of the areas, and particularly in Whitehorse, that didn't have a decent place to live in any aspect, because they just couldn't afford it. That was what the low rental housing, the low rental housing was all about. I think that that need has not been diminished, but it has been taken care of to some extent, and certainly it is time to look towards other programs.

And from what I understand, the difficulty is in getting C.M.H.C. financing for this type of a program, it is just not available under any of the programs that are eliated right now.

Dr. Hibberd: This is your intention to pursue such a program, is it?

Mr. Chairman: The chair recognized Mr. Hibberd on a supplementary question, and then Mr. Lang.

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, is it your intention to pursue such a program?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As I understand, there are amendments presently being contemplated for the other houses that will allow C.M.H.C. amendments to hopefully take care of that class of persons which I mentioned prior, and hopefully funds will be made available that will allow that kind of construction in the Yukon.

But there's another problem there, because as everyone in the chamber knows, that with the cost of living in the Yukon, that your income has escalated beyond that of the other Canadians, and so where the programs are applicable to other Canadians, that under C.M.H.C. Programs because of the added money that you need in the Yukon and do receive as a result of your employment to be able to live here, that eliminates you from many of the programs.

So, many of the federal programs in so many areas, because of the structure of costs in the Yukon Territories don't—how we can make some programs under federal financing that are unique because of the north's unique position we are always persuing but not with such success up to today, we will continue to do so.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question again to the Minister of Local Government, I want it clarified. These homes being built in Riverdale and Hillcrest, is this a government program or is this a private enterprise?

Mr. McKinnon: No, I understood that this was under the Public Housing program, my colleague informs me that these houses that are finally being built, which I understood from the Manager of the Yukon Housing Corporation, were from a rental purchase standpoint.

Now, I see Mr. Miller nodding, his head in agreement?

That's what I understood, that there were these number of homes that would be available under the rental purchase agreement.

Mr. Chairman: Does Mr. Miller want to comment?

Mr. Miller: That's right, Mr. Chairman. There are 17 homes being built in Whitehorse right now, which will be under the rental purchase housing program, but as to how those will be handled this is really I think the only place I would disagree with what the Honourable Member has said to date.

The decision hasn't been made as to whether they will be straight rental purchase, or whether they will be sold or just exactly how they will be handled. I would hate to commit the Housing Corporation at this point, but essentially they were built under the rental purchase housing program, and people with low incomes would be eligible to so occupy them.

Now, whether that's in fact the way it will turn out, that's up to the Corporation, and they are dealing with the Whitehorse Housing Authority on that matter right now.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, in reference back to what Mr. Miller has said, are these homes finished, or how near to completion are they?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would guess, and it's purely a guess on my part, they are essentially 75 percent complete. I know the ones on the street I live on, they are painting inside, so I would assume they are getting close to occupancy.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, perhaps so we can get everybody off the hook, what I can say is that I have had discussions with the Manager of the Yukon Housing Corporation and he seemed sympathetic towards the approach which I have been expounding in the House at the present time, but it's still for the Yukon Housing Corporation to make the final decision.

A Member: Aren't we all sympathetic to the cause.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other comments or questions? I would like myself to make a comment or two and pass the chair to Mr. Lang.

Mr. Phelps leaves Chair

Mr. Lang assumes Chair

Mr. Phelps: I would simply like to say that I too am concerned about the earner in the Yukon, the wage earner who is only making about 15 to \$25,000.00 working hard, and can't even afford his own home.

I would like to see the Minister of Local Government take all steps necessary to try to provide the proper kind of funding through C.M.H.C. to see that this person can own his own residence.

I would also like to comment on the remarks of the

Minister of Health and Welfare. I agree that the Directors of Yukon Housing Corporation, especially since I have left that august body, have been doing a good job. (Laughter) They are a sincere group of people and I think that they certainly deserve our confidence at this point.

Thank you.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Phelps, would you take the chair once again?

Mr. Phelps: Thank you.

Mr. Phelps resumes Chair.

Mr. Chairman: The next item on the agenda is fine. We will now move back to vote 3, that's in Schedule A of the Bill, the Department of Education, and that you'll find on page 14 of the Main.

And the first item, in that vote is Administration Education, \$612,378.00. Yes, there's an Appendix A-15 that clarifying what's what.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I have a few questions here just in clarifying what's what.

Teachers' In-service Training Program, \$15,000.00. Is that the money that goes to the Yukon Teachers' Association to be spent on in-service training ---

Would you like me to repeat that?

Mr. Chairman: Yes.

Ms. Millard: The first item on A-15 is \$15,000.00 for teachers' in-service training program. Is that the amount that goes to the Y.T.A.? Is that supervised by them?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: I don't know whether that --

Ms. Millard: I understood that they do all in the in-service training financing.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: I don't know whether that's the amount that they get or not.

Mr. Chairman: Does Mr. Miller have a comment on the question of Miss Millard?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, as I understand this, this is just the money that's provided to put on the special in-service training programs for teachers in the Yukon. It doesn't, to my knowledge, come under the auspices of Y.T.A. in any way.

They may have some input into what in-service training is provided, but I don't believe the money is in fact turned over to them in any sense.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: I had something to do with this just lately, and as a matter of fact, I spoke to the Yukon Teachers' Association about it, and I understood that that's what they get, per year, for all in-service training, and it's administered by the Yukon Teachers' Association.

What I would like to say at this moment, is that it's not enough. I would like to comment on that, just to say that \$15,000.00 is certainly not enough for teachers' in-service training. They have found that they have had to, for instance, the teachers from Old Crow can't get funds to come out to training, and the people in Clinton Creek are having problems getting here because they can't afford to pay the expenses to them to come for in-service training, and I think this could certainly be reviewed for the next budget.

The other comment was under miscellaneous, curriculum development. I was wondering if that's going to be native curriculum development?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: I think the \$20,000.00 for curriculum and development would include native programs, it wouldn't be exclusively for native programs.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just a supplementary to that --

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Miss Millard: Does that mean that there will be a native curriculum development officer hired?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: The position of Native Curriculum Supervisor, which was projected in the 1975-76 estimates, was one of the positions dropped due to the curtailment of monies for this program.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other questions or comments on that item?

Well we will then carry on to the next item, which is Schools, Curriculum Supplies and Salaries, \$5,000,084.00, pardon me, \$5,084,419.00 -- there's a difference -- and I again refer you to the same Appendix, 15, for clarification of certain items.

Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Yes, I would like to Mr. Chairman, direct a question to the Minister of Education. I would like to know how many teachers we actually do employ throughout the Yukon, and I would also like to know the numbers of students we have in the Yukon, the total number of students.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Well, Mr. Chairman, I haven't got that information right off the top of my head, but I could certainly provide the information.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre. Are there any other questions or comments? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just have one comment or question, as the case might be, to make at this point.

Quite often over the years, I have noted that some dissatisfaction among our teachers, and more particularly our principals, over the fact that, and this is in the hinterland, of course, where that as the year goes on, they may need supplies, or materials of some form or another, and their budget is depleted. And I'm wondering, if it's to be flexible, that where a school has a real need and can make to the department their proposals you know, for further materials and supplies in respect of the operation of their school, and

notwithstanding that their own school budget has been depleted or whatever, that funds can be made available to these schools when they can make a case.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, each school is given a grant of monies, probably grant isn't the right word, but is allotted a certain amount of money on a per pupil basis. The good managers among the principals make that last until the end of June; the poor managers do not.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, but notwithstanding, though, I can appreciate the comments of the Honourable Minister, but what I'm saying is in the case where each school can really show a need for additional monies in order to buy curriculum equipment and this type of thing for the school, is there a pot somewhere within vote 3 that monies can be found to assist them?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, there isn't -- we don't budget that loosely that we have a pot that we can all of a sudden pull money out of to get to a school that happens to run out of money during the year.

Of course, if a school has some specific problem that has arisen, we would do everything we could to help them out. But there isn't any particular pot that we can take money out of to assist one particular school.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I can only comment if there isn't two to three million dollars hidden in this budget somewhere, something happened to our experts over here.

Well that's okay, but I only say that it has been a problem, it's one that has been brought to me as a representative from pretty well all the schools in my own area, and I just wondered if this had been provided for in this budget in funding of the education estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say if there's a pot in this budget, I certainly am not going to approve it and I don't think any member of Council would vote to approve a pot within the budget where any department head could use as he considered necessary. I think we are the people who are going to have to determine how the money is used.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other comments? Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I'm curious. I don't think our question is being answered here, that Mr. Taylor brought up.

I am curious--we have a problem where there is poor management within our principals looking after certain funds for certain schools; who is going to carry the additional burden if we have no such thing like funds that can be made available for this sort of a situation that may arise? I'm curious if the Minister of Education could answer a little more clearly. How do we avoid the position of a principal going into bankruptcy?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I don't know how we could avoid that situation, but we have our rural superintendent who goes around and inspects these schools on a regular basis, and I don't -- I'm not aware of any situation where the schools actually approach that point.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I'm curious as to the superintendent. Is he the Good Samaritan who goes around with a big bag of goodies on the side of his belt?

Some Member: Pot Head?

Mr. McCall: I didn't say that.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other--I take it that's a comment, not a question, Mr. McCall, despite the inflection at the end?

Mr. McCall: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any other question? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to make a comment on this. I realize it's a money situation, we can't have something on the side to do these things. I'm wondering why, because in some instances there is a need for this, not altogether in the curricular development or anything, but in the teaching itself. And I have one instance now, of which Mr. McIntyre, the Minister of Education is well aware, I think, if in a school whereas there are 38, 39, there was 42 pupils, there's now about 38, I think that the curriculum is 17 children per teacher, or something.

Now, this school had two teachers, they needed more teaching staff to bring the children along, due to the fact that they were--I don't know the exact word, but they were say--they were not all bright children, eh? Some districts may have quite a few bright children, some districts may have children that are not quite so bright. They need more teaching.

In this case, they asked for more teaching staff, and were more or less promised this in a way, it didn't come up.

Now, the last word is that they do not have money to allow it to come up, and consequently, I must agree, if they are out of money, they are out of money, and I guess that's it. I would like to maybe ask the Minister of Education, Mr. McIntyre, if he foresees anything better--this is the Carcross school., if you see anything better say, another teacher in the future, the next season when they open, can you foresee any in there?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, the pupil-teacher ratio for the Yukon schools is 24 pupils to one teacher, and in the case of this particular school, there were more teachers than assigned to it than this particular proportion allows for. However, there's a bad situation there I think, and I will certainly be looking into it for next fall and supply an additional teacher to that school.

Mr. Fleming: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I've been given some figures here which I kind of find interesting to the question that I

asked the Honourable Minister earlier, and I was quoted the figure of 255 teachers within the Yukon, and 4,700 students, which figures out to approximately 18.4 students per teacher.

I can't really say that we can call the Department of Education miserly when we look at the statistics, the overall budget, and it figures out to \$2,200.00 per child, being spent on per child, with the administration and teacher's cost, and I think it should be clearly looked at because Mr. McIntyre has quoted a figure of I believe 24.4, which relates back with your chemistry labs and this type of thing taken into account. But I certainly don't think that we should be asking that much more of the Education Department, as far as financing for the children, other than for the area we have to cover.

Mr. Chairman: I take it that's a comment?

Mr. Lang: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Do you care to comment on the comment, Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: No.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor is next.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes. While we are at the curriculum supplies and salaries, it may be as good a time as any to ask--you know, I have got to really say that I have a great deal of sympathy with the Honourable Minister, because he is just trying to equate himself with his new department and his new responsibility, but possibly he may be able to tell me a little bit about how well supported is the--how do you call it, school by correspondence, correspondence for people in the outlying districts that can't get their kids to school? Is there a demand for this type of training, and if so, how does it work, how is it going?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: I'm not really that familiar with the correspondence program, but I do know it is available and in communities where--for instance, where we would teach to Grade 10, the Department supports the use of correspondence courses for the balance and financing.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman--

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: --I just--I would just be more than interested to know how many people, how many students are actually taking correspondence in situations, not so much the small community where they are taking Grades 11 and 12, but in isolated circumstances where they are trapping, or where they live in remote areas of the Yukon, it would be interesting to know how many students are actually taking their education in this way. I think really--I know there's several throughout the Territory, but I'm just wondering to what extent.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I will secure that information.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming, were you--are there any further comments or questions? Clear?

Some Mebers: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will carry on then to the next item. Custodial supplies and salaries, leases and rentals.

\$1,754,061.00. I would note that Appendix A-16 is some help.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Just one comment of commendation to the Department of Education, for the \$500.00 allotment for leasing of radio telephones and emergency heaters. This last winter I have had an experience with this, not personally, but certainly I've heard about it, where the buses going down the highway after Christmas holidays at 65 below, and children were on the bus, it was two hours late and it could easily have been broken down, I think it's a very good use of our money.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further comments or questions?

Clear

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is French language program, \$53,500.00. Clear?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, while I have the opportunity, I will just make a comment here because I really feel that to let go an Indian curriculum advisor and to have a French language program is really irrelevant to the Yukon.

I think that the more support we give of our local people, and the more interest we have in education the white people about the Indians, as well as the Indians about themselves, the more opportunity we will have-- they will have in the future. I know that this program is completely recoverable and everything else, but perhaps we could use the benefit of the -- of this resource in another way.

Certainly, we should be able to convince the Secretary of State that we have more Indians in the Territory than Frenchmen.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. Are there any other comments or--

Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There are certain things about the Federal Government financing and funding that do stick in my craw, just a little bit, and a lot of these programs that come down and they say, "Look it, we are offering a grant right across the provinces, there's going to be 100 granted across the provinces,

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There are certain things about the Federal Government financing and funding that do stick in my craw, just a little bit, and a lot of these programs that come down and they say, "Look it, we are offering a grant right across the provinces, there's going to be 100 granted to each province and you're capable as a Territory of accepting this \$100,000.00. It's in well-defines at all, but you can either take the \$100,000.00 or kick the gift horse in the teeth and say that you don't want it.

I think it's about time that somebody, somewhere, in the country stood up and said, and I'm not speaking exclusively of a French language program, because I've long supported the concept in this House of further language programs, both in the native languages and in the French language program, but somebody with enough courage to come out and say, "Look it, we don't agree with the priorities that you're

setting, we don't really agree with the programs that you are placing upon us, and we know as a matter of historical fact, that within the first couple of years once you're supported the, you are going to withdraw that support and then leave it. You've made your political kudos out of it, so now the total cost of the operation and maintenance of the program that you've initiated, you appear a little touchy about going into in the first place, is going to left upon the taxpayers or the people, wherever they happen to be, and it happens to be in the Yukon."

And I think that sometimes you have really got to take a hard look at the Greeks bearing gifts and just have the guts to say, "Look at your record of getting us involved in these programs which we do not consider as a priority for the people of the Yukon" and getting sucked into it, and have to maintain it in perpetuity, once bitten, or ten times bitten, we are a hundred times shy.

And I'm telling you, the people of the Yukon and this House should take a real hard look at some of these programs which are not priority items as far as the people of the Yukon are concerned, and just tell the Feds, "Thanks but no thanks".

Some Members! Hear, hear.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: I heartily concur with the two previous speakers, but I would just like to direct the Honourable Members' attention to the fact that if he wants to know how this is done, he might be interested in observing what the women of the Yukon did recently in turning down the Federal Government's proposed million for another yet another yet conference, and they have used those funds for a purpose which they felt was more applicable to the needs of women in the Yukon.

Applause

Mr. Chairman: Anything further? Clear?

The next item is Student Accommodation, \$116,271.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, maybe we could have an explanation of the sudden increase from \$107,000.00 to \$116,000.00. Is it just we got -- are accommodating more children now, or are there more facilities or what?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: That's only an increase of \$9,000.00, and if you look over to the explanation, you will see it's in salaries and wages, and grub.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on that item?

The next item is Special Educational Programs for Exceptional Children, \$415,963.00. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, there seems to be quite a considerable increase here, a very considerable, if I could have some explanation of why?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is a completely new program for handicapped students and handicapped children. The reason there's an increase is because basically the program didn't exist in the present fiscal year,

except to a very limited extent, and this is a program that we hope to prove very successful in the next -- this coming fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Supplementary question, Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Could the Honourable Minister tell me how many actual handicapped students we have in the Yukon? I find that interesting.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Pardon me?

Mr. Lang: Could you tell us the number of handicapped students that are actually in the Yukon?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: No, I haven't that information on hand, but I can get it for your.

Mr. Lang: If you would.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Chairman, naturally when we have an increase from \$30,000.00 to \$415,000.00, somebody is logically going to ask the question: What is the program? What is the difference in the program? What is the new program?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Well, that's -- Mr. Chairman you are asking a pretty tough question. It's basically a program of assisting the children who are socially, mentally or physically handicapped, within the school system, and to a certain extent, we have been carrying this particular program on in the past, and this budget has been partly drawn out of the existing school situation, so that it could be identified as a special program for handicapped children.

I'm not that familiar with the planning of the program that took place last year. As I understand it, some of this program is already in effect, and this is to identify the actual monies that we have expended on it.

The Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Department of Education Minister could explain the difference between Special Educational Programs for Exceptional Children, and Rehabilitation Services? It seems to me that disabled and disadvantaged persons would probably come under this same Special Educational Program for Handicapped Students. Why is there a total of 600 and some odd thousand dollars being spent on these two programs, when perhaps the two could be combined?

It's on page 18.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, the Rehabilitation Services Program is for adults.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I still think that before passing our seal of approval on what no doubt will be a beneficial program to the people of the Yukon and more particularly the students involved, I still think -- for instance we have got salaries and wages here comprising \$310,900.00. Are these new positions? How many people -- you know, it's questions like this, and I say possible the Honourable Minister has not got this information available as yet, but I think we should know how many people are involved, what is

in fact the program, because this is a brand new one, and before we apply our seal of approval on this \$310,900.00 for instance in salaries alone, I think we should know a little bit more about it.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could give an explanation on this because I was involved in this when we started. We didn't start it -- this has been going on for sometime, Special Education for Special Classes, but we have enlarged it gradually over a period of time.

This budget year is the first time we have identified it as a separate establishment, and the salaries and wages of the Supervisor of Special Instruction, Educational Psychologist would be charged to this. Also we are allocating, I believe 22 teachers out of the whole staff establishment to this vote, and also the teacher tutors, the program that we went on that was funded by Manpower three years ago, we now have to assume the responsibility -- the funding for this completely, and this is all identified.

It's not a new program at all, it's just that it's being identified, the teachers that are going for special classes are in here, the tutors are in here. I don't think that there's any enlargement of the program at all, it's what we have been doing in the past.

Mr. Chairman: Order for a minute now. Mr. Taylor, do you have a supplementary question at this point?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I still get it. I see on page 20, of course, the breakdown on the 313, special education programs for exceptional children, teachers and teacher aids 22. I just didn't see where it was deleted anywhere, this 22 was deleted from any other figure, but I'll accept the statement that has been made by the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

I still would appreciate at some point in time, knowing just a little more about the program, though. As I say, it's a new program, you are looking at something short of half a million dollars, we should have some more detailed information on it at some later date possible.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Miller appeared to be pregnant with comment. Do you have a comment?

Mr. Miller: I was just going to point out, Mr. Chairman, that if you look under -- on page 19, under Schools Establishment 302, you will see that the teachers shown there, 234 for 1975-76 versus 250 for 1974-75. So you will see a reduction there of 16. In fact, we have, to my knowledge, 256 teachers on staff at the moment; 22 of those are being transferred to the teacher, teacher-aid under special education so that totals the 256 that we currently have on staff.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller.
Next I have -- we have quite a line-up here, Mr. Hibberd, Mr. Millard and Mr. Lang and then Mr. McCall.

Ms. Millard: Miss.

Mr. Chairman: Sorry, Miss Millard. I never was very good at names.

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I am interested in the comments that have been passed regarding this budgetary item.

To my understanding, this is a fairly new program in its entirety. It is -- it's a new concept really, in terms of the care for these handicapped children, rather than doing it on a fragmentary basis, and along that line, there have been considerable problems as far as case finding is concerned, and there have been problems as far as liaison with this Department and with the normal school staff.

The teacher might be confronted with a student who has problems, who might be referred to the Special Services, and who was seen by them, but then receives no -- there is no information forthcoming on what the diagnostic situation is, and what the approach should be to that student, and I think this is an area that should be looked into as far as improving liaison is concerned.

There has also been a problem, I think, with voluntary agencies who have been functioning in somewhat the same area. They have had difficulty in defining what the special services branch's function has been and what they are doing, and what the results are.

Mr. Chairman: Do you have any comment on that?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I haven't given any comments, particularly on what Mr. Hibberd has said, but I can say that some of the programs have been established consist of a prevocational educational program at F.H. Collins Senior Secondary School, a pre-school program for children with language and impaired motor performance, and expansion of the opportunity classes for slow learners, and a remedial tutor training program with costs shared with the Federal Government.

Within the remedial tutor program there are 16 para-professional tutors in 12 different schools in the Territory, who are assisting children in learning problems.

I think the confusion, and it's partly my fault, for not getting into this particular piece of the budget, is that so much of it has been broken out of the regular budget and which makes it difficult to, you know, sort of justify where all this money came from all of a sudden, but basically, I suppose the teachers who are involved in this program are teachers who, over the past two years, have gradually slipped from their regular teaching duties into the special education program.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre. Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: From my understanding, there has been an association for children with learning disabilities which is sponsored by the LEAP program through Manpower, and they have tutors in the classrooms. Aren't these the tutors that are now being put into here?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: What was the last part of your question?

Ms. Millard: Are these the same tutors that will be have been paid by LEAP previously?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: The tutors that have been paid by LEAP will be taken over in the '76-77 budget. They are not included in the budget for this coming year, they are part of the program, but they will not be paid or taken over by the Territorial Government until 76-77.

Ms. Millard: So that we can assume that LEAP is still sponsoring a program for exceptional children?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Yes, if you put it that way.

Ms. Millard: Supplementary again..

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: This is a tutorial program.

Ms. Millard: Is it possible to have statistics on that? That would be, I presume, additional to the \$415,000.00?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Yes. You mean how much money?

Ms. Millard: Yes, a breakdown of how many tutors, and how much it's costing, whether it's costing the Federal Government or the Territorial Government, I still see a vast program here that seems to me the emphasis is very one-sided when we can't have any Indian curriculum supervisor, we can't have -- I understand there's an Indian language program in Mayo this year that is probably going to be cancelled. I really would like to know a lot more statistics on this.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, do you have a comment on that?

Mr. Miller: The number of people that are funded under the LEAP program are 16, and the last figure I saw was \$212,000.00 per annum.

Mr. Chairman: I have Mr. Lang down next? Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I'm curious about some of these figures. I'm all little -- not quite clear. We have a figure that Mr. Taylor brought up of approximately \$310,000.00. He failed to put down the fringe benefits which is another \$21,000.00, for a total of \$332,000.00. When you go further on the next page, I believe that is for 22 teachers, and you look at the kindergarten situation, there is a variation of the two cost factors here for salaries and fringe benefits, of approximately \$100,000.00 and there is only two extra teachers. I'm curious, really interested. Somebody is making a lot of money around here, and I don't think it is the handicapped children.

Mr. Chairman: Do you have a comment on Mr. McCall's comment?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: My comment is that I don't understand what Mr. McCall is commented about.

Mr. Chairman: A supplementary question.

Mr. McCall: Yes, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Education if he could break down the fringe benefits and the salaries and wages for each teacher?

Mr. Chairman: Possibly before that answer is provided, it might be an opportune time to break now for coffee, and give Mr. McIntyre possibly a chance to get some of this information. Mr. McIntyre, would that be in order?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare a 10 minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will call the Committee of the Whole back to order. Mr. Hibberd, did you have a question?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, I think the special services branch of the Department is doing a very worthwhile job, and I am glad to see them getting such a budget, but I think it might be of value for the other members of the assembly if Mr. Miller could outline what the structure of the Special Services Branch is, and what its function is.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hibberd. Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure that I'm entirely qualified to speak to it, but I'll try.

Basically a couple of years ago we took on an educational psychologist, to, I guess, assist in structuring this thing, and what they are doing is they are running special classes in most of the schools in the Yukon, ranging from -- right from Grade 1 through to Grade -- or to the high school level, and they are dealing with, in addition to the normal handicap, physical and mental handicap, they are also dealing with a very large segment of our population who have learning difficulties because of their home environment or other reasons. And I think if you recall, if you reflect back to the Commissioner's opening speech, he indicated that there was provision in this budget for this program.

He also indicated that approximately 10 percent of our total school population, are in some way connected to this program.

Now the program extends from a full range of full time classes for certain children, to tutorial type classes in the reading, writing, arithmetic comprehension area for those children who are deficient in those areas, and they may just be half an hour a day where the children are taken out of the normal classroom and treated on a special basis by a tutor in a particular subject.

So that's the type of thing that we are doing with it, and it covers the full spectrum of schools, I think even the small schools. I know I was in Mayo here a year ago or less than a year ago, and they had two tutors working up there with the children in just the basic educational skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic where the children were deficient for some reason or another.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, on item 314, this is a pet subject of mine, and I've been going on this for years.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, I'm sorry.

Mrs. Whyard: We are not on 314?

Mr. Chairman: Not yet, no, we haven't finished off --

Mrs. Whyard: Special Services?

Mr. Chairman: 313.

Mrs. Whyard: Grants for post-secondary training? Oh, I beg your pardon, I will wait for the next one.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, I will certainly jot you down as first on that item.

Any other comments or questions?

Ms. Millard: I would like some assurance from the Department of Education that this will be explained in writing to us, this special education program and the other rehabilitation program. I think -- I still have several questions and I just don't want to take up the time now, and I would really like to know more before I even ask more questions. Is that possible?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder, Mr. Taylor, if you could assist me on this. I take it that we do have the opportunity, as I outlined earlier, when we go back through a second time, and possibly that would be the time to stop here and Miss Millard and others could ask further questions. Does that sound --

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the past what we have attempted to do is clear, prior to leaving this particular vote, maybe if information is forthcoming, or further information, possibly at the end of say, vote 3, once we have concluded the capital maybe some member at that point in time might say, "well just before we clear the item, and I'll clear up the question." But the final review is usually taken towards the end of the consideration of estimates, in order that something that just took days to get hold of any thinking or new thoughts towards any vote was available at that time in final review would be a vote 1, vote 2, vote 3 type of process.

Formerly, we used to try and clear up as many questions and get as many answers as we could when going through the existing votes. So, either way --

Mr. Chairman: Yes, I see now -- it just seems to me, Mr. McIntyre, that it may take you a day or two to come up with a written report. What's your feeling on this?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I think it would take a day anyway.

Mr. Chairman: Yes. Well possibly then we will pass on to the next item, and -- on the understanding that we will have this material available in two or three days, and when we come back on the second go over, we will allow Miss Millard in particular some further questions. Does that sound agreeable?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: There is an alternative, Mr. Chairman, that some members may not be aware of, that if members feel agreed in principle to any subject in the budget, that the material could come back in the form of a legislative return. For instance, in the case of a program, and then the legislative return could always be referred to Committee at a later date for further discussions of the whole question if it was so desired and required.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: In that event, Mr. Chairman, this would have been passed without comment, really. Yes, the legislative return wouldn't put any stop to this?

Mr. Chairman: Well because Miss Millard feels fairly adamant about her position on this, I would then like to carry on to the next item, on the understanding that Mr. McIntyre will provide us with some further material, and we can come back to this on a second go-round.

Ms. Millard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Okay. The next item then, unless you have any further questions, the next item is Special Services and Grants for Post-Secondary Training, \$206,000.00. You will note that Appendix 16 clarifies some of this.

Mrs. Whyard is first.

Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to pay tribute to the Scholarship Committee which devotes a great deal of conscientious effort and a considerable amount of time each summer on this program. They are volunteers and their input is very valuable to every student from the Yukon who goes out for secondary education.

For a number of years now, I know that recommendations have been made to that Committee by various groups such as the former University Women's Club, pleading in fact, that this program not be chopped at the end of the fourth year, and asking for alterations in the qualifications of students to receive these scholarships and bursaries.

The point being that as most of you recognize, you must in this day and age continue past a four year degree in many professions, law, library, medicine, dentistry, almost any pure profession requires more than four years' university training. You can't even get into those professional schools until you have a four year degree. You are beginning then, at that point your source of revenue is cut off from this source of revenue, that is.

Also at that point, you are probably undertaking some research or projects which contributes towards your studies and your degree; you may even find that you are in a position where you can no longer work all summer long to provide the funds for your own education.

I know that this has come up at this table many times in years past. I wonder if it would be possible to ask for an explanation of the current qualifications for an applicant for one of these loans. The residency clause has always been the crunch, I believe, for selection of people who receive those funds.

You have heard stories, and I have heard stories of people who come back to the Yukon or stay here one year, so that their students, their children will be able to receive these funds forever and ever, amen, whereas lifetime residents of the Yukon find that they are stopped before they can get into a professional degree situation.

The point I am making, and the point that has been made by other groups in years past, is that perhaps there should be some adjustments so that you are more selective of those who receive the bursaries and that it can continue longer with the same amount of money available.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard. Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, the matter of these Special Services and Grants for Post-Secondary Training is under study at the present time, with the object of increasing the amount in our next -- not this coming fiscal year, but in the 76-77, and also extending it to five years instead of the four year period.

The matter of qualifications required for the program, I'll look into that and see what the problem is. We are planning on introducing an Ordinance dealing with this situation, instead of using the regulations that are in effect at the present time, and that would be the time that Council will have an opportunity of input into the -- any change of qualifications.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any other questions or comments?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The Next item is Kindergarten, \$294,289.00.

The next item is Recreation and Amnatueur Sports, \$229,141.00.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'm not sure if this is the proper and appropriate point in the budget to raise the question of funds that are forthcoming from our involvement in the Western Canada Lottery. It was the understanding of the House during the prior session, that the monies accruing to the Territory from the development of these funds, would be distributed by our Recreation and Amateur Sports Committee, and I'm wondering if we could have some explanation as to how much money we're really getting out of this Western Canada Lottery, and how and when it will be spent?

Mr. Huberdeau: Mr. Chairman, for the current year, the income from the Western Canada Lottery is about \$15,000.00. There isn't too big a problem with trying to determine how to dispense \$15,000.00.

I can't really say what is involved in the future as far as the --

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Huberdeau. Are there any other questions or comments on that item?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman --

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: -- I would just like to say that, you know, maybe we should turn around and start pursuing our own lottery schemes again, if this is all the benefit that we are accruing from the Western Canada Lottery, maybe we would do well to stop our participation in that and go to some other system, because it certainly doesn't seem to be generating very much revenue for the people of the Territory.

However, no doubt we will be able to get a report on the whole lottery question at some other time during this or the next session. I would hope so.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I believe the income that the Territorial treasurer referred to is the actual income that the government itself derives, but it is my understanding that the people, the clubs that sell the tickets, also derive a direct revenue into that particular club at the time of sale, so that there are two sources of revenue, one into Y.T.G. and the other into the organization disposing of the tickets.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further comments or questions?

The next item is Administration, Vocational and Apprentices Training. Apprenticeship, pardon me, \$43,743.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre, \$1,692,406.00. The next item is Adult Education, Night School and Continuing Education, \$57,885.00. Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: The explanation I believe is incorrect. It should be to provide training facilities and service for night school and continuing education programs, and apprenticeship is on the next page.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's an inaccurate description, and if I might, I would like to ask the treasurer to bring back a revised page on a following day so that we have the vote wording corrected.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Are there any further comments or questions on that item?

The next item is apprenticeship training, \$25,473.00.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman --

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: -- I remember some discussion some years ago about this apprenticeship program and how well we were proceeding. Is there available, a list of trades in which Yukoners can qualify here through that program? Would that -- could you produce that for us?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Yes, I'll get that information.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre. Any further questions or comments?

The next item is Rehabilitation Services, \$204,183.00. You will note that Schedule 18, Appendix 18 rather is pertinent here.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman --

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: I would just like to reiterate that I have a great deal of trouble accepting these figures, especially since \$65,000.00 -- 50 percent of \$65,000.00 is the recoverable, training on the job, I believe from Manpower.

And presumably the only new program here is the Sheltered Workshop which is covered by the \$65,000.00 and yet there's an increase from \$67,000.00 to \$204,000.00. There's an increase particularly in salary and wages from 23 to \$50,000.00, which I find pretty hard to take, and subsistence in maintenance is up from \$15,000.00 to \$65,000.00.

I wonder if we could have a more detailed explanation on this?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, do you have -- Mr. McIntyre? Possibly just a reply to that. Mr. Miller, do you wish to --

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the basic difference in this program was in 1974-75, we hired a rehabilitation coordinator and a secretary, to undertake to provide the administration with the details of what we should be doing to handle basically physical and mental handicapped people in the Yukon.

Now, this coordinator has put together what we consider

to be an adequate program, which includes a number of things, the major one being the sheltered workshop concept, to be run by someone other than government -- in other words, it's not going to be another government institution, it will be run hopefully by some organization.

The increase in the salaries and wages is accounted for by a proposal to have two and a half man years of people training on the job within government essentially, and I might indicate at this time that we have two people presently on the training on the job program inside government, of which this program actually bears the cost.

The subsistence in maintenance aspect really covers those people who, when they are in training in the sheltered workshop, or training on the job, if the salary isn't sufficient, there is a subsistence provided to them to cover some of their living expenses while they are in this situation.

Now, the program, the sheltered workshop is not available at the moment. We would hope that it will be possibly by the fall of this year. The training on the job really is the only program that we have going at the moment, although we do have a number of clients outside, in what you might call special facility special workshops outside, taking training on the job.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Supplementary question?

Ms. Millard: Supplementary to that. I am still not very clear on the salaries and wages, since 1974-75 estimates have the same number of people as the 75-76 estimates, and yet there is a doubling of the wages, on page 22.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I believe the two and a half man years shown under the training on the job should not be there for 1974-75. At least we didn't fund them in that sense.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, as soon as this is cleared, Mr. Chairman, I have one further item related to page 18. Any further questions or comments? Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know where the sheltered workshop is. Do they have a building for the sheltered workshop?

Mr. Miller: Well, Mr. Chairman, we have just started in effect, our rehabilitation coordinator has just started working with this particular organization to try and get them to put together the sheltered workshop.

As I indicated earlier, we don't want to create another government institution per se, and we would prefer that somebody such as the Association for Mentally Retarded, someone of that nature take on this task from a community standpoint, of finding a facility and running it and we will fund it to the extent of \$65,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, you had a comment with respect to that.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes Mr. Chairman, I am a little delinquent here, I neglected, when we talked about

establishment 319, Recreation and Amateur Sports, to bring to the attention of Committee a most important item, and in the days of Women's Lib, it appears as we have gone somewhat too far. You will note that on A-18, under Recreation and Amateur Sports Standing Grants, that once again we have an allotment to the Girl Guides Association in the amount of \$6,000.00, recognizing that this is a very worthwhile expenditure, but still the Boy Scouts Association only receives a thousand dollars.

Now, I know of much internal correspondence going between the Boy Scouts' Associations and the administration on this question, and it was hoped that at least this year, that this very unrealistic amount of a grant to the Boy Scouts of the Yukon could be increased, and I would suggest that it could almost equate, or should equate the amount provided to the Girl Guides.

Now this year, I'm informed that 26 boys from northern B.C. and the Yukon have been selected to go to the World Jamboree which is taking place in Norway, and this is a long way to go, and I think that we should be able to make some contribution in excess of a thousand dollars for this type of thing. I don't know how many of those 26 are from the Yukon, but I would suggest that they are no doubt a majority.

Mr. Miller: Seven.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Okay. Then, apparently there are some Scouts going to the Calgary Jamboree during the summer from the Yukon, I don't know how many will be going there, and our cubs will again be attending Camp Hughes at Prince George. I'm not sure how many cubs are involved there, but certainly a thousand dollars would seem a somewhat niggardly sum to provide for a program which is, I think an excellent program in developing a youngster. I just find it unthinkable that by now, after all these years, that the administration have failed to recognize the need for increased grant funds for the Boy Scouts. And I would like an explanation of why not?

Why \$6,000.00 for the Girl Guides and why a niggardly thousand dollars for the boys?

Mr. Chairman: I was just going to say that the answer probably should not be why not?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Why not?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I will endeavour to answer that question, and incidentally, the grant and the formal for the grant for the Girl Guides' Association was approved in 1974-75 budget.

At that time, the Girl Guides made a presentation to the government, outlining the fact that the Girl Guides' Association of Canada were prepared to recognize the Yukon as a separate jurisdiction--I don't know whether they call them a zone or a region, on an equal status with other provinces in Canada.

Now, the Girl Guides' Association of the Yukon could not undertake accepting this status, unless they were assured of some funding from some organization so that they could maintain a very limited office and office staff so that they could take care of the administration that is required, and the training of their leaders within the Yukon, so that they could function as a separate zone, and it was on the basis of this, last year, that their application for this type of a continuing grant was approved.

If you will notice, it isn't a grant to fund transportation, it's a grant to ensure that the Girl Guides' Association is maintained as a Yukon Association, and acutally I am very proud of this grant, and why not? And if you will notice, we have allowed, the formula does allow for leadership training in the Yukon, and I think that in itself is very significant, we are going to become independent. We don't have to rely on getting--training people in from outside.

And the--I am not aware, or last year at the time, the Boy Scouts had not made an application for funding to become a separate jurisdiction within Canada, and that's why there hasn't been that amount of money set in here for the Boy Scouts' Association.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I applaud the Honourable Minister for doing such a great job for the Girl Guides and for her explanation.

Now we have a male in the Department of Education in the form of the Honourable Gordon McIntyre, maybe now the Boy Scouts can get the break they have sought for so many years, to gain equality with the women of the land, and get their grant increased.

Now, I know the--let me say in all seriousness, that in Watson Lake the constituency I represent, that there will be five coming, five children going to this Jamboree from Watson Lake, and they figure that their--the community contribution is going to be somewhere in the area of \$4,000.00. Now they are raising that themselves. They are selling beer bottles, which are being organized--or I should, say these beer bottles are coming from the hotels, who go through great quantities of these things.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you for that clarifications, Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: But they are doing everything to raise money because they feel that they are going to needs funds to go over and they take crests with them, and the things the Boy Scouts do, and to be dressed well, with jackets and this type of thing, so they are trying to raise \$4,000.00 for their participation.

Now, it still seems totally unrealistic to me that we would approve only a figure of \$1,000.00. It's my understanding that the Association asked for something, I think, informally of the admimstration, for something in the area of a minimum of \$3,500.00 or \$4,000.00 for the grant. That's what I was informed, and that's all I have to go on.

I think that some consideration should be given by the financial committee, the budget programming committee, before this budget is passed, to substantially increase the grant from \$1,000.00 and rather than make a motion under--at this time for the consideration of committee, I would leave it and hope that the administration would give consideration to this. There's got to be some money in here somewhere for such a worthy movement as the Boy Scouts and Cubs. I would like an answer as to whether that will be given consideration in this budget, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Honourable Member could let me know when this is going to take place, this Jamboree. Is it in the coming--the next fiscal year or this one?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: No, '75.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: '75.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it takes place on July the 19th to August the 16th of 1975.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Well, we can look into it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre..

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McIntyre.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: But it will mean other figures in the budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson was yours supplementary to this?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Yes it was.

I think it is very important that we note that any money that is given to the Girl Guides' Association is being money that is to be spent within the Yukon Territory for the benefit of the Girl Guides, all Girl Guides. It is not money that is being allocated to a few people to travel. If Girl Guides want to travel to jamborees and so on, it is their responsibility to raise that money. We want to promote the Girl Guide Association or the Boy Scout Association in the Yukon. If the Boy Scouts' came forward with a type of proposal that the Girl Guides had, I am sure that the government would be very happy to assist in promoting, training, Yukon Boy Scout activities.

If you will notice that formula it is all for Yukon activities. None of the funding there is for travel, other than to the annual meeting, Yukon meeting or jamboree, to bring outside people into Whitehorse or into a centre such as Dawson to have one annual meeting or jamboree for all Girl Guides. We are not funding any travel outside of the territory.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, supplementary?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes. Just in reply of the Honourable Minister, I didn't make any reference to paying anything for travel at all. Not so far. I see nothing here bearing any reference to travel. We are talking about our participation, our participation in the jamboree in Norway, our participation in the Calgary jamboree and our participation of the Cubs in Camp Hughes at Prince George. I assume from the letter I have here that some of this is for crests and jackets and this sort of thing. I made no reference to transportation.

Now, in terms of finding this money, there must be out of the Recreation-Amatuer Sports Grants of 98,000 or 8,750, 55 hundred two, there is the Friendship Centers Agreement. Possibly, I don't know, maybe we can't touch that money, but there must be somewher that we can find an additional two or three thousand dollars at least, to increase this on an annual basis.

I might say that I am very displeased that the Administration could not find in this year, or for that matter, last year, find it within their budget to increase this niggardly sum of a thousand dollars for the Boy Scouts and Cubs. I would like to see it increased at least two or three thousand dollars.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: To my knowledge, now I could be corrected, there has been--there was no request made by the Boy Scouts Association for funding or it would have been taken into consideration.

To my knowledge, and we could have this checked, there was no submission made to the government for advances.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could just add to that. I talked to one of the representatives of the Boy Scouts the other day and-- on this same question, and I have to repeat what Mrs. Watson has said, I do not know of any application ever coming from the Boy Scouts for this type of thing.

Now there have been applications in the past. I recall last year there was a verbal application for assistance to send children to jamborees somewhere around the world, last year it happened to be in Sooke, B.C.

To my knowledge there has never been a request to have this grant increased from the Boy Scouts Association for purposes of training Boy Scouts in the Yukon. There has been a request for travel assistance but nothing--

Mr. Chairman: Yes Mr. McCall has been patiently waiting.

Mr. McCall: Yes, I am a little curious here. After listening to the Honourable Minister Mrs. Watson about the submission by the Girl Guides in order to obtain some form of grant which they got, in order to secure an identity within the Yukon, I am curious as to the position the Boy Scouts have and their supposedly requests, or submissions, I am just wondering if I may ask Mr. Taylor if he would take it upon himself to investigate just why they want grants. Is it along the same lines as the Girl Guides? Seemingly they formed their own Guides here in the Yukon. Is the Boy Scouts of Canada willing to--prepared to do the same thing in order to claim, or put in a submission along the same lines as the Girl Guides? If that is the case I think we can look at funds that can be made available. I am curious as to what this is for? Is it for transportation allowances or is it strictly for the Boy Scouts? I don't think that position is quite clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman I have just been informed that the application that I was speaking of was an oral one rather than a written one. I have just quietly been informed of this of the Administration. I was not aware that it wasn't written, but the application, nevertheless has been made. It is still--it is still--I find it repugnant that the Administration over the years have not seen fit to introduce it, or pardon me, to increase the size of this grant. Whatever it is for, whether it is for transportation, whether it is for the type--for anything, for uniforms, anything that is reasonable within the Boy Scouts Association. I think more money should be made available to them. These monies are all accountable. Any grants that are given from the government to anybody have to be accountable in any event. It is not like you are handing money away. I think more money should be allotted to the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides, and no doubt, based on the fact that this representation has been made orally rather than in written form, I would ask again that the administration consider raising the grant and I'll try to get after the Boy Scouts to get that letter of intent in, if it's necessary.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Is there any further discussion!

So that is the Department of Education, and the total is \$10,789,712.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Now we move in Schedule A back down to the 11th thing there, Project Capital, and we are looking at page 65 in the main, and the item we are considering is number 2301, miscellaneous school equipment \$45,000.00. Appendix page 42, is of pertinence here.

Yes, Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I wonder if Mr. Miller would break that down for us please?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there is some detail on page A-42 and if you will just give me a moment, I think I may have the rest of it here as well. I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I don't have the balance of it. I would have to bring it forward.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I would accept that, if Mr. Miller would be good enough to bring that at some other time.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? We will then proceed to the next item which is Vocational School, \$41,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Jack Hulland School, \$3,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Watson Lake Elementary High School, \$43,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to address a question to the Honourable Minister of Education, in relation to this school. I had anticipated seeing here a provision for additional classroom space in Watson Lake at either one of the two schools, to accommodate the increased student loads which we can anticipate for next year. More particularly, in relation to the closing of the Lower Post Residential School, no doubt this is going to place a burden, not only on Watson Lake School, but on schools in other communities where children would have to return. I'm wondering if any consideration has been given to this question, and also the question of school bussing. I understand we are now short at least one school bus in the community as well.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: We are always considering new schools, Mr. Chairman, but there is obviously no provision for any extension to the Watson Lake School in the coming year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes. I don't see it in here, that's why I'm asking the question, why not. I believe the announcement to close the Lower Post School was not made

until a month or so ago, a month and a half ago, but obviously you still could be faced with a situation -- I don't know how many students we got there now, around 400 I think, something like that, but you're going to be faced with all these students in the fall. Where are you going to put them?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, we are not really aware of what the effect of the closing of the Lower Post School will have on, not only Watson Lake Schools, but the Ross River School, and probably some others in the Territory, until they actually close the school, we won't know what the effect will be.

You know, they have made an announcement a year ago, I think that they were going to close the school and they didn't close it. So we will have to take care of that situation when it comes up.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions?

The next item is Teslin School, \$16,000.00 and appendix page 42 seems pertinent.

Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman. I see on the Teslin School it starts out with stage drapes, \$7,000.00, now, I am quite in agreement with getting money for the Teslin School, but I would like you to clarify, or whoever is able to clarify that, as to where they get the drapes, or who the contractor is, if it is a contractor. How they are supplied and why the, I think, exorbitant figure of \$7,000.00 just to cover the front of a small wall? I see \$7,000.00 -- I just can't see \$7,000.00. If I can get it clarified as to why so much money?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, on these types of things we always get a quotation. We would normally in this case go to a quote to any local drapery companies and we would probably also look at one or two outside the Territory suppliers.

The major reason for the cost is the fact that these things have to be fire proof. You start looking at fire proof materials you are looking at fire proof materials you are looking at a minimum of \$10.00 a yard.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Any further questions or comments?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Single I-S Dormitory, \$8,000.00.

A Member: Where is this?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: The Single I-S Dormitory is in Whitehorse.

A Member: Whitehorse?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Yes.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe I can clarify that. This is a teacherage that is located across from Christ the King Elementary School which we closed in the fall of 1974 and turned into a dormitory. We did a number of renovations in the summer of '74 and what we are doing is really equipping it to a reasonable standard. Right now they are using borrowed, begged, stolen furniture because we didn't have the funds to provide adequate furnishings for it.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: How many children are in the dormitory?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge there is approximately 13 and I think it will hold 16 or 18. It is basically a girls' dormitory.

A Member: Discrimination.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Vocational Schoolhouse Construction, \$22,000.00.

A Member: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item --

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard.

Mrs. Whyard: Did I see a figure somewhere in a revenue column for the proceeds from the sale of that house? What was it?

Mr. Miller: Normally -- we have an upset price on these of our costs plus ten percent becomes the upset price. If our cost is \$22,000.00 we would expect to realize, as a minimum, the -- well I guess it would be \$24,200.00. Now, what it will sell for, we don't know. That would be the minimum. The upset price would be \$24,200.00.

Mrs. Whyard: But, Mr. Chairman, there has not been a house built by Vocational School students and sold this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are currently two houses being built by the Vocational School. They are both in the final stages of completion and we have not put them up for sale.

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Ross River Elementary School, \$1,130,000.00.

A Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I take it, Mr. Miller that would complete that replacement, is that the total cost?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman that is the total estimated cost of the total project -- well I am sorry, we did spend \$70,000.00 in 1974 so you are talking about a million two as your total cost.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is French Language Program, \$100,000.00.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, is it really necessary?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, this is a related program to the one we discussed in Operation and Maintenance. I think it was \$53,000.00 which was for the funding of the Operation and Maintenance prior to the program. This \$100,000.00 is a gift from the Secretary-of-State for the purchase of language laboratory equipment and the like for use in all of the schools in the territory. It is exactly the same amount of money, strange as it may seem, that every Province in Canada got. Ontario, for example, our largest province got a hundred thousand dollars and we are getting the same amount.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall, I believe has a supplementary and then you Ms. Millard.

Mr. McCall: I would like to re-direct that question to the Honourable Minister. I say again, is it really necessary?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, the provision of equipment for French language laboratories is necessary in connection with our French program. Irrespective of the Secretary-of-State's contribution. While admitting that a hundred thousand dollars is perhaps more than we are entitled to, by virtue of our small population I don't think, in this particular case, we should look a gift horse in the mouth.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard and then Mrs. Whyard.

Ms. Millard: I would presume that this equipment isn't specifically French that we could use it for German or Indian languages --

Hon. Mr. McIntyre:

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Um hmm.

Ms. Millard: Wouldn't it just be the tapes that are French.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I would assume that any teacher in charge of such a laboratory would utilize the equipment to its utmost efficiency, which probably would involve other languages than French.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, my question has been answered and I think perhaps we shouldn't pursue this any further, keep it quiet.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is--we now go back to number 4 in Schedule A of Bill 2. Department of Secretary and Registrar-General. That is found in the Main book on page 24.

The first Item there is Territorial Secretary and Registrar General, \$720,020.00.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, at this point I would hope that this could be stood over until we have had a complete discussion on Inspection Services and the operation of this Department.

It would be my intention to move certain salaries to have them reduced to a dollar in this budget, unless the Administration can satisfy me, and no doubt, other members of the House, that something is going to be done about the Inspection Services and the whole function of this Department.

These people are not Inspectors. There are some that are Inspectors, I might say, but the majority of them are out harassing the business man, harassing the public of the Yukon to the extent that it has hardly possible for people to operate in the Yukon Territory at this time.

Certainly down in the South Highway, and I have watched editorials, or I should say clippings in newspapers up here in relation, for instance, to the new liquor inspector, who it would appear to me is roaring around the territory talking about, "my policy is this and my policy is that, and I am going to shut you down just like I did those guys in Whitehorse." Well, we don't want somebody up here acting as a policeman. We want somebody that is enforcing Yukon policies. Not his own.

I said last budget session and I say it again, this territory and this Administration is evolving into a police state. This is a gun and badge type of a situation that has got to stop in the Yukon Territory. As far as I am concerned the best way to stop it is at the point of Administration. Maybe we should ourselves someone to run this program and guide inspections services that will hire people who will get out and work with the business men and the men and women of the Yukon Territory, not harass them.

I suggest that in this case that there has got to be empire building going on somewhere within the Department, the old proliferation of government. As I say, there are some, I know by experience, and experience with people in Watson Lake inspectors have come down, and I know at least one, that works on Workmen's Compensation, works on Labour problems, refuses, absolutely refuses to do liquor inspections under the current policy of liquor inspection. This inspector wishes to work with people. He doesn't roar in your door and say, "Now look, it has come to our attention, you have messed up this labour situation in your employment. It looks like you have really fouled up on this Workmen's Compensation. We are going to take you to jail. You smarten up or you are in bad trouble." No, No, this man goes in and says, "I am here to help sort out your problem. I would like to work with you so that you can meet the standards and the policies and the regulations provided by the Government of the Yukon Territory, not necessarily by legislation that we make but edicts' the Commissioner makes." I don't think at this point we can go any further with this item until this whole question of enforcement, the gun and badge business has been settled. I think that there has either got to be a clear cut policy established by the government acceptable to this House, not acceptable to the government acceptable to this Legislative Body, or I feel, I was planning on at least two salaries should be reduced to one dollar in this budget if that be the only way that the people of the Yukon can get some rationale out of such a service as this Inspection Service. Then that is what I propose to do.

I think, as I say, whether we do it in Committee as a special item, or as we do it here, it has got to be discussed.

debated, because I know there certainly has to be other members that are totally fed up, as are the business community at least, and many of the citizens of the territory, with the way that these people, as individuals, are functioning.

Now, it has got to be made clear to me, maybe they are upholding the policies of the Administration. If that is true, change the policies.

Maybe, as I say, as in one case, maybe these people are out writing their own policy. Then that has got to be stopped. I don't know how you stop it other than to reduce the salaries of these individuals who are perpetrating this to a dollar and getting them out of our Administration and putting somebody in there that will not empire build. That will not go around and harass the people of the Yukon. That is what I am getting at. I would like some -- no doubt the Administration will defend these people. I find their position indefensible. I want to, either deal with it now, during tomorrow or whenever we next get back to this item, or that it be discussed as a special item in Committee.

It has got to be done before this budget is passed.

Mr. Chairman: Before anybody else rises on this question I see that we are getting closer and closer to five o'clock and possibly this might be a good time to declare a recess of the Committee of the Whole and entertain a motion that the speaker take the Chair so that we can resume the Committee of the Whole tomorrow. This seems to be an item that we either have to by-pass or spend a considerable amount of time on.

What is the feeling of the members?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, just one point. Maybe, if you wanted to carry on with this discussion in the morning respecting Establishment 400, maybe we could have the Executive Committee Member responsible for -- the Territorial Secretary here.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you very much. I think that is a good suggestion.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That is excellent.

Some Members: Let him take his own crap.

Mr. Chairman: Very well, can we have a motion then that Mr. Speaker---

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make that motion...

Mr. Chairman: Just before you rise, Mr. McCall. The witnesses are excused. Thank you for attending. Mr. McCall, you were about to--

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman I would like to make a motion that the Speakers resumes sitting in the House.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. McCall. Is there a seconder?

Ms. Millard: I second it.

Mr. Chairman: Seconded by Ms. Millard that the Speaker resume the Chair. Question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the motion passed.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker resumes Chair.

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

Mr. Phelps: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I report progress on Bill Number 2.

The Committee convened at 10'35 a.m. this morning to consider Bill Number 2. Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau attended Committee. The Committee of the Whole recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Mr. McCall and seconded by Ms. Millard the Speaker was asked to resume the Chair and recess was called.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your further pleasure?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker I would like to move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua that we now call it five o'clock. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion carried.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Adjourned.

Sessional Paper No. 2 [1975 First Session]

Mr. Speaker
Members of Council

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Introduction

There are three committees whose memberships are determined by nominations from the Territorial Council. The Advisory Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sport and the Yukon Historic Sites and Monument Board are established pursuant to legislation. The Yukon Tourist Advisory Council does not have statutory authority but its members have traditionally been nominated by Council. (Descriptions of membership criteria for these committees are attached.)

There are two problems with memberships to these Committees:

- 1) the basis for appointments; and
- 2) the term of the appointments.

Background-Basis For Appointments

The number of members to be nominated by Council for the Statutory Committees is 7, based on previous number of constituency districts. In view of the present 12 electoral districts, Council has three choices:

- 1) Council may choose to increase the total membership to 12 to continue membership on a constituency basis; or
- 2) Council may evolve a formula for choosing 7 members on the basis of geographic areas or of population density; or
- 3) Council may choose to increase the membership to 10, allowing for 7 members from the rural constituency districts and 3 from the Whitehorse area.

A change in membership size will require changes in the Regulations to the Fitness and Amateur Sport Agreement Ordinance and an amendment to the Historic Sites and Monuments Ordinance.

Membership on the Tourist Advisory Council is based on geographic representation and each Councillor will be asked to nominate a member to this Council.

Term of Appointments

Present memberships on these Committees lapsed on October 1, 1974. At that time, there was no Council to recommend new members so the Committees have ceased to function. It is desirable that these Committees remain in operation on a continuous basis.

The Recreation & Amateur Sport Committee causes the greatest concern since it is responsible for recommending the disperse of public monies. Legal authority for the Committee's actions must be maintained.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board and the Tourist Advisory Council perform a valuable service to the Tourism and Information Branch. Both groups are important mechanisms for public involvement in programs of the Branch. Recently, the Branch undertook two studies on the

recommendation of the Board and Council: The highway lodges survey and the historic sites evaluation. Continuous accessibility for the Branch and for the public to the Board and Council is desirable.

Council may choose to resolve this problem in one of the following ways:

1) In the interval between October 1, 1974, when Committee appointments lapsed, and this review of the situation a possible solution has arisen. Appointments to the Recreation & Amateur Sports Committee run for four years. Members appointed at this session will continue into 1979. Appointments to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board and the Yukon Tourist Advisory Council run for two years. Members appointed in 1977 will continue into 1979. Thus the appointments no longer coincide with election years. If this solution is adopted, Committee appointments will extend beyond the life of this Council and into March 1979.

2) A contingency clause could be added to the Regulations respecting the Recreation & Amateur Sports Committee and to the Ordinance respecting the Historic Sites and Monuments Board. The clause would read:

If appointments expire at a time when there is no Council, due to expiry of the legal life of Council or for elections to Council, members shall continue to hold their appointments until a new Council recommends the appointments of members.

3) Council may recommend staggering the terms of appointments, e.g. some members of Recreation & Amateur Sports Committee be appointed for 3 years; some for 4 years. (This system of appointments does present a problem of maintaining continuity, especially if the Committee does not meet frequently or the work of the Committee is of a complex nature.)

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO RECOMMEND:

- 1) Adjustments in number of members of the Recreation and Amateur Sports Committee and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board or evolve a formula for choosing their members;
- 2) A method for appointing members to these Committees to ensure their continuous functioning;
- 3) Members for the Recreation and Amateur Sports Committee;
- 4) Members for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board; and
- 5) Members for the Yukon Tourist Advisory Council.

James Smith
Commissioner

RECREATION AND AMATEUR SPORT COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

The Commissioner may make grants for the purpose of fostering Recreation and Amateur Sports in the Yukon

Territory. The Committee, appointed by the Commissioner, administers the grants provided in the budget of the Department of Education.

Membership (Regulations Respecting Recreational & Amateur Sports Grants)

4(1) There shall be a committee consisting of not more than 7 members to be appointed by the Commissioner upon the advice of the members of the Territorial Council who shall each be entitled to nominate one member.

5(7) The members of the Committee shall hold office for four years from the date of their appointment but shall be eligible for re-appointment.
(These appointments expired October 1, 1974.)

Meetings

Held four times per year.

Per Diem

Members are paid \$25. per day plus travel expenses where required.

Membership at October 1, 1974

Dr. E.M. Banks	Whitehorse
Mr. Norman Bastien	Haines Junction
Mr. John Erickson	Whitehorse
Mr. Cliff Lawrence	Teslin
Mr. Frank Lidstone	Dawson City
Mr. Keith Simpson	Whitehorse
(postion vacated)	Mayo

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD

Terms of Reference

The Board is required to prepare a long-range territorial program under which regional and thematic priorities will be established and a comprehensive program laid down for the marking, preservation and development of historic sites throughout the Territory.

Membership (Historic Sites and Monuments Ordinance)

4(1) There shall be a Board called the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of the Yukon Territory, consisting of not more than 10 members appointed by the Commissioner, of whom 7 shall be appointed on the recommendation of Council.

(2) A member holds office during pleasure for such period not exceeding two years as may be fixed by the Commissioner.

(3) A retiring member is eligible for re-appointment. (These appointments have expired.)

Meetings

Held twice a year.

Per Diem

Members are paid \$25. per day and travel expenses where required.

Membership at October 1, 1974

Mr. C.H. Chapman	Watson Lake
Father H. Huijbers	Carmacks-Kluane
Mrs. Iona Christensen	Whitehorse East
Mr. Cal Waddington	Whitehorse West
Mr. Bill Matkae	Whitehorse North
Rev. Ken Snider	Dawson
Mr. Jack Andison	Mayo
Mr. Bruce Harvey	Member-at-large
Mrs. Lorna Walmsley	Member-at-large
Mrs. Helen Horback	Member-at-large

YUKON TOURIST ADVISORY COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

The body was created to advise the Territorial Government and specifically the Tourism and Information Branch on matters related to tourism in the Yukon. Members are appointed by the Territorial Council and represent all areas of the Territory providing the public, through regional representation, with influence over and access to government decision-making processes affecting the tourist industry. It provides the Territorial Government with advice and recommendations from the public sector in order to ensure that the government programs are acceptable.

Membership

1. Members are nominated for each area by its Territorial Councillor.
2. Membership has generally been for a two year period and members may be reappointed.

Meetings

Held once a year.

Per Diem

Members are paid \$25. per day and travel expenses where required.

Membership at October 1, 1974

Miss Peggy Crook	Whitehorse East
Mrs. Virginia Grundmanis	Mayo
Mr. L. Kirk Yardley	Carmacks-Kluane
Mr. J. Thibaudeau	Watson Lake
Mr. G. Castellarin	Dawson City
Mrs. Joy Wheeler	Carmacks-Kluane
Miss Victoria Faulkner	Whitehorse West
Mr. P. Van der Veen	Carmacks-Kluane
Mr. Barry Redfern	Watson Lake

Sessional Paper No. 3 [1975 First Session]

Mr. Speaker

Members of Council

Appointments to

Yukon Territory Water Board

Introduction

The Northern Inland Waters Act provides for its regional administration by Territorial water boards. These boards are given the responsibility to approve applications for use of

water. In so doing, the board plays an important role in the equitable distribution or sharing of surface and ground water resources among persons and private and public corporations with legitimate, but often conflicting, claims to the use of water. Moreover, the board is instrumental in controlling the pollution of our water resources by establishing, and maintaining in principle, that rights to the use of water for beneficial purposes are dependent on users accepting the responsibility for maintaining the quality of the water or restoring its quality, after use, to acceptable standards before discharging the water back to its natural environment.

The Yukon Territory Water Board members are appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development from among nominees of Federal Government departments which have water management responsibilities in the Yukon and from nominees named by the Commissioner-in-Council. An extract from the Act (Section 7) is attached which outlines the method for establishing the board, (Item A). Particulars on the Board are attached as Item B.

Three seats on the Board are currently allocated for membership on the recommendation of the Commissioner-in-Council.

Background-Northern Inland Waters Act

The Yukon Territory Water Board was established in 1970. During the discussion of the appointments in Council (Fourth Session, 1970, November 10, 1970) the Commissioner was asked if any guidelines existed as to selection of members. It was the opinion of the Commissioner that members should not be employees of the Territorial Public Service nor members of the Council, although this was not impossible. It was also suggested that members should include:

1. Someone with technical qualifications, who would have knowledge of needs of the mining industry, but presumably would be independent of the industry;
2. Someone with an involvement in local government and knowledge of municipal water requirements;
3. Someone, from outside Whitehorse, who could represent the interests of the remoter areas of the Territory.

It was also suggested that the three members be selected entirely by Council. The motion nominating the three members, Mr. A. Wright, Mr. H.E. Boyd, and Mr. J.D. Livesey was passed on November 13, 1970. No mention was made at any time of terms of membership or duration of membership. In accordance with the Council's recommendations, Messrs. Boyd, Livesey and Wright were appointed by the Minister on February 10, 1972.

On June 27, 1974, the last Territorial Council passed a motion recommending that Mr. George Shaw be appointed to the Water Board as a representative of placer mining interests at the "first possible opportunity". The motion also requested that the Water Board submit an annual report to the Territorial Council. (A copy of Motion 43 is attached, as item C).

Since this time, Mr. J.D. Livesey has resigned from the Water Board in order not to contravene Sections 9 and 10 of the Elections Ordinance. In this connection, it should be pointed out that neither a nominee for Territorial Council nor

a members of Council may also serve as member of the Water Board. In other words, should a Council member be appointed to the Board, it would be necessary for him to resign his Council seat.

Current Status of Yukon Representation

The present Yukon representatives to the Water Board are Mr. H.E. Boyd and Mr. A. Wright, both of whom have now served on the Board for almost three years. One additional member must be named to complete Yukon representation.

The activities of the Water Board are reported annually to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The Minister has advised that this report is available to the Territorial Council on request. It is not possible for the Board, as an unit, to report directly to the Territorial Council since it is responsible to the Federal Government. Council may, however, request that Yukon representatives on the Board consult and report with Council through the Executive Committee.

Options for Future Yukon Representation

The Northern Inland Waters Act does not set-out any terms for membership on the Yukon Territory Water Board. The Minister has stated that changes in Yukon representation may be initiated at any time and that terms regarding membership may be requested as well.

There is no precedent for replacement or changes in Yukon representation on the Water Board. In view of the current vacancy on the Board, and the installation of a new Territorial Council, it seems advisable that some policy for appointment of Water Board members be adopted. There are two types of procedure which might be followed:

1. Ad hoc appointments can be made, determined by the resignation of a current member or the desire of Council to replace a member or to appoint a new member. In the case of Council wishing to change membership, it would also be necessary to recommend that sitting members' membership be terminated.
2. Stipulated term appointments can be requested of the Minister which would provide for changes in membership on a regular basis.

Discussion of the Options

1. Ad hoc appointments have the advantage of permitting membership changes at any time Council wishes to recommend them. They have the disadvantage of placing Council in the position of having to remove a member in order to appoint a new member (except in the case where a member should resign). This type of appointment also creates a situation where a member may continue on the Board for many years or, conversely, where a high turnover of membership may occur which would be detrimental to the functioning of the Board.
2. Stipulated term appointments would allow members to be changed on a regular basis. If the Minister were requested to make initial appointments for staggered terms, i.e. three years, two years, one year, to be followed by three year terms, some continuity of membership on the Board would be ensured.

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO RECOMMEND by Motion:

- i) one person to fill the current vacancy on the Water Board;
- ii) a policy on the terms of future appointments to the Board which would be proposed to the Minister;
- iii) that the Yukon representatives on the Board consult and report to Council through the Executive Committee;
- iv) a request that the annual report of the Water Board be made available to the Council on a routine basis.

**James Smith
Commissioner**

NORTHERN INLAND WATERS ACT

Section 7 - Establishment of Water Boards

7. (1) There shall be two boards to be known as the Yukon Territory Water Board and the Northwest Territories Water Board, each consisting of not less than three and not more than nine members appointed by the Minister.

(2) The membership of each board shall include:

- (a) at least one nominee of each of the departments of the Government of Canada that in the opinion of the Governor in Council, are most directly concerned with the management of water resources of the Territory and the Territories; and
- (b) at least three persons named by the Commissioner-in-Council of the Yukon Territory in the case of the Yukon Territory Water Board and at least three persons named by the Commissioner-in-Council of the Northwest Territories in the case of the Northwest Territories Water Board

(3) The Minister shall designate two of the members of each of the boards to be chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the board of which the persons so designated are members.

(4) The main office of the Yukon Territory Water Board shall be at the seat of government of the Territory, and the main office of the Northwest Territories Water Board shall be at the seat of government of the Territories.

YUKON TERRITORY WATER BOARD

Terms of Reference:

Yukon Territory Water Board is established pursuant to section 7 of the Northern Inland Waters Act and is charged with the responsibility to provide for the conservation, development and utilization of the water resources of the Yukon for ultimate benefit for all Canadians and residents of the Territory.

Membership:

Membership on the Yukon Territory Water Board shall include at least one nominee of each of the Departments of the Government of Canada that in the opinion of the Governor in Council and at least three persons named by the Commissioner-in-Council. The Minister shall designate two of the members of the Board to be chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. The main office of the Yukon Territory Water Board shall be at the seat of Government.

Meetings Held:

Monthly, or at the call of the chairman.

Per Diem Expenses:

Members are entitled to be paid a per diem rate plus expenses.

Present Membership:

Chairman -Leo Brandon, Regional Manager
of Water, Lands and Forest

Yukon Territorial Representatives -Bert Boyd, Whitehorse
-Al Wright, Whitehorse

Department of Public Works -R.K. Byram

Department of Environment -Mr. Wykes

Department of Energy, Mines and Resources-Mr. Humphreys

Ministry of Transport -E.D. Harris, Prince Rupert

Northern Health Services -Dr. M. Myers

MOTION NO. 43

Moved by: COUNCILLOR STUTTER

Seconded by: COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

WHEREAS:

The Northern Inland Waters Act permits the Territorial Council to recommend the appointment of at least three members to serve on the Yukon Territory Water Board and

WHEREAS:

A group of over fifty placer miners in the Klondike area have petitioned council to nominate a placer miner to serve on the Yukon Territory water board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

The Commissioner recommend the appointment of Mr. George Shaw of Dawson City to be a member of the Yukon Territory Water Board at the first possible opportunity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Yukon Territory water board be requested to submit a report of its activities to the Yukon Territorial Council on an annual basis.

Sessional Paper No. 5 [1975. First Session]

Mr. Speaker

Members of the Legislative Assembly

The Establishment of Game Management
Zones in the Yukon Territory

Introduction

The Canadian provinces, the Northwest Territories, Alaska and all the other states of the United States are divided into units for the purpose of proper game management. Such a division is also necessary in the Yukon to maintain game populations at harvestable levels, since game animals are not evenly distributed nor is the hunting pressure of equal intensity throughout the Territory. The fact that zoning is not in effect here deprives the Game Branch of a most important

management tool. The present system mistakenly assumes that the Yukon is completely homogenous in wildlife distribution, abundance and hunting pressure. When restrictions have to be imposed to maintain wildlife in certain severely overhunted areas these automatically come into effect in the remainder of the Territory where they are not necessary at all. To overcome this handicap and to provide the game branch with a valuable management tool, this sessional paper proposes the establishment of game management zones for the Yukon.

Proposal

It is recommended that wildlife management zones be established in the Yukon as shown on the attached map. The division is based on the known distribution and abundance of game animals as well as on the known distribution of hunting pressure. This knowledge is derived from inventory work carried out by the Yukon Game Branch, the Canadian Wildlife Service, several private consulting firms, the annual reports of outfitters and hunters' questionnaires.

The proposal calls for the establishment of eleven zones, of which five were already in effect (No. 1, 1a, 1b, 4a, 6). These comprise game sanctuaries, game preserves and areas in which there is no outfitting but only resident hunting. The boundaries between zones are very obvious and easy to recognize by hunters and enforcement people alike. The boundaries are made by highway, major rivers and large lakes, except for the cases where they were already in existence as mentioned above, for instance between zones 1 and 2- game sanctuaries.

There are many reasons why this zoning is essential for proper game management but the following three are the most important ones:

a) This zoning recognizes the fact that animals are not uniformly distributed throughout the Yukon. Goats for instance are only found in areas 6, 7, 10 and 11. There is therefore no justification to have an open goat season in the remainder of the Yukon. If the odd goat crosses the boundary they should be allowed to become established and build up to harvestable numbers before they are subject to hunting.

b) This zoning recognizes the fact that animals of the same species are not equally abundant in all areas of the Yukon. Let us use moose as an example. Zones 10 and 5 have about the same surface area, but zone 10 has at least three times as many moose as zone 5. This is explained by differences in terrain, numbers and extent of previous forest fires, numbers of shallow ponds with aquatic vegetation, miles of shoreline of river and lakes. There is nothing in zone 5 to compare with the excellent moose ranges of the Nisutlin, Wolf and Liard Rivers in Zone 10. This knowledge is reflected in the zoning and will allow the Game Branch to make sound decisions as to where and where not a cow moose season should be permitted.

c) This zoning recognizes that hunting pressure is concentrated around major settlements and important highways and waterways. Let us use zone 7, located south and west of Whitehorse as an example. Almost half of all sheep shot by resident hunters come out of this zone, which constitutes less than 3 per cent of the surface area of the Yukon. Goats have been reduced to a point of near extermination-there are less than 100 left in the area, and the status of grizzly bears in the area is even more tragic. As recently as 10 years ago about 18

bears were shot annually in the area by nonresident hunters but during 1974 we know of only 3 bears killed. There are no caribou left in the area at all. The proposed zoning will allow the Game Branch to restrict hunting in such pressure areas to prevent the game from becoming exterminated, while hunting in other areas need not be affected or could even be liberalized.

Advantages and disadvantages

The advantages of zoning to allow for proper game management are obvious. The fact that all neighbouring jurisdictions and as far as we know all countries in the world have game management zones speaks for itself.

We can not foresee any obvious disadvantages except for the fact that a few people will argue against the restriction on their freedom to hunt.

Since resident and native hunters can hunt elsewhere in the Territory, restrictions in some areas will not seriously affect them. Outfitters, on the other hand, are restricted to hunting in their assigned guiding districts. However, since their very livelihood depends on the continuing presence of game populations in harvestable numbers in their districts, it is expected that they will support this proposal, and they have already indicated this.

Except for limiting the hunting to areas where the game populations occurs in harvestable numbers, and for some restrictions on sheep, grizzly and caribou hunting in zone 7, no other changes in hunting regulations, etc. are proposed for the 1975-76 season.

Consultations

When the proposal was drawn up during the 1973-74 winter, consultation took place with affected territorial and federal government departments (for instance Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Services, Forests, Lands, Local Government, Tourism). Discussions were also held with private interest groups such as the outfitters association, fish and game association and conservation society. Consultation also took place with the game departments of the provinces to get their advice on the proper locating of boundaries, etc.

These agencies consulted fully support the proposal and consider it long overdue in the Yukon.

No relevant comment was received from the Yukon Indian Association, or the Yukon Association of Non-Status of Indians.

Implementation of Policy

The next game season will commence on August 1, 1975. If the zoning policy is not put into effect very soon, it will not be possible to put it into effect until 1976 as legislation will be required and a program of public information needed. In order to adequately inform hunters, outfitters and other persons, maps and brochures must be circulated giving specific details of the boundaries of the different zones keyed into the numbers and varieties of wildlife that may be hunted in each area. This paper is tabled for information purposes. A bill will be introduced at the next Session of Council incorporating the policy outlined here.

James Smith
Commissioner

